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ANOTHER EPOCH

AFTER remaining at a selling price of sixpence for five years, 'The Ringing World' to-day makes its bow to the public as an eightpenny newspaper. The force of circumstances that necessitated this change has been fully explained to our readers. We hope that our subscribers, who now number over 5,700 a week, will accept the new price and continue to give their full support. This last year we have had the pleasure of increasing our circulation by 200, the biggest increase for some years. The reason we emphasise this is because the editor has in front of him a letter written by one who prides himself on having been a member of a Diocesan Conference, which reads:

> 'The Ringing World' is fast heading for extinction and eventual bankruptcy—as I for one have foreseen for several years. A new outlook is needed, if not a new committee and a new editor; some no doubt will say 'and I agree'! I have ceased taking it for over a year for reasons similar to those aired by Mr. John Brain (page 693), but I still see it when a friend who does take it and myself walk into the same shop, he to buy his 'Ringing World' and myself to buy other journals.

Had this critic been a regular reader of 'The Ringing World' he would have seen that the position is far from bankruptcy. The capital account of the journal, as presented at Southport, showed a credit of £4,522. At the end of 1958 the Central Council had investments at cost of £4,362 and cash at bank and in hand of £1,493. When the present editor took office in 1946 there was a balance on the capital account of £1,046. In that year the total cost of producing the journal was £1,395; last year it was £6,457. The difference has not gone on the editor's salary, but in the continued rise in production costs.

If the Exercise shares the opinion of this critic there will be an opportunity at Folkestone next Whitsun to change the composition of the editorial committee and to instruct the new committee to appoint a new editor. The constitution of the Central Council is democratic; the great majority of its members are the elected representatives of the affiliated Guilds and Associations. It is for them to say how they wish the journal to be run; the committee is elected by them.

The whole of this additional cost of 2d. a week is not being absorbed in production costs. The committee are giving the Exercise a larger journal. While the number of pages remains the same, the length of each page is being increased by one inch, and this is the equivalent of a page and a half reading matter each week. On special occasions, such as the Central Council meeting, the committee are prepared to increase the issue to 24 pages. This weekly addition will be very valuable to the editor, and should provide space for feature articles, which he hopes that those with special knowledge will submit.

When an editor declares that his publication cannot be improved, then it is time for him to consider resigning his office. There is no question—as some of our correspondents have pointed out, that 'The Ringing World' *can be improved*. Taking advantage of the increased space available, with this issue we introduce the first of what we hope will be a long series of articles, 'Servants of the Exercise.' With the big influx of new readers with young recruits in our belfries, it is only right and proper that they should know something concerning the men and women who have not only brought change ringing to its present status but have by their influence and example added to the dignity of ringers as servants of the Church. Ringing, like cricket, is not restricted to one section of the community; people of all classes of society find a lifetime fellowship through service in the belfry.

Periodically the editor is accused of not taking an interest in the younger ringer. This week we give the first of our tips for beginners, written by a noted peal ringer, who has travelled extensively in the country and observed many of the prevailing faults of young and indifferent ringers. Don't dismiss them lightly; they are the secret of good handling, the basis of ringing.

Another important article introduced this week is 'Stedman for Beginners,' by Mr. Wilfrid G. Wilson. With the late Mr. Ernest Turner, Mr. Wilson in his younger days was a pupil of the late Mr. J. Armiger Trollope, the second editor of this journal. Both these pupils captured Mr. Trollope's enthusiasm for many sides of ringing. The late Mr. Turner completed certain of Mr. Trollope's revision of the Jasper Snowdon series of text books. Mr. Wilson's gift as a clear and simple writer has been dmonstrated in many ways. His roneod booklet for beginners met with an exceptional demand, and when the Central Council decided to revise "The Beginner's Handbook," they appointed him to the committee, and he provided much of the text. We feel certain that 'Stedman for Beginners' will make a strong appeal to young ringers and will also be read by others. To-day at meetings one comes in contact with young people priding themselves on ability to ring Surprise but floundering hopelessly with Stedman, which for bell music is some of the best, particularly in the estimation of the outside public.

To all our readers—critics and friends—we wish them a happy and prosperous New Year. Ringing in this country is in a good heart; we have some splendid and enthusiastic youngsters, who we are certain will carry forward the torch. May 1960 see good recruitment and better Sunday ringing throughout the land.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Dec. 19, 1959, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes.
At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip,
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 31 cwt. 20 lb. in D.

Brian J. Woodruffe	*Treble*	Arthur G. Mason	7
Muriel Reay	2	Michael Elson	8
Ruth M. Border	3	John McDonald	9
Norman J. Goodman	4	Ralph G. Edwards	10
Arthur V. Pearson	5	John A. Anderson	11
George E. Fearn	6	Frederick E. Collins	*Tenor*

Composed by Frederick Dench. Conducted by Frederick E. Collins.

WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 19, 1959, in 3 Hours and 58 Minutes,
At the Cathedral Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5280 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 35¼ cwt. in C sharp.

Thomas W. Strangeway	*Treble*	Gordon Benfield	7
Edward Jenkins	2	J. Henry Fielden	8
Basil Jones	3	John Worth	9
C. Kenneth Lewis	4	Leslie Boumphrey	10
W. Eric Critchley	5	Wilfrid F. Moreton	11
Leslie W. G. Morris	6	Brian Harris	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by Leslie W. G. Morris.
First peal of New Cambridge Surprise Maximus on the bells in the county, and by the Association.

TEN BELL PEALS

CULLOMPTON, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., Dec. 12, 1959, in 3 Hours and 37 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 19½ cwt.

Arthur H. Reed	*Treble*	Frank L. Harris	6
Michael J. Best	2	Gwilym Salmon	7
Laurence E. Hitchins	3	Ronald G. Beck	8
Philip N. Tubbs	4	David Hoare	9
Edward J. Chivers	5	John Hartless	*Tenor*

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted Frank L. Harris.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 12, 1959, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,
At the Cathedral Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5055 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 37 cwt. 3 qr. in D flat.

*Nancy Lea	*Treble*	†Denis A. Bayles	6
*Jack Anderson	2	Edmund P. Crowdy	7
J. Alan Ainsworth	3	Kenneth Arthur	8
Robin Turner	4	Eric N. Harrison	9
George S. Dias	5	Charles Lea	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Charge. Conducted by Edmund P. Crowdy.
* First peal on ten bells. † 200th peal for the Association. First in the method as conductor.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 19, 1959, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt. 17 lb. in E.

Albert M. Tyler	*Treble*	Ronald G. Beck	6
David Hoare	2	Richard J. Bowden	7
Elizabeth A. G. Bowden	3	Edward J. Chivers	8
Anthony J. Sanger	4	Gwilym Salmon	9
Henry J. Sanger	5	William H. Kingcott	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Albert M. Tyler.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

SHIRLEY, WARWICKSHIRE
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Dec. 5, 1959, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.
At the Church of St. James-the-Great,
A PEAL OF 5088 BEDFORD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb.

Edgar C. Shepherd	*Treble*	John Pinfold	5
Ruth M. Border	2	John McDonald	6
Arthur V. Pearson	3	John A. Anderson	7
Peter Border	4	George E. Fearn	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by Peter Border.
First peal in the method for the Guild, and by all.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Dec. 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
At the Roman Catholic Church of SS. Thomas and Edmund,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in F.

Ruth M. Border	*Treble*	Brian J. Woodruffe	5
George E. Fearn	2	John McDonald	6
Vivienne M. Horton	3	Anthony A. Ager	7
Andrew N. Stubbs	4	Peter Border	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Craven. Conducted by Peter Border.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 10, 1959, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5000 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 28 lb.

*Ronald Chafer	*Treble*	George W. Moody	5
C. Aubrey Harrison	2	Richard Hall	6
Jack Bray	3	Arthur Crowder	7
*Harry Hall	4	Michael Crowder	*Tenor*

Composed by E. H. Lewis. Conducted by Jack Bray.
* 100th peal. Michael Crowder has now 'completed the circle.'

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 10, 1959, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5024 ROMFORD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.

Michael Hatchett	*Treble*	H. George Hart	5
Elsie K. Hart	2	Alick Cutler	6
Thomas J. Lock	3	G. William Critchley	7
Claudia A. Critchley	4	John R. Mayne	*Tenor*

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley. Conducted by John R. Mayne.
First peal in the method.

AUDLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 12, 1959, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.
At the Church of St. James-the-Great,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 18 lb. in F sharp.

*†‡Reg. A. Challinor	*Treble*	*†Walter Sherratt	5
*†Norman Sherratt	2	*Charles S. Ryles	6
*Charles A. S. Webb	3	*Geoffrey Davies	7
*†Phillip A. Mason	4	Fredk. E. Wilshaw	*Tenor*

Composed by H. Dains. Conducted by Fredk. E. Wilshaw.
* First peal in the method. † First on eight bells. ‡ First peal.

BLECHINGLEY, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 12, 1959, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.
At the Church-of-St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

Edward G. L. Coward	*Treble*	Gordon T. Peters	5
George Olliver	2	Norman S. Bagworth	6
G. Frank Oakshott	3	Frederick E. Collins	7
Alan Streeter	4	*Arthur R. C. Clarke	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frederick E. Collins.
* First peal on eight bells.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 12, 1959, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes.
At the Cathedral Church of The Holy and Undivided Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

Patrick J. Bird	*Treble*	*Brynley A. Shackleton	5
Herbert T. Ferris	2	F. Cecil Mogford	6
Richard J. Bowden	3	Reginald G. Hooper	7
Elisabeth A. G. Bowden	4	*D. John Hunt	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Carter. Conducted by D. John Hunt.
* First peal of Bob Major. First as conductor. First of Bob Major on the bells.

DRONFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 12, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

George H. Paulson	*Treble*	John R. Ketteringham	5
*Kenneth R. Goodall (12)	2	Herbert F. Taylor	6
J. Frank Smallwood	3	Leonard Goodall	7
Malcolm P. Phipps	4	Richard E. Price	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Leonard Goodall.
* First peal of Major.

KNEBWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 12, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Mary-the-Virgin and Thomas-a-Becket,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

Claudia A. Critchley	*Treble*	*John E. T. Wiseman	5
G. William Critchley	2	Peter J. Coles	6
Frederick W. Ellis	3	Patricia M. Bourn	7
Eric Edmondson	4	Thomas J. Lock	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Craven. Conducted by G. William Critchley.
* First peal in the method.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 12, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Sir A. Heywood's transposition of Thurstans'. Tenor 9¾ cwt.

*Bernard W. Fairhead	*Treble*	*Roy Duesbury	5
Frank B. Lufkin	2	*H. Frank Pike	6
*Evelyn R. M. Cansdale	3	*Maurice E. Downs	7
*Urban W. Wildney	4	Harry J. Millatt	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
* First peal of Stedman Triples. First of Stedman Triples in the District for 25 years.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 12, 1959, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Mary and Nicholas.
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

Stanley E. Bennett	*Treble*	John G. Ames	5
*George Dawson	2	*Albert W. A. Leggett	6
Maurice Bennett	3	Edwin T. Chapman	7
Ronald C. Noon	4	Norman V. Harding	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Edwin T. Chapman.
* First peal in the method.
Rung as a thankoffering on the completion of work to beautify and improve the acoustics of the chancel.

STANFORD-LE-HOPE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 12, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Margaret,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.

Dennis A. Hewitt	*Treble*	Harry Turner	5
*Michael C. Austin	2	Alfred J. House	6
*Valerie K. Hester	3	Charles E. Willmington	7
*Brian Downes	4	Frank V. Gant	*Tenor*

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Harry Turner.
* First peal of Yorkshire Major.
Rung in memoriam Arthur C. Chaplin, a life member of the Essex Associastion.

LONG SUTTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 14, 1959, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5088 CORNWALL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

George Dawson	*Treble*	Edwin T. Chapman	5
John E. Allen	2	Albert W. A. Leggett	6
Maurice Bennett	3	Cyril R. Burrell	7
Stanley E. Bennett	4	Ronald C. Noon	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Ronald C. Noon.
First peal in the method by all the band.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 15, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in D.

George Hawkins	*Treble*	Patrick W. Saltmarsh	5
Jennifer M. Davies	2	Alfred E. Rushton	6
James G. Newman	3	Bryan Pattison	7
*Richard J. Harrison	4	Stephen Ivin	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Stephen Ivin.
* First Surprise peal, and first touch in the method.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 16, 1959, *in* 3 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter, Mancroft.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part, seventh observation. Rung on the D minor octave, tenor 28 cwt.

Stanley W. Gall	*Treble*	George P. Adams	5
Nolan Golden	2	Trevor N. J. Bailey	6
H. William Barrett	3	F. Charles Goodman	7
*A. Spencer Brothers	4	Bert Gogle	*Tenor*

Conducted by Nolan Golden.
* First peal of Triples.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam C. J. R. Coleman, organist at the church for many years.

CHATHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 19, 1959, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 25 cwt.

Mrs. Francis J. Cheal	*Treble*	Francis J. Cheal	5
Cyril J. Gould	2	*Charles E. J. Norris	6
Harry Springate	3	†William A. J. Knight	7
Alan Wrigley	4	Ronald E. Norris	*Tenor*

Conducted by William A. J. Knight.
* 175th peal. † 40th peal of Triples.
Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Albert and Dorothy Dunk, of Stockbury, both members of the Kent County Association; also for the 45th wedding anniversary of the ringer of the sixth.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

DUNKERTON, near BATH, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(Bath Branch.)
On Sat., Nov. 21, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being six extents of Reverse Canterbury, 16 extents of Plain Bob and 20 extents of Grandsire. Tenor 5 cwt. 18 lb. in C.

Alan F. Lee	*Treble*	J. James Jefferies	4
Brian Davis	2	Terence J. Milsom	5
*David J. Barnett	3	Albert F. Butt	*Tenor*

Conducted by Alan F. Lee.
* First peal in three methods. The conductor has now completed the circle.
Rung to welcome David Lesley Parfrey, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Parfrey.

EWELME, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 5, 1959, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being four extents each of St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place Bob, Reverse Canterbury, three each of St. Bartholomew's, Place Bob, six of Plain Bob and ten of Grandsire.
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

Richard Baker	*Treble*	Reginald Tuckwell	4
James Godman	2	Frank Absolom	5
Frank Godden	3	William Fulker	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank Absolom.
Rung for the 72nd birthday of J. H. Winfield, who was unable to ring.

WORFIELD, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Dec. 5, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter-the-Apostle.
A PEAL OF 5040 WINCHENDON PLACE BOB DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

Andrew J. Strathdee	*Treble*	Edward W. Colley	3
Barnabas G. Key	2	Michael W. Fairey	4
Clive M. Smith	*Tenor*		

Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Society.
Rung after meeting short for seven Minor methods.

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HARSTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 9, 1959, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

PAUL CATTERMOLE	*Treble*	T. REGINALD DENNIS ..	4
*ALFRED MYNOTT	2	JOHN G. GIPSON	5
*D. WILLIAM NEWMAN ..	3	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.

* First peal in the method.

COBHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 12, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 24 cwt.

RALPH BIRD	*Treble*	IAN H. ORAM	4
COLIN F. MCGILL	2	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH ..	5
JOHN R. COOPER	3	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

First peal in seven methods on the bells.

HOAR CROSS, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 12, 1959, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF HOLY ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 13 extents of Stedman, 8 each of Grandsire and St. Martin's, 7 of Plain Bob and 6 of St. Simon's.
Tenor 28 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in D flat.

GEORGE L. ROOBOTTOM ..	*Treble*	DAVID W. FRIEND	4
DAVID W. BRUNNING ..	2	DEREK P. JONES	5
*JOHN K. SMITH..	3	JOSEPH W. COTTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID W. BRUNNING.

* First peal of Doubles in five methods. The ringer of the tenor has 'circled the tower.'

PASTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 12, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob, and one extent each of Kent Treble Bob, Double Court and St. Clement's.
Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM H. HOLDOM ..	*Treble*	WILFRED G. SAUNDERS ..	4
JOHN R. SMITH	2	FRANK C. J. ARNOLD..	5
DERICK W. PARDON	3	CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Dec. 12, 1959, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 1,440 Plain Bob (four callings) and 3,600 Grandsire (ten callings).
Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb.

*JANE SHAW	*Treble*	*COLIN D. BAUGH	4
†ROBERT E. D. HENEBURY	2	‡JUDY ROBINSON	5
*JAMES T. CLARK	3	VINCENT A. HEMMING ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by VINCENT A. HEMMING.

* First peal. † First 'inside.' ‡ First in two methods.

STRATHFIELDSAYE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Dec. 13, 1959, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents each of Stedman, St. Martin's and St. Simon's, and four extents of Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, Southrepps Pleasure, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, April Day, Seighford, Plain Bob, Kennington and Grandsire. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

BRYAN C. STIRLAND.. ..	*Treble*	†RONALD K. RUSS	3
*RONALD F. DISERENS ..	2	FRANK W. LEWIS	4
GEOFFREY K. DODD	*Tenor*		

Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.

* First peal of Doubles, † First of Doubles in more than one method. First in 12 methods on the bells.

THEBERTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sun., Dec. 13, 1959, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Rev. E. Bankes James' arrangement. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

JAMES M. BAILEY	*Treble*	WILLIAM J. BUTTON	4
ALAN R. BRIDGES	2	WALTER RUFFLES	5
WALTER W. MILLER	3	LESLIE G. BRETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

Rung for Evensong. Also an 86th birthday compliment to Mr. George Wilson.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Dec. 14, 1959, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of two extents each of Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B., and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in B flat.

RICHARD G. MORRIS ..	*Treble*	ROGER E. TALLIS	4
PAMELA M. TURNER	2	MAURICE C. HUGHES ..	5
GEORGE E. FEARN	3	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

BRISTOL.
THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.
On Wed., Dec. 16, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-ON-THE-MOUNT, WITHOUT,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 14 methods: (1) Fulbeck Bob, Reverse Bob, Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Double Bob and Plain Bob; (2) Childwall Bob and St. Clement's Bob; (3) Thelwall Bob and Double Oxford Bob; (4) College Bob; (5) Wavertree College Bob; (6) Combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob; (7) Cambridge Surprise; 91 changes of method.
Tenor 14¼ cwt. in F.

MICHAEL J. AUSTIN	*Treble*	JOHN C. BALDWIN	4
ANGELA GRAINGER	2	PATRICK J. BIRD..	5
ROYSTON BLACKLER	3	DAVID HEIGHTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID HEIGHTON.

First peal in 14 methods as conductor. First in 14 methods by all except conductor, on the bells, and for the Society.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 16, 1959, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being one 2,160 and four extents. Tenor 6¼ cwt.

FRED BRIGHTMAN	*Treble*	CHARLES PERKINS	4
FRANK TAYLOR	2	JOHN G. AMES	5
J. MARTIN THORLEY	3	C. HAROLD WHITTON.. ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

Rung to commemorate the centenary of the birth of Arthur Knights.

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WYCHBOLD, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 16, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-de-Wyche,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Tenor 10½ cwt. in G sharp.

*Valerie M. Powell	*Treble*	Martin D. Fellows	4
Michael J. Fellows	2	Paul Cattermole	5
James E. Pullon	3	Heather M. Pullon	*Tenor*

Conducted by Paul Cattermole.
* First peal (ringing five months). Average age of band 15 years 6 months. Youngest band to ring a peal on the bells. Ringers of treble, 3, 5 and 6 from Sunday service band.
Rung to mark the 70th anniversary of the founding of the bells.

COMPTON DANDO, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Dec. 17, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in eight methods: Cambridge Surprise, Combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, College Bob, Wavertree College Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Double Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

*Reginald G. Hooper	*Treble*	*D. John Hunt	4
*Brynley A. Shackleton	2	Patrick J. Bird	5
David Heighton	3	†Francis C. Mogford	*Tenor*

Conducted by David Heighton.
* First peal in eight methods. † First in eight Minor methods, also has now 'completed the circle.' First in eight methods on the bells.

HINTON-BLEWITT, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Dec. 17, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Margaret,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Consisting of 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 9½ cwt.

*Frederick H. Andrews	*Treble*	†Jacqueline A. Purnell	3
†Sandra Hunt	2	David J. Purnell	4
		*Dennis Uphill	*Tenor*

Conducted by David J. Purnell.
* First peal away from tenor. ✲ First peal. First as conductor. First peal on the bells by a Sunday service band.
Rung as a farewell to the conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS

BIRSTALL, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 10, 1959, *in* 1 *Hour and* 55 *Minutes,*
At 44, Beechfield Avenue,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Derek M. Sawyer	1—2	John A. Acres	5—6
Ernest Morris	3—4	*B. Stedman Payne	7—8

Composed by E. M. Atkins. Conducted by B. Stedman Payne.
* 200th peal.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Syston District.)
On Fri., Dec. 11, 1959, *in* 1 *Hour and* 43 *Minutes,*
In the belfry of the Church of The Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

*J. Richard Perkins	1—2	B. Stedman Payne	3—4
		†Malcolm D. Barsby	5—6

Conducted by B. Stedman Payne.
* First peal 'in hand.' † First peal.

BECCLES, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Tues., Dec. 15, 1959, *in* 1 *Hour and* 55 *Minutes,*
In the ringing chamber of the Campanile of the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5040 ST. SIMON'S BOB DOUBLES
Tenor size 14 in D.

Terence G. Page	1—2	Trevor N. J. Bailey	3—4
		E. Charles Bailey	5—6

Conducted by Trevor N. J. Bailey.
First peal in the method by all, in the county, and for the Guild.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Dec. 15, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
At The Wayside, 150, Narborough Road South,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

John A. Acres	1—2	Alfred Ballard	5—6
Mrs. P. J. Staniforth	3—4	Peter J. Staniforth	7—8

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Peter J. Staniforth.
A birthday compliment to Christine Beasley, of Hinckley; also to the ringers of 5-6 and 7-8.

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FIRST PEAL PERFORMANCES

By F. T. BLAGROVE

(Continued from Nov. 6th issue, page 651)

Farndon Imperial Bob Major.—5,184 at Farndon on January 2nd, 1954, by the Chester Diocesan Guild. C.C. No. 226.

Cawston Little Bob Major.—5,040 at Saxlingham Nethergate on January 27th, 1954, by the Norwich Diocesan Association.

Handbridge Imperial Bob Major.—5,152 at Handbridge on February 13th, 1954, by the Chester Diocesan Guild. C.C. No. 207.

Shrewsbury Bob Major.—5,056 at Malpas on February 20th, 1954, by the Chester Diocesan Guild. C.C. No. 25.

Hodnet Imperial Bob Major.—5,120 at Hodnet on April 24th, 1954, by the Shropshire Association. C.C. No. 216.

Queen Imperial Bob Major.—5,152 at Pulford on May 15th, 1954, by the Chester Diocesan Guild. C.C. No. 205.

Ellesmere Little Court Major.—5,040 at Ellesmere on May 22nd, 1954, by the Shropshire Association. C.C. No. 82.

Regina Imperial Bob Major.—5,040 at Witney on September 11th, 1954, by the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

Beretun Bob Major.—5,056 at Hemel Hempstead on December 2nd, 1954, by the Hertford County Association. C.C. No. 105.

St. Faith Little Bob Major.—5,040 at Saxlingham Nethergate on January 29th, 1955, by the Norwich Diocesan Association. C.C. No. 198.

Canterbury Imperial Bob Major. — 5,088 at Bicester on November 5th, 1955, by the Oxford Diocesan Guild. C.C. No. 258, and is Reverse Bob with places in 5-6 at the half-lead.

Tunstead Little Imperial Bob Major.—5,040 at Hethersett on November 16th, 1955, by the Norwich Diocesan Association.

Dacorum Imperial Bob Major.—5,040 at Northchurch on January 14th, 1956, by the Hertford County Association. C.C. No. 236.

Hampton Imperial Bob Major. — 5,120 at Malpas on January 21st, 1956, by the Chester Diocesan Guild. C.C. No. 246.

Bishopsdale College Bob Major.—5,056 at Dorchester on February 5th, 1956, by the Oxford Diocesan Guild. C.C. No. 305.

Wem Imperial Bob Major.—5,120 at Wem on May 19th, 1956, by the Shropshire Association. C.C. No. 370.

Gadebridge Imperial Bob Major.—5,072 at Hemel Hempstead on July 21st, 1956, by the Hertford County Association. C.C. No. 240.

Chester Imperial Bob Major.—5,088 at Chester on August 4th, 1956, by the Chester Diocesan Guild. C.C. No. 252.

Hedingham Bob Major.—5,008 at Sible Hedingham on July 24th, 1957, by the Essex Association. C.C. No. 228.

Single Mancroft Bob Major. — 5,120 at Hethersett on April 23rd, 1958, by the Norwich Diocesan Association. C.C. No. 29.

Single Coslany Court Major.—5,184 at Loddon on May 14th, 1958, by the Norwich Diocesan Association. C.C. No. 28.

Upton Imperial Court Major. — 5,184 at Gressenhall on July 30th, 1958, by the Norwich Diocesan Association. C.C. No. 54.

Debenham Court Major.—5,184 at Gressenhall on September 24th, 1958, by the Norwich Diocesan Association. C.C. No. 50.

Goldhanger College Bob Major.—5,008 at Goldhanger on November 13th, 1958, by the Essex Association. C.C. No. 282.

Childwall College Bob Major. — 5,008 at Loughborough on November 19th, 1958, by the Leicester Diocesan Guild. C.C. No 280, and is not the extension of Childwall Minor.

Taunton Court Major.—5,184 at Dereham on December 3rd, 1958, by the Norwich Diocesan Association. C.C. No. 52.

Earlham College Bob Major.—5,024 at Loddon on December 10th, 1958, by the Norwich Diocesan Association. C.C. No. 151.

Bentley Bob Major.—5,056 at Great Bentley on February 7th, 1959, by the Essex Association. C.C. No. 271.

Hackington Imperial Bob Major.—5,088 at Loughborough on February 23rd, 1959, by the Midland Counties Guild. C.C. No. 259.

Cheswardine Imperial Major.—5,088 at Cheswardine on May 2nd, 1959, by the Shropshire Association. C.C. No. 227.

Oxford Imperial Bob Major.—5,056 at Oxford on May 14th, 1959, by the Oxford Diocesan Guild. C.C. No. 256.

Ercall Imperial Bob Major.—5,152 at High Ercall on June 6th, 1959, by the Shropshire Association. C.C. No. 209.

Kinnerton Imperial Major.—5,056 at Pulford on September 12th, 1959, by the Chester Diocesan Guild. C.C. No. 229.

Highbury Bob Major.—5,088 at Pulham St. Mary on September 30th, 1959, by the Norwich Diocesan Association. Previously rung on handbells at Bushey on July 25th, 1941. C.C. No. 6.

The following can be added to the 10-bell peals on page 202.

Spliced Caters and Royal.—6,006 Plain Bob, Grandsire, Kent T.B. Royal, Stedman and Grandsire Caters at Rotherham on April 18th, 1881, by the Yorkshire Association.

Gainsborough Little Bob Royal.—5,184 at Isleworth on May 23rd, 1959, by the London County Association.

SURPRISE METHODS

Details of first peal performances of regular Surprise methods are readily available in Corrigan's Collection and 'Campanalogia.' Also most of the leading composers have a complete list of performances and will supply any information required. Only a bare outline of its development of Surprise ringing will be given here.

Cambridge Surprise Major.—The original Society of London Youths rang a false peal of 5,088 at St. Giles-in-the-Fields on January 30th, 1780. Due to arguments within the Society, the band joined the *ancient* College Youths, and rang a false peal of 5,152, also at St. Giles', on February 23rd, 1783.

The next known peal was 6,048 at Sheffield on November 5th, 1787. J. W. Snowdon assumes that this peal was false. The method was then picked up by the Keighley Society, who rang 5,152 on February 23rd, 1810, but they afterwards found this peal to be false, and rang 5,376 on August 18th, 1811, which they claimed to be the first true peal in the method ever rung in the North of England. Snowdon assumes that this latter peal was false, but makes no mention of the first peal at Keighley.

The first peal in the method known to be true is 5,600 at Benington on February 11th, 1873, by the Benington Society.

Superlative Surprise Major.—5,152 at Huddersfield on November 5th, 1821, by the St. Peter's Company. It was rung after a peal of Treble Bob Triples; total time five hours and fifty-six minutes.

New Cambridge Surprise Major.—6,720 at Huddersfield on February 13th, 1822, by the St. Peter's Company. Rev. C. D. P. Davies incorrectly refers to this as a peal of Cambridge rung with singles, and gives the peal at Burton-on-Trent on April 20th, 1887, as the first peal in the method.

Cambridge Surprise Royal.—5,400 at Wakefield on October 26th, 1822, by the Wakefield Society.

Superlative Surprise Royal.—Shipway's extension was rung at Wakefield on January 16th, 1825, but the peal was false. So the Wakefield Society rang another 5,400 on March 27th, 1826. Another extension, referred to as No. 2 version, was rung at Beddington on November 21st, 1935, by the Surrey Association.

London Surprise Major.—Shipway states that London had been practised by the *ancient* College Youths in the 1780's. Presumably by the band which rang the false peals of Cambridge. The first peal was 5,280 at St. Andrew's, Norwich, on November 17th, 1835, presumably by St. Peter's Company of Norwich Scholars.

Surprise Methods to 1920.—Up to 1880 there had only been 17 peals of Surprise. The 1880's saw the start of a rapid increase in Surprise ringing, with such bands as the St. Paul's Society, Burton-on-Trent, taking the lead. The Burton ringers rang their first peal of Superlative in 1884, Cambridge, New Cambridge and London in 1887. In 1886 they rang the first peal of Burton Superlative S.M. In 1897 Gloucester S.M. was rung at Gloucester and the irregular Oxford S.M. at Brighton. Norfolk S.M. was rung at Brighton in 1898.

Bristol S.M. was rung at Brighton in 1901, and 1903 saw the first peals of Yorkshire S.M. at Ranmoor, Sheffield, and New Cambridge S.R. at St. Magnus', London. Peterborough S.M. was rung at Bolsover in 1904.

In 1907, Southgate S.M. was rung at Southgate, being then known as the Rochester Variation of Superlative, and the College Youths rang the first peal of a variation of London Surprise Royal.

The first peal of Cambridge S. Maximus was rung at Ipswich in 1908, an account of which can be found in the 'R.W.', page 245, 1958. In 1913, Brighton S.M. was rung at Waterloo Road, and Guildford S.M. at Guildford.

Surprise Methods, 1921 to 1950.—During this period a further 169 Major, 26 Royal and 19 Maximus methods were rung to peals.

Surprise Methods, 1951 to 1958.—In these eight years no less than 200 Major methods were rung to 'first peals.' Also 15 Royal and 9 Maximus methods.

This concludes, to the best of my knowledge, the schedule of first peal performances of methods on seven or more bells. It may be that someone has details of a performance in a method not listed above, or even an earlier performance. If so, I would be pleased to receive details, in order that the list of First Peal Performances may be made as complete and accurate as possible. The schedule is believed to be complete to September 30th, 1959, with the exception of regular Surprise methods. The schedule proper starts on page 699, 1958, and is continued on pages 767, 67, 202 and 651.

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WIVELSFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Millam 1, M. Plummer 2, E. Everest 3, J. Plummer (first 'inside') 4, H. Brown 5, D. Smith 6. A birthday compliment to 3.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On April 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Fletcher 1, R. Bird 2, R. Larkin 3, J. C. Perrin 4, C. F. McGill (cond.) 5, A. M. Macve 6. Also on April 26th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Miss R. Perrin 1, A. M. Macve (cond.) 2, R. Bird 3, J. C. Perrin 4, J. D. Faircloth 5, C. F. McGill 6. Also on Nov. 8th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: C. H. Macve (first quarter) 1, Miss R. Perrin (first 'inside') 2, J. C. Perrin 3, C. F. McGill 4, R. Bird 5, A. M. Macve (cond.) 6. Also on Dec. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Fletcher 1, J. C. Perrin 2, R. Larkin 3, P. J. Milton 4, A. M. Macve 5, C. F. McGill (cond.) 6. Also on Dec. 6th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. Larkin 1, J. C. Perrin 2, P. J. Milton 3, C. F. McGill 4, R. Bird (cond.) 5, A. M. Macve 6. First of Surprise 1 and 2. First of Surprise by the local band.

ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—At St. Peter's Cathedral, on Dec. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. F. Cox 1, B. R. Cox 2, W. Mann 3, W. B. Pitcher 4, C. H. Bagot (cond.) 5, B. E. Goble 6. First quarter 3 and 6. For Evensong, and as a farewell compliment to the third ringer.

BOLDMERE, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 8th, 1,300 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): R. Harris (first quarter) 1, D. Reeves 2, R. D. Walker 3, J. Laud 4, J. E. Neale (first as cond.) 5, P. G. Laud (first quarter) 6. For Remembrance Sunday. Also on Nov. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): P. G. Laud 1, D. Reeves 2, M. N. Lawrence (cond.) 3, J. Laud 4, J. E. Neale 5, G. Fallon 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Canon E. W. Brown, former Vicar of the parish.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 6th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,296 Grandsire Caters: Betty Stephenson 1, A. W. Bond 2, G. North 3, C. W. Riddleston 4, F. Cruttenden (first of Caters) 5, L. Stillwell 6, H. W. Woolven (cond.) 7, F. Page 8, W. A. Riddington 9, F. Lewis 10. A farewell to the Vicar (Canon D. H. Booth), prior to his installation as Archdeacon of Lewes on December 8th in Chichester Cathedral.

BUSHLEY, WORCS.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Doubles (Shipway's Place, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place, St. Martin's, St. Simon's, All Saints', Chase, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Reverse St. Bartholomew and Grandsire): A. Halling 1, Nadine Price 2, F. E. Wood 3, M. Hawkes (cond.) 4, P. D. Warren 5, R. Liddell (first quarter) 6. First in 11 methods by all the band except the conductor.

CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA.—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: O. Lamb 1, V. Sheppard 2, W. Smith 3, L. Hewitt 4, R. Law (first as cond.) 5, J. Riley 6, J. Erntzen cover. First in method for 2 and 4. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Governor-General of the Union.

DORKING, SURREY.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Stedman (first of Triples) 1, E. G. L. Coward 2, Ethel Clear 3, C. Lloyd (first of Grandsire Triples) 4, B. Read 5, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 6, G. F. Pratt 7, B. Coward 8. Rung by a local band.

ELSTOW, BEDS.—On Dec. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Marion Clarke (first quarter) 1, Kathleen Rivet (first quarter) 2, W. Rivet (first 'inside') 3, P. Payne 4, C. M. Payne (cond.) 5, P. A. Wakeman 6. A birthday compliment to Miss Marion Clarke, of Elstow. Rung by young ringers from Bedfordshire.

EXNING, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss H. Cross 1, A. Benstead 2, J. Gentleman 3, E. Jaggard 4, A. R. Mann (cond.) 5. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the conductor.

GREASLEY, NOTTS.—On Dec. 5th, 1,280 St. Clement's College Bob Major: Miss S. Fitzpatrick (first quarter) 1, Mrs. M. I. Pailing 2, F. Bradley 3, Mrs. M. Beach 4, Miss D. Armstrong 5, D. Beach 6, E. N. Pailing 7, F. A. Salter (cond.) 8. First in method by all. A birthday compliment to treble ringer.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.—On Dec. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss R. Millham 1, M. Harbond 2, H. Egglestone 3, W. Glover 4, L. Ainger 5, P. Eves 6, Dr. Spencer-Phillips (cond.) 7, H. Carter 8. For Confirmation at Evensong; also as a farewell to Miss H. Moss, who is leaving the district.

GREAT YARMOUTH, NORFOLK.—At St. Nicholas' Parish Church, on Dec. 6th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: W. B. Duncan 1, Miss N. B. Smedley 2, Rev. G. Galley 3, A. Wigmore 4, A. Fulcher 5, P. G. W. Newstead 6, Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow 7, S. J. Merry (cond.) 8.

HORSELL, SURREY.—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): V. Neil 1, Miss H. Pugh 2, Miss P. Drury 3, J. Martin 4, D. Wright (cond.) 5.

HUDDERSFIELD, YORKS.—At St. Peter's Church, on Nov. 28th, 1,360 Kent Treble Bob Royal: F. Richards 1, H. Armitage 2, F. Linfoot 3, W. Dransfield 4, Miss S. Brown 5, A. Hinchcliff 6, A. W. Bond 7, D. Smith 8, J. Pearson (cond.) 9, J. Newton 10. First of Royal for 5 and 8. Rung prior to the opening of the new Church House.

QUARTER PEALS

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLX.—On Dec. 13th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major (tenor covering): L. C. Way (first of Bob Major) 1, Mrs. K. Parr 2, Miss P. J. Holborn 3, C. H. Rogers 4, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 5, G. M. Harvey 6, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 7, H. W. Rogers 8. Miss B. Humphrey 9. For the visitation of the Lord Bishop of London and the farewell service to the Rev. E. H. Grimston, Vicar for 16 years.

JESMOND, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.—On Dec. 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. N. I. Lea 1, Mrs. M. S. Ainsworth 2, J. E. Anderson 3, J. A. Ainsworth (cond.) 4, N. Errington 5, C. N. Lea 6, G. S. Deas 7, J. Hart 8.

LAMBETH, S.E.—On Dec. 6th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. E. Powell 1, C. W. Ottley 2, Miss D. Deverell 3, L. Batley 4, F. P. Mead 5, L. Bullock 6, W. D. Grainger (cond.) 7, J. Mudd 8. For Evensong.

LEICESTER.—At St. John-the-Divine's Church, on Nov. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Townsend 1, Miss S. Chesterton 2, I. Fraser 3, P. Chilton 4, A. Grant 5, A. J. Poynor 6, S. Harrison (cond.) 7, A. Cooke 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Ronald Frederick Sharpe, aged 22, a former ringer of this church. Also on Dec. 5th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: K. Townsend 1, S. Harrison 2, P. Chilton 3, V. Pratt 4, I. Fraser 5, E. Morris (comp. and cond.) 6, M. Faulkes 7, B. Chapman 8, P. Johnson 9, A. Cooke 10. Rung half-muffled in affectionate remembrance of Ernest John Jelley, a loyal and faithful friend of this tower.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—On Dec. 19th, 1,313 Double Norwich Court Bob Caters: Miss J. Beresford 1, M. Marshall 2, A. J. House 3, T. Cullingworth 4, T. E. Sone 5, T. A. Cross 6, T. H. Francis (cond.) 7, D. A. Chapman 8, T. J. Lock 9, G. Pearson 10.

MANCETTER, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Reverse St. Bartholomew): E. Jenkins (first quarter) 1, J. Wilson 2, J. Parish 3, R. Burgess 4, R. Bacon (first as cond.) 5. For afternoon service.

MARSTON, OXON.—On Nov. 14th, 1,380 Southrepps Pleasure Bob Doubles: N. Deam 1, A. Gammon (cond.) 2, M. Ryan 3, R. H. Jones 4, E. Venn 5. First quarter in method. Rung after peal attempt failed for the 11th birthday of Prince Charles.

MITCHAM, SURREY.—At Christ Church, on Dec. 19th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Adrienne Gibson 1, Sylvia Marsh 2, D. G. Astridge 3, W. Parrott 4, F. Oakshott 5, E. G. L. Coward (cond.) 6. First of Surprise 1, 2 and 4. Rung after a peal attempt had failed through a broken rope.

OLD CLEEVE, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Miller 1, B. Jean Stevens 2, H. Best (first on eight 'inside') 3, Pamela M. Stevens 4, K. Prime 5, C. Stevens 6, R. Short (cond.) 7, C. Clarke 8. A welcome home from Christmas Island for D. Miller.

OLD MARSTON, OXON.—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Kay Williams (first quarter) 1, A. Gammon 2, N. Deam (first 'inside') 3, R. H. Jones 4, C. Holloway (cond.) 5. For St. Nicholas' Day.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 21st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Tessa P. Kemp 1, Ann Barr 2, A. J. Collings (first 'inside') 3, C. Catt 4, R. W. Pipe (cond.) 5, P. W. Webb 6. By Birmingham University Society of Change Ringers.

PENARTH, GLAM.—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Plain Bob, April Day and Grandsire): Yvonne Apsitis 1, E. J. R. Hartley 2, R. Havard 3, A. F. R. Hartley 4, A. M. Coombs (cond.) 5, R. England 6. For Evensong. Also on Dec. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Lee 1, W. J. Palmer 2, R. Havard 3, A. F. R. Hartley 4, E. J. R. Hartley 5, A. M. Coombs (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.—On Dec. 12th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: A. E. Hoodless 1, F. W. Burnett 2, A. Page 3, Mrs. M. Page 4, E. K. Jordan 5, A. York-Bramble 6, Miss E. W. Keys 7, Miss S. K. M. Knight 8, R. T. Jones 9, J. H. Hunt (first of Royal as cond.) 10.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Bacon 1, Miss J. Rowe 2, W. A. Smith 3, J. Belcham 4, D. Belcham 5, P. A. Sadler (cond.) 6, P. Sloman tenor. For Advent carol service.

RICKMANSWORTH, HERTS.—On Dec. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: D. M. Hibbert 1, Rosemary S. Hawkes 2, Susan J. Slade 3, D. C. Bartholomew 4, F. W. Elliott 5, H. A. Bradbury 6, M. Hatchett (cond.) 7, J. R. Lloyd 8. First of Bob Triples by all. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Herbert Jones, for many years a ringer at this church.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Dec. 12th, 1,525 Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original): H. Worboys 1, Miss E. Hatch 2, M. Hallett 3, G. Sandwell 4, J. Blower 5, R. D. Tomlin (cond.) 6, W. Smith 7, W. Ward 8. For the dedication of the Christmas tree. Also on Dec. 13th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: H. Worboys 1, R. D. Tomlin 2, W. Ellis 3, F. May 4, Miss V. Hester 5, G. Sandwell 6, M. Hallett 7, A. House 8. For Evensong.

ROMSEY, HANTS.—On Dec. 19th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Miss C. White 1, C. Herbert 2, Miss A. J. Knight 3, M. L. Northway (cond.) 4, H. J. Page 5, K. J. Jacobs 6, C. M. White 7, D. Greenlaw 8. First in the method for 1, 2 and 6. For Advent. Also on Dec. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss C. White 1, Miss P. A. Gouly 2, Miss A. J. Knight 3, C. J. Redwood 4, D. Greenlaw 5, C. Herbert 6, L. F. Cobb (cond.) 7, H. J. Page 8. For morning service.

SAXILBY, LINCS.—On Nov. 28th, 1,440 Minor (Single Court and Kent): M. Keyworth 1, Pamela Cox 2, J. M. Blaikie 3, H. W. Cox 4, H. Dove 5, J. B. Nicholson (cond.) 6. Rung following the induction of the Rev. H. J. Dight to this parish.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKS.—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. D. Baugh (first of Minor) 1, Judy Robinson 2, R. E. D. Heneburg 3, V. A. Hemming (cond.) 4, R. E. Tallis (jun.) 5, M. C. Hughes 6, J. T. Clark (first of seven, covering) 7.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Valerie Hoby (first of Royal) 1, A. D. Rivers 2, Janet L. Adamson 3, Linda J. Kew 4, C. T. Blundell (first on 10) 5, Pamela M. Jervis 6, D. Ward (first on 10) 7, D. K. Walters 8, W. Birmingham (cond.) 9, J. C. Birt 10. Rung for progress.

STANTON, OXON.—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (Clifford's Pleasure, Southrepps Pleasure, All Saints', Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Plain Bob and Grandsire): D. Jones 1, E. Venn (cond.) 2, J. G. Pusey 3, R. Stoddard 4, R. H. Jones 5. For Advent Sunday.

STEVENAGE, HERTS.—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): J. Swain 1, D. Taplin (first in two methods) 2, D. Gullick 3, W. Lawrence (cond.) 4, W. Brown 5, W. Munson 6. For the patronal festival of St. Nicholas.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—At St. Thomas' Church, on Dec. 13th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: F. B. Cookson (first in the method as cond.) 1, Mrs. R. Smith 2, W. H. Cooper 3, M. T. Sprackling 4, R. Smith 5, A. L. Dunn 6, D. H. Watson 7, P. W. Webb 8. First in the method by all except the conductor. Rung by the Sunday service band for Evensong and as a welcome to the new Vicar (the Rev. B. H. T. Trevor-Morgan, B.A.), who was inducted on December 7th.

WALKERVILLE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Nov. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. B. Pitcher 1, B. R. Cox 2, Enid Roberts 3, R. A. Eggleton 4, A. R. Lamphee 5, C. H. Bagot (cond.) 6. First of Minor for 1, 2 and 4. Rung on the eve of the patronal festival.

WARWICK.—At St. Nicholas' Church, on Oct. 15th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: H. Folwell 1, E. Sibley 2, A. H. Beamish 3, F. W. Perrens 4, H. Summers, 5, H. Scar 6, C. Aylett 7, J. L. Garner-Hayward (cond.) 8.

WEST RETFORD, NOTTS.—On Sept. 27th, 1,296 Single Oxford Bob Minor: C. Scott 1, Jill Eason 2, Valerie Waterfield 3, T. Randall 4, D. McNeil 5, R. Hobbs (cond.) 6. For harvest festival thanksgiving; also as a farewell to Richard Hobbs, ringing master of this tower and ringing master of the North Notts District of the Southwell Diocesan Guild for 1959. Also on Nov. 1st, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Angela Womack 1, Valerie Waterfield 2, R. Hobbs (cond.) 3, C. Scott 4, D. McNeil 5. First of Doubles by all the band. For morning service on the festival of All Saints.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Hermione Hockey 1, R. Maddy (first 'inside') 2, L. W. G. Skinner 3, A. S. Richards 4, J. Faircloth (first as cond.) 5, D. Holland 6.

WOLVERCOTE, OXON.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. Chamberlain (cond.) 1, Mrs. M. Godwin 2, M. Witcomb (first quarter) 3, J. Venn 4, E. Venn 5, Dorothy Smith (first quarter) 6. For Ringer's Sunday. Also on Dec. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. M. Godwin 1, J. H. Gardner 2, M. Witcomb 3, B. Wakefield 4, E. Venn (cond.) 5, W. C. Godwin 6. Rung when only six ringers arrived on practice night.

WYCHBOLD, WORCS.—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Valerie Powell (first quarter) 1, R. S. Smith 2, J. E. Pullon 3, A. D. Cook 4, P. Cattermole (cond.) 5, Heather M. Pullon 6. Rung by members of the Sunday service band for Evensong on St. Andrew's Eve.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. W. B. Kynaston has retired from the post of hon. secretary of the Swindon Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, an appointment he has held with great efficiency for 27 years. His successor is Mr. R. Luten, 169, Cheney Manor Road, Swindon.

The Witney and Woodstock Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild have agreed that a standard charge of 10s. 6d. a rope be made for wedding ringing.

The peal at Erith on November 13th (see page 751) was Mr. W. A. J. Knight's first peal of Surprise Major, and his first in the method.

Mr. J. R. Worrall, who was at Shaftesbury School, Bisley, Surrey, until its closure, has now a teaching appointment in Germany at Prince Rupert School, Wilhelmshaven.

The influence of a new vicar at Bampton, Oxon, who came from a Devon parish with a good band of call change ringers, is being felt. Their striking under the leadership of Mr. Jack Bellinger is improving.

We hope to publish our annual feature of leading bell-ringers of 1959 at an early date. Will those who have rung 25 peals or more kindly submit details, showing number of peals rung on tower- and handbells and the number conducted.

Mr. W. Mann, who learnt to ring at St. James', Benwell, Newcastle, before the war, has rung his first quarter in distant South Australia. While on duty for five months at the Weapons Research Station, he obtained some ringing at Adelaide—at St. Peter's Cathedral. His departure is much regretted by South Australian ringing colleagues.

Mr. D. Miller, of Old Cleeve, Somerset, just back from Christmas Island, took part in a welcome home quarter peal on December 14th.

The Sunday service band at St. Thomas' Church, Stourbridge, are making progress. They rang a quarter peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major on December 13th as a welcome to the new Vicar.

GOSSIP

Encouraging news comes from the Oxfordshire village of Northleigh. In two years a band of 16 ringers has been established, starting from scratch. For quite a time they have an unbroken record of ringing twice on a Sunday. Their Christmas dinner at the Fleece Hotel was an excellent meal and afterwards the band provided their own entertainment in the form of songs, tunes on handbells and dancing.

Owing to repairs to the spire, the bells of Christ Church, Swindon, are out of use.

Clanfield, Oxfordshire, ringers at their annual supper presented their captain, Mr. George Clarke, with a silver stand and house bell, as a mark of their appreciation of his services.

Ringers from Handsworth, Birmingham, and elsewhere, who had a very pleasant time ringing at ten different Shropshire towers on December 12th, would like to thank Elizabeth Yardley for making all the arrangements.

Evidence of ringers taking an active part in church life—and there are many—comes from Burghill, Herefordshire. At the annual church bazaar the ringers had their own stall of cut flowers, pot and autumn bedding plants, which brought in £7. This will help towards the cost of the hire of a coach for their summer outing.

Mention was made in 'Belfry Gossip' on December 4th of the augmentation of Belton, Lincs, bells from four to six. This refers to All Saints', Belton, Isle of Axholme. The other Lincolnshire Belton is near Grantham and here the five bells are unringable. There is another Belton in Rutlandshire.

Members of the Theological College Ringing Guild at Salisbury were joined by two ringing friends from Salisbury towers in order to ring a farewell quarter peal to one of their brother students, Mr. Michael Lewis, of South Petherton, Somerset, who was to be made deacon by the Lord Bishop of Taunton at Stogursey Priory on December 20th, to serve in that parish. Mr. Lewis learned to ring at Salisbury through the activities of the Ringing Guild at the College, and is the first of the present 'new recruits' there to ring a quarter peal.

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Malta's Cathedral Had Its Bell Carols

The six bells at Malta Cathedral are hung dead for chiming. In the first week of December 'The Ringing World' received a request from C./Sgt. K. J. Reed, of 40 Commando, Royal Marines, to be supplied with carol and hymn tunes for six bells, so that they could be rung for Christmas. It was essential that they should reach him by December 17th.

Thanks to the good services of Mr. Frederick Sharpe, president of the Central Council, and also Mr. S. G. Ponting and Miss Margaret Smith, of Milford (Surrey) C. of E. Junior School, two sets of tunes—one of ten tunes and the other of six—reached Malta on December 11th.

In his letter of thanks, C./Sgt. Reed states: 'The girls who chime the bells are so very thrilled, as I am. On Saturday they just couldn't get up to the tower fast enough. It is my ambition, of course, to get them interested in the real art of change-ringing, so that on their return to U.K. they will have a true desire to learn. We now have enough tunes for all seasons of the Church year, which is wonderful!'

SUNDAY SERVICE LEAFLET

A four-page leaflet summarising the Sunday Service Survey presented to the Central Council last Whitsun, in which an appeal is made for the sympathetic and active interest of the clergy in the ringing of church bells, has now been sent to bishops, archdeacons, etc., in England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland, rural deans in England, all Scottish and Irish towers with rings of bells, and several other important people.

In the addressing of envelopes, Mr. Norman Chaddock, the convener, had the assistance of Messrs. Lufkin, Moreton and Gray. Guild officers can obtain copies from Mr. N. Chaddock, 17, Herringthorpe Grove, Broom, Rotherham, Yorks, upon sending a stamped addressed envelope.

Tips For Beginners

No. 1

Always ring with a tight rope, remembering you have a rope in your hands and not a stick. Adjust the position of your hands on both sally and tail-end to give the longest pull possible.

BALDOCK RINGERS' DINNER

Baldock ringers and their friends met again for dinner at the Rose and Crown on December 12th. After a good meal and the loyal toast, Canon Brenchley welcomed the visitors, in particular Mr. W. Ayre, who comes from Leverstock Green, where the Canon was once curate.

Mr. E. Nichols replied on behalf of the visitors, saying that many people who heard St. Mary's bells and loved them never answered their call.

After the Verger's speech, Mr. Ayre proposed the toast of 'The St. Mary's Guild of Bell Ringers.' He was deputising for the president of the Hertford County Association, Mr. G. W. Debenham, who was ill. Mr. Ayre reminded his listeners that Baldock had not always been at its present high level of attainment, and the reason why the Guild had achieved so much in recent years was because people gave of their best continually.

In reply, Mr. E. G. Buck mentioned some of the highlights of the past year: 18 quarter peals rung for Sunday services; Miss K. P. Hutton's marriage to Mr. D. Salisbury; the Kimpton cup competition, in which Baldock entered two teams, the 'A' team being second by only four points. The real test would come when the tower repairs would make ringing impossible, but it would be an opportunity for the members to go out and help other towers during this time.

As was usual, handbell ringing completed a most enjoyable evening. J. S.

SERVANTS OF THE EXERCISE – No. 1

We commence this series in the hope that new entrants to the Art of Ringing will be enabled to get to know more about those who are serving the Exercise through the Central Council and in other fields. The particulars given are by no means a full picture of their activities, but it is felt that, brief as they are, our newcomers will be glad to have them.



EDWIN HUGH LEWIS, M.A. (Cantab.)

EDWIN HUGH LEWIS was born on June 13th, 1881, and is the youngest son of the late Canon J. D. Lewis, Vicar of St. Ann's, Nottingham. He was educated at Charterhouse (winning a scholarship at the age of 12) and at Trinity College, Cambridge (Mechanical Sciences Exhibitioner, 1903).

In 1909 he married Miss A. J. T. Richardson, daughter of the Archdeacon of Nottingham. They had four sons and three daughters, of whom three sons and two daughters served in the Royal Navy, one son and one daughter being lost on active service.

Mr. Lewis has had a distinguished business career, commencing at the Liverpool Silver and Copper Company at Widnes, after having taken his degree in Engineering. After ten years' service with this company he joined the Glasgow Iron and Steel Co. Ltd. as under manager, becoming works manager in 1916. In 1927 he became general manager, controlling six collieries, an iron works, a cement works, an ammonia works, a limestone mine and an iron ore mine.

He was president of the West of Scotland Iron and Steel Institute, 1922–1926, and was one of the first Fellows of the Institute of Fuel. In 1929 he joined the board of directors of the Tunnel Portland Cement Company, and of Messrs. F. L. Smidth and Co. Ltd. He retired in 1951, but still holds his seat on the Board.

In 1917 Mr. Lewis was elected as lay representative of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Wishaw to the Diocesan and Provincial Representative Church Council. He was made churchwarden in 1921 and elected lay elector in 1922, in which offices he served until leaving Scotland in 1929.

LEARNED TO RING 60 YEARS AGO

He learned to ring at Trowell, Notts, in 1900, and joined the Cambridge University Guild in 1901, acting as their representative on the Central Council from 1908 to 1936. He was elected president of the Central Council in 1930 and served in that office until three years ago. In 1951 he was made a life member. Those who had the privilege of serving on the Central Council will remember how admirably he presided over the meetings, how fair and discerning he was, and the highly efficient way he piloted the proceedings to satisfactory and amicable settlements.

Mr. Lewis was Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths in 1937, its tercentenary year, and presided at the 300th annual dinner over a company of over 400, which included the Lord Mayor of London, the Duke of Argyll and the Bishops of London and Kensington.

Since 1912 he has been the leading member of the Council's Towers and Belfries Committee and has done invaluable work in advising on bell restorations. In 1914 he presented a survey of his investigations into the horizontal and vertical forces exerted on a tower by bells, disproving the previously accepted theories of the late Lord Grimthorpe. This work has been publicly acknowledged by the late Sir Arthur Heywood, the leading firms of bell-founders, and the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings.

Mr. Lewis has rung 270 peals, and taught bands of ringers at Widnes and also at Brasted, Kent. JAFUS.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Eastern Branch

On December 5th the Eastern Branch held its winter meeting at Gorleston-on-Sea, where despite the quite unjust reputation levelled at 'the bleak East Coast' regarding such gatherings at this time of the year, some three dozen members and friends attended.

The service was conducted by the Vicar and Rural Dean, Rev. E. L. Corbell, the Lesson being read by Rev. Giles Galley. In a brief talk instead of a sermon the Vicar said it was the first meeting in his parish since there were again two towers in the borough with bells (an allusion to the new ring at St. Nicholas', Great Yarmouth) and he was happy to take the opportunity thus afforded him of publicly thanking those Yarmouth ringers who since the war had journeyed to and fro to supplement his own ringers Sunday by Sunday, and practice nights. He was further glad to say that a happy reciprocal arrangement exists, whereby ringing at both towers takes place at least once a Sunday.

A hot meat-pie tea followed, this being the climax of considerable effort by Miss Barbara Smedley and three young lady learners of the local band and was much appreciated by all.

Mr. Derek E. Carr, of Lowestoft, was re-elected a ringing member and Loddon was the chosen venue for the Branch annual meeting on February 20th.

From the chair Mr. E. R. Goate mentioned the main event which had occurred in the Branch since the last meeting, namely the opening of the new ring at St. Nicholas', Great Yarmouth, and he moved that the Branch's appreciation of the efforts of all concerned in the organisation of that opening be recorded in the minutes. This was seconded by Mr. G. Howlett and carried.

The meeting closed with votes of thanks to the Vicar, Mr. Mayland, and the organist, and Miss Smedley and her helpers.

RINGERS IN HOSPITAL

We regret to learn that, as the result of an unfortunate accident, Mr. Bernard F. L. Groves, of Marple, Cheshire, is in Withington Hospital. His ringing friends at Brookfield Church, Gorton, wish him a speedy recovery and hope to see him ringing again in a very short time.

Mr. J. R. Cooper, the Ashford District Ringing Master, was involved in an accident on his motor-cycle when returning from ringing a peal at Cobham. He suffered a fractured skull, and has spent Christmas in Ashford Hospital. He is, however, on the mend, and hopes to be out soon. Mr. Tom Cullingworth, the pillion rider, escaped with minor injuries.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PEALS ON 'FOREIGN' TERRITORY

Dear Sir,—Regarding Mr. W. C. West's letter criticising a peal band for ringing a peal for the Oxford Diocesan Guild in a tower affiliated to the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, would he, or someone, please explain to me why this was 'rank bad manners'?

If an organisation, such as Reading Football Club, take 11 of its members to Collingbourn Kingston and plays a game of football, it is still playing the game for Reading F.C. If six of them stay and ring a peal there they are still ringing as members of Reading Football Club, or as members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. They should be just as welcome as members of the Oxford Guild to pursue their hobby of change-ringing among their hosts as to enjoy their other one of playing football. Surely they need not be compelled to join the local Football Association to play any Wiltshire teams? Why should they as ringers be obliged to join the local Association if they wish (or are invited) to ring a peal in another area?

Perhaps someone would tell us how this idiotic convention began, and why one cannot ring a peal among brother ringers of another locality without being branded as ill-mannered if it is not credited to them.

Surely it is time such a narrow interpretation of ringing 'freemasonry' was abolished, and visiting bands were welcomed to pursue their hobby with their own colleagues for their own Association if they so desire.

Territorial Associations were never meant to be divided from each other by 'iron curtains.' They only exist to make a workable organisation for the benefit of bell-ringers and bell-ringing, and such narrow and petty notions as are suggested in Mr. West's letter are quite out of place among real bell-ringers.—Yours truly,

PALUDIAN.

Slough, Bucks.

THE PEAL AT EVESHAM

Dear Sir,—I was surprised to see the report of a peal of Yorkshire Major rung at Evesham in 3 hours 13 minutes (page 751).

It would be impossible to strike this 35 cwt. at this fast speed. It is a pity that several young ringers try to ring heavy tenors faster than they are capable.—Yours, etc.,

A. PATRICK CANNON.

Dorking, Surrey.

EARL SHILTON HANDBELL RINGERS

Dear Sir,—I am sure readers would like to know a little of the activities of the Earl Shilton handbell ringers.

Ringers in Leicestershire will know that Billy Sturgess, Percy Coe and Ernest Chesterton, under their leader George Newton, have been together for about 30 years. They are all members of the Earl Shilton Parish Church tower.

As conductor of the Earl Shilton Male Voice Choir, I have been responsible for arranging concerts, both of a secular and sacred nature, for several years, throughout Leicestershire and Rutland. The handbell ringers have been included in many of these programmes, particularly this year, when we have given 18 concerts. Everywhere we go, but particularly in the rural areas, the ringers are most enthusiastically welcomed.

Their most attentive audience was a 300 strong gathering at Leicester Prison on a recent Sunday, and the welcome they received would have done credit to Leicester City on a Saturday afternoon. None of the quartette were recognised by the warders!—Yours faithfully,

THOMAS C. BELTON.

Earl Shilton, Leics.

PEALS AND PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT

Dear Sir,—The contents and financing of 'The Ringing World' are rightly receiving considerable attention in your columns. Perhaps the following observations will cause the Editorial Committee some thought and possibly find other supporters.

My original reflection was that 'cult of round numbers,' for want of a better phrase, is becoming too prevalent in ringing. We have the parallel situation in sport where 100 wickets or 1,000 runs in a certain time is given much more prominence than 99 or 999 wickets, runs or what-have-you. You, sir, actively encourage this type of thing by asking for the 'leading peal ringers' to declare their totals of 25 or over.

Let me state here that I am not against anyone ringing 25, 50 or even 100 peals in a given time, provided that this does not constitute their major reason for wishing to ring them. However, I very much fear that, just about now, quite a few ringers up and down the country will have decided that, come 'hell or high water,' they need 'n' peals before December 31st in order to qualify for the 'league table.' No doubt these required peals will be rung but will they be rung for the glory of God and his Church? I doubt it, although the Christmas spirit will be invoked.

One could continue in this vein but if anyone's conscience is stirred I shall have made my point. It is ringing for the wrong motives if every performance completed or tower visited is simply another digit on the addition to a meaningless total. Whether the Rev. F. E. Robinson or George Williams were of this frame of mind or not in ringing 1,000 peals is beyond my knowledge but I suspect they were not.

The obvious remedy for this state of mind is to cease the publication of the list of 'leaders.' The information may still be conveyed by footnotes to peals and anyone interested can do their own totting up. I will await the cry of 'sour grapes' from the outraged!

Improvement to our publication.—This subject was discussed locally recently and several interesting topics were mooted. I will leave aside the problem of payment for peal publication—though why Mr. Robinson specifies his donation as 'covering the cost of printing his letter' is beyond me. Most journals pay their contributors, not vice versa.

It was suggested that we, as a body of ringers, were remarkably ignorant of the lives of our fellows when not engaged in ringing. In fact the really interesting aspects of many ringers' lives only appear in the obituary notices! Why not establish a series of 'Profiles' of the present leading personalities of the Exercise on the lines of those in 'The New Scientist' or 'The Observer,' etc? Co-operation of those involved is an essential part of this type of thing but it would add enormously to the human interest in the journal and this is the factor which influences sales figures.—Yours truly,

JOHN H. GILBERT.

Bristol.

NOTE:—The story of humanity is built up by personal achievement—whether religious, social or sporting. There is nothing wrong in having a dedicated sport. The leading peal ringer of today has spent his life in the service of the Church. We shall continue to publish our table of leading peal ringers: it is associated with our art, stimulates interest and presents a valuable indication to those who come after of the place of change ringing in the social life of the country.—Ed.

PEAL RINGERS AND FEES

Dear Sir,—I had no intention of writing again on the subject of finances of the 'R.W.', but after reading Mr. Butler's letter I seem to have little alternative.

First, may I say that Mr. Butler seems not only to have missed the whole point of my letter, but he seems to have constructed another point which I certainly never attempted to make, i.e., that peal ringers and service ringers are 'of a different breed,' and I cannot imagine how this suggestion can have been read into my letter.

I do not know what Mr. Butler's 'age of intolerance' may be, but I don't believe I have yet reached it, and I am certainly not an anti-peal-ringer, on the contrary; but the idea of something for nothing doesn't happen to appeal to me, and I do not understand how persistent peal ringers can expect hour after hour of pleasure from the use of equipment which someone else has paid for and then have the brazen effrontery to expect their efforts to be published, and all for nothing. Really, Mr. Editor, how mean can we get?

It has been argued that peals are rung to the 'glory of God,' and for the good of the Exercise, but I think few of us really believe that they are rung for any other reason than the pleasure and self-gratification of the ringers concerned.

Finally, sir, my letter was not intended to be an attack on peal ringing, but rather a suggestion to improve the financial position of the 'R.W.'; and if any ringer wants to put any other construction to it, he must do so.—Yours faithfully,

MONTAGUE J. SOPER.

Potters Bar, Middlesex.

MUSIC IN COMPOSITIONS

Dear Sir,—I was surprised to see such an experienced ringer as Arthur Ramsbottom sending in to the valuable columns of your journal a composition for a peal of Romney, Hythe and Dymchurch Surprise Maximus which contains two simultaneous bobs at the third and fifth part-ends with no matching single to turn the tenors back into course. It should be apparent to anyone with any sort of musical ear at all that the music of this method lies in the roll-ons at the course-ends, and this is entirely ignored in Mr. Ramsbottom's composition, as can be seen from the skeleton below:—

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2143658709TE	X	
241638507T9E	—	
42618305T7E9	XXL	(Winter)
4628103T5E79	—	
648201T3E597	—	
68402T1E3957	X	(Away)
etc.		

From the position of the back bells throughout the peal it is quite plain that this is just another instance of peal ringing for the sake of it, without any appreciation of the music behind the composition. We should all, I think, remember that the true purpose of ringing is to call the faithful to worship and that, while for us the Exercise is both a hobby and a recreation, our prime duty lies in regular support of the work of our home tower, and especially in encouraging the youngsters to learn the noble art. In this way there would be fewer silent towers up and down the country.—I remain, sir, yours faithfully,

ALFRED RAMSDEN.

Beckingham, Kent.

P.S.—A single at the seventh lead-end followed by two singles per part would bring up Tittums every 14 changes with Queens at least once per course. If any of your readers are interested in this composition (my own) I shall be pleased to give any help I can.—A. R.

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KEEN CHURCHGOERS ESSENCE OF RECRUITING

Dear Sir.—I was greatly interested in your leading article, 'The Sampling of Youth,' concerning youth and bellringing, and noted the oft used phrase: 'You can't get the young ones to stick it nowadays.'

Three years ago bellringing at March was at an extremely low level: only four or five adult ringers displayed an interest in Sunday service ringing, and on occasions we were not in a position to ring at all. Practices were quite out of the question.

Yet, for months I had endeavoured to train young people, male and female, in the art of ringing bells, but after a few weeks of progress they drifted away and we were back where we started. It was most discouraging.

Nevertheless, we who were interested persevered, and at this present time after two years of struggle—and beginning from scratch is a struggle—there are now 20 keen ringers in our town, and recently I have had the unhappy task of turning would-be ringers away!

During the past two years our six bells have been rung faithfully and consistently, twice on Sundays and for practice, and there no longer exists the possibility of the bells embarking upon a prolonged silence.

I have learned during the past few years that one must use one's discretion in forming a team of youthful ringers. Whereas at one time I accepted all and sundry, now I no longer do so.

First and foremost, our youngsters are keen churchgoers, and that probably is the key to our success. I have found through experience that it is usually those who show little or no interest in church affairs who inevitably discard any interest in bells. It would also appear beneficial, as in our case, where possible to establish a nucleus of young people who have received, or are receiving refined education, for generally speaking they are more stable and possess more initiative than some who, for better of worse, are imbued with that wanderlust, come hither, go thither, quality. **It is, I feel essential that would-be exponents of the art be chosen from the congregation.**

I have tried recruits from all walks of life, and after a month's trial, or longer, I ask the pupil if he or she is interested in the art; usually I am aware long before if they are not, and, that being the case, politely inform them that their efforts and mine are a waste of time.

There are eight boys and seven young ladies at our tower. To increase their interest we have formed a club, and most of the youngsters pay in a small amount weekly, which together with occasional remuneration in ringing the bells for weddings, is banked, and is later distributed to them on the occasion of our annual outing, or otherwise as they wish. We also keep an attendance register—and all attend regularly—and any late arrival is also noted with friendly interest.

We are now engaged in playing carols on the handbells, and the proceeds are to be used in repairs to these bells in the New Year. It is our ambition to raise the total amount required, and if possible to augment the number of handbells in our possession. Our youngsters are even considering holding a sale of work for that purpose.

I deem it important that our ringers visit and ring the bells at other churches whenever possible and to that end we have arranged a half-day's outing in the near future. It is also our ambition—and within sight—to ring a quarter peal during the New Year. Another eagerly-awaited event is the pealing of the bells by six pupils of March Grammar School on the occasion of that school's annual service at our church. This was achieved for the first time this year.

It is most satisfactory to see our young people mixing well with the remaining five 'old hands.' Resentment is non-existent on both sides when our ringing-gallery is invaded by a crowd of enthusiastic youngsters, the majority of whom are members of the Ely Association.

During this last spring and summer we have trained a team of ringers at a village church a few miles away, and this winter those bells are pealing out regularly on Sundays and Tuesdays, manned by youngsters—and the not so young—who are members of that church's congregation.

Looking back, I would say that young people—in any organisation—must be given the opportunity to feel they are **really wanted.** Give them something to do—even if it is winding the church clock—create a live atmosphere, not centred entirely around bells, and youth will not let you down.

It is essential, however, that they follow the example of senior ringers and **join the congregation in worship,** and not walk away from the church after ringing the bells. Both habits, when practised, will stick, but the latter, as far as bellringing is concerned, is the beginning of the end. If young people truly understand the Church and all it stands for, then whatever may come: television, cinema, juke-boxes and courtship—they will rerely fail to be on time to ring the bells, and be proud of it.

And last but certainly not least, the greatest asset is to have a sympathetic and understanding clergyman. We have.—Yours sincerely.

TREVOR A. BEVIS

March, Cambs.

NOT EXTENSIONS

Dear Sir.—The first part of Mr. Mayne's letter is correct, in that Lyme and Whitwick Surprise Royal do not conform to the C.C. report on method extension. The same applies to Gainsborough Surprise Royal, rung at Lichfield on December 29th, 1956.

Unfortunately, more chaos might arise since the extensions given by Mr. Mayne also do not conform to the C.C. report. A brief glance will show that his extensions both violate rule 6, which states that a front extension may not become effective before a sub-section containing continuous places in 12. Mr. Mayne's extensions are analogous to saying that Yorkshire Surprise Royal is an extension of Cambridge Surprise Major.

Lyme and Whitwick do not extend to Royal in agreement with the C.C. report, but I do not think the C.C. would claim the right to rename the methods. It is only necessary to state that they are not extensions.—Yours sincerely.

F. T. BLAGROVE.

Windsor.

LADIES' GUILD PEAL OF 1958

Dear Sir.—I have made a check and find that there is only one peal for the above Guild rung in 1958—the peal of Minor you mention, at Ash.

I must have put down Plain Bob Major instead of one method of Minor. — With apologies. Yours etc.,

WALTER AYRE.

Leverstock Green, Herts.

WHERE THE PROFESSOR SLIPPED UP?

Dear Sir.—I read with great interest the suggestions made by Professor Dodge to improve 'The Ringing World' and whilst he makes some good points I fear that I must (with great trepidation) disagree about his proposed prize. His generous offer states 'I will name an . . . irregular Minor method . . . and undertake to get a band to ring a PEAL of it.' The opinion of the Professor on peals of Minor in ONE method is well known so I feel that a mistake was made when he made his offer.

Far too many peals of Minor in one method are rung today, and the time has now come when a peal in seven methods should be the standard which all ringers, young and old, should attempt to reach. The Minor peal columns in 'The Ringing World' present a very drab appearance for the academical standard is deteriorating rapidly.

Unhappily our good ringers are doing little to help for well-known names are seen each week in performances which are of little merit, e.g., peals in one, two, three or four methods. A peal is occasionally printed showing five crack ringers and one novice achieving 5,040 of Bob Minor—his or her first—but seldom do we see the same band ringing a peal in seven methods!

In 1912 a Mr. McKell, of Gargrave, had placed on the agenda of a Yorkshire Association meeting a resolution stating 'No peal of Minor in less than seven methods be recognised by the Association,' but at the next meeting he withdrew his resolution, for what reason it is not known. A rather drastic resolution, but Mr. McKell probably detected a change in Minor peal ringing for although very few peals were rung in less than seven methods the rot was beginning to set in and today in Yorkshire less than ten per cent of the Minor peals are rung in seven or more methods, a deplorable decline in six bell ringing.

A peal rung at Cawthorne in 1932 in seven methods is recorded as having four 'firsts' amongst the ringers, myself included: the question of a peal in under seven methods was not even considered in those days and many sheets of paper were covered to achieve success not forgetting the use of chalk on steel flag sheets down in the coal mines at 'snap time.' 'Be constructive' is the adage of our mentor, Professor Dodge, so herewith are seven 'regular' methods for those who prefer to ring within the pale: College Exercise, London Scholars', Sandal, Kingston, Kent, Oxford and Bob Minor. All these methods are without complications and will lead to others very similar in construction.

As full slow work methods such as Oxford are an advantage when novices are standing in a peal, I suggest Woodbine, New London, Duke of York, Oxford and Kent, together with London Scholars' and Sandal. The first three are described by the purists as 'irregular' but have full slow work and a knowledge of these methods will quickly lead to augmentation of the repertoire.

Although I feel strongly that Minor peals should be rung in seven or more methods I do not agree that a rule should be made to ensure this, as there are odd occasions when necessity demands a relaxation, such as an attempt by the local band, always a praiseworthy effort.

In conclusion, I look forward to 1960 when the Minor peal columns begin to show PROGRESS.—Yours faithfully.

M. F. MOXON.

Cawthorne, Barnsley.

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STEDMAN FOR BEGINNERS

By WILFRID G. WILSON

1. THE METHOD.

In my booklet for beginners, since incorporated in the Central Council's 'Handbook for Beginners,' I dealt with Grandsire and Plain Bob—both based on the plain hunt and therefore fundamental to change-ringing. I did not attempt to deal with Stedman because, in spite of my present heading, Stedman is not a beginner's method. The last edition of 'Stedman,' by J. Armiger Trollope, in the Snowdon series (1938) has been out of print for some years. It is, I believe, being rewritten, but publication today, with relatively small sales, is difficult and I know many young people have asked for a book to help them with the method. It may, therefore, be worth while to fill in the gap and I will try to do so on the simple lines adopted for the other methods, so far as this is possible.

I shall assume that as you, the beginner, have reached the stage of wanting to learn Stedman you will already have learnt to ring Grandsire and Plain Bob, so that you will not need an explanation of plain hunting, or dodging, or leading or lying, or the necessity for calling bobs and singles so that the order of the bells may be changed to enable more than a plain course to be rung.

The first thing helpful to know, however, is that there are two ways of plain hunting. One is the forward hunting which you learnt on three, four or five bells when you first started change-ringing.

And the other is called, by contrast, backward hunting. The only real difference between these two ways of hunting is that, in the second example, because the treble starts off by staying on the lead for the handstroke before hunting up (and the other bells have to fit in with this of course) the whole pulls at lead come at backstroke and handstroke instead of handstroke and backstroke. On paper and in theory the difference is slight, but when carried out in the tower this difference seems considerable—as anyone first trying to ring London Surprise will find out.

123	
213	
231	
321	
312	
132	
123	
123	
132	
312	
321	
231	
213	
123	

The whole theoretical basis of Stedman is founded on this difference. There is no bell doing a plain hunt all the time, as is the treble in Plain Bob. And there is no additional bell in the hunt as in Grandsire. In the plain course all the bells (be there 5, 7, 9, or 11) do the same work.

2. STEDMAN DOUBLES.

The basis of Stedman Doubles is that the three bells which happen to be in the front do a plain hunt for the whole possible six changes. While this is going on the two bells at the back dodge with each other in the 4-5 position. At the end of the six changes (which reasonably enough are called a 'six') one of the front three bells will change places with one of the back two, and then another six changes will be rung on the new front three (two already there and one new one), while the two bells at the back dodge with each other. And so on. But the sixes (that is the sets of three-bell hunting on the front) must consist of alternate forward and backward hunting. You may wonder why the method can't be made easy by having the sixes all of one kind of hunting or the other. When you have come to the end of this chapter and have learnt, I hope, how to write out Stedman Doubles, then you can experiment and will see why we must have the two kinds of hunting rung alternately. You will find that with all forward hunting sixes, you have a plain course of only 18 changes and some of the bells never leave the front work. So it does not make a mathematically regular method. With all backward hunting sixes your plain course will have thirty changes, but it will be another method—Erin Doubles. Except that in Erin rounds is the last row of a six and not the fourth row as in Stedman.

So if we want to learn Stedman we must accept the harder way and put up with the alternation of the two kinds of hunting on the front. We can however, avoid the continued description of these sixes as either forward or backward hunting if we learn that a forward hunting six is called a Quick six and a backward hunting six is called a Slow six. You will see the reason for these names later, but for the moment remember just that the sets of six changes on the front bells are alternately Quick and Slow sixes.

Now for another difficulty which you will think is contrived specially to confuse you. The plain course from rounds does not start with either a Quick six or a Slow six. It starts in the middle of a Quick six. That seems silly, but if you examine closely the first twelve changes of the plain course you will see that the last six of these are the reverse of the first six—just the same as the second half of a lead of an ordinary method is the reverse of the first half. In other words the first twelve changes are in effect the first lead of the method. That is for the theorists, but there is one lucky chance that comes out of it. The first two changes in Stedman are exactly the same as the first two in Grandsire. So you will not need to ask 'How do I start?'

Now examine the plain course of Stedman Doubles. As we have just seen, it starts in the middle of a Quick six, with the first two changes as in Grandsire. This brings us to the row 23145 and from this row we will see how the method is constructed.

S = Slow six

Q = Quick six

STEDMAN DOUBLES
PLAIN COURSE

	12345
Q	21354
	23145
	32415
	23451
S	24315
	42351
	43215
	34251
	43521
	45312
Q	54321
	53412
	35421
	34512
	43152
	34125
S	31452
	13425
	14352
	41325
	14235
	12453
Q	21435
	24153
	42135
	41253
	14523
	41532
S	45123
	54132
	51423
	15432
	51342
	53124
Q	35142
	31524
	13542
	15324
	51234
	15243
S	12534
	21543
	25134
	52143
	25413
	24531
Q	42513
	45231
	54213
	52431
	25341
	52314
S	53241
	35214
	32541
	23514
	32154
	31245
Q	13254
	12345

The row 23145 is the end of the Quick six. To get the first row of the next six we change the pairs of bells in the 1-2 and 3-4 positions. This gives us 32415 and has the effect of putting a new bell (4 in this case) into the work of the front three and in its place, at the back, putting the bell that left the front work (in this case the treble).

Now write out the six changes on the three bells we have left in the front. But this six is to be a Slow one, so we write out the six changes in the form of backward hunting. While this is going on the back two bells dodge with each other and at the end of the six we shall reach the row 34251.

As before, to get the first row of the next six, we change the pairs of bells in the 1-2 and the 3-4 positions, which gives us 43521. This also has the effect of putting a new bell (5 in this case) into the work of the front three and, in its place at the back, putting the bell that left the front work (in this case 2). Now write out the six changes on the three bells in the front—but this six is to be a Quick one, so write out these six changes in the form of ordinary forward hunting. While this is going on the back two bells dodge together and at the end of the six we reach the row 34512.

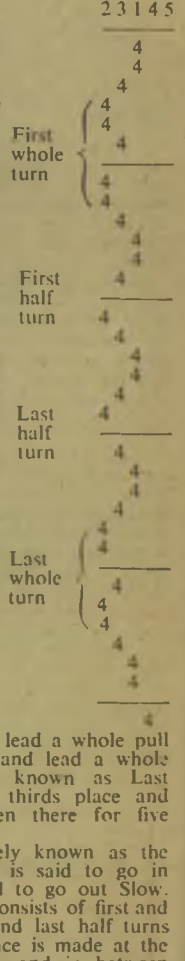
If you continue to write out this alternate series of Slow and Quick sixes exactly as we have done the first of the series, you will find that you will get back to the row 23145 after four more pairs of sixes. Two changes before that you will have had rounds, just sixty changes from the start of the plain course.

We have written out that plain course in a logical way, based on the theory of the method. Quite simple to do with pencil and paper and many of us think that if we had started our method ringing in the tower by using this same way, we should have found that we were less likely to make mistakes. We should certainly have found it easier to ring a pair of handbells to the method—and the experience of those experts who ring the higher methods double-handed bears this out.

But we nearly all learn our ringing by what has come to be known as the 'blue line' method. That is by following the path made by one of the bells among the others. It may well be true that the interest and pleasure experienced in following this path among the other bells is one of those things which makes change ringing attractive.

So let us look again at our plain course of Stedman Doubles and follow the work of one of the bells. Let us take No. 4 which, after a dodge in 4-5 down in the first two rows, enters the front work at the beginning of a Slow six. Here is the path it takes—the horizontal lines are drawn at the places where one six ends and the next begins. It starts its work as one of the front three bells with Thirds place. Then hunts to lead (two blows—back and handstroke, known as leading wrong); one blow in seconds place and leads a whole pull (hand and back—known as leading right). This block of work is the First Whole Turn (lead wrong, one blow in seconds, lead right).

Then make thirds place. Then lead at handstroke only—known as First Half Turn, make thirds place. Lead at backstroke only—known as Last Half Turn.



Makes thirds place. Then lead a whole pull right, one blow in seconds, and lead a whole pull wrong. This work is known as Last Whole Turn. Then make thirds place and leave the front, having been there for five whole sixes.

All this work is collectively known as the Slow, and the bell doing it is said to go in Slow, to be in the Slow and to go out Slow. As we have seen, the work consists of first and last whole turns, with first and last half turns in between them. Thirds place is made at the start and finish of the Slow and in between each of the four parts of it.

Stedman For Beginners—Cont.

If we continue to follow the path of No. 4, we find it dodges twice in 4-5 up, lies a whole pull in fifths, and dodges twice in 4-5 down. Then it enters the front work again. But this time it has come in at the beginning of a Quick six and hunts straight down to lead a whole pull and then hunts straight out again. This piece of work is known as Quick work and the bell doing it is said to go in Quick and go out Quick. Now we can see why the alternate sixes are known as Quick and Slow sixes.

After Quick work, the 4th now dodges twice in 4-5 up, lies a whole pull and dodges twice in 4-5 down. This brings it back to the start and if the ringing continues it would go in Slow again.

So we have two kinds of work in the front—alternate Slow and Quick work. In between each of them come double dodges in 4-5 up and 4-5 down. There are five bells and each one has to do Slow work (five sixes), Quick work (one six) and dodging up and down (two sixes each time)—making ten sixes, 60 changes, in all.

You will have learnt already that there are 120 possible true changes on 5 bells, so we have to find a way of making an alteration somewhere in the 60 changes of the plain course so that we can add in the other 60 changes. In Grandsire Doubles the 120 changes are obtained by use of bobs and singles. In Plain Bob Doubles they are obtained by the use of bobs alone. By contrast, in Stedman Doubles they can be obtained only by the use of singles.

Bobs are not used in Stedman Doubles. There is a very simple reason for this, though I have never seen it written down before. In Stedman on any number of bells, the bells in the front are never affected by calls. In Doubles this means that only the two bells at the back can be affected. And you will know by now that a bob always alters the position of three bells (it may affect more than three, but only alters the coursing order of three). A single alters the position of two bells, so singles it it must be.

If any pair of bells dodging at the back can be made to change places with each other, it will be possible to ring the other 60 changes and then change the same two bells back again to complete the 60 changes of the plain course, and thus obtain the extent of 120 changes. The single is made in the middle of any six (Quick or Slow) and the second single must be made in the middle of a six which is ten sixes (60 changes) away from the first single.

Here is the first six of the plain course. It happens to be a Slow six, but that doesn't matter for this purpose as it is the back two bells that are to be changed. Making the single in the middle of the six we get the result shown here—that is, we have changed bells 1 and 5 over.	2 3 1 4 5	
	3 2 4 1 5	
	2 3 4 5 1	
	2 4 3 1 5	
	4 2 3 5 1	
	4 3 2 1 5	
	3 4 2 5 1	
	4 3 5 2 1	
The treble which has just left the front and done one of its 4-5 up dodges, makes fourths place, does one dodge in 4-5 down and goes back into the front work again. Note that it goes in the same way as it has just come out. If it has just come out Quick it goes in Quick. If it has just come out Slow it goes back in Slow. That is because instead of staying behind for two whole sixes it goes back in front after one six only, thus upsetting its regular alternation of Quick and Slow.	2 3 1 4 5	
	3 2 4 1 5	
	2 3 4 5 1	
	2 4 **3 1 5**	Single
	4 2 **3 1 5**	
	4 3 2 5 1	
	3 4 2 1 5	
	4 3 1 2 5	

The other bell at the back (the 5th in the example) has already done its double dodge in 4-5 up and has done one dodge in 4-5 down when the single is called. It lies a whole pull (over the bell making fourths), does a single dodge in 4-5 up, then lies a whole pull and during the next six dodges twice in 4-5 down before going into the front. Note that it also goes in the same way as it came out. This is because it has been at the back for three whole sixes, which similarly upsets the regular alternation of its Quick and Slow work.

At any one of the ten sixes of the plain course a single can be called and, so long as the second single is called ten sixes later (on the same pair of bells) the extent of 120 changes will be produced. Other 120's can be obtained by various combinations of four singles, each two of these four acting on the same pair of bells, but the ten different extents with two singles in each will be enough for our present purpose.

(To be continued.)

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

South Forest Branch

Visitors from Chepstow, Bristol, Gloucester, Liss (Hants) and Kirk Ella (East Yorks) were among those who attended the annual meeting of the South Forest Branch held at Lydney on December 12th. The Rev. G. R. H. Smith, who conducted the service, also presided at the meeting

The secretary in his annual report said the branch had a paid-up membership of 56, with more subscriptions to come in. A presentation of a handbag, wallet-purse and compact had been made to the past branch secretary, Mrs. Stafford. A peal was rung in honour of Mr. W. Beard completing 50 years as a ringer at Ruardean. The report and accounts were adopted.

Officers re-elected were: Chairman, the Rev. G. R. H. Smith: hon. secretary, Mr. H. M. Coombe: Ringing Master, Mr. R. Thomas. Elected junior members were Jane Harrison, Stewart Turner, Michael Hoult, and John Hoult, all of Lydney. The next ordinary meeting will be at Clearwell, followed by an evening meeting at Newland on January 23rd.

The ladies who had served the tea, which included piping hot mince pies and sausage rolls, were called in and personally thanked by the chairman. Ringing continued until 9 p.m.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

The joint meeting of the Mansfield and North Notts Districts at Cuckney, on November 28th, was attended by approximately 25 ringers. Proceedings started with a prayer, offered by the Vicar, the Rev. W. E. Lound.

Mr. H. Denman announced that Babworth, near Retford, bells which had recently been augmented from three to six were to be dedicated on December 22nd. The annual meeting of the Mansfield District is to be held at Mansfield, on January 23rd. Thanks were expressed to the Vicar and the ladies who provided cups of tea. Ringing ranged from Stedman Doubles to London Surprise.

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HARPENDEN BELLS AND RINGERS

(Continued from last issue, page 777)

The resolution took effect, for in 1907 a peal was rung with seven local ringers and Mr. W. Newell from Berkhamsted taking part. Mr. Newell used to walk over from Berkhamsted to instruct the ringers.

Though peals were rung occasionally by visiting bands, it was not until 1913 that the first all-local peal was rung. The marble tablet commemorating this is in the belfry; Mr. A. Day and Mr. W. Hill were among those who participated, and are still active members. Unfortunately this peal is still the only all-local peal to have been rung in Harpenden.

LADIES IN THE BELFRY

After the outbreak of the war in 1914 the band began to go one by one to serve their country. In 1916, with members depleted, a rather new (and I suspect not too popular) event took place: several ladies started to learn, one being the step-daughter of the Rector (Rev. Kean M. Pitt). When the war was over, the ladies drifted away! One of the ringers did not return—Mr. O. Luxon, to whose memory a half-muffled quarter peal was rung. The returned ringers and their friends enjoyed a 'good meat tea' in the Rector's room after ringing a quarter peal in celebration of the end of hostilities. Several of the ringers were married after the war, and each was presented with a bell-shaped inkwell in silver.

David Dellar, who for 28 years had served the ringers as secretary, was involved in an accident, which resulted in his death. A highly-esteemed member of the band, he was sadly missed: a stone tablet to his memory was placed in the belfry. In 1937 the death of 'Ben' Jarman, who had been captain of the ringers for 30 years, deeply affected the band. 'Ben' had served on the committee of the Hertford County Association for many years and was president in 1926. A half-muffled quarter peal was rung to the memory of 'our beloved captain.' Later the memorial screen was placed in the church and dedicated by the Rev. P. G. Handford.

M. A. C.

ST. PETER MANCROFT OUTING, 1959

St. Peter Mancroft ringers' band
A later outing this year planned,
To visit towers not known by all
Ely—Cambridge—Mildenhall.

Past churches, homes and stately hall
To Ely's great Cathedral.
From out the shadows o'er the green
St. Mary's tower could be seen.

After Major, Grandsire, Cambridge, rounds.
A ninth and smaller bell was found
Hung in the tower: twas rung of old
To waken 'horsekeepers,' we're told.

Then on to Cambridge, heavy ring of eight.
Tenor two and thirty hundredweight.
'Church of Our Lady' spire and tower.
Rose window, clock that chimes the hour.

St. Andrew's the Great is our next call.
Captain Cook's monument on the wall.
A tower small, loud ring of eight
Sixteen sixty-seven one bell bears the date.

After ringing as we planned,
To Great St. Mary's near at hand:
Twelve bells of 1769,
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She's said to be a 'maiden' bell.
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Saint's bell, curfew, now silent chimes
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To Mildenhall then, and our last call—
Ten bells in a tower, stately and tall.
Grandsire, Stedman and Treble Ten—
Then we were bound for home again.

D. L. MOORE.

Christmas Day Broadcast

Dear Sir,—Congratulations to all who took part in the Christmas morning ringing, but why, oh why, couldn't we have had well-struck rounds on that beautiful ten at Blackburn instead of very badly struck changes? I thought all the other ringing was excellent—as was the playing of the chime at St. Andrews, Fife.

The second ring broadcast, described as that at Lady St. Mary's, Wareham, Dorset, was certainly not the bells of that tower, I am sure! Instead, we heard some excellent Grandsire Doubles on a light six, tenor, I would say, about 8 cwt. in A. I wonder what happened to Wareham bells, and I am wondering if anyone could say just which bells we heard in their place!—Yours sincerely,

PETER N. BOND.

Tunbridge Wells.

MR. SAM JONES OF ECCLESTON

In spite of the fog which enveloped the Cheshire countryside several members of the Chester Diocesan Guild from various parts of the diocese managed to reach the village of Eccleston for the celebration of Mr. Sam Jones' ninety-first birthday, on Saturday, December 12th.

A well-struck touch of 4,200 Bob Triples was brought round on the fine ring at St. Mary's Church before the party made its way to Mr. Jones' cottage. Here Sam, looking not a day older, and in high spirits, welcomed his guests and soon led the way to a table laden with good things. It can be truly said that full justice was done to this magnificent feast and the great moment came when Mr. Sam Jones, jun., rose to propose the toast 'Many happy returns.'

This was duly honoured in a fitting manner with congratulations and good wishes from all present, after which chairs were drawn to the fire and a pleasant hour was spent in talking of peals and towers, bells and ringers. Such conversation there must always be when ringers are gathered together.

All too soon the time came to say farewell. Coats were put on and with renewed good wishes the visitors reluctantly left the cosy room for the fog outside. J. W. C.

Burghill, Herefordshire

For the second successive year, the ringers of St. Mary's Church, Burghill, Herefordshire, together with members of the choir, were entertained to dinner by Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Hoddell on December 15th.

The social evening which followed was contributed to mainly by the choir, under the direction of the Vicar (Rev. R. G. Benson), but a selection of popular Christmas hymns and carols was played on handbells by four of the ringers—Miss S. Beavan 1-2, Miss D. Chandler 3-4, H. G. Chandler 5-6, B. Beavan 7-8-9.

OBITUARY

MR. F. A. YOUNGMAN

Leiston, Suffolk, lost by the death of Mr. Frederick A. Youngman, on November 17th at the age of 70, a ringer who had given more than 50 years of faithful service to St. Margaret's Church. His death came after a long and painful illness which was borne with great fortitude.

Fred rang his first peal in 1909, but cramp in his hands prevented him from ringing more than a few. This did not prevent his faithful attendance at the belfry on Sundays and he only gave up ringing about five years ago through ill-health.

After the funeral on November 23rd a half-muffled quarter peal of 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major was rung at St. Margaret's Church, Leiston, by L. P. Bailey 1, R. Peck 2, A. R. Bridges 3, J. Pilgrim 4, E. S. Bailey 5, A. S. Pipe 6, J. M. Bailey (conductor) 7, P. S. Bedford 8.

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ENGAGEMENTS

CHAPMAN—BEAMISH. — The engagement is announced between Thomas Chapman, of 68, Edward Avenue, Bishopstoke, Hampshire, and Margaret E. L. Beamish, of 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton. 5522

VERDON — PANKHURST. — The engagement is announced between Colin E. Verdon and Daphne J. Pankhurst, both ringers at St. Peter's, Bexhill-on-Sea, Sussex. 5493

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Members of ST. PETER'S CATHEDRAL BAND, Adelaide, Australia, wish all ringers a year of happy ringing during 1960. 5489

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Commencing January there will be a Surprise Minor practice each second Monday of the month at ASH, Surrey, from 7.30 to 9 p.m. All interested most welcome. 5480

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MEETINGS

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Clement Danes', Strand, Saturday, Jan. 2nd, 2.15 to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.45. Business 5.30 p.m. Everyone welcome.—Rogers, 53, The Grove, Isleworth. ISL 3921. 5441

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD. General meeting, Saturday, Jan. 2nd, Huddersfield Parish. Bells available from 3 to 5.30 p.m. only. All ringers welcome to make best use of limited ringing time. 5467

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—Annual meeting at Bedford on Saturday, Jan. 2nd. St. Peter's bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5, in St. Paul's Church Hall, St. Loyes Street, followed by business meeting and further ringing.—R. L. P. 5485

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Annual general meeting at Ely on Saturday, Jan. 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—D. F. Murfet, Dis. Sec. 5477

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Tonbridge District) and LADIES' GUILD (Kent District).—Joint meeting, Sevenoaks, Saturday, Jan. 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Ladies, please note this will be the annual District meeting. 5377

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Lindsey Branch. — Annual meeting, Gainsborough, Saturday, Jan. 2nd. Bells afternoon and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify me by previous Tuesday.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 5520

MAIDSTONE GRAMMAR SCHOOLS' SOCIETY. — Meeting, Bearsted, Saturday, Jan. 2nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. —Pamela J. Usborne, Sec. 5431

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD — Guilsborough Branch.—Annual general meeting, Guilsborough, Saturday, Jan. 2nd. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 5483

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM. — Annual meeting, Jan. 2nd. St. Martin's bells available 4.30 p.m. Meeting in tower 6 o'clock.—G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec. 5478

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Sheffield, Saturday, Jan. 2nd. St. Marie's bells 3 to 5 p.m. Tea in Wosterholm Hall. Cathedral bells after tea.—J. Seager, Sec.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 2nd, St. Mary's, Nottingham. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Business meeting 5.45 p.m. in the belfry. Own tea arrangements.—S. Adams, Hon. Sec. 5414

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Warnham (8), Saturday, Jan. 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 5524

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting, St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station), Monday, Jan. 4th, 7 p.m. 5530

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Monthly practice, St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Wednesday, Jan. 6th, 6.30 p.m. Annual general meeting, Saturday, Jan. 23rd.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the 'Rising Sun,' Carter Lane, E.C., on Saturday, Jan. 9th, at 6 p.m.—John Chilcott. 5482

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY. — General meeting, Barnsley, Saturday, Jan. 9th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea. Please notify E. Stainrod, 6, Ledbury Road, Smithies, Barnsley. 5516

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Frome Branch.—Annual meeting, Midsomer Norton, Saturday, Jan. 9th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. Savage, 1, Hayes Road, Midsomer Norton. 5512

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION — Bath Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Michael's, Broad Street, Saturday, Jan. 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Abbey bells after tea. Names for tea to J. Hobbs, 21, Hill View Road, Larkhall, Bath. 5501

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District. — Annual meeting, Biggleswade, Saturday, Jan. 9th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special methods: Single Oxford and Superlative. A very important meeting for all District members.—A. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5515

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Kirk Ella, Saturday, Jan. 9th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea by Jan. 7th to Mr. I. Goldthorpe, 6, St Andrew's Mount, Kirk Ella, Hull. 5466

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 9th, St. Michael's, Macclesfield (12). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Jan. 6th to H. C. Lonyon, 8, Cardigan Close, Macclesfield, Cheshire. 5471

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Meeting, Harbury, near Warwick, Saturday, Jan. 9th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Social evening, 7 p.m. All welcome. Names for talent and tea to P. A. Oram, 15, Henley Road, Leamington Spa (8388). 5527

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District.—Annual District meeting, Staveley, Saturday, Jan. 9th. Bells 3 to 7 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to W. Dickenson, High Street, Brimington, Chesterfield.—A. B. Cooper. 5525

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District. — Bishpwearmouth, Saturday, Jan. 9th, 3 p.m. Names for tea not later than Jan. 6th to Mr. R. Bell, 22, Brinkburn Street, Sunderland. 5496

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Annual District meeting, Cambridge, Saturday, Jan. 9th. Ringing, St. Bene't's (6), 3 to 4 p.m., St. Andrew's (8), 3.45 to 4.30. Service 4.30, and ringing after tea. Tea 5 p.m. in St. Andrew's Hall.—E. W. Bullman, Dis. Sec. 5500

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — S.W. District — Annual general meeting, Saturday, Jan. 9th, Barking. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea, please, to Mr. W. Beard, 159, Clement's Road, East Ham, E.6. 5491

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Purton (6), Saturday, Jan. 9th. Names for tea to R. Luton, 169, Cheney Manor Road, Swindon. 5492

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District. — Quarterly meeting at Wrotham, Saturday, Jan. 9th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—R. L. Sills, Dis. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting, New Romney, Saturday, Jan. 9th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by previous Thursday to Mr. H. S. Humphery, 29, The Churchlands, New Romney.—C. T. H. 5507

LADIES' GUILD.—Sussex District.—Annual general meeting, Brighton, Saturday, Jan. 9th. St. Nicholas', 3 p.m. St. Peter's after tea. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to Mrs. Percy, 47, Oldfield Road, Willingdon, Eastbourne. Ladies, please attend to help appoint new secretary. Gentlemen cordially invited.—D. Lester, Hon. Sec. 5468

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Next Branch meeting will be held at Our Lady and St. Nicholas', Pier Head, Liverpool, on Saturday, Jan. 9th. Tower open 3 p.m. Names for tea by Jan. 6th to Miss M. E. White, Mildway, Blackburn Place, Liverpool, 8. —T. E. Radcliffe, Sec. 5518

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting, Preston St. John (Branch annual meeting), Saturday, Jan. 9th. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, 6th, to Mr. C. Crossthwaite, 45, Hershell Street, Preston.—L. Walmsley. 5514

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A.G.M. and annual party, Saturday, Jan. 9th, at St. Luke's, Heywood. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Business 6.30 p.m. Tea by ticket (price 3s.) and party ticket (price 2s. 6d.) to be obtained from J. P. Partington, 21, York Street, Heywood. Please apply early: failure may mean no food.—Hudson, Sec. 5517

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Annual general meeting, Syston, Jan. 9th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Evensong 4.15. Tea in Red Cross Hall, Chapel Street, at 5. Please send names for tea by Jan. 7th at the latest to E. F. Payne, 6, The Green. Will members please make an effort to attend. 5474

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 9th, St. Luke's, Chelsea, 3.30 p.m. Tea, own arrangements. Business and further ringing, St. Mary's, Battersea, 6 p.m.—Miss Powell.

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD. — The annual general meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Burton, Saturday, Jan. 9th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify Mr. D. Brunning, 120, Victoria Crescent, Burton-on-Trent, by Jan. 7th. Business important. All welcome. — J. Cotton. 5476

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION — N. and E. District.—Meeting at St. Augustine's, Kilburn, Saturday, Jan. 9th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by business meeting and further ringing until 8. 5486

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bloxham (8), on Saturday, Jan. 9th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea and business 4.45 p.m. Names for tea by Jan. 5th to H. L. Roper, Adderbury, Banbury, Oxon. 5462

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—A day course of instruction will be held at the Guild Hall, High Wycombe, on Saturday, Jan. 9th, at 10 a.m. Talks will be given on Bell Handling, Learning and Teaching Methods, Rope Splicing, Care and Maintenance of Bells. The cost, under 2s. each. Please give us your support.—W. Butler, Hon. Sec. 5504

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Annual Branch meeting, Saturday, Jan. 9th, St. George's (6), Colegate, Norwich, bells from 2.30 p.m. St. Peter Mancroft after the meeting. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by the Wednesday previous to C. Bird, 27, Warwick Street, Norwich. NOR 48F. 5456

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD — Kettering Branch.—Annual general meeting at Burton Latimer, Saturday, Jan. 9th. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea essential by Tuesday, 5th, to Mr. B. Mutlow, Station House, Burton Latimer. No names, no tea. As usual, free to members. 5472

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Calne Branch.—Annual meeting, Calne, Saturday, Jan. 9th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to E. Buckeridge, Grip House, West Hill, Calne. 5508

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Notts District.—Annual District meeting, Retford, Saturday, Jan. 9th. Babworth, new six, from 2 to 4 p.m.: East Retford from 2.30. Service in East Retford Church, 4.30. Plenty of cafés for tea. Meeting in East Retford belfry at 6 p.m. West Retford (6) and East Retford again after meeting.—H. Denman. 5503

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North Western District.—Practice meeting, Elvedon (8), Saturday, Jan 9th, 6.30 to 9 p.m. 5473

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION —Western Division.—A practice meeting will be held at Angmering (6) on Saturday, Jan. 9th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to E. W. Keys, Greystones, Salthill Road, Fishbourne, Chichester, Sussex. 5497

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Annual meeting, St. Mary's, Portsea, Saturday, Jan. 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Cathedral bells available 7 to 8 p.m. Names by Jan. 5th to Mr. F. W. Rogers, 197, Chatsworth Avenue, Cosham, Portsmouth. 5506

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting, Saturday, Jan. 16th, 2.30 p.m., at Benfieldside (St. Cuthbert's). Names to C. T. Lamb, 26, St. Mary's Crescent, Blackhill. 5513

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. —Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 16th, Earls Colne (8). Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to W. Arnold, Tey Road, Earls Colne. 5523

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kington District.—Annual meeting, Presteigne, on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15 p.m. Business after. Names early, please.—J. Preece, Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow, Leominster, Herefords. 5509

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Annual meeting, Daventry, Saturday, Jan. 16th. Names for tea by Monday previous to Mr. H. Johnson, Greenford, Badby Road, West Daventry.—F. W. Hancock. 5521

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Peter's, Dorchester, Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. at Wessex Restaurant. Names for tea by Wednesday, Jan. 13th, to R. H. Duke, Morland, 46, Prince of Wales Road, Dorchester, Dorset. 5519

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Annual meeting, Newark, Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names by Wednesday previous to me.—W. L. Exton, 60, Albert Street, Newark, Notts. 5528

SUFFOLK GUILD. — North East District (the old Beccles, Halesworth and Saxmundham Districts).—Meeting at Leiston on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5. Please send names for tea by Jan. 13th, to Alan R. Bridges, Dis. Sec., 28, Waterloo Avenue, Leiston. 5475

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South West District.—Meeting, Lavenham (8), Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to F. S. Mortlock, 7, Church Street, Lavenham. 5529

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Annual District meeting to be held at Redhill (8) on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Thursday to Mr. A. Streeter, 4, Maple Road, Earlswood. 5505

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Northern Section.—Annual meeting, St. David's, Brecon, Saturday, Jan. 16th, 2.30 p.m. 5499

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Southampton District.—Annual District meeting, Saturday, Jan. 16th, St. Mary's, Southampton. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. St. Michael's after meeting. Names for tea to Mr. J. W. Faithfull, 31, High Road, Swaythling, Southampton. 5511

SURREY ASSOCIATION.— Northern District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Peter's, South Croydon, Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5, in St. Peter's Hall. Bells after. Names by Wednesday previous to Miss V. Potter, 9, Waverley Road, S.E.25.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 5490

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Next general meeting at Wakefield on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. General committee meet in Cathedral vestry at 3.15 p.m. prompt. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea (3s. per head) in Brook Street Schools. Names by 21st to Mr. J. E. Kirby, 53, Pinderfields Road, Wakefield. General meeting immediately afterwards. Bells available: Sandal (6), 2.30 to 4 p.m.: Cathedral (12) immediately after meeting till 9 p.m.—L. W. G. Morris, Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Bradford, 9. 5498

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A PEAL RINGER LOOKS BACK ON 1959

AS we welcome 1960 and an enlarged 'Ringing World,' it is well to record some of the achievements of 1959. The usual number of new methods have been rung, with the Willesden band prominent, and old ones revived by different bands. Once again the Loughborough Bell Foundry was well to the fore as the most popular tower.

The first notable event was probably the four Surprise peals in a day rung by Cheshire men, and Basil Jones became the first one-armed ringer to accomplish more than two peals in a day.

This was closely followed by an enterprising band, under the leadership of Robin Leale, spending a week-end in the Channel Islands and ringing two peals on the sixes at Alderney and Vale Parish Church, Guernsey, for a Guild of their own choice—'The International Ringing Association.' These peals set the sparks flying in the correspondence columns and for at least two months there was a steady flow of letters on the subject, mainly relating to Winchester and Portsmouth Guild peal fees owed by Mr. Leale's party for peals rung in 1958. A witty letter by Mr. Leale finally ended the dispute.

Of the peal tours, the three bands visiting Ireland in succeeding weeks, arranged respectively by Mr. A. P. Cannon, Mr. Wilfred Williams and Mr. J. W. Cotton, were conspicuous for a wealth of good peals. Mr. F. E. Dukes worked strenuously in making the local arrangements and the hospitality was on a scale for which the Irish are renowned.

The Universities were well to the fore with their weeks. From a peal point of view Cambridge had one of their best weeks in recent years. The Universities Association week had little to record in the way of peals, but, with their headquarters in a Durham castle, Mr. Dennis Bayles arranged a really thrilling ringing tour of Co. Durham and Northumberland. Manchester University Guild had a successful week-end peal ringing in the Lake District; Oxford University have appeared fairly regularly, Bristol are full of life and London have good peal ringers in their ranks.

We live in an age when youth is very much in the limelight for enterprising peal ringing. Youth all over the country have extended congratulations to Mr. Brian Woodruffe's touring party, whose average age was 17½ years. They toured Somerset, Dorset and Devon, and their peals included Bob Major on the heaviest eight at Sherborne Abbey and two peals of Spliced Surprise, one being on the beautiful bells at Chewton Mendip. Two companies had each 13 peals during their week—Mr. G. E. Fearn's in Devon and Mr. T. J. Lock's in Yorkshire. Mr. A. P. Cannon's went one better with 14 in Sussex.

The midnight zanies have not been in action this year; their enthusiasm for attempting seven peals in a day. The Everest of long lengths — the 40,320 — is still attracting aspirants. Three different bands have made attempts at Loughborough Bell Foundry. The bands competing were organised by Mr. Stephen Ivin, Mr. Pat Chapman and finally, one of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, by Mr. Brian Woodruffe. Some 28,850 changes were reached by Mr. Ivin's band before the attempt was abandoned.

However, Mr. Robin Leale's band were successful in ringing a record length of Cambridge Surprise Major at Quex Park, although a later attempt to ring a record length of Bob Royal was not successful.

When the Peals Analysis Committee check up their totals, a feature of the year will probably be the increase in ten-bell peals. London Surprise Royal has become very popular and peals in this method have been scored all over the country by many different bands, amongst them being several by the well-known Birmingham band, which was the first in the method in that city.

Outstanding among the dedications was the new ring of 12 at Great Yarmouth, which took place at the latter end of the year. The dedication ceremony was largely attended by ringers from all over the country, and the excellent arrangements for ringing and the beauty of the bells were the subject of many comments. By a coincidence, at the same time and on the same day the 10 bells at Carbis Bay, Cornwall, were rededicated. Both these churches have as their incumbents vicars who have done much to advance the Exercise—the Rev. Gilbert Thurlow and the Rev. A. S. Roberts. Surrey welcomes the recasting of Farnham bells.

It was Lancashire who were hosts to the Central Council for their 1959 meeting, and the gathering at Southport was one of the most successful in the annals of the Council. Members and their ladies were hospitably entertained to dinner. The meeting was a long one. 'Ringing World' finances, a regular topic in our correspondence columns, occupied much attention and a peal levy was defeated. But 1959 will always be remembered for the presentation of the Survey on Sunday Ringing. One outcome that has been manifest since the presentation of this report has been the strong missionary spirit in different parts of the country in the attempt to reduce the number of silent towers. Those undertaking this work of training new bands rarely get a mention in our columns; many deny themselves the joys of peal ringing to fulfil this essential work. A glance at the quarter peals in any issue indicates that a steady stream of young men and maidens have essayed the first step on the path of change ringing progress. Yes, Southport will live in memory and may the spark there kindled never be quenched, because recruitment and proper training are essential for the progress of the Exercise and the fulfilment of the real purpose of our calling, that the church bells of our land shall ring out on Sundays.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 19, 1959, *in* 3 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST,
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 31 cwt.

WILLIAM A. THEOBALD	*Treble*	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	7
RONALD F. DISERENS	2	*R. ROGER SAVORY	8
ALAN F. THIRST	3	STEWART F. KIMBER	9
TUDOR P. EDWARDS	4	PETER BORDER	10
WILLIAM T. COOK	5	RODNEY B. MEADOWS	11
BRYAN PATTISSON	6	WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.
* First peal of Surprise Maximus.

TEN BELL PEALS

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 24, 1959, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 18 cwt.

*FRANCIS POTTER	*Treble*	THOMAS W. LEWIS	6
ARTHUR J. MARTIN	2	†ROBERT W. COLE	7
MICHAEL SPRACKLING	3	PATRICK HARRIS	8
†HAROLD E. RAXTER	4	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN	9
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	5	FREDERICK CRUMP	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.
* First peal on ten bells. † First of Caters.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 19, 1959, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in D.

JOHN D. ROCK	*Treble*	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	2	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE	7
ROBIN G. LEALE	3	JOHN R. MAYNE	8
JOHN HILL	4	FREDERICK R. SCOTT	9
WILLIAM S. DEASON	5	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.
Mr. Cannon's 450th different tenor turned in to a peal.

NOTTINGHAM.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Sat., Dec. 19, 1959, *in* 3 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 35 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in C.

KATHARINE BURCHNALL	*Treble*	GEOFFREY R. PARKER	6
GRACE BURCHNALL	2	*HAROLD STEVENSON	7
MARGARET A. SWANN	3	JAMES W. RAITHBY	8
JACK L. MILLHOUSE	4	WALTER NICHOLS	9
WILLIAM L. EXTON	5	*SYDNEY ADAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal of Caters.

SOUTHAMPTON.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 26, 1959, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 16¼ cwt.

FRANK E. GILBERT	*Treble*	GEOFFREY K. DODD	6
JOHN H. GILBERT	2	REGINALD W. REX	7
ADRIAN J. TUMBER	3	FRANK W. LEWIS	8
ROBERT C. KIPPIN	4	CYRIL E. LEWINGTON	9
RONALD F. DISERENS	5	NOEL J. DISERENS	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by NOEL J. DISERENS.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BIRCH-IN-RUSHOLME, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 14, 1959, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb.

BARRIE S. SHEPPERD	*Treble*	GEORGE F. NIX	5
PATRICIA S. WALKER	2	BRIAN A. TOMLINSON	6
F. DOROTHY FRANCE	3	GEOFFREY D. FEARNEHOUGH	7
PETER WATSON	4	TREVOR TAYLOR	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by TREVOR TAYLOR.
Rung to celebrate the engagement of Dorothy France and Geoffrey Fearnehough.

GILLINGHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 28, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's transposition. Tenor 11½ cwt.

ERIC NAYLOR	*Treble*	GEORGE A. NAYLOR	5
EDWARD C. BARTON	2	*WILFRID S. PALIN	6
*KATHLEEN M. WALSH	3	GEORGE KENWARD	7
STANLEY B. DOBBIE	4	JOHN CLARK	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERIC NAYLOR.
* First peal of Stedman.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 9, 1959, *in* 3 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Vicars'. Tenor 24 cwt. 9 lb.

*GEORGE F. NIX	*Treble*	ROBERT WARRILOW	5
JOHN PILKINGTON	2	TREVOR TAYLOR	6
*BARRIE S. SHEPPERD	3	*DAVID W. JAMES	7
*RONALD JOHNSON	4	BARRIE HENDRY	*Tenor*

Conducted by TREVOR TAYLOR.
* First peal of Triples.
Rung after meeting short for Grandsire Caters, Miss Margaret Ross kindly standing down.

BOSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 12, 1959, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

CHARLES MCGUINESS	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. HOLMES	5
WILLIAM E. CLARKE	2	HORACE BENNETT	6
JOHN E. ALLEN	3	J. MARTIN THORLEY	7
GEORGE R. BUTLER	4	C. HAROLD WHITTON	*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by C. HAROLD WHITTON.
Fastest peal on the bells.
A sixth wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Whitton.

BURNHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 12, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's (Grove's variation). Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

GEORGE COUSSINS	*Treble*	RICHARD E. DEAN	5
*HOWARD OGLESBY	2	ROBERT BEGRIE	6
MISS M. R. JAYCOCK	3	GEORGE GILBERT	7
GORDON W. LIMMER	4	†JOHN H. BLACKMOOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.
* 25th peal. † First peal.

GAINSBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 12, 1959, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

*DAVID CROSBY	*Treble*	†JOHN M. BLAIKIE	5
†DELIA SMITH	2	†JOHN R. NICHOLSON	6
GEORGE E. FEIRN	3	G. LESLIE A. LUNN	7
C. AUBREY HARRISON	4	†A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL	*Tenor*

Composed by J. PLATT. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.
* First peal on eight bells. † First of Treble Bob Major.
Rung in memory of the late Bishop Greaves.

BARROW-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 19, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

*W. ARTHUR CROWDER	*Treble*	†PHILIP G. K. DAVIES	5
GEORGE E. FEIRN	2	*JOHN HALL	6
*JACK BRAY	3	MICHAEL W. CROWDER	7
*GEORGE W. MOODY	4	WILLIAM A. DOWSE	*Tenor*

Composed by W. BARTON. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.
* First peal of Lincolnshire Surprise. † First in the method 'inside.'

BIGGLESWADE, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 19, 1959, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2, *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

ALAN S. SMITH	*Treble*	BRYAN F. SIMS	5
LEONARD B. SCOOT	2	EDWIN G. BUCK	6
JILL MAYES	3	COLIN A. S. HARWOOD	7
LEWIS H. BYWATERS	4	JACK S. DEAR	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by COLIN A. S. HARWOOD.
First peal in the method as conductor.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the conductor.

HUGGLESCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 19, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

*BERYL HARTLEY	*Treble*	ERNEST W. RAWSON	5
A. MAXWELL LINDSEY ..	2	ALAN E. HARTLEY	6
*MARTIN C. FAULKES ..	3	PETER J. STANIFORTH.. ..	7
MICHAEL D. STANIFORTH	4	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD ..	*Tenor*

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.
* First peal of Stedman.
Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. J. B. Forgham to Miss Pamela M. Over, daughter of the Ringing Master at this church and a local ringer.

HUISH EPISCOPI, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 19, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Tenor 16 cwt.

ROGER KEELEY	*Treble*	HENRY G. KEELEY	5
GORDON GAYLARD	2	GEORGE H. E. JEANES ..	6
JAMES E. LOOKER	3	HARRY J. GAYLARD	7
RAYMOND P. SELWAY ..	4	ALBERT W. DYER	*Tenor*

Composed by F. H. DEXTER (No. 1). Conducted by HARRY J. GAYLARD.

TEWKESBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 19, 1959, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in D.

WILFRED J. NEWMAN ..	*Treble*	PATRICK HARRIS	5
DEREK PRICE	2	HAROLD E. RAXTER	6
R. GEORGE MORRIS	3	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN	7
ALLEN MORGAN	4	THOMAS W. LEWIS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by R. GEORGE MORRIS.

HIGHCLERE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Dec. 20, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 27 lb.

FRANK W. LEWIS	*Treble*	*CYRIL E. LEWINGTON ..	5
REGINALD W. REX	2	RONALD F. DISERENS ..	6
ERNEST J. MUNDAY ..	3	*ARTHUR SAYERS	7
*BRIAN MILLS	4	GEOFFREY K. DODD ..	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.
* First peal of Double Norwich Court Bob. First of Double Norwich as conductor.

CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Dec. 22, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
J. W. Washbrook's variation of Thurstans' Four-part.
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

JOHN WALDEN	*Treble*	FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD ..	5
NORAH M. BIBBY	2	GEORGE H. RANDLES ..	6
*MRS. F. G. BLOOMFIELD	3	*JACK L. MILLHOUSE ..	7
†G. LEONARD THOMPSON..	4	RONALD APPLEWHITE ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* 75th peal together. † First of Stedman.
Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to Mr. John Cragg, local Ringing Master and founder member of the Guild: also a 92nd birthday compliment to Mrs. J. Randles, mother of the sixth ringer.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Tues., Dec. 22, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in G.

GEORGE L. ROOBOTTOM ..	*Treble*	DAVID W. BRUNNING ..	5
RICHARD J. CLIFTON.. ..	2	WILLIAM F. WOODWARD ..	6
ARTHUR E. ROWLEY	3	JOSEPH W. COTTON	7
JOHN K. SMITH	4	ROLAND BENISTON	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.
Rung for the Christmas Festival.

BLEWBURY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 24, 1959, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's transposition. Tenor 19½ cwt.

JAMES P. BLOND	*Treble*	HENRY L. BISHOP	5
HAROLD W. DUNSDEN ..	2	CLAUDE CORDEROY	6
ALFRED R. T. GREENOUGH	3	ROBERT B. BLOND	7
FRANK E. GODDEN	4	CECIL CORDEROY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT B. BLOND.
For Christmas.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Dec. 24, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14¾ cwt. in F sharp.

MICHAEL C. AUSTIN.. ..	*Treble*	*ALAN GARGRAVE	5
A. ST. JOHN BOYACK ..	2	*DESMOND MITCHELL ..	6
BRIAN R. DOWNES	3	FRANK V. GANT	7
ERNEST W. FURBANK.. ..	4	LIONEL S. WOODS	*Tenor*

Composed by DAVID W. BEARD. Conducted by LIONEL S. WOODS.
* First peal of Bob Major.
Rung for the Christmas Festival. Also as a compliment to the conductor and Miss Vivien Pain on the occasion of their engagement.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 26, 1959, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

ROBERT E. LESTER	*Treble*	URBAN W. WILDNEY ..	5
HARRY J. MILLATT	2	*HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	6
BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD ..	3	†EDWARD E. DAVEY.. ..	7
*ROSEMARY J. SEABROOK ..	4	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ..	*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by HARRY J. MILLATT.
* First peal of London Surprise Major. † First of London.

HEXHAM, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 26, 1959, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

JOHN E. ANDERSON ..	*Treble*	GEORGE S. DEAS	5
ERIC N. HARRISON	2	CHARLES N. LEA	6
*FREDERICK ROSS	3	KENNETH ARTHUR	7
KENNETH W. CHEESEMAN	4	J. ALAN AINSWORTH.. ..	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER (No. 39). Conducted by KENNETH ARTHUR.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 21 cwt.
Arranged as a thank-offering for the completion of the work on the tower as part of the Hexham Abbey Restoration Appeal.

LUTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 26, 1959, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising 2,560 London, 960 Bristol, 800 each of Cambridge and Superlative, with 100 changes of method. Tenor 25 cwt. 24 lb. in D.

AVRIL THACKRAY	*Treble*	ALFRED E. RUSHTON.. ..	5
JENNIFER M. DAVIES.. ..	2	JAMES R. TAYLOR	6
BRIAN BLADON	3	DEREK P. JONES..	7
PHILIP MEHEW	4	STEPHEN IVIN	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.
Rung, after meeting short for Spliced Surprise Royal, to honour the wedding of Anne Amor and Derek Stainsby, which took place in Bedford earlier this day.

PENDLEBURY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 26, 1959, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH.
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13¼ cwt. in F sharp.

NORMAN TOMPKINS	*Treble*	GORDON ROTHWELL	5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	2	BRIAN TOMLINSON	6
JOHN P. PARTINGTON	3	PETER CROOK	7
ROGER MAHER	4	JOSEPH THORNLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by PETER CROOK.
Rung upon the Feast of St. Stephen, to celebrate the centenary of this parish, and to the memory of Henry Joy Fynes Clinton (priest), Rector of St. Magnus-the-Martyr, London Bridge, and a Guardian of the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham.

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THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 26, 1959, *in* 3 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Denys,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt 23 lb. in D.

Ernest J. Munday	*Treble*	Alan E. Bagworth	5
William S. Deason	2	Ian H. Oram	6
Stanley G. Ponting	3	Barwell B. Dibben	7
Robin G. Leale	4	William Rogers	*Tenor*

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Robin G. Leale.

ROYSTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 26, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
A PEAL OF 5088 ROYSTON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr.

G. William Critchley	*Treble*	Jack S. Dear	5
Joan M. Wilcockson	2	Colin A. S. Harwood	6
Claudia A. Critchley	3	J. Richard Castledine	7
Jill Mayes	4	John R. Mayne	*Tenor*

Composed by W. Eric Critchley.
Conducted by G. William Critchley.
First peal in the method, which is not No. 269 in the Corrigan collection of Surprise Major methods.

ST. NEOTS, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 26, 1959, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5056 PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in D flat.

John G. Gipson	*Treble*	George E. Thoday	5
Ruth M. Border	2	Giles C. Galley	6
Eustace W. Bullman	3	Frank E. Haynes	7
Derek E. Sibson	4	Peter Border	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. Hattersley. Conducted by Peter Border.
First peal in the method by all except the ringers of treble and 3.

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 28, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*Michael E. Turner	*Treble*	*Robert Dean	5
Raymond P. Selway	2	Harry J. Gaylard	6
Frederick Welch	3	*Sidney W. White	7
Jack W. Drew	4	William E. Turner	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. Burton. Conducted by Jack W. Drew.
* First peal of Major.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. Pond on their diamond wedding anniversary.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Dec. 29, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT & OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Ilkeston variation. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb. in A flat.

Stephen Broomfield	*Treble*	*Peter A. Sharp	5
*Jane K. A. Cook	2	*Ronald Applewhite	6
Arthur W. Hoodless	3	W. Arthur Crowder	7
G. Leonard Thompson	4	Jack L. Millhouse	*Tenor*

Composed by F. Nolan Golden. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* First peal of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major.

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SIX BELL PEALS

SAXTHORPE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Oct. 16, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in four methods, viz.: Four of Plain Bob and one each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and St. Clement's. Tenor 2¾ cwt.

Bevan W. Willgress	*Treble*	Ray W. Balls	4
Frederick Boyce	2	Horace Lubbock	5
Derek Pardon	3	Geoffrey R. Drew	*Tenor*

Conducted by Geoffrey R. Drew.

WATH, near RIPON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Dec. 5, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5040 WATH DELIGHT MINOR
Being seven extents (two callings). Tenor 7¼ cwt.

Alan Evans	*Treble*	*Edward M. Bradley	4
Mrs. J. R. Render	2	*John Potts	5
Alan Sheppard	3	Kenneth B. Sissons	*Tenor*

Conducted by Kenneth B. Sissons.
* 25th peal together. First in the method by all the band. Believed to be the first peal on the bells and in the method for the Association.

YAXHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 5, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in six methods: Two of Plain Bob, and one each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Kent T.B. and Oxford T.B. Tenor 12 cwt.

William Clover	*Treble*	Thomas E. Spight	4
Freda Greaves	2	Henry Tooke	5
Tony Owen	3	Geoffrey R. Drew	*Tenor*

Conducted by Geoffrey R. Drew.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 12, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (five callings). Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in E.

Malcolm Newcombe	*Treble*	Walter Beebe	4
Robert Bates	2	Ernest Wilson	5
Kay Greenway	3	Leslie Floyd	*Tenor*

Conducted by Ernest Wilson.
First peal by all except the ringer of the fourth. First as conductor.
Rung as a farewell peal to Leslie Floyd, who is leaving the district shortly.

WICKWAR, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 12, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of The Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different 720's. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb.

*Ronald Cox	*Treble*	Harold Hobbs	4
Leonard Hewitt	2	William Richings	5
Frederick Roberts	3	Leslie Barry	*Tenor*

Conducted by Leslie Barry.
* First peal of Minor.
Rung to the memory of Horace Robinson, 50 years a ringer at this tower.

SEALE, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 17, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Lawrence,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In three methods, being two extents of Oxford T.B., two of Kent T.B. and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

Ernest Gardner	*Treble*	Charles Poyntz	4
Edward J. Bragg	2	Dugald H. MacPherson	5
Stanley A. Ponting	3	Tom Page	*Tenor*

Conducted by Tom Page.

SEEND, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 17, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of the Holy Cross,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

William C. West	*Treble*	Harry Heath	4
Herbert Heaton	2	L. Michael Noad	5
Frederick Ross	3	Charles F. Andrews	*Tenor*

Conducted by Charles F. Andrews.

BRAMPFORD SPEKE, DEVONSHIRE.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Fri., Dec. 18, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one 720 of Cambridge Surprise and two differently-arranged 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 5 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb.

Sidney Skinner	*Treble*	Frank D. Mack	4
Heather Hood	2	E. Maurice Atkins	5
Norman Mallett	3	John L. S. Glanvill	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. Maurice Atkins.
Rung to celebrate the births of Mr. Glanvill's grandson and granddaughter.

CROXTON KERRIAL, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 19, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Single Court, Kent T.B. and Oxford T.B., and four Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr.

Alfred E. Hinman	*Treble*	Denis A. Frith	4
*Edgar A. Cole	2	J. Harry Cook	5
F. William Pinchbeck	3	James H. Musson	*Tenor*

Conducted by James H. Musson.
* First peal of Minor in four methods. First on the bells since restoration.

HOLYWOOD, CO. DOWN.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 19, 1959, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Plain Bob, two each of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob; every 720 a change of method (seven callings).
Tenor 13 cwt. 16 lb.

*GERALD D. BROWN (15)	*Treble*	†WILLIAM A. PATTERSON	4
JEAN STEWART	2	*JONATHAN S. N. PORTER (16)	5
HARRY BROWN	3	JOHN T. DUNWOODY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN T. DUNWOODY.
* First peal (first attempt). † First in three methods.
Birthday compliments to Mr. W. Pratt (president of the Association) and the ringer of the treble.

KIDSGROVE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 19, 1959, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents (C.C.C. Nos. 145 to 151). Tenor 11 cwt. 4 lb.

FREDK. E. WILSHAW	*Treble*	*REGINALD A. CHALLINOR	4
*NORMAN SHERRATT	2	*HENRY WINDSOR	5
*PHILLIP A. MASON	3	*WALTER SHERRATT	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK E. WILSHAW.
* First peal in the method.

KIRKBY-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 19, 1959, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*GORDON RICHINS	*Treble*	THOMAS F. METCALFE	4
JAMES E. DICKINSON	2	JOHN BAGNALL	5
*HARRY BARNES	3	JAMES E. BURLES	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES E. BURLES.
* First peal in the method.
Rung for Christmas.

LYONSHALL, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 19, 1959, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

*BRYAN GIDDINGS	*Treble*	REV. E. G. BENSON	4
MRS. E. C. CHANDLER	2	A. BRYAN ELLSMORE	5
*THOMAS BOUNDS	3	FREDERICK R. HARRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. BRYAN ELLSMORE.
* First peal of Minor. First of Minor as conductor.

STOKE-NEXT-GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 19, 1959, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise and three different extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

DAVID J. TUBBS	*Treble*	†E. JOHN WELLS	4
*JANET E. CLEEVE	2	PETER G. SMART	5
STANLEY G. PONTING	3	HAROLD A. MAY	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD A. MAY.
* First peal of Minor. † 125th peal.

TAXAL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 19, 1959, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

*ANNE P. SMITH	*Treble*	*PETER DALE	4
JOHN ROBINSON	2	FRANK OSBALDISTON	5
EILEEN M. FEARN	3	ROBERT B. SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.
* First peal.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 19, 1959, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being an extent each of London, Beverley, Norwich, Ipswich, Cambridge, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

*JOHN D. FAIRCLOTH	*Treble*	†IAN H. ORAM	4
JOHN W. SMITH	2	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	5
ANDREW M. MACVE	3	RALPH BIRD	*Tenor*

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.
* First peal. † 150th peal.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 19, 1959, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout.
Tenor 12 cwt.

LAWRENCE T. POPE	*Treble*	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	4
*RITA A. GOWER	2	CRAWFORD T. HILLIS	5
*ROSEMARY E. GOWER	3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	*Tenor*

Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.
* First peal of Surprise.
Rung, with the compliments of the rest of the Willesborough band, to celebrate the 21st birthday of the twin ringers of 2 and 3.

SUCKLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Dec. 20, 1959, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt.

*JAMES RANFORD	*Treble*	FREDERICK MERRICK	4
DONALD R. HINKSMAN	2	*WALTER HUBAND	5
ARTHUR F. WALL	3	THOMAS COOPER	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS COOPER.
* First peal of Minor.

HARSTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 22, 1959, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.

GEORGE E. THODAY	*Treble*	GEOFF. PRATT	4
PETER J. SHIPTON	2	JOHN G. GIPSON	5
*HARRY F. CHURCHMAN	3	DEREK E. SIBSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.
* First peal of Surprise 'inside.'

LITTLE COMBERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 22, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being two 2,160's and one 720 composed of seven different extents (C.C.C. Nos. 83, 82, 81; 75, 80, 79; and 58).
Tenor 12¼ cwt. in F sharp.

*JACQUELINE A. ROBERTS	*Treble*	*GORDON T. BROWN	4
†SHEILA KEYTE	2	GERALD C. HEMMING	5
†MARTYN HAWKES	3	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	*Tenor*

Conducted by GERALD C. HEMMING.
* First peal of Surprise. † First of Cambridge Minor.

BAWTRY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Dec. 24, 1959, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven variations. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr.

*NANCY WORSDALL	*Treble*	ALEC WILSON	4
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	2	HAROLD DENMAN	5
FREDK. J. JACKSON	3	ROBIN WORSDALL	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
* First peal.

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SUTTON-ON-THE-HILL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Dec. 24, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 18 lb. in G.

*Edward H. Willows	*Treble*	†Garth Munton	4
Deborah Wilson	2	John F. Murfin	5
Noreen P. Wickham	3	David K. Walkiate	*Tenor*

Conducted by David K. Walkiate.
* First peal of Minor. † First 'inside.'
A birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

ALDERTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 26, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Margaret-of-Antioch,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. in A flat.

Gordon T. Brown	*Treble*	R. Roger Savory	4
Martyn Hawkes	2	Geoffrey J. Hemming	5
William B. Pomeroy	3	Gerald C. Hemming	*Tenor*

Conducted by Gerald C. Hemming.
First peal of London Surprise Minor by all the band.

BABWORTH, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 26, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three extents of Single Oxford and four of Plain Bob.
Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

Grace Burchnall	*Treble*	Harold Denman	4
Valerie Waterfield	2	Katharine Burchnall	5
Alec Wilson	3	Richard Hobbs	*Tenor*

Conducted by Richard Hobbs.
First peal on the bells, which were augmented from three to six and rehung by J. Taylor and Co. in November, 1959, and dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Southwell on December 22nd, 1959.

BRANSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 26, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in 17 methods: (1) Capel, Sandal, London Scholars', Kingston and Oxford Treble Bob; (2) Double and Single Court; (3) St. Clement's and Double Oxford; (4) College Single and Wavertree; (5) Childwall and Thelwall; (6) Plain Bob and Oxford Bob; (7) Double Bob and Fulbeck. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

G. Leonard Thompson	*Treble*	*Louis Willders	4
John F. Pearson	2	Jack L. Millhouse	5
*Peter Sharp	3	Ronald Applewhite	*Tenor*

Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
*25th peal together.

HANDBELL PEALS

BEVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 12, 1959, *in* 1 *Hour and* 50 *Minutes,*
At 36, Eastgate,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents.

*Frances Fairbank	1—2	Charles Barker	3—4
*Malcolm Lincoln	5—6		

Conducted by Charles Barker.
* First peal of Treble Bob.

HARROW, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 18, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes.*
At 170, Headstone Lane,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in D.

*Thomas J. Lock	1—2	†John R. Mayne	5—6
†Joan Beresford	3—4	Christopher W. Woolley	7—8

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by John R. Mayne.
* First peal of Surprise on handbells. † First in the method on handbells. First in the method on handbells for the Association.

John Taylor & Co.
LOUGHBOROUGH
The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

LONG LENGTH

ECCLESTON, CHESHIRE.—On Dec. 12th, 4,200 Plain Bob Triples: J. W. Griffiths (cond.) 1, C. W. Lawton 2, Mrs. C. W. Lawton 3, H. Parker 4, C. Raddon 5, S. Jones (jun.) 6, A. J. Martin 7, F. T. Parry 8. In honour of the 91st birthday of Mr. S. Jones, of Eccleston. This was a peal attempt which had to be curtailed owing to indisposition of a member of the band.

DATE TOUCH

CLAPTON-IN-GORDANO, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 30th, 1,959 Doubles in 17 methods (11 individual Plain courses) being 120 each of All Saints, Candlesby S.C., Union, Stedman, Reverse Canterbury, Clifford Pleasure, Southrepps, St. Columb, Plain Bob, April Day, Old, Kennington, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas' and Winchendon Place and 39 Grandsire: Mary Powell 1, D. Yeo 2, Monica Horseman 3, M. Horseman (cond.) 4, J. Brain 5, J. Stallard 6. First in 17 methods by all.

ABBOTS LEIGH, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Williams 1, Monica Horseman 2, N. Coombes 3, R. Gale 4, F. Neate 5, M. Horseman (cond.) 6.

ASTON, WARWICKS.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. S. Burbidge 1, D. T. Finnemore 2, A. Short 3, D. R. Ingram 4, R. C. Ingram (cond.) 5, M. G. Ingram 6. For Evensong.

BATHAMPTON, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. M. White (first quarter) 1, A. Gooding 2, S. A. Read (cond.) 3, W. J. Prescott 4, F. Gooding 5, L. Laye 6. For midnight service.

BAUGHURST, HANTS.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. West 1, A. Atkins 2, S. Miles 3, D. Cane 4, J. Morley (cond.) 5, A. West 6. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Blake.

BILTON, WARWICKS.—On Dec. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. J. A. Tole 1, L. A. Whewall 2, P. C. Taylor 3, W. E. Burnell 4, J. C. Nichols 5, J. A. Tole (cond.) 6. For the wedding of Miss P.E. Wincott (a local ringer) and Mr. W. Spreadbury, and for the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Tole. Also on Dec. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss L. M. Nichols (first quarter, aged 10) 1, L. A. Whewall 2, Miss J. M. Rushall 3, P. C. Taylor 4, J. C. Nichols (cond.) 5, W. E. Burnell 6.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. W. Dunsden 1, R. H. Mills 2, P. Corderoy (first 'inside') 3, E. J. Grace 4, J. P. Blond 5, Claude Corderoy (cond.) 6, R. B. Blond 7, A. F. F. Samler 8.

BLOXWICH, STAFFS.—On Nov. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Howlett 1, Jill Fisher 2, Margaret Pritchard 3, D. Wilkes (first 'inside') 4, G. Hughes (cond.) 5, J. Eastwood 6. For Confirmation service, and as a compliment to Marlene Jones and Janet Barnett, members of the local band, who were among the candidates; also a 21st birthday compliment to the former.

BLUNSDON, WILTS.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob): Miss S. A. Peake (first quarter, aged 12) 1, A. R. Peake (cond.) 2, Mrs. G. Swain 3, B. S. Sheppard 4, B. Bladon 5, Miss L. Hawes 6. Rung for the candlelight carol service. Also on Dec. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss A. Porter (aged 11) 1, Mrs. G. Swain 2, J. West 3, B. S. Sheppard 4, A. R. Peake (cond.) 5, G. Swain 6. First quarter 1 and 6.

BOSBURY, HEREFORDS.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Minor (Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob): T. Cooper 1, J. Clements 2, J. Ward 3, C. W. Nutt 4, F. Merrick 5, J. G. Pusey (cond.) 6. To mark the 20th anniversary of the wedding in this church of 3.

BRADDEN, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): W. J. Chester 1, C. Truman 2, W. A. Yates (cond.) 3, M. Saunders 4, G. Shellard 5.

BRAMPTON, HUNTS.—On Nov. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Lucy Allen (cond.) 1, Maureen Allen 2, R. Cooper 3, E. J. Whiting 4, J. W. Allen 5. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Robert Sidney Brawn and Dorothy Ann Rodber.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. Ambrose, 1,280 Pudsey Surprise Major: R. Hooper (cond.) 1, D. Cobb 2, Monica Horseman 3, M. Horseman 4, D. Exell 5, J. Brain 6, J. Hunt 7, J. Gilbert 8. First of Pudsey by 2, 3, 4 and 6.

BROAD HINTON, WILTS.—On Dec. 19th, 1,440 Surprise Minor (720 Carlisle, Munden, Chester, 720 Alnwick and Newcastle): P. Wakefield 1, Miss L. Hawes 2, R. Wright 3, V. Griffin 4, A. R. Peake (cond.) 5, B. Bladon 6.

QUARTER PEALS

BUSHLEY, WORCS.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Doubles (120 each of Shipway's Place, St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place, St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Chase, All Saints, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, Reverse St. Bartholomew and 60 Grandsire): A. Halling 1, Nadine Price 2, F. E. Wood 3, M. Hawkes (cond.) 4, P. D. Warren 5, R. Liddell (first quarter) 6. First in 11 methods by all except the conductor.

CHAPEL ALLERTON, YORKS.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. E. T. Clark 1, Susan R. Adams (first quarter) 2, Margaret A. Clark 3, Eileen B. Adams (first quarter) 4, J. S. Clark (first quarter) 5, J. D. Nixon (first as cond.) 6. First quarter by a local band. Rung for the ordination of the curate (the Rev. M. Trotter).

CLERKENWELL, E.C.—At St. James' Church, on Dec. 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Andrews 1, A. Lewry 2, F. Corfield 3, G. Parsons 4, W. Prockson 5, E. Talbot 6, J. Euston (cond.) 7, E. Peett 8. For Matins.

COMPTON BISHOP, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire): T. Feltham (first quarter, aged 14) 1, A. J. Peters 2, Miss A. White 3, H. Hooper (cond.) 4, J. Brinson 5, J. Loxton 6. For children's gift service.

CROXTON KERRIAL, NOTTS.—On Dec. 5th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: S. Meredith 1, R. Blackshaw 2, F. Bradley 3, R. Mills 4, D. Armstrong (cond.) 5, M. Harrison 6. Rung on the occasion of the local Christmas bazaar in aid of church funds.

EAST BRIDGFORD, NOTTS.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss R. Blackshaw 1, S. Hill 2, M. Harrison 3, J. Higgs 4, J. Meredith 5, B. Mills 6. Conducted by J. Meredith and B. Mills. A compliment to Sidney Hill and Doreen Isaacs on their engagement.

EDMONTON, MIDDLX.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Bacon (first quarter) 1, Trudy Newcombe 2, D. Langdon 3, W. George 4, J. Weeks (cond.) 5, P. Haward 6. First quarter since rededication of bells. For carol service.

GRAFTON REGIS, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): G. Webb 1, J. Neal 2, F. Hall 3, R. H. Rogers 4, G. Atkins (cond.) 5. For service of nine lessons and carols.

HENBURY, BRISTOL.—On Dec. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Brocklehurst 1, J. A. Bennett 2, Miss A. Grainger 3, J. C. Baldwin 4, C. Richards 5, G. Locke 6, A. W. T. Cleaver (cond.) 7, J. K. Laver 8. A farewell to the Rev. C. J. Vittle, who has been appointed Vicar of All Saints, Fishponds.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On Dec. 6th, 1,440 Minor (Single Oxford and Plain Bob): S. Meredith 1, D. Armstrong 2, R. Blackshaw 3, M. Harrison 4, A. Larkin 5, F. Bradley 6. Conducted by D. Armstrong and F. Bradley.

KERESLEY, WARWICKS.—On Christmas Day, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: W. H. Allport 1, H. Folwell 2, Miss T. I. Bowcutt 3, W. A. Stote (cond.) 4, R. D. Hart 5. For early Communion.

KIMPTON, HERTS.—On Dec. 13th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, Grandsire and Plain Bob): Miss S. Baxter (first quarter) 1, Miss S. Dyer 2, F. W. Ellis 3, D. C. Price 4, J. G. Cull (cond.) 5, Miss I. M. Lander 6. First quarter on the bells since restoration. For Evensong.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: N. V. Harding 1, Freda P. Greaves 2, E. Howes 3, L. W. Houghton 4, J. V. Temple 5, J. Wilson (cond.) 6.

LANE END, BUCKS.—On Oct. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Faith Harris (first attempt) 1, W. Avery 2, K. Seymour (cond.) 3, S. Smith 4, C. Hagger 5, R. Hazell 6. For harvest festival. Also on Christmas Day, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Cheryl Smith (first attempt) 1, C. Hagger 2, K. Seymour 3, R. Hazell (cond.) 4, S. Smith 5, W. Avery 6. For morning service.

LONG BUCKBY, NORTHANTS.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: I Brown (first quarter) 1, M. F. Amos (cond.) 2, J. H. Williams 3, W. Lake 4, J. E. Goddard 5. For Matins.

MARLOW, BUCKS.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. R. Dean (12, first quarter) 1, Miss J. Cooke 2, J. Young 3, Mrs. E. Mead 4, E. D. Poole 5, E. Sylvey 6, R. E. Dean (cond.) 7, L. J. Young 8. For service of nine lessons and carols.

MERROW, SURREY.—On Nov. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, cond. by D. May, and Plain Bob, cond. by Jill Lane): Susan Bull (first quarter) 1, Jill Lane 2, Valerie Bundy 3, D. A. R. May 4, R. I. Vaughan 5, R. Warren 6.

NEWTON ST. CYRES, DEVON.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Skinner 1, F. D. Mack 2, G. Luxton 3, G. Skinner 4, W. Stacey 5, G. Gaylard 6, H. J. Gaylard (cond.) 7, R. Bray 8. For the festival of Christmas.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Horton 1, Ann Hancock 2, Wendy Bowak 3, L. Cordell (cond.) 4, M. McQuistan 5, S. King 6. For Sung Eucharist.

PAISLEY, SCOTLAND.—At St. James' Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Sargeant 1, Miss L. Beevers 2, R. St. C. Wilson 3, E. Boumphrey 4, A. Scott 5, A. W. Lloyd 6, C. R. Raine (cond.) 7, A. Sharples 8.

PENDLEBURY, LANCS.—On Dec. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Jacks 1, R. Bagnall 2, N. Tompkins (cond.) 3, A. Lomas 4, B. Rothwell 5, C. Rothwell 6, C. Cooper 7, H. Gaskell 8. Rung by the local band to commence the church's centenary celebrations.

ROCHESTER, KENT.—At the Cathedral, on Dec. 27th: W. A. J. Knight (cond.) 1, Miss E. Wharton (first 'inside') 2, R. E. Norris (first of Doubles) 3, C. J. Gould 4, C. E. J. Norris 5, D. Norris (first of Doubles) 6. First quarter since the new frame was installed.

SHROTON, DORSET.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. N. Houghton 1, F. Hilliar 2, Ben Ridout (cond.) 3, Bert Ridout 4, G. W. Dennis 5, M. Percy 6. A compliment to William R. Taylor, who was ordained in Portsmouth Cathedral this day.

SPAXTON, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Ford 1, J. Ford 2, E. Ford (cond.) 3, S. Parish 4, W. Webber 5. First quarter for 1 and 5.

STONELEIGH, WARWICKS.—On Dec. 26th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Priscilla Parish 1, T. J. Gray 2, Jean R. King 3, Gillian A. Williamson 4, P. K. Williamson 5. First quarter 1 and 3. For the festival of Christmas.

STUDLEY, WARWICKS.—On Dec. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Russell 1, J. Crook 2, R. Spray (cond.) 3, T. Griffiths 4, J. W. Perkins 5, H. Crook 6. For Evensong. Also on Dec. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss D. Cooke (first quarter) 1, J. Crook 2, R. Spray 3, T. Griffiths 4, J. W. Perkins (cond.) 5, K. Stone 6. A birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

TEWKESBURY, GLOS.—On Dec. 23rd, 2,100 Grandsire Triples: Anne Broxton 1, M. Hawkes 2, Nadine Price 3, A. Halling 4, F. Hawkes 5, E. Penn 6, M. Sprackling (cond.) 7, E. Leach 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Noel Sprackling.

TOPSHAM, DEVON.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Bye 1, Miss M. Godfrey 2, Miss M. Browne 3, R. Berry 4, J. T. Barrett (cond.) 5, K. Wannell 6. For carol service.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Barbara J. Clarke (first away from covering bell) 1, D. J. Barnett 2, A. F. Lee 3, J. J. Jefferies 4, T. J. Milsom (cond.) 5, D. F. Jefferies 6. Rung on St. Stephen's Day.

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—At the Church of St. Matthew, on Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. C. F. Neal 1, Mrs. D. Neal 2, J. M. Steele (first of Grandsire Triples 'inside') 3, Miss N. Hales 4, J. A. Hales 5, R. K. C. Wilkings 6, D. Neal (cond.) 7, C. F. Neal 8. For Midnight Mass.

WEST BRIDGFORD, NOTTS.—On Dec. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. Meredith 1, R. Blackshaw 2, D. Armstrong 3, M. Harrison 4, R. W. Winstanley 5, F. Bradley 6. Conducted by D. Armstrong and F. Bradley.. A welcome to the Rev. W. Johnson, recently ordained curate to this church.

WEST RETFORD, NOTTS.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Valerie Waterfield 1, Jill Eason 2, R. Hobbs (cond.) 3, T. Randall 4, C. Scott 5, D. McNeil 6. For Evensong; also as a compliment to T. Randall and Miss J. Tibbenham upon their engagement.

WHITCHURCH, OXON.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Carter (first in method) 1, Veronica Naylor 2, Mrs. Pamela Cracknell 3, B. A. Cracknell (cond.) 4, J. F. Carter 5, A. Burt 6. For Midnight Communion.

WHITSTABLE, KENT.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): K. Triplow 1, C. C. Dilnot 2, J. C. Baldwin (cond.) 3, W. Gray 4, Hazel Palmer 5, D. Southam 6. For the first Eucharist of the Nativity of our Lord.

WOKING, SURREY.—At St. Peter's Church, on Christmas Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: B. Turner 1, F. Milne 2, J. Brackley (cond.) 3, W. Stone 4, D. Munday 5, A. Turner 6. For morning service.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Following an accident on his motor-cycle, Mr. Michael W. Crowder, of Barrow-on-Humber, Lincs, is suffering from a broken collarbone. Mr. Bernard F. L. Groves, whose accident on a push cycle was reported in our last issue, has a fractured pelvis and is unlikely to be back ringing for some time. We wish them both a speedy recovery.

A team of young ringers from St. Matthew's, Salford Priors, Warwickshire, raised the sum of £28 during Christmas week by playing carols on handbells. This is being donated to the Children's Society.

Mr. C. W. Denyer, Master of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, has sent his New Year greetings to each tower in the Guild with a beautiful calendar containing a photograph of Seale Church.

Prees, Shropshire, bells are back after receiving attention at the Loughborough Foundry. The Bishop of Shrewsbury is attending a service of thanksgiving on January 24th. The church has been entirely repointed.

The band who rang in the Society of Cumberland Youths' peal of Stedman Caters at Nottingham on December 19th wish to convey their sincere felicitations to Michael Colton and Maisie Simmons, members of the local band, whose wedding took place that day.

Miss Linda M. Nichols, the 10-year-old daughter of Mr. J. C. Nichols, rang her first quarter peal on December 20th at St. Mark's Church, Bilton, Warwicks. In this tower were rung two quarter peals for Evensong during Advent in conjunction with organ recitals for the World Refugee Year. There were two first quarter peals and a first 'inside.'

Without a Vicar for 12¼ years under a suspension order, St. John-the-Divine, Leicester, is to have its present priest-in-charge, the Rev. W. B. Williams, inducted to the living on January 14th. On the following Saturday a peal of Grandsire Caters will be attempted to commemorate the event, which, if successful, will be recorded on a tablet in the tower.

Handbells play an important part in the teaching of music at Blaydon East Secondary Modern School, thanks to the enthusiasm of Miss Paxton and Miss Oliver. At the end of term carol service handbells opened the proceedings by rounds and Queens, followed by 'Good King Wenceslas.' Later there was handbell accompaniment to the singing of 'While Shepherds Watched,' 'The First Noel' and 'Jingle Bells.'

With the peal at Branston, Lincs, on Boxing Day, Mr. Ronald Applewhite has 'circled the tower.'

The new band at Dore, near Sheffield, started regular ringing this Christmas with the bells open.

Mr. Colin A. S. Harwood celebrated his 21st birthday by calling his first peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major, at Biggleswade, on December 19th.

In a peal of Grandsire Doubles at St. Nicholas', Nuneaton, it was the first peal by five of the band. Mr. Ernest Wilson, who was conducting, was also ringing his first peal.

'Happy birthday, twins,' was said by Willesborough ringers on December 19th to Rita and Rosemary Gower by a peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor. They are now 21, and rang their first peal of Surprise.

New South Wales ringers arranged for a ringers' picnic at the Royal National Park on December 13th especially for Ann Brown, who was due to leave Australia on December 28th for approximately five months overseas.

There is good news concerning Mr. Edgar Shepherd's visit to a specialist. Nothing was found wrong with his heart or circulation and he was able to ring for Christmas. He is waiting a little while before starting peal ringing again.

Miss Jean Sanderson has compiled a most interesting booklet on the Church of St. Nicholas, Norton, Hertfordshire, which adjoins Letchworth Garden City. The story of the bells is carefully traced back and we hope to deal with these at greater length.

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CHRISTMAS DAY BROADCAST

Dear Sir, — This year's Christmas Day broadcast of bells, though not without its faults, gave a fair indication of what comes out of those of our towers which can muster a full team. It was pleasing that all towers had a fair length of time on the air. Listeners would notice the error in announcing eight bells in one case when only six were ringing. This indicates the casual way in which this programme is organised and there is much to be said for a properly vetted recorded programme in place of or to augment the live broadcast.

It was a joy to listen to St. Donard's, Belfast. Credit is due to the ringers for their excellent striking, the founders for a lovely ring of bells and the local sound engineers for so successfully reproducing the pleasant combination. Well done, Ireland. Thanks, also, to all the other ringers whose efforts produced an enjoyable programme for us.—Yours, etc.,

NORMAN CHADDOCK.

Rotherham, Yorks.

TALGARTH HEARD TWICE

Dear Sir,—Your readers may have been surprised to hear only six bells being rung at Wareham on the B.B.C. programme on Christmas morning.

In fact, Wareham bells were not broadcast at all, and Talgarth was on the air twice. We were ringing some very nice Grandsire Triples and it was not until we stopped ringing at 9.30 a.m. that we discovered what had happened.—Yours sincerely,

CHRISTOPHER T. BROWN.

Wareham, Dorset.

Dear Sir,—I hope my beginners will not get a false impression of the standard required as a result of listening to some of the Christmas broadcast.—Yours faithfully,

D. P. JONES.

Castle Gresley, Staffs.

Tips For Beginners — 2

If you have difficulty in hearing your bell amongst the others you can help to train yourself by noticing when a bell strikes in relation to your pull when ringing it singly. Persuade the captain to let you ring the five-minute bell to enable you to practise this.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Swindon Branch was held at St. Mark's, Swindon, instead of Christ Church, where the bells are still out of use due to repairs to the spire.

After 27 years as secretary, Mr. W. B. Kynaston retired and was warmly thanked for his services to the Branch. Although working away from Swindon for much of the time, the Branch hopes to see him often at the monthly meetings.

Officers elected were: Dr. H. Craig, chairman; Mr. R. Luten, secretary; Mr. V. Griffin, representative on Management Committee; and Mr. W. H. Trueman, Ringing Master.

During the next quarter, meetings will be held at Purton, Rodbourne Cheney and Stratton St. Margaret. R. L.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Rochester District

Some 60-odd members of the Rochester District attended a by-meeting at St. Mary's Parish Church, Newington, on December 12th. A short ringers' service was held, conducted by the Rev. J. E. Holland, Vicar of Newington. Tea was partaken in the School, kindly given by the local ringers. There being no business, the Vicar welcomed the Association to Newington, and Mr. A. Dunk, on behalf of all present, moved a vote of thanks to the Vicar, also to the local ringers and ladies of Newington for giving the tea and making the meeting a success.

SERVANTS OF THE EXERCISE — No. 2



MR. F. SHARPE
(President of the Central Council)

Mr. Frederick Sharpe is one of the greatest living authorities on bells and in recognition of his abilities he was elected a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries in 1953. This unique distinction will undoubtedly strengthen his hands in the discharge of his duties as President of the Central Council, and, through him, the prestige of the Council will be enhanced.

He learned to ring at Launton under the supervision of Mr. Richard Castle and rang his first peal at Bicester in 1922. He struck up a friendship with Richard White, of Appleton, in 1925, and, from him, acquired a vast amount of practical knowledge of bells and bellhanging. He is not a prolific peal ringer, having rung about 30 peals ranging from Grandsire Doubles to Stedman Caters. He is adept at ringing two tower bells and has taken part in many quarter peals in this way, also at rising and falling double-handed.

AS AN AUTHOR

He collaborated with the late H. B. Walters, the well-known author of many books on bells, and has since published several of his own, including 'The Church Bells of the Rural Deanery of Bicester,' 'Church Bells of Berkshire,' 'Church Bells of Radnorshire' and 'Church Bells of Oxfordshire.'

He has served the Oxford Diocesan Guild with distinction. Joining in 1920, he became a member of the committee in 1922, hon. secretary of the Bicester Deanery in 1928, and Deputy Master in 1951, which office he still holds.

He was elected an honorary member of the Central Council in 1939, and in 1946 was made a member of the Towers and Belfries Committee, becoming convener in 1952. He has visited, reported and advised on on hundreds of towers all over the country and his services as a lecturer on all branches of the art have been in great demand. In 1954 he was elected to the important office of honorary librarian to the Central Council, and relinquished this office on being elected President of the Council three years ago.

Mr. Sharpe is 54 years of age. He married, in 1935, Miss E. J. M. Evans, of Trenewydd, and has one daughter, Elizabeth. He is a builder by profession.

JAFUS.

MORE BELFRY GOSSIP

Chapel Allerton, Leeds, have rung their first quarter by a local band. It included three first quarters.

Will Mr. H. Jones, who sent Mr. Jeater a cheque for £1 8s. drawn on the Midland Bank, Cleckheaton, please forward his address, as he failed to fill up the subscription form.

The date of the West Lindsey Branch meeting is January 16th. To those who went to Gainsborough last Saturday the hon. secretary and 'The Ringing World' tender apologies.

When a handbell, wanted for an important concert in America, cracked just before the great day, the director of the choir sent the bell by air mail to the Whitechapel Foundry and had it back inside a week, reports 'Overtones,' the journal of the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers.

Corrections.—The peal of Minor rung at East Woodhay, Hants, was on November 27th and not November 20th, as printed. The peal of Bob Major at Aldermaston was rung on October 24th and not September 24th. Will conductors please submit peals early to avoid errors in dates.

Won St. Paul's Bells By A Game Of Dice

The bells of old St. Paul's, London, were once put up as a prize in a game of dice. They were won by Sir Gerald Partridge; but his success was hardly to be envied, for the loser was Henry VIII, and Sir Giles was executed a short time later—the penalty (it was said) for earning the monarch's displeasure.

—'The Whitchurch Herald.'

WOOLTON YOUNGSTERS IN THE NEWS

Mr. E. L. Humphriss has a very promising band of teenage ringers at St. Peter's Church, Woolton. They provided a well-illustrated feature article for 'The Liverpool Echo and Evening Express.' On Christmas Eve they made their traditional round of the district, ringing carols on handbells. 'The Liverpool Weekly News' also had individual pictures of five of the band in action, headed: 'These are people who really enjoy the art of campanology.'

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

Despite rainy weather, 20 members and visitors from Bushey, Southampton, Reading Newbury, Thatcham and Bucklebury attended the Andover quarterly meeting held at Woolton Hill, which tower has a light six, on December 19th. A special feature was the carol service during which the carol 'Ding, dong, merrily on high' was sung by the Andover quartet.

Mr. A. W. Alleston presided at the business meeting, when the branch annual meeting was fixed for Andover on January 23rd, and the next quarterly meeting on April 2nd at Abbot's Ann, with Amport and Thraxton. In the evening ringing took place at Highclere, and included touches of Double Norwich Court Bob Major and Cambridge Surprise Major.

A RINGER'S RHYME

'The Birmingham Post,' in its issue of Nov. 28th, features an article by C. V. Hancock on 'Ringers' Rhymes, and History in the Belfry.' The article quotes a notice in the belfry of Salford Priors Church, Warwickshire, referring probably to the tenor:—

Oft as this Bell with Solemn Toll
Speaks the Departure of a Soul.
Nor would the thought Distressing be
If next it were to Toll for Me.

At the meeting of the South Forest Branch (page 13) Mr. L. H. Jones was re-elected Ringing Master and not Mr. R. Thomas as appeared in the report.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE FIRST PEAL IN AMERICA

Dear Sir, — In Mr. Ogden's interesting article on Lancashire handbell ringers of the mid-19th century, he quotes from Mr. Scott Parry's book, 'The Story of Handbells,' that 'Ringers remained in the States long enough, however, to ring the first successful peal in this country (U.S.A.) on Sunday, June 9th, 1850, on the ring of eight bells at Christ Church, Philadelphia.'

I have not yet read Mr. Parry's book and so am not sure whether he himself implies that the peal band was drawn from the party Barnum took from Lancashire in 1847, or whether it is Mr. Ogden who has assumed this to be so. In fact, the band was composed of five London ringers, three English residents of Philadelphia, 'an American being engaged to manipulate the tenor.' (The method was Grandsire Triples, Holt's Ten-Part, in 3 hours and 15 minutes.) In 'The History and Art of Change Ringing,' Mr. Ernest Morris lists the band, showing two men on the tenor, and this is no doubt correct.

How the five London ringers came to be in America is related at some length in 'The Bell News' of January 13th, 1900, wherein appeared an article in support of an appeal on behalf of James Hewett, of Gosport, whose composition of the extent of Grandsire Caters, it may be remembered, was published in these columns a year ago. Briefly, the story is that in 1850 P. T. Barnum applied to Messrs. Mears and Stainbank to supply him with a party of handbell ringers for a tour of the United States. The firm referred him to the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, who selected five men, the best known of whom was Henry W. Haley, who was subsequently to call the peal. (Like his contemporary and rival, John Cox, Haley was at other times a College Youth; it can fairly be said that one Society could not contain both at once.)

Their engagement was for 12 months, and after a successful time in New York they moved on to Philadelphia, where their stay was cut short by the arrival of the famous singer, Jenny Lind. Later the party visited 'most of the principal towns in the United States.'

To revert to the 'Lancashire Handbell Ringers,' their activities were not confined to America. In 'A Great Adventure,' his account of the tour of Australia in 1934-35, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith quoted some extracts from a manuscript notebook written by William Shenton, an Englishman who had settled in the 1850's. One of them is as follows:—

'At that time, 1863, the American Civil War was raging, and all the cotton crops were destroyed. This caused a great amount of distress in the cotton spinning districts of Lancashire, and George Coppin brought out the "Lancashire Handbell Ringers" as a speculation. Among that band of eight men there were at least two capable change ringers and we had them among us occasionally. With their assistance we used to run through a six-score of Doubles easily. On September 11th, 1863, the following appeared in "The Age" newspaper:—

"Yesterday the Lancashire Handbell Ringers, assisted by the ringers of St. James' (then the Cathedral at Melbourne), rang on the bells of that church several peals in the Grandsire method in the art of change ringing, being the greatest achievement ever accomplished in any of the Australian Colonies. The ringers were: E. Norman, treble; Wm. Christfield 2; J. Whittaker 3; Peter Mills 4; Wm. Shenton 5; T. Davis, tenor. Conducted by Wm. Christfield."'

Probably those who went to Australia were a different band from the American party of 1844 and 1847, but it is interesting to see that the name still survived 16 years later.—Yours sincerely,

E. A. BARNETT.

Crayford, Kent.

'SWISS BELL RINGERS'

Dear Sir,—I was most interested in the article by T. Ogden in your issue of December 11th re 'Swiss Bell Ringers.'

Recently I read a book by Arthur Meeken ('Far-away Music'). This tells about family life in America in the mid 19th century, and mentions a band of 'Swiss Bell Ringers,' but does not state where they were ringing. At the time of reading this I thought that it might be a band using cow bells—I never even thought that they might be real handbell ringers!

As a matter of interest, we have, at Christ Church, Crewe, a set of 37 handbells. These have recently been reconditioned by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. (Loughborough), who have made a most excellent job of them. We are now trying to make up a good band of youngsters to ring tunes on these bells, and with some success, I am glad to say!—Yours faithfully,

E. T. HOLLOWAY

Crewe.

CALL CHANGE RINGER'S REQUEST

Dear Sir,—I wonder if 'The Ringing World' could be made a little more interesting to service call change ringers. It would improve the sales, as it is not every ringer who can grasp method ringing. Except for two or three, we have never had in our tower in the last 50 years any ringers other than those who ring call changes and as far as I can see it will continue the same.

We have ten members in our band and I take 'The Ringing World' to the tower, but they are not interested. 'Nothing for us,' they say, and one lady member's comment was 'There is not even a children's corner.'

I first took 'The Ringing World' in 1913 but I have had breaks through the same thing. For years now it has been in my door at 7 a.m. every Friday and it would be nice to have a few more articles in common. I guess there are many more towers of the same mind.

Wishing you better luck in the New Year.—Yours faithfully,

REG E. PELLETT.

Woodchurch,
Nr. Ashford, Kent.

PRICE INCREASES—A POINTER

Dear Sir.—A lad who has just rung his first quarter peal and is a subscriber to 'The Ringing World' is conducting an active campaign in our belfry for more readers of 'The Ringing World' and we hope shortly to have at least two more subscribers.

For my part I would like to point out to those who object to the price increase that before the war the magazine cost 4d. Prices generally have more than trebled, so that for 8d. we are still doing very nicely. Even national dailies with their vastly increased advertising revenue stand at 2½d. compared with 1d. pre-war.

WILLIAM PARROTT.

Epsom.

FAIR PLAY

Dear Sir,—I have followed with interest the question of the increased price in the cost of our 'Ringing World,' particularly as I am one of those who, having retired from the business world, is obliged to live on a fixed income, which becomes relatively smaller as the price of commodities increases.

To me, the position is crystal clear, as it would indeed be hard to find another journal which could afford to devote approximately one-third of its available printing space to completely unremunerative matter, because that is, in fact, what it amounts to—six or seven pages filled with peals and quarters, which bring in, at the best, a few miserable shillings from the very few who bother to send in any contribution whatever, but which is, nevertheless, 'Gratefully Acknowledged.'

It would only be a matter of common sense, as well as fair play to the vast majority of your readers, to impose a small charge on the publication of peals and quarters; and if this was done (as has already been urged) at the rate of 1s. per rope for peals, and 6d. per rope for quarters, it would probably solve the problem for years to come.

The leader in the recent issue makes the plea 'Think of something big, somebody,' and the above solution is, to me, and to the great majority of your readers, the only sensible one, and is only **fair play**.—Yours, etc.,

R. A. BARTLAM.

Ruddington, Nottingham.

P.S.—The above suggestion applied to the current issue would produce £26 per week, or, say, £1,200 per annum.—R. A. B.

FIRST HANDBELL PEAL FOR LINCOLN GUILD

Dear Sir,—I was interested in Mr. Lunn's letter in which he gave details of a peal of Grandsire Triples rung 'in hand' 50 years ago for the Lincoln Guild. It was not, however, the first handbell peal rung for the Lincoln Guild, as he states. But it was the first handbell peal rung in Lincolnshire. The first handbell peal for the Guild was rung at Bolsover, Derbyshire. The details are as follows:—

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD
On Saturday, October 23rd, 1909,
In 2 hours and 45¼ minutes
At the residence of Mr. F. R. Kettleborough
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
5,088 changes

Harry Moss	1-2
Fred W. Kettleborough ..	3-4
William Keeble	5-6
*William Lambert	7-8

Composed by G. Lindoff.
Conducted by William Keeble.
First handbell peal for the Guild and the first Surprise Major peal. *200th peal.

Yours sincerely,

G. E. FEIRN.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD'S PEALS FOR 1958

Dear Sir,—I note from the Summary of Analysis of Peals for 1958, published in 'The Ringing World' of December 11th, that only one peal of Major 'in hand' has been credited to the Cambridge University Guild, whereas at least two were rung—Plain Bob on May 16th ('Ringing World,' May 30th) and 13 Spliced Plain methods on November 28th ('Ringing World,' December 19th).

Might I suggest that the Guild librarian checks his records with those of the Peals Analysis Committee to correct this mistake.—Yours faithfully,

A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL.

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CREDITING PEALS TO ASSOCIATIONS

Dear Sir,—I do not intend to comment directly on the Collingbourne Kingston incident, because I know nothing of the people or circumstances involved. Mr. West's letter does, however, raise a point which has appeared in various forms recently, upon which I hold strong views, with which I'm sure some will disagree but which are genuinely held, nevertheless.

It seems to me that there are several very good reasons why a peal should be credited to a Guild different from the one of which the local company usually become members. In my view the peal should attach itself to the Guild whose members rang it, not to the Guild in whose 'district' it is rung. If this were not so, no non-territorial Guild such as the Universities Association or Police Guild would ever be able to ring a peal, for, wherever they went, they would still be ringing in a tower in a locality where some other Guild normally practises. Similarly, the College Youths, Cumberlands and various University Guilds would be tied down to a mere handful of towers. But it goes further than this.

If 12 ringers who regularly, week by week, plied their art in Lancashire towers and were members of the Lancashire Association, were to ring, say, a peal of Plain Bob Maximus at St. Peter Mancroft, how in all conscience could the Norwich Diocesan Guild claim to have rung that peal, even if the 12 Lancastrians were 'out-county' members of that Guild? Not a solitary Norfolk man would have turned even a single bell! To claim the peal as a performance of the Norwich Diocesan Association would, to my mind, be a flagrant misuse of the system of 'out-county' membership, which was surely designed to cover the case of the odd visitor who rang with a local company. (I hasten to add, in case of misunderstanding, that I am on very good terms with the Norfolk men, and use this purely as example.) There seems to have grown up a curious idea that we ring peals for Associations. Surely it has been pointed out by very many Masters at ringers' dinners to the point of cliché (and with apparent agreement) that we ring bells (and peals) to the greater glory of God for His Church, the bells are rung by Guilds.

Nor is this just an academic point with little practical importance, for this current practice has had unfortunate results. Many consider it courteous to credit peals rung in another Guild's territory to that Guild visited, but, in fact, it can turn out to be quite the reverse of courteous, though few local men would complain, if only to preserve the traditional hospitality to visitors. In not a few cases local men have been prevented from ringing the first peal of some method or other in their own Guild's annals because some visiting band has already done it for them. It may be that Guild A is strong and has some quite advanced members, whilst their neighbours, Guild B, consider themselves fortunate if they can master one or two standard methods. If, then, a band of Guild A men take advantage of their out-county membership of Guild B, and ring a peal of London Surprise Major on Guild B's territory and claim it as Guild B's first, the local men are for ever barred from ringing their own first peal of London. I could quote a number of concrete examples of this kind of thing happening, but I won't, because I hold no antagonism to the bands concerned, nor do I wish to give any impression of inhospitality. I merely state that in my example it would be happier if the peal were credited to the visiting Association (Guild A).

I appreciate that mixed bands can give rise to difficulties but I still think the peal should be credited to the Guild which supplies the predominance of practical men on the ropes. In, however, the peal tours which have now become very much part of ringing activity, it must frequently happen that the band on the ropes possesses an impossible collection of allegiances. I don't think it is any solution to say that such a peal should be entered in the peal book of the local tower Guild. Would it not be much more sensible to call it a Non-Association peal? For that is exactly what it is—no particular Guild can claim that its indigenous members have rung it.

In the end each case must, of course, be decided on its own merits, because one always comes across a state of affairs that does not fit anybody's rigid ideas, but I think that if peals were claimed as the performance of any particular Guild in the manner I have tried to indicate, these unhappy arguments about avoiding peal fees, or accusations of bad manners and so on, would disappear.—Yours sincerely,

PHILIP J. H. HUDSON.

Rochdale, Lancs.

THE PEAL AT COLLINGBOURNE KINGSTON

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. W. C. West regarding a peal rung on a recent Sunday at Collingbourne Kingston, Wilts, by members of the Oxford Guild. Yes, we were all aware that this fine, good-going ring of six is in the Diocese of Salisbury, and the tower affiliated to that Guild. Personally, I think all peals should be rung for the Guild or Association to which the tower is affiliated, but there could be arguments against by visiting bands.

A few years ago I took part in a peal for the Salisbury Guild at a tower situated right in the centre of Oxford. Probably more 'rank bad manners,' but nothing was said about this.

R. W. REX.

Thatcham, Berks.

PRINCIPLE SHOULD BE DECIDED

Dear Sir,—One can in some ways sympathise with Mr. W. C. West over the peal at Collingbourne Kingston. He gets very few peals to write in his Guild's book (19 in 1958), and no doubt one of three Surprise Minor methods appeals to him.

However, is it not time the Exercise decided upon a principle for such peals? As far as I can see, and for five years I was resident in the same branch of the Salisbury Guild as Collingbourne, none of the members of the band are resident members of the Salisbury Guild. Therefore they had no reason to ring a peal for this Guild, and, being Oxford Guild members, decided to ring their peal for that Guild, irrespective of venue. Surely this is only common sense, and I can determine no bad manners whatsoever in their performance.—Yours sincerely,

P. J. JOHNSTON.

Headingley, Leeds.

A LINCOLN GUILD PEAL

Dear Sir.—The peal of seven Minor methods rung at Owston Ferry on October 24th, 1959 ('Ringing World,' November 13th), was rung for the West Lindsay Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Yours faithfully,

A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL.

Gainsborough, Lincs.

Note—The title of the Guild was omitted from copy submitted.—Ed.

THOUGHT PROVOKING

Dear Sir,—If my memory serves me well, on the last occasion I wrote to you I was in conflict with a member of the Council Council and you 'lost' my last letter; it was very short, I'll admit. He had the last word, telling me that 'if I wasn't there I had no right to criticise.' I have, of course, since then 'been there' and met many C.C. ringers, all jolly nice people, and I now know why the College of Campanology was not acceptable. I thought at the time how helpful it would be to people like myself, in interesting young people in their aim to ring well. Easily half the Central Council I met have need of the College. Their striking was, to say the best of it, just bad; their bell handling no better.

In the matter of 'The Ringing World' it is undignified to see such squabbling over who should pay. I am not a peal ringer, but peals must go in, though they waste an awful lot of space. I do not think peal ringers should pay extra; peal ringers are already 'milched' in some towers, and where the bells are not so good. If 'not so good' covers one after another peal being 'stood up,' and if 'milched' covers a few shillings to join an Association, and another few shillings for the privilege of ringing in that particular tower, peal ringers pay more than enough, in fact, if they will only get together and pay nothing to anybody, there would be more good peals rung and fewer 'stick it for the sake of sending it up' peals. I think ever so many peals are published because the ringers feel they must subscribe to these funds.

In the matter of 'The Ringing World' finance: The paper belongs to the Central Council. I fear that if they hang on to it, ringers will get what it is now expected the C.C. always gives ringers. Ringers in the past have been most generous. Why not the C.C.? Call for a board of governors or guarantors to subscribe a guinea or a couple of guineas, 500 or 1,000 ringers to guarantee their paper, not the Central Council's paper.

Some years ago I wrote to you re correspondents, and within weeks the request to appoint correspondents was before the branch as coming from the secretary. I was sorry about that because the idea was spoiled. Correspondents should have been accepted by invitation, and assisted in what is interesting and what is not of general interest. For example, some people know how to raise money, that would interest all of us at some time or another, and reports on work done everywhere, honest reports, would help us to spend it wisely. Work in progress reports would be of interest. Tours and outings would interest only if they have a background of general interest, historical or geographical perhaps.

May I close, sir, by wishing you a very happy and prosperous New Year, and by wishing (that having now taken to heart that I should be there before criticising) many members of the Central Council will profit by reading somebody's handbook on how to handle bells, real bells, not tiddlers. With compliments.—Yours very faithfully,

E. L. HUMPHRISS.

Woolton, Liverpool.

ABSON, GLOS.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Myra J. Wilkins 1, Sandra Lewis 2, Gloria M. Newton 3, A. F. Lee (cond.) 4, A. W. Gibbs 5. First in five methods of Doubles by all the band. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. S. Smart and a birthday compliment to Miss A. Lewis.

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LAUNTON HANDBELL RINGERS



FOUNDED by Mr. Frederick Sharpe, the Handbell Ringers of St. Mary's, Launton, are known to many ringers, as they have given recitals all over England and Wales. This Christmas season they have given 21. They have also given performances in the Cathedrals of Gloucester, Peterborough, St. Albans and Oxford during the past year.

Our photograph, taken outside of Derwen, Launton, Mr. Sharpe's residence, just before a B.B.C. recording on Wednesday week, shows, left to right: Hardiman Scott (B.B.C. interviewer), Stephanie Gilpin, Fiona Sherwood, Evelyn Sayer, Elizabeth Sharpe, the Rev. C. P. Sherwood, Patricia Steeples, Peter Allen and Frederick Sharpe, with Mrs. Sharpe in the background.

The recording was broadcast in 'The Eye Witness' programme of the B.B.C. on Saturday, December 19th. The first two minutes described how handbells were used, the team and its activities. The next three minutes were occupied with an interview with Mr. Sharpe, in which he described the bells, their age, origin, founders and history. He mentioned that many had been horse and house bells in the 17th and 18th centuries. The interview ended with the team playing 'It came upon a midnight clear.'

The recording was also used in all 'Overseas Newsreels' during the Christmas season. Some five carols were recorded.

OBITUARY

MR. H. E. TAYLOR

A founder member of the V.W.H. Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, Mr. H. E. Taylor, of Gainsfield, Buckland, Berks, died after a long and painful illness on December 18th, aged 74. He was a member of the Faringdon band for very many years.

The funeral service at Littleworth Church was held on December 21st, at which representatives of the V.W.H. Branch acted as bearers. Handbells were rung at the graveside. Among those present were the Rev. L. Street (Branch chairman), Mr. R. F. J. Gilling (hon. secretary), Miss M. R. Cross (general secretary of the Guild).

A quarter peal of 1,260 Grandsire Doubles with 4, 6, 8 covering was rung at Faringdon the same evening by J. Strawford (Faringdon) 1, M. Edney (Hinton Waldrist) 2, E. Caple (Marcham) 3, J. Hunt (Buckland) 4, F. Whipp (Faringdon) 5, D. Vincent (Faringdon) 6, C. I. J. Pearce (conductor, Faringdon) 7, C. Timms (Stanford) 8.

Another quarter peal to his memory was rung at Buckland on December 23rd by C. Timms 1, M. Edney 2, J. Strawford 3, J. Hunt 4, C. I. J. Pearce (conductor) 5, J. Moore 6, D. Vincent 7, M. Willis 8.

MR. J. E. PROCTER

Another of the band which made ringing history at Pudsey in the early part of this century has passed away in the person of John Ernest Procter, who was laid to rest on Christmas Eve. He was 76 years of age and a life member of the Yorkshire Association.

Ernest Procter was one of those who, under the leadership of the late Pratt Cordingley, determined to break away from the traditional Treble Bob of the West Riding, set their ambitions high. Those ambitions were realised when they had rung peals of Cambridge, Superlative and London Surprise Major.

Ernest was a sound, reliable ringer and an excellent striker, capable either at the light or heavy end, with a style that was a joy to watch. In his dress he was most immaculate; he always came into the belfry looking as if he had just stepped out of a bandbox, and his rope splicing was as neat as his appearance. He was by no means a prolific peal ringer, in fact he rang only 19 peals, but that modest total includes London, Bristol, Superlative, Cambridge and Pudsey Surprise Major. After 57 years of prompt and regular service in the belfry his practical ringing came to an end two and a half years ago, but he retained his interest to the last by listening to the bells each Sunday.

And so another link with the past is broken. Another of the old band has gone. But the memory of Ernest Procter, a staunch and willing colleague, will remain. The bells of Pudsey Parish Church were rung fully muffled as a token of the sadness which is felt at his passing.

W. B.

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RINGING THE OLD YEAR OUT AND —

(College of Campanology Paper—No. 2/59)

Not every incumbent and band of ringers approve of muffled ringing before midnight on these occasions: but where this is in favour they have not always the necessary muffles. Again, quite often the lay-out of the bells in their frame is such that the removal of the muffles from bells in the raised position would be attended by risk of accident.

A suitable contrasting effect of before and after midnight ringing can be achieved otherwise, however, by 'selective' rings, as indicated below. The notes of the bells in the rings are given in sol-fa notation. The bells selected for pre-midnight ringing provide the effect of music in a minor key, and are indicated by their sequence numbers below the sol-fa line. For comparison, the normal numbering of the full ring is given above the sol-fa line.

5-BELL TOWER

	1	2	3	4	5
	s	f	m	r	d
Four . . .	1	2	3	4	–

6--BELL TOWER

	1	2	3	4	5	6
	l	s	f	m	r	d
Five . . .	1	2	3	4	5	–

8-BELL TOWER

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	d′	t	l	s	f	m	r	d
Six	1	–	2	3	4	5	6	–

10-BELL TOWER

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0
	m′	r′	d′	t	l	s	f	m	r	d
Eight . . .	1	2	3	–	4	5	6	7	8	–

12-BELL TOWER

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	E	T
	s′	f′	m′	r′	d′	t	l	s	f	m	r	d
Eight	–	1	2	3	–	–	4	5	6	7	8	–

The principles observed in the selective rings for the pre-midnight ringing are:—

(a) The normal tenor is omitted, but the bell next above it is always included and is always rung as the tenor to cover: in other words it is **not** turned in.

(b) The selected bells are rung as slowly as is compatible with good striking.

(c) The changes are rung in whole pulls.

In five-bell towers, 'Singles' rung with 4th covering are advised. In six-bell towers Plain Bob Minimus with 5th covering. In eight-, ten- and twelve-bell towers an odd-bell method, preferably Stedman, with the last bell covering, is advised.

For the after-midnight ringing the whole ring, or as many of the 'back' bells as can be manned, are employed and tapped round at their best pace.

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This article was intended for publication in time for the recent New Year ringing, but missed the post. It is published as of possible use on future occasions.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On November 28th, after a period of 13 years, the Southern branch held a meeting at Quidenham. The rector, Rev. W. M. Harper-Mitchell, who warmly welcomed the Branch, conducted the service and gave an interesting address.

Dr. P. H. A. Jonason, Branch chairman, presided over the meeting, supported by the president, Mr. Nolan Golden, and the general secretary, Mr. W. Love. Among items the meeting discussed were the forthcoming increase in the price of 'The Ringing World' and the recent rehanging of Attleborough bells, where the 'circle' is still said to be rather poor.

The annual meeting of the Branch will be at Diss on February 6th, where the special method will be Yorkshire Surprise Major. The meeting closed with votes of thanks to the Rector, Mr. Burrows (the organist) and the ladies who kindly served the tea.

C. F. W. P.

STEDMAN FOR BEGINNERS

By WILFRID G. WILSON

(Continued from page 12)

3. STEDMAN TRIPLES

In a plain course of Stedman Triples the only additional work to be learnt is that after the double dodge in 4-5 up, you have to dodge twice in 6-7 up, lie a whole pull behind and then dodge twice in 6-7 down, before going on to dodge twice in 4-5 down. You do this double dodging in 4-5 and 6-7 up and then in 6-7 and 4-5 down between your Quick and Slow work, and again between your Slow and Quick work.

So long as you only ring a plain course, therefore, the only difficulty you will find in progressing from Doubles to Triples is that of seeing the additional ropes and finding your way among them. If you have already reached the Grandsire Triples stage then this should be easy.

But if you want to ring more than a plain course you will have to cope with bobs and singles and, what is often a cause of difficulty, you must forget for the time being what you learnt about the single in Stedman Doubles.

In Triples, the calls are made at the change-over from one six to another and they are made by the back three bells. The four bells nearer the front, i.e., the one leaving the front work, the one entering it and the two that are remaining there, are completely unaffected. At a bob the bell which was dodging in 4-5 up makes fifths place at the six end and then dodges twice in 4-5 down before going in to the front work again. What it really does is to ring Stedman Doubles (i.e., 4-5 up twice, lie whole pull in fifths, 4-5 down twice and in the front the opposite way to which it came out).

	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
	2 1 3 5 4 7 6
Bob	2 3 1 4 5 6 7
	3 2 4 1 5 7 6
	2 3 4 5 1 6 7
	2 4 3 1 5 7 6
	4 2 3 5 1 6 7
	4 3 2 1 5 7 6
	3 4 2 5 1 6 7
	4 3 5 2 6 1 7

Because this bell—which is said to make the bob—makes fifths place, the bell which would have left 6-7 and gone into 4-5 has perforce to stay in 6-7 for another whole six and it has three additional dodges with the bell which had just dodged twice in 6-7 up. If there is no call at the next six end, this bell proceeds from 6-7 down to 4-5 down and thence, after its double dodge, into the front work. But as it was delayed up at the back for one whole additional six it will reach the front a six later and will go into the front work the same way as it had previously come out. It will have been away from the front for an uneven number of sixes, and thus for it the regular alternation of Quick and Slow work will have been upset.

Similarly the bell which stayed in 6-7 up for an extra three dodges will make sevenths place at the six end, dodge twice in 6-7 down and then proceed to 4-5 and thence after its double dodge go into the front work. As it also was delayed a whole additional six at the back it too will go in to the front the same way as it had previously come out.

But as it is possible to call a bob at any of the six ends, it may well be that a bob will also be called at the next six end. This will cause the new bell which was in 4-5 up to make the bob (fifths place) then double-dodge in 4-5 down and go in the front, as in a plain course of Stedman Doubles. The two bells which had just finished the three additional dodges entailed by the previous bob will do three more before proceeding—one of them to 4-5 down and the other to lie behind and then dodge in 6-7 down. The result of these two consecutive bobs is that the two bells behind will each have been delayed for two additional sixes. This will not affect the regular alternation of the Quick and Slow work, and they will proceed to go in either Quick or Slow just as if no bobs had been called.

Very often touches and peals of Stedman are lost because the man ringing the bell coming down from the back to go into the front work does not know whether he should go in Quick or Slow. We must look further into this so as to get all the help we can. We ought always to rely as much as possible on ourselves and not on what the other bells are doing—they may be themselves in doubt and relying on us. So it is most important to know ourselves, from our own work, which way we are to enter the front work. If we remember that we came out of the front work a Quick bell, then we know that if no bobs are called we shall enter the front work again a Slow bell—and **vice versa.** And if while we are in 6-7 any bobs are called we must count them. If there are an even number the regular alternation of Quick and Slow work is not affected, so out Quick is followed by in Slow—and **vice versa.** If, however, an odd number of bobs is called, then the regular alternation will be upset (so far as our work is concerned) and out Quick will be followed by in Quick, and out Slow by in Slow.

But we are all fallible people and cannot always trust our memories. There may well, in Triples, be four or six or even more bobs called while we are in the 6-7 up or down positions, or both of them, and unless we are also conductors knowing the composition we can easily lose count. So we must look for other guides to tell us which way to go in.

If you are dodging in 6-7 down, glance at the bells in the front, and notice how they are leading. If their whole pulls on the lead are at hand and back stroke, then that is a Quick six. The next six, while you are in 4-5 down, will be a Slow six and you will then go in Quick. Conversely, if the whole pulls on the front are at back and hand stroke, then that is a Slow six and as you will enter the front work two sixes later you will go in Slow.

If you are unable while in 6-7 down to notice the method of leading, apply the same process while you are in 4-5 down. If the three bells on the front are ringing a Quick six (i.e. leading hand and back) then you go in Slow. And **vice versa.**

Another help is to keep an eye on the bell which was dodging 6-7 down with you when you were 6-7 up. It will do its 4-5 down dodging while you are in 6-7 down. It will enter the front while you are in 4-5 down. If your first blow in fourths at the beginning of the dodging is over that bell, then that bell is making its thirds place, having gone in Slow, so you will go in Quick. But if your last blow in fourths at the end of the dodging is over that bell it will have been Quick bell, and is on its way out again. You will pass it and go in Slow.

Another point you may find useful is that when you reach 4-5 down you will dodge with the bell that has just left the front. If you saw that it had come out Quick, you will know that you will go in Quick. If you saw it making thirds place as it came out Slow you will, after the dodge, go in Slow.

(To be continued.)

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THE EXTENT OF MAJOR

By J. SEGAR

The Central Council has made some rules about attempts for record lengths, as Mr. W. G. Wilson reminded us recently. One is that the composition must be published in 'The Ringing World.' If interested, we can prove it and consider if it would be our choice for a similar attempt.

Some readers may think a composition of 40,320 changes takes a long time to put together. We require 120 courses for the extent with the tenor together 13,440 changes, which is the basis for the extent with the tenors parted. If the peal is in 12 parts there will be ten courses in a part. A table with three noughts and two crosses in each row has ten rows. The noughts represent six changes in 2 3 4 and the crosses two changes in 5 6.

When using the table for Plain Bob the bob scales are W 52436, M 43652 and H 42356. The single scales are W 53426, M 63452 and H 24356. Fill in the column for bobs at W and check for errors. 1 goes to 2, 2 goes to X and X goes back to 1. Other sets of three are 4 7 5 and back to 4 and 6 9 8. This accounts for nine rows and the odd one is 3 which remains 3 at a bob. Other columns are tested in the same way.

		Bobs			Singles		
		W	M	H	W	M	H
1	XOOOX	2	3	2	X	1	1
2	OXOOX	X	8	3	2	7	3
3	OOXOX	3	9	1	3	9	2
4	XOOXO	7	X	3	4	X	4
5	OXOXO	4	5	6	7	5	6
6	OOXXO	9	4	4	9	6	5
7	XXOOO	5	2	8	5	2	9
8	OXXOO	6	7	9	8	8	8
9	XOXOO	8	1	7	6	3	7
X	OOOXX	1	6	X	1	4	X

Here is a simple arrangement of the skeletons using calls at Wrong and Middle only. It is true and complete and starts from and finishes with row X. The next step is to fill in the figures because the first part-end must not be rounds. In some cases, without disturbing the figures, we can choose between a bob or a single; in others between a plain and a single. Our first part-end must be one which will eventually bring up all the others, not necessarily in this order: 34265, 42356, 23465, 34256, 42365, 43256, 32465, 24355, 43265, 32456, 24365, 23456.

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5	5
7	2
X	6
9	1
2	8
6	4
4	X

A column for Befores is not included above because they cannot be used in an extent, but readers can add this column when composing or proving peals of normal length.

In 'The Ringing World,' November 6th, Mr. Shepherd's article has a twelve-part peal which can be proved by my table.

Here is a little homework. Suppose you have to conduct a peal which will take 20 hours to ring, giving plenty of time to forget how far you have got. What calls, within the limits imposed by the skeletons printed above, do you think are the easiest?

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By ALBERT J. PITMAN

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the 'Rising Sun,' Carter Lane, E.C., on Saturday, Jan. 9th, at 6 p.m.—John Chilcott. 5482

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Annual meeting, Midsomer Norton, Saturday, Jan. 9th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5 p.m. 5512

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Michael's, Broad Street, Saturday, Jan. 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Abbey bells after tea. 5501

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District. — Annual meeting, Biggleswade, Saturday, Jan. 9th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special methods: Single Oxford and Superlative. A very important meeting for all District members.—A Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5515

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 9th, St. Michael's, Macclesfield (12). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 5471

COVENTRY GUILD.—Southern District.—Meeting, Harbury, Saturday, Jan. 9th: rearranged times: Tea 4.30 p.m. Service 5.30. Social 7 o'clock. 5564

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District.—Annual District meeting, Staveley, Saturday, Jan. 9th. Bells 3 to 7 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—A. B. Cooper. 5525

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Annual District meeting, Cambridge, Saturday, Jan. 9th. Ringing, St. Bene't's (6), 3 to 4 p.m., St. Andrew's (8), 3.45 to 4.30. Service 4.30, and ringing after tea. Tea 5 p.m. in St. Andrew's Hall.—E. W. Bullman, Dis. Sec. 5500

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, Jan. 9th, Barking. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. 5491

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting, New Romney, Saturday, Jan. 9th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. —C. T. H. 5507

LADIES' GUILD.—Sussex District.—Annual general meeting, St. Nicholas' and St. Peter's, Brighton, Saturday, Jan. 9th. Owing to a football match, we have been unable to arrange tea. Will people please make their own arrangements.—D. Lester, Hon. Sec. 5543

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 9th, St. Luke's, Chelsea, 3.30 p.m. Tea, own arrangements. Business and further ringing, St. Mary's, Battersea, 6 p.m.—Miss Powell.

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD. — The annual general meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Burton, Saturday, Jan. 9th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business important. All welcome.—J. Cotton. 5476

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Meeting at St. Augustine's, Kilburn, Saturday, Jan. 9th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by business meeting and further ringing until 8. 5486

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—A day course of instruction will be held at the Guild Hall, High Wycombe, on Saturday, Jan. 9th, at 10 a.m. Talks will be given on Bell Handling, Learning and Teaching Methods, Rope Splicing, Care and Maintenance of Bells. The cost, under 2s. each. Please give us your support.—W. Butler, Hon. Sec. 5504

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A practice meeting will be held at Angmering (6) on Saturday, Jan. 9th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30 p.m. 5497

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Annual meeting, St. Mary's, Portsea, Saturday, Jan. 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Cathedral bells available 7 to 8 p.m. 5506

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Annual meeting, Dunster, Saturday, Jan. 16th. Tea for number notified by 13th.—A. R. Tudball, 3, West Close, Dunster. 5544

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Glaston Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 16th. St. Cuthbert's, Wells, bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Please notify for tea before Tuesday, 12th.—W. Marsh, Dovecotes, Street. 5538

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Annual meeting, Dunstable, Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells (8) 3.30 p.m. Short service 4.30. Tea, followed by business, 5 p.m. Tea arranged for those who send names to Mr. A. G. Matthews, 57, Tring Road, Dunstable (phone 1461).—K. G. Spavins, Dis. Sec. 5532

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Annual meeting, Crewe, Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea must be received by Jan. 13th. —W. Kerr, 102, Moreton Road, Crewe. 5543

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION and DURHAM and NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (Southern District).—Joint meeting, Stockton, Saturday, Jan. 16th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, by Jan. 14th to Mrs. E. P. Rock, Rosegarth, Yarm Road, Eaglescliffe, or 'phone Eaglescliffe 2451. 5567

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Chilvers Coton, Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Names for tea important by Thursday, Jan. 21st, to Mrs. Beamish, 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.—J. L. Garner-Hayward, Hon. Sec. 5566

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells: Godmanchester (8), 2.30 to 4 p.m.; Huntingdon All Saints' (6), 3.45 to 4.30. Service, All Saints', 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in All Saints' Parish Room, followed by business meeting. All Saints' and St. Mary's (8), Huntingdon, available after tea.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 5568

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Peter's, Wisbech, Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Own arrangements for tea.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 5539

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. —Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 16th, Earls Colne (8). Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to W. Arnold, Tey Road, Earls Colne. 5523

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—Meeting, Sutton Benger (5), Saturday, Jan. 16th. Service 4.20 p.m. Names for tea to H. Heath, 89, London Road, Chippenham. 5560

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Annual District meeting, Guildford, Saturday, Jan. 16th. Ringing, St. Nicolas', 3 p.m. Service, St. Nicolas', 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting in St. Nicolas' Hall. Ringing at Holy Trinity and St. Mary's after meeting. A good attendance, please. Numbers for tea by previous Tuesday to Mr. E. J. Wells, 6, Hereford Close, Stoughton, Guildford. 5573

HAWKHURST GUILD.—Annual meeting, Hawkhurst, Saturday, Jan. 16th. Names for tea to A. M. Kemp, Lillesden Cottages, The Moor, Hawkhurst. 5548

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Annual District meeting, St. Albans, Saturday, Jan. 16th. Ringing, St. Peter's, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, Cavalier Hall. Evening ringing, St. Stephen's. Any further ringing arrangements will be made known in the afternoon.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 5552

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting, Chatham, on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to C. E. J. Norris, 39, Dale Street, Chatham. 5563

LADIES' GUILD.—North Western District. —Annual meeting, Manchester Town Hall (jointly with Manchester Branch, Lancashire Association), Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Business meeting 4 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.—S. P. Wain, Dis. Sec. 5556

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Annual meeting, St. Woolos', Newport, Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells (12) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Miss E. Trowbridge, 40, Preston Avenue, Newport, Mon.—J. S. King. 5555

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—Meeting, Christ Church, Bacup, Saturday, Jan. 16th. Ringing 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5. Meeting in tower 6 p.m.—J. Porter, Branch Sec. 5570

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch.—Meeting, St. Anne's Parish Church, St. Anne's-on-Sea, Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Annual business meeting after tea.—J. F. Turner. 5541

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Annual meeting, jointly with Ladies' Guild, Saturday, Jan. 16th, at the Town Hall (13). Bells 3 p.m. Business 6 p.m.—G. D. Fearnehough, Sec. 5565

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Lindsey Branch. — Annual meeting, Gainsborough, Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells afternoon and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify me by previous Tuesday.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 5520

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 16th, St. Mary-atte-Bow, Stratford East, 3.30 to 5 p.m. Tea—own arrangements. Business meeting in vestry 6.15 p.m., and further ringing. Everyone welcome. A good attendance requested.—Bullock, Dis. Sec. 5550

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Bradford Cathedral (10) on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, Jan. 13th, to Mr. H. B. Schofield, 10, Laisterdyke Road, Bradford. No names, no tea.—D. Thorp. 5537

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton Mowbray District.—Annual District meeting will be held at Melton Mowbray on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in the Colles Hall at

5 p.m. Visitors welcome. Names for tea, please, not later than Wednesday, Jan. 13th, to Mr. M. J. Staniforth, 5, Chapel Street, Melton Mowbray. 5540

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—A. G. M., Saturday, Jan. 16th, St. Margaret's, Uxbridge. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting, election of officers, etc. Further ringing afterwards. Names for tea as soon as possible to H. W. Impey, 73, Parkfield Avenue, Hillingdon, Middx.—E. R. Gotham. Hon. Dis. Sec. 5549

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—Annual meeting at Uppingham (bells 8), 3 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 16th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday to W. C. A. Clark, Sec., Middle Street, Wing, Oakham. 5574

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Peter's, Dorchester, Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. at Wessex Restaurant. Names for tea by Wednesday, Jan. 13th, to R. H. Duke, Morland, 46, Prince of Wales Road, Dorchester, Dorset. 5519

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual general meeting, Selby Abbey, Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (moderate charge). Names, please, on or before Jan. 14th to Mr. R. R. Warford, 10, Ebor Street, Selby.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 5536

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Annual meeting, Newark, Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names by Wednesday previous to me.—W. L. Exton, 60, Albert Street, Newark, Notts. 5528

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North East District (the old Beccles, Halesworth and Saxmundham Districts).—Meeting at Leiston on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5. Please send names for tea by Jan. 13th. to Alan R. Bridges, Dis. Sec., 28, Waterloo Avenue, Leiston. 5475

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South West District.—Meeting, Lavenham (8), Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to F. S. Mortlock, 7, Church Street, Lavenham. 5529

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Annual District meeting to be held at Redhill (8) on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Thursday to Mr. A. Streeter, 4, Maple Road, Earlswood. 5505

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Keymer (6), Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify numbers by Tuesday, Jan. 12th.—Geo. North, 11, Richmond Terrace, Brighton. 5572

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Southampton District.—Annual District meeting, Saturday, Jan. 16th, St. Mary's, Southampton. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. St. Michael's after meeting. Names for tea to Mr. J. W. Faithfull, 31, High Road, Swaythling, Southampton. 5511

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Annual meeting, Fairfield, Buxton, on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided at 5 p.m., followed by meeting.—H. E. Taylor, Dis. Sec. 5571

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Annual District meeting, Colchester, St. Peter's, Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. St. Leonard's (6) also available. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, Jan. 20th, please, to Mr. H. J. Millatt, 301, Harwich Road, Colchester. 5542

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—The annual general meeting will be held at Bishop's Stortford (10) on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea, please, to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 5547

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, Jan. 23rd, Upton St. Leonards. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea by Jan. 19th to Green, 30, Malvern Road, Gloucester. 5479

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Annual District meeting, Farnham (8), Saturday, Jan. 23rd, from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mr. C. W. Denyer, 15, Crondall Lane, Farnham, Surrey.—C. J. Beadle, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5558

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, St. Peter's-in-Thanet (8), Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea (2s. per person) 5 p.m. Names, together with cash, please, by Jan. 20th to Miss S. Davis, 54, Albion Road, St. Peter's, Broadstairs.—T. C. P. 5484

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Quarterly meeting, St. John's, Deptford, Saturday, Jan. 23rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, 20th, to Miss M. R. Andrews, 43, Wansunt Road, Bexley. 5557

LINCOLN GUILD.—North Lindsey Branch.—Annual meeting, Barton-on-Humber, Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Tea 4.30. Meeting 5. Service 6 p.m. Names by Jan. 20th to Mr. Hoodless, 11, Holydyke, Barton-on-Humber. 5551

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester and District Branch.—Quarterly meeting to be held at Stratton Audley (5) on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea by the previous Monday to C. Kinch, Causeway, Bicester. 5553

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—Annual meeting at Wellingborough, All Hallows', Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to John E. Skervitt, Conway, Villa Lane, Stanwick, Wellingborough. 5546

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting, Chisledon, Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Names for tea to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 5559

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 23rd, Salisbury Service at St. Thomas', 4.15 p.m. Tea at Church House 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Bells: St. Paul's, afternoon and evening; St. Thomas', 6.45 to 8 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Jan. 19th to Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 5561

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting, Christ Church, Coseley, Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Wednesday, Jan. 20th, to Mr. J. D. Holden, 22, Harding Street, Coseley, near Bilston. 5531

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Peter's, South Croydon, Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5, in St. Peter's Hall. Bells after. Names by Wednesday previous to Miss V. Potter, 9, Waverley Road, S.E.25.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 5490

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Next general meeting at Wakefield on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. General committee meet in Cathedral vestry at 3.15 p.m. prompt. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea (3s. per head) in Brook Street Schools. Names by 21st to Mr. J. E. Kirby, 53, Pinderfields Road, Wakefield. General meeting immediately afterwards. Bells available: Sandal (6), 2.30 to 4 p.m.; Cathedral (12) immediately after meeting till 9 p.m.—L. W. G. Morris, Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Bradford, 9. 5498

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SOUTH WALES NOMADS.—Practice meeting will be held at Llanfrechfa, Mon. on Saturday, Jan 30th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. All ringers welcome, especially learners.—D. P., Hon. Sec. 5554

DEDICATION

BABWORTH, NOTTS

On St. Stephen's Day the first peal was rung on the new bells at Babworth, Notts. This ring of six by Taylor and Co. were dedicated only four days previously, on December 22nd, by the Lord Bishop of Southwell (Dr. Russell Barry).

The three original bells at Babworth, which were cast by Samuel Smith of York in 1691, had become unringable, and Mr. R. M. Wood, the people's warden, organised an appeal for the restoration of these bells. Three new bells were given by Mr. J. P. Ellis, the General Society of Mayflower Descendants and the Barron Bell Trust, while the original three bells have been taken down and recast. The six bells, now mounted in a metal frame, provide a delightful ring and further add to the ringing amenities of the borough of Retford.

Ringers in the town and surrounding district can now ring on four nights of the week, and Wednesday has been chosen for Babworth practice night. At the moment Babworth has only a small band, the members of which are already making good progress as they have been learning for the past six months at nearby West Retford.

THE BELLS

The weights and inscriptions of the bells are as follows:—

Treble (3 cwt.).—John Taylor & Co., Founders, Loughborough. Christian, thy call ring clear to serve our God, whence came with gladsome grace and voice Edith Pickwell Ellis, beloved wife of Percy. He hath put a new song in my mouth. 1959.

Second (3 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb).—John Taylor & Co., Founders, Loughborough, 1959. To the glory of God and in memory of Richard Clyfton, 1586-1605. 'A grave and revered preacher' (William Bradford).

Third (4 cwt. 6 lb.).—John Taylor & Co., Founders, Loughborough. To the glory of God this bell was given by the Barron Bell Trust, Emma Barron, Founder. H. W. Eldred, K. C. Walrond, E. R. Pennell, Trustees. 1959.

Fourth (4 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.).—Venite Exvltemvs Domino 1691. SS Ebor (Taylor Shield). Recast 1959.

Fifth (6 cwt. 23 lb.).—Gloria in altissimis Deo 1691. SS Ebor.

Tenor (7 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.)—In ivevnditate soni sonabo tibi Domine 1691. SS Ebor.

THE DEDICATION

During the dedication service the Babworth ringers were all singing in the choir and the bells were rung by representatives of the North Notts District from the towers of East and West Retford, Ordsall and North Wheatley.

In his address the Bishop expressed his admiration for the magnificent effort made by the parish in raising the money necessary to install the ring, and pointed out how fitting it was that the work should be completed just before the great festival of Christmas—a festival more associated with bells than any other. He recalled that it was exactly 14 years since he had dedicated a ring of six for the Rector's father at Rampton, and it was therefore appropriate that the Rector's father was acting as his chaplain at the dedication of bells for his son's parish.

After the dedication ringers from various towers kept the bells ringing in a variety of methods until 9 p.m.

The first peal on the bells was rung on Boxing Day, conducted by Mr. Richard Hobbs. The bells will be available from 2 to 4 p.m. on January 9th—the day of the annual general meeting of the North Notts District.

PEALS RUNG IN 1958

Revised list for Cambridge University:—

Cinques 1, Royal 1, Major 15 (2), Triples 1, Minor 4 (2). Totals 22 (4). No alteration in total.

PAULERSPURY, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Burbage (first quarter) 1, W. A. Yates 2, R. Hinton 3, R. Rogers 4, C. Truman (first as cond.) 5, J. Linnell 6.

5,056 BARKWAY SURPRISE

By W. ERIC CRITCHLEY

23456	B	M	W	H
35264	X			
42563		—		—
52364		—		
26543	X			
35642		—		—
43652			—	
56234		—	—	
56342	X			—
64523	X			
43526		—	3	2
32465	X			
54263		—		—
65243			—	
54632	X			
54326	X			—
63425		—		—
26435			—	3
63254	X			3
23456		—		

First rung at Barkway, Herts, November 14th, 1959.

QUARTER PEALS

EPPING, ESSEX.—On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): J. Statham (cond.) 1, Miss B. McClelland 2, C. Moore 3, J. Aldridge 4, E. Freeman 5, A. Freeman 6, M. Lamb 7, D. Freeman 8.

SAWLEY, DERBYS.—On Dec. 18th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. Harvey (cond.) 1-2, Mrs. W. E. Simpson 3-4, W. E. Simpson 5-6. First quarter on handbells by all.

SUNNINGWELL, BERKS.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Minor (Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob): Miss D. Honey 1, M. Jones 2, Miss J. Jones 3, J. Honey 4, W. G. Cudd 5, A. R. Pink (cond.) 6.

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200 YEARS ON

ON January 1st, at the Bull's Head Hotel, Shelthorpe, a dinner was given to the employees of John Taylor and Co., to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the baptism of the first of the long line of Taylors to cast bells. Robert Taylor, who was born in 1759 at Riseley, Bedfordshire, was the son of William Taylor, the village grocer. He was apprenticed to Edward Arnold, a bellfounder at St. Neots, and in 1784 was in charge of the foundry when Arnold went to Leicester. At the age of 27 he cast his first complete ring of five bells for Bletsoe Church, Bedfordshire. In 1821 he started a bell foundry at Oxford, and the tenor bell of the three at Foston, Lincs, has on it 'Taylor and Sons, Oxford and St. Neots.' He died and was buried at St. Ebbe's Churchyard, Oxford, in 1830.

His elder son William Taylor, born in 1785, at a very early age began to assist his father. The bells of Newton-in-the-Willows and Braybrooke have inscribed on them 'W. Taylor, 1806,' and one can picture the parental affection of a 11-year-old boy helping to make the moulds and the proud father putting his name on! Significant, perhaps, is the inscription on the five bells at Calverton, Bucks, 'W. and J. Taylor, Oxford, church clock and chime makers.' William died in Oxford in 1854 while working on the chiming machine for Bowdon Church, Cheshire.

John Taylor, the youngest son of Robert, born in 1797, also went into the foundry, and from 1822 onwards bells were inscribed 'W. and J. Taylor, Oxford,' as well as 'R. Taylor and Sons.' He set up his own bell foundry at Buckland Brewer, Devon, in 1825, and there cast the heavy six for Hartland in Devon. He had a pride in his craft. The second of the ring of eight he cast for Penkridge, Staffs, had this inscription:

> 'To speak with mellow tone but ne'er to swear,
> John Taylor taught us with a father's care.
> Clappers: screws: wheels: and all kept well in place.
> Then for an age quite sound this tower we'll grace!'

An important date in the history of the firm is 1839, for in that year John Taylor came to Loughborough to recast the parish church bells. In Pack Horse Lane he found a convenient centre for his trade, and decided to settle there. In 1842 he cast the first 'Taylor Ten' for Newark Parish Church. He died in 1858.

John William Taylor (1827-1906), the eldest son of John Taylor, at the age of 15 rang in a peal of Grandsire Triples on the third at Loughborough Parish Church. On the death of his father he and his brother Pryce Jemson Jones Taylor (1835-1862) carried on the business, and their bells were mostly inscribed 'John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.' In the year 1858 he began building his bell foundry in Freehold Street and Chapman Street.

There are on record a number of times when he disagreed with the Hon. Edmund Beckett Denison, who was regarded as an eminent authority on bells. In particular, of bells which was being planned for Worcester Cathedral, for on writing to the Rev. R. Cattley he says, 'I should dread the result at Worcester of such a peal to eclipse all others,' Denison got his own way, and Taylor had to cast the bells to his specification. The resultant ring of bells fully justified John William Taylor's forebodings, but it was left to his son, many years after, to remodel and recast the bells, resulting in the present noble ring.

John William Taylor II. (1853-1919) had the proud distinction of going to London at the age of 25 to receive the order for the largest ring of bells in the world, the 12 bells for St. Paul's Cathedral. Three years later, father and son completed their work there by casting and installing 'Great Paul'—truly a masterpiece of bell founding.

His brother, Edmund Denison Taylor (1864-1947), after being apprenticed to an iron founder in Leicester, was in 1884 in the Loughborough foundry, and was soon busy superintending the casting of bells and bell frames. In 1894 the Rev. A. B. Simpson visited Loughborough and became a constant visitor. The problems of the 'true-harmonic' bell were solved, and in 1896 the first ring of tuned bells ever made was installed in Norton Church.

In 1906 John William Taylor I. died and the foundry was carried on by the two brothers, John William and Edmund Denison. 'Their fame and success increase as the years go by, and they enlarge their scope by turning their attention to the building of carillons. This opened up great possibilities, both in the Old World and the New, and Taylor carillons are to be found spread over the world just as are Taylor peals.'

The third and fourth sons of John William II. enter the scene as they become old enough, namely Pryce Taylor (1891-1927) and Arnold Bradley Taylor (1894-1916), the latter being killed in the Great War. Pryce rejoined his uncle (his father died in 1919), and the business was carried on by the two of them until 1927, when Pryce died while on a business trip to Canada. Mention should be made of Gwendoline Taylor (1894-1942), third daughter of John William II., who, until her marriage to George Frederick Mears in 1923, assisted her brother and uncle in bell tuning, and the 47 bell war memorial carillon in Loughborough bears witness to her work.

The present head of John Taylor and Co., Paul Lea Taylor, was born in 1914, and started his career as a bell-founder under his uncle. It is to him that we are indebted for the information in this article, which is taken from his booklet, 'Two Hundred Years of History.' Under the heading of 'Paul Lea Taylor' appears this appreciation: 'It is with the wish to do honour to his forbears that he has written these few notes about them and to show that from somewhat small beginnings, where the family of Taylor took control, the business has continued to develop to its pre-eminence to-day through the industry of five

A WEEK IN SOUTH LINCOLNSHIRE

(ALL PEALS RUNG FOR THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD)

EDENHAM.

On Sat., Dec. 26, 1959, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

CLARENCE WHYLES	*Treble*	*JOSEPH BRUDENELL	5
BERNARD H. DALTON	2	FREDERICK W. FRENCH ..	6
WILLIAM A. HOLMES	3	J. MARTIN THORLEY	7
LEONARD C. BLANCHARD ..	4	C. HAROLD WHITTON ..	*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by C. HAROLD WHITTON.
* First peal.

Rung in honour of the wedding at Bedford this day of Derek Stainsby (of the local band) and Anne Amor.

BILLINGBOROUGH.

On Mon., Dec. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 7¼ cwt.

*DAPHNE BROWN	*Treble*	*ROBIN BROWN	5
JOHN THORLEY	2	BERNARD H. DALTON ..	6
THOMAS F. CARFORD ..	3	JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM ..	7
J. MARTIN THORLEY	4	C. HAROLD WHITTON ..	*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by C. HAROLD WHITTON.
* First peal on eight bells.

HORBLING.

On Tues., Dec. 29. 1959, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of St. Clement's and two each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

DAPHNE BROWN	*Treble*	JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM ..	4
*ROBIN BROWN	2	JOHN THORLEY	5
J. MARTIN THORLEY	3	C. HAROLD WHITTON ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.
* First peal in four methods. The conductor's 300th peal.

WIGTOFT.

On Wed., Dec. 30, 1959, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 7¾ cwt.

ALAN G. PAYNE	*Treble*	HAROLD BARSLEY	4
LESLIE H. TAYLOR	2	C. HAROLD WHITTON ..	5
JOHN THORLEY	3	J MARTIN THORLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

GOSBERTON.

On Thurs., Dec. 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and five of Plain Bob. Tenor 17¾ cwt.

JOHN THORLEY	*Treble*	GEORGE R. G. BUTLER ..	4
*ALAN G. PAYNE	2	JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM ..	5
C. HAROLD WHITTON ..	3	J. MARTIN THORLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.
* First peal 'inside' in more than one method.
Rung half-muffled to mark the passing of the 'fifties.'

TWO CONSECUTIVE PEALS

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Jan. 1, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45½ Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

PHILIP G. K. DAVIES ..	*Treble*	NEIL BENNETT	5
JOHN R. KENNETT	2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	6
ROBERT B. SMITH	3	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE ..	7
BASIL JONES	4	*BRIAN HARRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.
* 300th peal.

ALSO in 2 Hours and 45½ Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

PHILIP G. K. DAVIES ..	*Treble*	NEIL BENNETT	5
JOHN R. KENNETT	2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	6
*ROBERT B. SMITH	3	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE ..	7
BASIL JONES	4	BRIAN HARRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by BASIL JONES.
* 100th peal for the Guild.

Rung non-stop and as a birthday compliment to Miss Eileen M. Fearn, of Norbury.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 26, 1959, in 3 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5280 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 26 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

WILLIAM H. DOWSE	*Treble*	PHILIP G. K. DAVIES ..	7
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	ROBERT B. SMITH	8
BASIL JONES	3	EDWARD JENKINS	9
FRANK OSBALDISTON	4	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	10
C. KENNETH LEWIS	5	BRIAN HARRIS	11
JOHN WORTH	6	'PETER LAFLIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

First peal of Maximus in the method by all the band except 6 and 9, on the bells and for the Guild. Mr. Edward Jenkins has now 'circled the tower.'

Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Muriel Yates and John Lomas at St. Michael's, Macclesfield.

TEN BELL PEALS

MINEHEAD, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 5, 1959, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MICHAEL AND ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 20 cwt. 23 lb.

*F. A. KEITH PRIME	*Treble*	*DAVID J. PURNELL	6
*HOWARD COLLINGS	2	*CECIL T. CLARKE	7
*DEREK JEWELL	3	GEORGE PRESCOTT	8
DAVID HOARE	4	GWILYM SALMON	9
VICTOR G. ROBERTS	5	RONALD D. SHORT	*Tenor*

Composed by EDGAR GUISE. Conducted by GWILYM SALMON.
* First peal on ten bells.

A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pugsley, of Minehead, who celebrated their diamond wedding on October 10th, 1959.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Dec. 19, 1959, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb.

CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ..	*Treble*	FRANCIS BROTHERTON	6
HOWARD HOWELL	2	JAMES S. EASTWOOD	7
BARNABAS G. KEY	3	JOHN K. SMITH	8
E. MARION KEY	4	DAVID W. FRIEND	9
ROGER HAWKSWORTH ..	5	ROY K. MOWFORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

*ROGER L. K. WHITTELL ..	*Treble*	CLIFFORD R. LOVETT ..	6
LESLIE N. MELTON	2	FRANK A. WILLIS BETTS ..	7
CECIL W. PIPE	3	*ERNEST G. PEARCE	8
JAMES BENNETT	4	RODERICK W. PIPE	9
DAVID H. BUXTON	5	PERCY MAY	*Tenor*

Composed by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD. Conducted by RODERICK W PIPE.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters.
Rung fully-muffled for the passing of the old year.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 12, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

JAMES BENNETT	*Treble*	*ANDREW T. BECKWITH ..	5
*CLIFFORD R. LOVETT ..	2	FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD ..	6
*PETER L. WOOD	3	RODERICK W. PIPE	7
MRS. F. G. BLOOMFIELD	4	CECIL W. PIPE	*Tenor*

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 19, 1959, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb.

RAYMOND P. WOOD ..	*Treble*	HAROLD F. WOOD	5
E. JANE LANGTON	2	GEOFFREY R. CRISP	6
BERNARD E. MATTHEWS ..	3	†PETER H. LANGTON	7
*RAYMOND A. BROWN ..	4	W. LESLIE WELLER	*Tenor*

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by PETER H. LANGTON.
* First peal of Major. † 50th peal.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Tues., Dec. 22, 1959, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb. in A flat.

*CLIFFORD R. LOVETT	*Treble*	RODERICK W. PIPE	5
LESLIE G. BRETT	2	JAMES BENNETT	6
*DAVID H. BUXTON	3	CECIL W. PIPE	7
*ROGER L. K. WHITTELL	4	*LESLIE N. MELTON	*Tenor*

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY (No. 9).
Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.
* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.
A birthday compliment to Leslie N. Melton.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 23, 1959, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5184 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11½ cwt.

*JOHN P. PARTINGTON	*Treble*	ROGER LEIGH	5
*JOHN H. FIELDEN	2	*PETER SCHOLFIELD	6
J. BARRY PICKUP	3	NORMAN SMITH	7
*VICTOR J. C. WOOD	4	DEREK OGDEN	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NORMAN SMITH.
* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.
The composition contains 15 combination course-ends, no 82's or 83's, with only 42 bobs.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 24, 1959, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

*SANDRA E. CHESTERTON	*Treble*	MARTIN C. FAULKES	5
JOHN R. SMITH	2	GEOFFREY M. BREWIN	6
ERNEST MORRIS	3	ALAN E. HARTLEY	7
BRIAN G. WARWICK	4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 24, 1959, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

PATRICIA M. CLARKE	*Treble*	WILLIAM J. BUTTON	5
*ALICE A. J. LESTER	2	WALTER RUFFLES	6
JAMES BENNETT, JUN.	3	WALTER W. MILLER	7
ROBERT E. LESTER	4	LESLIE G. BRETT	*Tenor*

Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN. Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.
* 25th peal.
Birthday compliments to the ringers of the treble and tenor.

BRENCHLEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 26, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt.

OLIVE D. COUCHMAN	*Treble*	STANLEY JENNER	5
*MARGARET A. LADD	2	COLIN A. TESTER	6
EDWARD J. JENNER	3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT	7
THOMAS E. SONE	4	ERNEST J. LADD	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.
* First peal in the method 'inside.'

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 26, 1959, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MAJOR
Consisting of 3,600 Plain Bob and 1,440 of Cambridge Surprise, with 90 changes of method. Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

*GEORGE V. BUXTON	*Treble*	CECIL W. PIPE	5
JAMES BENNETT	2	RODERICK W. PIPE	6
*ROGER L. K. WHITTELL	3	*RONALD W. STEWARD	7
*DAVID H. BUXTON	4	*LESLIE N. MELTON	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.
* First peal of Spliced Major. First of 'spliced' as conductor. First of 'spliced' in these methods by all the band, on the bells, and for the Guild.

FARNWORTH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Dec. 27, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
John J. Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*JOHN ROBINSON	*Treble*	*JOHN NELSON	5
JOHN MEADOWCROFT	2	JOHN H. FIELDEN	6
*JOHN RIGBY	3	JOHN ASHCROFT	7
JOHN P. PARTINGTON	4	JOHN B. PICKUP	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN ASHCROFT.
* First peal in the method. First 'same name' peal for all.
Rung on the Feast of St. John-the-Evangelist.

GRAVESEND, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 28, 1959, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT ST. GEORGE'S CHAPEL OF UNITY.
A PEAL OF 5088 CORNWALL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E.

*ALAN E. BAGWORTH	*Treble*	IAN H. ORAM	5
RALPH BIRD	2	*FREDERICK R. SCOTT	6
*WILLIAM S. DEASON	3	BRIAN D. THRELFALL	7
*ALFRED E. RUSHTON	4	*THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by PHILIP G. K. DAVIES. Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.
* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor, and 100th peal for the Association.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

ERNEST MORRIS	*Treble*	*ALAN E. HARTLEY	5
JOHN R. SMITH	2	G. RONALD EDWARDS	6
*SANDRA E. CHESTERTON	3	RUSSELL S. MORRIS	7
*BRIAN SMITH	4	†BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal in the method. † 500th peal for the Guild.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5088 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in G.

HARRY F. CHURCHMAN	*Treble*	T. REGINALD DENNIS	5
JOHN G. GIPSON	2	*GEOFF. PRATT	6
FRANK E. HAYNES	3	DEREK E. SIBSON	7
GEORGE E. CRISP	4	GEORGE E. THODAY	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.
* First peal of Surprise Major. First of Surprise Major as conductor. First in the method by all the band except the ringer of the third.

WOMBOURN, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Mon., Dec. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BENEDICT BISCOP.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.

LESLIE W. KEY	*Treble*	RICHARD J. WARRILOW	5
BARNABAS G. KEY	2	JAMES S. EASTWOOD	6
*E. MARION KEY	3	DAVID W. FRIEND	7
ROBERT J. WARRILOW	4	ARTHUR J. ALLSOP	*Tenor*

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples on tower bells.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 29, 1959, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In seven methods, comprising 1,280 Rutland, 960 London, 640 each of Bristol, Wembley and Yorkshire, 480 each of Cambridge and Superlative, with 129 changes of method. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in F.

*DORIS E. COLGATE	*Treble*	†ROBERT COLLINS	5
IAN H. ORAM	2	BRIAN D. THRELFALL	6
RALPH BIRD	3	*DEREK P. JONES	7
*ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	4	*PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
* First peal of seven-spliced. † First of seven-spliced 'inside.' First of 'spliced' on the bells.

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CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Dec. 29, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13¼ cwt. in E flat.

MARTIN FAULKES	*Treble*	JOHN A. ACRES	5
JOHN R. SMITH	2	PETER J. STANIFORTH	6
BRIAN G. WARWICK	3	*RUSSELL S. MORRIS	7
ERNEST W. RAWSON	4	WILLIAM J. ROOT	*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.
* First peal in the method

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 30, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, being 1,440 Yorkshire, 1,280 Cambridge, 1,120 Rutland and 1,280 Lincolnshire, with all the work of every method for each bell; 69 changes of method. Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

JOHN R. KENNETT	*Treble*	NEIL BENNETT	5
*FREDERICK SHALLCROSS	2	FRANK OSBALDISTON	6
PHILIP G. K. DAVIES	3	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	7
ALEX. RICHARDSON	4	ROBERT B. SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by PHILIP G. K. DAVIES. Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.
* First peal of Spliced.
The composition is now rung for the first time.

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 30, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17¼ cwt.

KENNETH W. CHEESEMAN	*Treble*	*GEORGE S. DEAS	5
*MARION S. AINSWORTH	2	ROBIN G. TURNER	6
CHARLES N. LEA	3	DENIS A. BAYLES	7
J. ALAN AINSWORTH	4	ERIC N. HARRISON	*Tenor*

Composed by S. THOMAS. Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.
* First peal in the method. 150th peal as conductor.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 30, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 lb.

OLIVE D. COUCHMAN	*Treble*	*STANLEY JENNER	5
ROBERT COLLINS	2	THOMAS E. SONE	6
MARGARET A. LADD	3	*ERNEST J. LADD	7
BERNARD V. COLLISON	4	WILLIAM ROGERS	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.
* 25th peal together.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On New Year's Eve, Thurs., Dec. 31, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 LANSDOWNE LITTLE IMPERIAL BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.

GLADYS RICHARDSON	*Treble*	EILEEN M. FEARN	5
JOHN R. KENNETT	2	FRANK OSBALDISTON	6
PHILIP G. K. DAVIES	3	ALEX. RICHARDSON	7
CAROL FERNLEY	4	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.
First peal in the method.

Method: X 18, 56, 14, 56, 18, X. Lead head = 2nds – 6482735.
Bob = 4ths; Single = 234.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Dec. 31, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5120 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

MARION ARCHER	*Treble*	*DENNIS A. CHAPMAN	5
*LEONARD GOODALL	2	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	6
JOHN J. L. GILBERT	3	H. DAVID HOLLAND	7
CYRIL RUSBY	4	IAN M. HOLLAND	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE R. PYE. Conducted by IAN M. HOLLAND.
* First peal in the method.
A 21st birthday compliment to the conductor.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 31, 1959, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19¼ cwt. in E.

PATRICIA M. CLARKE	*Treble*	WALTER W. MILLER	5
MURIEL R. PAGE	2	CHARLES W. BEECROFT	6
FRANK RUFFLES	3	LESLIE G. BRETT	7
ROBERT E. LESTER	4	JAMES BENNETT, JUN.	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SIDGLEY (31). Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.
Rung to mark the retirement of the Rev. J. A. Burness, Rector here for 30 years.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Dec. 31, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. in G.

C. E. WILLMINGTON	*Treble*	R. SMITH	5
*L. BATLEY	2	B. R. DOWNES	6
A. J. N. BOYACK	3	H. NEILL	7
C. HUGHES	4	F. V. GANT	*Tenor*

Conducted by H. NEILL.
* First peal of Surprise.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
On Thurs., Dec. 31, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

JOHN B. COGGINS	*Treble*	PETER BEEDIE	5
EDWIN J. SMITH	2	FREDERICK A. H. WILKINS	6
CHARLES COLES	3	D. KAY ADKINS	7
MARIE R. CROSS	4	BRYAN R. WHITE	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by D. KAY ADKINS.
Rung for the 89th birthday of that grand old gentleman, William H. B. Wilkins.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 31, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
F. H. Dexter's variation of Thurstans' Four-part.
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F

PATRICIA A. WARDLE	*Treble*	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	5
A. JAMES POYNOR	2	RUSSELL S. MORRIS	6
BRIAN SMITH	3	BRIAN G. WARWICK	7
MRS. B. G. WARWICK	4	THOMAS O. PIERCY	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

MAIDWELL, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 6, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Four callings. Tenor 8 cwt.

*GEORGE WALKER	*Treble*	†DAVID TAYLOR	4
ROBIN V. BAKER	2	RAYMOND HENMAN	5
*ROY KEEVES	3	TIMOTHY WOODING	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBIN V. BAKER.
* First peal. † First 'inside.'
Rung for the wedding of Mr. Humphrey Clarke to Miss Betty Paybody.

BRANT BROUGHTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 7, 1959, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 14 extents each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in E.

G. COLIN JACKSON	*Treble*	WILLIAM L. EXTON	4
CLARENCE F. BRIGGS	2	F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER	5
FREDERICK DERRY	3	PHILIP C. PITCHFORD	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.
Rung half-muffled on the eve of Remembrance Sunday.

ACLE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 11, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND.
A PEAL OF 5040 WARKWORTH SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different variations of extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 47 lb. in G.

KENNETH L. BROWN	*Treble*	BEVAN W. WILLGRESS	4
NOLAN GOLDEN	2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	5
DORIS E. LIDBETTER	3	BERT GOGLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
An 87th birthday compliment to Mr. Herbert W. Lidbetter.
First peal in the method by all, on the bells, and for the Association.

HISTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 12, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 7½ cwt.

*CLIVE GOODING	*Treble*	GEORGE E. THODAY	4
HENRY C. FOSTER	2	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS	5
DONALD F. MURFET	3	MANSFIELD GINN	*Tenor*

Conducted by MANSFIELD GINN.
* First peal of Treble Bob.

WEST RETFORD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 12, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. in A flat.

VALERIE WATERFIELD	*Treble*	JAMES T. ROOKE	4
HAROLD DENMAN	2	ALEC WILSON	5
MALCOLM FOSTER	3	RICHARD HOBBS	*Tenor*

Conducted by RICHARD HOBBS.

The ringer of the second is the first person to 'circle the tower.'

BURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 19, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. BOTOLPH AND ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

CECIL W. PIPE	*Treble*	*CHARLES J. SEDGLEY	4
*JAMES BENNETT	2	*RODERICK W. PIPE	5
†ROGER L. K. WHITTELL	3	†LESLIE N. MELTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

* First peal of London Surprise Minor. † First in the method.

MARSTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 19, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 6000 DOUBLES

Being 600 each of All Saints', Old, Northrepps, Southrepps, Clifford Pleasure, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, April Day, Plain Bob, Reverse St. Bartholomew and Grandsire Doubles. Tenor 6 cwt.

DAVID C. WOODWARD	*Treble*	MALCOLM JOURNEAUX	3
ALEC GAMMON	2	ROY H. JONES	4
CLIVE HOLLOWAY	*Tenor*		

Conducted by CLIVE HOLLOWAY.

First peal in ten methods on the bells and by all the band.

BENFIELDSIDE, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 21, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

*RICHARD CLIVER	*Treble*	KENNETH W. CHEESEMAN	4
†NORMAN ERRINGTON	2	CHRISTOPHER T. LAMB	5
*WILLIAM TYSON	3	DENIS A. BAYLES	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.

* First peal in seven methods. † First in seven methods 'inside.'

A farewell compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. E. H. Fenwick, who will be leaving in January for Lapworth, Warwickshire, after 21 years in this parish.

LONG STRATTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Dec. 24, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Double Court and St. Clement's and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

CHARLES H. BLAKE	*Treble*	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	4
BETTY SYRETT	2	CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO	5
WILFRED G. SAUNDERS	3	FRANK C. J. ARNOLD	*Tenor*

Conducted by CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO.

BLO-NORTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 26, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

*RAY FOREMAN	*Treble*	DORA M. REEVE	4
*NORMAN WATSON	2	HARRY B. FULLER	5
WALTER G. PAUL	3	JIM W. PAUL	*Tenor*

Conducted by JIM W. PAUL.

* First peal.

A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. Foreman, parents of the treble ringer.

ETWALL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 26, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Single Oxford Bob and six of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in A flat.

*GARTH MUNTON	*Treble*	*DEBORAH WILSON	4
*NOREEN P. WICKHAM	2	DAVID K. WALKLATE	5
*ROSAMUND M. BULL	3	JOHN F. MURFIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.

* First peal of Minor in two methods.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 26, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 BUXTON COLLEGE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.

WILLIAM A. SMITH	*Treble*	JOHN R. KENNETT	4
EILEEN M. FEARN	2	ALEX. RICHARDSON	5
CAROL FERNLEY	3	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

First peal in the method.

Method: x 16 x 1236 x 36 L.H.=12–42635 Bob=14
Single=1234.

ORSETT, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 26, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Consisting of 21 240's of Pitman's. Tenor 11 cwt.

*ELIZABETH D. MASON	*Treble*	ALAN A. HILLIAR	4
JOAN E. M. HILLS	2	DESMOND G. MAYELL	5
†MRS. F. W. BLATCH	3	FREDERICK W. BLATCH	*Tenor*

Conducted by DESMOND G. MAYELL.

* First peal. † First of Grandsire Doubles. First in the method on the bells, and the first peal on the bells for 46 years

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 26, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Single Oxford and Single Court, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

*COLIN G. JACKSON	*Treble*	WALTER WESTON	4
RONALD G. RUSSELL	2	*FREDERICK DERRY	5
†PERCY D. BALDOCK	3	JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First peal in three Minor methods. † 25th peal on the bells.

HUCKNALL, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 26, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three 720's of Kent T.B. and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*BRIAN HINCHCLIFFE	*Treble*	F. NEVILLE PAILING	4
MRS. S. PATRICIA NIX	2	PETER NIX	5
HERBERT LEWIN	3	FREDERICK A. SALTER	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK A. SALTER.

* First peal of Minor.

Rung after meeting short for Major.

SILSOE, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 26, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Comprising two 2,160's and one 720. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in B.

ROY A. WARD	*Treble*	KEITH WAKEFIELD	4
PETER J. SHIPTON	2	JOHN B. LONG	5
HELEN NEVIN	3	BRYAN PATTISON	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.

Rung as a compliment to Derek Stainsby and Anne Eleanor Amor, who were married earlier in the day at Christ Church, Bedford.

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WIGMORE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 26, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 8¼ cwt.

SIDNEY DANIELS	*Treble*	ROSEMARY D. BRAY	4
LAURANCE J. MAINWARING	2	LESLIE EVANS	5
REGINALD J. HERBERT ..	3	FREDERICK R. HARRIS ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE EVANS.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss Frances Williams and Mr. James Mackenzie, which took place at this church immediately before the peal.

WORLE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 26, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire. Tenor 13 cwt.

*WILLIAM LOVELL	*Treble*	†RONALD BALLAM	4
†DENNIS HAWKINS	2	GEORGE PRESCOTT	5
‡MARTIN WORRELL	3	‡WILFRED KINGSBURY ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.

* First peal away from tenor. † First in two methods. ‡ First peal.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 28, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, TONG.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, two of Cambridge Surprise and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. in A.

RITA M. JOWETT	*Treble*	PETER SCHOLFIELD	4
B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD ..	2	HAROLD B. SCHOFIELD ..	5
JOHN H. FIELDEN	3	FREDERICK A. MUNDAY ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK A. MUNDAY.

BRANT BROUGHTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 28, 1959, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Plain Bob, Oxford Bob and Single Court. Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in E flat.

PETER A. SHARP	*Treble*	JOHN F. PEARSON	4
G. LEONARD THOMPSON ..	2	RONALD APPLEWHITE ..	5
GEOFFREY R. PARKER ..	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

SOUTH CERNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 28, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in four methods: 12 extents of April Day, 8 of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 12 of Plain Bob and 10 of Grandsire. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

*MICHAEL J. COOK	*Treble*	BRUCE WAKEFIELD	4
PETER WAKEFIELD	2	WILLIAM A. GODWIN ..	5
ERNEST H. JEFFRIES.. ..	3	*RONALD J. SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRUCE WAKEFIELD.

* First peal. First as conductor.

Rung as a compliment to the conductor on being awarded an Open Scholarship in Physics at Pembroke College, Oxford; also as a welcome to the Vicar, the Rev. D. Paine.

HANDBELL PEALS

LEVERSTOCK GREEN, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Sun., Dec. 20, 1959, *in* 1 *Hour and* 53 *Minutes,*
IN THE SCHOOL.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Kent Treble Bob and Double Bob, and five different extents of Plain Bob. Tenor size 15 in C.

*STANLEY HUCKLE	1—2	WALTER AYRE	3—4
GERALD PENNEY		5—6	

Conducted by GERALD PENNEY.

* First peal of three methods 'in hand.'

Rung for the Christmas Festival.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Christmas Eve, Thurs., Dec. 24, 1959, *in* 1 *Hour and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT WHINGARTH, RIDGE ROAD.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

In two methods: (1) and (2) Double Plain Bob, (3) and (4) Plain Bob and Double Plain Bob, (5) and (6) Plain Bob, (7) Double Plain Bob and Plain Bob: 30 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

*FRANK OSBALDISTON ..	1—2	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE ..	3—4
ROBERT B. SMITH		5—6	

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

* First of 2 Minor on handbells. 150th peal as conductor.

John Taylor & Co.

LOUGHBOROUGH

The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

DATE TOUCHES

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,960 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Rowe 1, D. Belcham 2, Mrs. M. King 3, B. Sadler 4, J. Belcham 5, P. Sadler 6, P. King (cond.) 7, P. Sloman 8. Mr. and Mrs. King's farewell touch on leaving for two years in Nigeria.

SULLY, GLAM.—On Dec. 31st, 1,960 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire): R. Lea 1, E. J. R. Hartley 2, R. Havard 3, A. F. R. Hartley 4, A. M. Coombs (cond.) 5. Longest number of changes rung on the bells. A date touch welcome to the New Year.

ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—At St. Peter's Cathedral, on Dec. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Greenhalgh (first of Minor and first in Australia) 1, W. B. Pitcher 2, Enid Roberts (cond.) 3, A. R. Lamphee 4, F. N. Smeaton 5, B. R. Cox 6.

ALDBOURNE, WILTS.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Cuss 1, M. Wheeler (first quarter) 2, F. Read (cond.) 3, T. A. Palmer 4, G. Newman 5, D. Bowles (first quarter) 6. Rung to mark the wedding of W. Barnes (former ringer, serving in the R.A.F.) and Miss B. Tucker; also for the engagement of D. Bowles and Miss A. Alder.

ALFRISTON, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Burgess 1, Sybil Tonkin 2, Judith Funnell 3, F. Beeney 4, G. Beeney (cond.) 5, H. Pettitt 6. Rung on the 50th anniversary of the ordination of the Rev. H. S. Mathias, Vicar of Alfriston, who is also an active ringer.

AMERSHAM, BUCKS.—On Nov 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. F. Peers 1, Rosalind Hicks 2, G. Orchard 3, D. C. Lawson 4, A. Fortin 5, J. E. Camp (cond.) 6. First of Minor for 1, 2 and 4. For Matins.

ASHCOTT, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. Bagg 1, K. Prime (cond.) 2, Freda Phillips 3, C. Norton 4, W. Cavill 5, M. Bagg 6. A compliment to Mrs. Bagg on her 90th birthday; also wedding anniversary of her son (churchwarden) and engagement of ringers 2 and 3.

AWRE, GLOS.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. F. Sims 1, G. T. Horritt 2, H. N. Coombe (first 'inside') 3, D. A. Hoult 4, B. D. Sims (cond.) 5, N. K. Winspear (first quarter) 6. First quarter on the bells since rehanging. Rung in memoriam Sir Evan Gwynne-Evans.

BECKINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. G. Randall 1, W. J. Phippen 2, Teresa Jones 3, G. C. Grant 4, E. E. Bray 5, P. R. Saunders 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Aaron Fear, interred this day.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTS.—1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss C. Lansley 1, B. Purnell (cond.) 2, P. Gaisford 3, G. Parsons 4, F. Box 5, T. Wicks 6. First in three methods for 1 and 4. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Parsons on their 25th wedding anniversary.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 6th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,296 Grandsire Caters: Betty Stephenson 1, A. W. Bond 2, G. North 3, C. W. T. Riddleston 4, F. Cruttenden 5, L. Stilwell 6, H. W. Woolven (cond.) 7, F. Page 8, W. A. Riddington 9, F. Lewis 10. Rung as a farwell to the Vicar (Canon D. H. Booth) prior to his installation as Archdeacon of Lewes on December 8th. Also on Nov. 29th, at St. Nicolas' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Snoswell (first of Grandsire Triples) 1, S. Armstrong 2, A. Humphrey 3, D. Hunns (first of Grandsire 'inside') 4, J. Riddleston 5, J. Smithies (first of Grandsire Triples) 6, H. Stalham (cond.) 7, F. Lewis 8.

CHALFONT ST. PETER, BUCKS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Mrs. E. G. Swift 1, E. G. Swift 2, J. E. Camp 3, M. G. Swift 4, C. Shepherd 5, R. Swift (cond.) 6.

CHEPSTOW, MON.—On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Johnson 1, Miss P. Jones 2, Miss B. Sioberg 3, Mrs. D. J. King 4, C. G. Bryant 5, J. E. Morgan 6, D. J. King (cond.) 7, Rev. R. Hallett 8. First quarter on the bells since rehanging. A welcome home from hospital to Mr. J. Sims, tower master at Chepstow.

DOVER, KENT.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss L. Coveney (first quarter) 1, G. Ruck 2, Miss A. Banks 3, G. Gray 4, J. Walker 5, C. George (cond.) 6, D. Thomas 7, T. Ellender 8.

GREENWICH, S.E.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Brenda Riches 1, Felicity Webber 2, Freda Cannon 3, D. James 4, M. Sprackling (cond.) 5, J. Rooke 6. First quarter 1 and 2. Rung to commemorate the visit of the Chief Guide to the 1st Greenwich Park Guide Company on their jubilee.

HECKINGTON, LINCS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. Brown 1, R. Trevitt 2, R. Asher 3, A. Bird 4, E. Cole 5, W. Weston 6, A. Dixon 7, R. Pocklington (cond.) 8. First of Major 1 and 4.

QUARTER PEALS

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Diane Kenward 1, J. Streeter 2, Sybil Tonkin 3, Judith Funnell 4, G. Beeney (cond.) 5, T. Matthews 6. A 14th birthday compliment to treble ringer.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Christmas Day, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: P. E. Wells 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, A. J. Davey 3, F. R. Nicholls 4, M. J. Dyer (cond.) 5, H. S. Peacock 6. For morning service. Also on Jan. 3rd, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: M. J. Dyer 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, F. R. Nicholls 3, Miss D. Robinson 4, A. J. Davey (first of Cambridge 'inside'), H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6.

HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Pentelow (first quarter) 1, W. Wilby 2, B. Whitworth 3, J. M. Clarke 4, A. L. Priestley 5, A. Wilson (cond.) 6, D. Deighton 7, H. Pentelow 8. Rung prior to Midnight Mass.

HISTON, CAMBS.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Harbidge 1, Angela Tolliday 2, H. Foster 3, C. Gooding 4, C. Muncey (cond.) 5, J. Chandler 6. For Evensong.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints' Church, on Nov. 29th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: J. A. Howes 1, L. G. Cowley 2, J. R. G. Spicer 3, M. J. Dyer 4, A. T. Howes 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For Advent Sunday. Also on Dec. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. A. Howes 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, Miss D. Robinson 3, M. J. Dyer 4, A. T. Howes 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled during the last hour of 1959. Also on Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. A. Howes 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, Miss D. Robinson 3, M. J. Dyer 4, A. T. Howes 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service.

IVER, BUCKS.—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire): R. J. Foster 1, W. D. Ward 2, R. I. Shepherd 3, E. R. Gotham 4, W. Birmingham (cond.) 5, D. Rowlands 6. Rung as a token of respect to Mr. G. Stanley, captain of this tower, on completing 50 years' Sunday service ringing.

KIRK ELLA, YORKS.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob, April Day, Clifford's Pleasure, St. Martin's and St. Simon's): I. N. Goldthorpe 1, D. Johnson 2, J. Perrett 3, K. Kirk 4, J. S. Rank (cond.) 5, K. Goldthorpe 6. For the service of nine lessons and carols.

KNOWLE, WARWICKS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: V. R. Tallis 1, Helen M. Thacker 2, Pamela M. Turner 3, M. Lawrence (first of Minor) 4, M. C. Hughes 5, R. E. Tallis, jun. (cond.) 6. For Christmas Eve.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: L. Batley 1, C. Willmington 2, F. Mills 3, C. Hughes 4, Miss V. Hester 5, R. Smith 6, E. Smith (cond.) 7, J. Eastwood 8. For carol service.

LITTLE STAUGHTON, BEDS.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. A. A. Whitworth 1, A. L. Priestley 2, J. Mills Clifton 3, B. Whitworth 4, J. M. Clarke (cond.) 5. Rung by Rushden (Northants) band.

LONDON.—At Southwark Cathedral, on Dec. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Overington (first quarter) 1, K. Cherrill 2, Christine Pullin 3, W. J. Rawlings 4, A. B. Peck 5, John Phillips (cond.) 6, F. E. Collins 7, D. Randall 8. A welcome to Mark, born December 6th, first grandson of A. C. Winn, Cathedral ringing master.

LUPPITT, DEVON.—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Middleton 1, F. J. Sage 2, A. Wright (first quarter) 3, C. Churchill 4, J. Sage (first as cond.) 5, L. Marker 6.

NEWINGTON-NEXT-HYTHE, KENT.—On Dec. 28th, 1,320 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss M. L. Bryant 1, Miss E. Hough 2, R. J. Hough 3, M. J. Martin 4, A. Jackson (cond.) 5.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKS.—On Christmas Day, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: V. R. Tallis 1, Pamela M. Turner 2, C. Baugh 3, M. C. Hughes 4, R. E. Tallis 5, R. E. Tallis, jun. (cond.) 6. Also on Dec. 27th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: V. R. Tallis 1, M. C. Hughes 2, Pamela M. Turner 3, C. J. A. Goy 4, R. E. Tallis 5, R. E. Tallis, jun. (cond.) 6. For Matins. Also on Dec. 27th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: P. S. Bennett 1, Pamela M. Turner 2, Helen M. Thacker 3, M. C. Hughes 4, R. C. Warburton 5, R. E. Tallis, jun. (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on Jan. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. C. Hughes 1, Pamela M. Turner 2, R. G. Morris 3, P. Warren 4, R. E. Tallis 5, R. E. Tallis, jun. (cond.) 6.

PENARTH, GLAM.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: A. Smith 1, E. J. R. Hartley 2, R. Havard 3, W. Harford 4, B. Taylor 5, A. F. R. Hartley 6, J. W. G. Goodfellow 7, A. M. Coombs (cond.) 8. A birthday compliment to the Rev. G. H. A. Stephens, Rector.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Dec. 31st, at St. Mary, Portsea, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. Joan Salmons 1, Mrs. Marion Page 2, A. Page 3, L. D. Duguid 4, F. W. Rogers 5, T. R. Taylor 6, E. F. Salmons (cond.) 7, H. T. Macey 8. For Watchnight service.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. T. Clarke (first of Minor) 1, R. E. D. Henebury 2, C. D. Baugh (first of Minor) 3, Judy Robinson 4, G. Bailey 5, V. A. Hemming (cond.) 6. For the eve of Christmas. Also on Dec. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. D. Baugh (first of Triples) 1, R. E. D. Henebury (first of Triples) 2, Judy Robinson (first 'inside' on eight) 3, R. E. Tallis (first 'inside' on eight) 4, V. A. Hemming (cond.) 5, J. T. Gwilt 6, M. C. Hughes 7, J. T. Clarke (first on eight) 8. For Evensong.

SOUTH CERNEY, GLOS.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Judy Dorling 1, Margaret Fenton 2, Anne Stephens 3, R. Fenton 4, B. Wakefield (cond.) 5, P. Wakefield 6. A compliment to the conductor on being awarded an open scholarship in physics at Pembroke College, Oxford. Also on Dec. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. J. Cook 1, Margaret Fenton 2, Anne Stephens 3, B. Wakefield (cond.) 4, R. J. Smith (first 'inside') 5, P. Wakefield 6. For the carol service.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—At St. Thomas' Church, on Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. J. Fellows (aged 12) 1, Mrs. R. Smith 2, F. V. Nicholls 3, A. D. Fellows (father) 4, R. Smith (cond.) 5, M. D. Fellows (aged 14) 6, D. H. Watson 7, Jill Tombs 8. Rung half-muffled for Evensong and in memoriam Elsie May Dunn, the wife of A. L. Dunn, a ringer at this church for 40 years.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Lavina Mumford 1, N. Moxon 2, B. Hough 3, A. Wilson 4, Eleanor Rose 5, Katharine Burchnall 6, Grace Burchnall (cond.) 7, R. Mumford 8. Rung half-muffled to ring out the old year.

TENDRING, ESSEX.—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Brazier 1, Mrs. P. W. Mills 2, Miss A. Collier 3, Miss A. Pryke 4, E. E. Davey (cond.) 5, Mrs. A. Hales 6. For the induction of the Rev. L. Griffiths. Also on Nov. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Brazier 1, Miss A. Collier 2, Miss A. Pryke 3, E. E. Davey (cond.) 4, Mrs. A. Hales 5, I. Cooper 6. For Mr. C. Marvens 55th anniversary as church clerk and ringer.

THATCHAM, BERKS.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. Davis 1, Mrs. D. Pearce 2, E. Woolgrove (first of Grandsire Triples) 3, R. F. Christopher 4, R. W. Rex 5, R. F. Crook 6, G. K. Dodd (cond.) 7, A. Christopher 8.

TWYNING, GLOS.—On Dec. 11th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Reverse St. Bartholomew and Grandsire): R. Liddell 1, M. Hawkes (cond.) 2, W. Williams 3, Arthur Halling 4, Albert Halling 5, D. Williams 6.

UXBRIDGE, MIDDLX.—On Dec. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): M. Sheehan (first quarter) 1, Mrs. E. R. Gotham 2, H. W. Impey (cond.) 3, E. R. Gotham 4, F. Bedford 5, D. Rowlands (first quarter) 6, F. Corke 7, J. Ing 8. Rung to mark the seventh anniversary of the rededication of the bells.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Minor (Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob): M. Foster 1, Miss F. Robinson 2, Mrs. J. Crosby 3, R. Lucas 4, H. J. Rooke (cond.) 5, D. H. Rooke 6. For Parish Communion. Also on Dec. 27th, 1,320 Minor (Oxford Treble Bob and Norwich Surprise): F. Cooke 1, G. Challans 2, J. T. Rooke 3, R. Lucas 4, F. Flint 5, H. J. Rooke (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

WESTBURY-ON-SEVERN, GLOS.—On Dec. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Plain Bob and Grandsire): C. Phillips 1, R. G. Powell 2, E. W. Penn 3, A. Halling 4, M. Hawkes (cond.) 5, F. J. Turner 6.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,440 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob): D. W. Threlfall 1, J. D. Smith 2, J. E. Brough 3, F. R. Morton (cond.) 4, J. A. Adams 5, K. J. Collier 6. Rung half-muffled to the memory of the 5th ringer's father.

WOOTTON WAWEN, WARWICKS.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Minor (Double Court, Little Bob and Plain Bob): Helen M. Thacker 1, Pamela M. Turner 2, M. C. Hughes 3, R. C. Warburton 4, R. E. Tallis, jun. (50th quarter peal) 5, P. S. Bennett (cond.) 6. First in three Minor methods by all.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The Director of Religious Broadcasting (North Region) would like to be informed of special events in the North Region, such as the hanging of a new ring of bells or the restoration of an old historic ring. Will ringers please communicate with Mr. Norman Chaddock, member of the Central Council Committee for Broadcasting and Television, 17, Herringthorpe Grove, Broom, Rotherham.

The 'Johns' have done it again with a peal at Farnworth, Lancs, on December 27th.

Any claims for the first quarter in 1960? Packworth, Warwickshire, started theirs at 12.20 a.m. on January 1st.

Mr. Brian G. Warwick has rung 500 peals for the Leicester Diocesan Guild.

The peal of Plain Bob Major rung at Sutterton on November 28th, 1959, was a Lincoln Diocesan Guild peal.

Correction to peal rung at Dronfield, Derbys. Page 2, January 1st: The name of the treble ringer is Michel H. Paulson, and not as printed.

The dinner that Rickmansworth ringers are holding on January 30th is arranged for a two-fold purpose—to promote greater fellowship and to provide money to rehang Rickmansworth's ring of 10.

Roger Overington, son of the Dean's verger at St. Paul's Cathedral, has rung his first quarter peal—at Southwark Cathedral. We shall hear about this from the Provost of Southwark at the next College Youths' dinner.

At Sevenoaks on New Year's Day after the traditional 12 strokes at midnight on the tenor, the bells went off into a course of London Surprise Major. Was this the first course of London in 1960?

By the peal of Stedman Doubles at Waterlingbury, Kent, on January 2nd, Arthur G. Mason, Trevor A. Cross, Thomas Cullingworth and George J. Butcher, complete the Stedman family—Doubles to Cinques—in peals. A previous attempt for this peal was lost owing to the treble rope breaking about 48 changes from the finish.

The 720 of Oxford Treble Bob was specially included in the peal at St. James', Tong, in memory of George Bolland. This gentleman was quite famous in these parts as a six-bell ringer, and he left a sum of money in trust so that each year, on December 28th, a 720 of Oxford, his favourite method, should be rung. Even the most generous minded person could not describe Tong bells as good, either in tone or 'go,' but they were loved by the old band and over 50 peals have been rung on them.

The peal at Gillingham (see page 18) was rung in 2 hours and 46 minutes, and not as printed.

Mr. Ernest Weatherby, from Los Angeles, writes sending New Year Greetings to ringing friends, and states that he is in good health and is still working.

Melbourne Cathedral rang for New Year's Eve Stedman Caters, Grandsire Caters and Cinques and Double Norwich Court Bob Major, plus the usual methods.

We are sorry to learn that Mr. F. N. Golden, president of the Norwich Diocesan Association, is in Ward 7 of the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter King, of Prittlewell, Essex, are leaving on January 16th for two years in Nigeria. A farewell date touch was rung on Prittlewell bells on January 3rd. Bon Voyage and many happy experiences!

A peal attempt in honour of the wedding of Miss Margaret Pitstow, daughter of Mr. and Harold Pitstow, in Rhodesia, was lost at Banstead on December 12th after nearly three hours' ringing.

The Rev. E. H. Fenwick is leaving Benfieldside, Co. Durham, this month, after holding the living for 21 years. In 1957 he was instrumental with his ringers in having the bells rehung. At Lapworth the five bells there will present him with another challenge in that line. His daughter, Angela, has learned to ring and she will doubtless urge him on with the task. Ringers in Co. Durham wish him and his family well in their new home.

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A CELEBRATION DINNER

200th Anniversary of Baptism of First Taylor Bellfounder

On New Year's Day, 1760, Robert Taylor was baptised at Riseley, Bedfordshire. He was the first Taylor to become a bell-founder and to mark the 200th anniversary Mr. Paul L. Taylor, the fifth generation of bellfounders and the present head of John Taylor and Co., gave a dinner to his employees and their ladies at the Bull's Head Hotel, Shelthorpe.

Present with Mr. and Mrs. Taylor on this memorable occasion were their three children, Sarah Margaret, Frances Edith and John William Taylor (IV.). Other members of the family present were Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Dickens (brother-in-law and sister of Mr. P. L. Taylor), Mr. G. F. Mears, Mr. and Mrs. L. Nohre, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Denison Taylor and Miss Rosemary Taylor.

After the toast of 'The Queen' a touch of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by P. L. Taylor, C. Harrison, R. Edwards and H. Marcon. The toast of 'The Taylor Family' was proposed by Mr. John Eccleshall, to which Mr. Taylor replied.

Mr. John Fidler, the toastmaster, read out greetings, cables and telegrams that had been received, including one from the president of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers and also one from Mrs. Scott, secretary of the Central Council for the Care of Churches.

Apart from the professional entertainment, Mr. Taylor and Mr. Colin Harrison provided tune ringing, four in hand. The accompanist was Mr. Fred Spicer, who is employed in the joiners' shop of the Foundry.

The appreciation of the guests to Mr. Taylor was ably expressed by Mr. Colin Harrison. The dinner was a great success and in the words of our correspondent, 'We all enjoyed ourselves hugely.'

A booklet giving notes concerning the various members of the family during the five generations, prepared by Mr. P. L. Taylor, was an appropriate souvenir of a happy occasion.

Tips For Beginners — 3

As a further aid to hearing your bell, notice at first the sound of it when you are leading, later when you are in the last place, until presently you will find you can hear it all the time.

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION

Nearly 60 ringers attended the annual meeting of the North Staffordshire Association held at Stoke Parish Church on December 5th. The service was conducted by the Rector (Preb F. A. R. Chapman), who also kindly entertained the Association to tea in the Church Institute

The business meeting was presided over by the Archdeacon of Stoke-on-Trent (the Ven. G. Youell), who welcomed the newly-elected treasurer and secretary and thanked the retiring officers for their services to the Association in the past. The meeting stood in remembrance of the Rev. J. B. Frith, one-time Rector of Swynnerton and member of the Association.

Eight new ringing members were elected and Mr. G. Hall, of Brown Edge, was elected hon. life member, having been in the Association for 50 years.

Ringing continued after tea until 9 p.m., ranging from rounds to London Surprise Major.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

The Rev. C. Elliot Wigg took the chair at the annual meeting of the Society on December 1st, when the following elections were made: Master, Mr. A. N. Stubbs (Hertford College); treasurer, Mr. N. Martin (St. Peter's Hall); secretaries, Miss S. G. Cameron (Lady Margaret Hall) and Mr. D. T. Darby (New College).

SERVANTS OF THE EXERCISE — No. 3



REV. GILBERT THURLOW, M.A., F.S.A.

(Vice-President of Central Council)

There is no more energetic member of the Exercise than the Rev. Gilbert Thurlow. His dynamic and forthright personality inspires all who come into contact with him and it would be hard to imagine anyone more suitable to become a future president of the Central Council.

Mr. Thurlow was born in 1911 and was educated at Felixstowe, Felstead, Selwyn College (Cambridge) and Cuddesdon Theological College, Oxford. He was appointed assistant curate at All Saints', Wokingham, in 1934, and in 1939 became Precentor at Norwich Cathedral until 1955. He was Rector of St. Clement's and Vicar of St. George Colegate, where he converted an old ring of three into a ring of six in 1950.

From 1952 to 1955 he was also Vicar of St. Andrew's, Norwich. In 1955 he became Vicar of Great Yarmouth, and everyone knows how energetically he tackled the enormous job of restoring the famous church and its bells.

Before the war it was a constant argument which was the largest parish church in the country, Coventry or Yarmouth. Well, St. Michael's, Coventry, has gone, to be replaced by a modern Cathedral—so Yarmouth must be left with the honours.

Mr. Thurlow is far too busy to have much time available for peal ringing—but, nevertheless, he has about 100 to his credit, which include London Surprise Major at Helmingham and Treble Bob Maximus at Bow. This latter was on the Croydon ring and was probably the only peal of Kent Treble Bob on them. He took part in a peal of Bob Major on handbells at Trinity College, Cambridge (his first peal) and the band included the present Astronomer Royal.

JAFUS.

Critic's Praise

'As one of "The Ringing World" critics in 1959, may I say that No. 1 of 1960 has left me agreeably surprised. If this issue reflects the shape of things to come, I think your circulation figures will rise, even at the increased price.

'I congratulate you on the first of a series of "Servants of the Exercise," which is good and, strange to say, this was one of the very things which our local quarter peal band were asking for in one of the many discussions about "The Ringing World." Good work. Keep it up.'—J. B., Bristol.

Memorial To Cecil Ebberson

Friends and ringing colleagues of the late Cecil Ebberson propose placing a memorial plaque in the belfry of Dersingham Parish Church. It is thought that some of his many friends in other Associations would like to be associated with the N.D.A. in perpetuating the memory of one who was loved and respected by all who knew him. Donations can be sent to : W. Love, General Secretary, Norwich Diocesan Association of Ringers, 52, Spencer Street, Norwich, Norfolk, NOR. 64P.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Miss Monica Collins, formerly of Guildford, is at the Bush Nursing Hospital, Bright, Victoria. She was recently visited by Mr. and Mrs. George Pipe while they were on holiday in N.E. Victoria. Uunfortunately when they called she was the only nurse on duty.

It was London University Society and not the Universities Association that had the tour in Durham last year. The error in our last issue is regretted.

Mr. Roger Fry has entered the Faversham Ward of Salisbury General Infirmary for an operation. He expects to be in hospital for about three to four weeks and out of ringing for about six months.

Mr. Harry E. Good, of Ewell, is for the second time in nine weeks a patient in Epsom District Hospital. He underwent an operation at the beginning of November, but his recovery has not been as rapid as expected. He hopes to be able to return to ringing again fairly soon.

The retirement of the Rev. J. A. Burness as Rector of Helmingham, Suffolk, after 30 years in office, will be regretted by many ringing friends. 'Not once,' writes our correspondent, 'did he refuse ringing at his tower.'

On New Year's Eve at St. Ebbe's, Oxford, honour was done by a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major to the 89th birthday of Mr. W. H. B. Wilkins. He still attends St. Ebbe's whenever possible and would like to wish all his friends a happy New Year.

Mr. Dennis Jeanes, who is working in London, travelled down specially to Backwell, Somerset, on New Year's Eve to attend the annual ringers' supper and the ringing afterwards. He returned to London by the 4 a.m. train—fortified by feasting and ringing for any travelling unpleasantness.

The peal rung at Marston, Oxford, on December 19th was the 33rd peal on the bells. This is believed to be the greatest number of peals rung in a five-bell tower.

Congratulations to Mr. Bruce Wakefield on winning an open scholarship in physics to Pembroke College, Oxford. A peal in honour of the announcement was rung at South Cerney, Gloucestershire.

Mr. G. N. Sloan, secretary of the Christchurch, New Zealand, Cathedral Society of Bellringers sends Christmas and New Year greetings to all ringers on behalf of the Society.

The six youngest out of 11 ringers present were chosen to ring in the New Year at Alford, Lincs. The band was Malcolm Smith (9), David Maultby (12), R. Brailsford (14), Miss B. Willoughby (14), R. Willoughby (16), G. Willoughby (17). Average age 13¼ years.

On the occasion of his 55th birthday Mr. L. G. Brett chose 5,008 Double Norwich by Edgar Wightman, which had 55 courses and 55 calls. Mr. James Bennett, jun., is welcomed to the Helmingham band again.

GOLDEN WEDDING FESTIVITIES AT DARLEY DALE

On December 28th the Darley Dale (Derbys) ringers and their wives were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Smallwood, of Heather Brae, South Park Avenue, Darley Dale, to a dinner and social held at the Grouse Hotel, Darley Dale, on the occasion of their golden wedding. Members of their family were also present, including Mrs. Smallwood's sister, Mrs. Trow, who was bridesmaid at their wedding. Songs, handbells and ringers' yarns were part of the evening's entertainment.

Frank Smallwood came to live at Darley Dale some two years ago and in that time his valuable help to the band of St. Helen's Church is very much appreciated. His very dry wit and to all late-comers to the belfry who are 'found' has earned him the title of 'Uncle Frank.' He has also found time to take part in the activities of the Derbyshire Association and he is much in demand to stand in for peal attempts.

Although no special ringing was done by the locals, apart from the extra ringing for the Christmas season with Frank taking part, methods rung during the week were Bob Minor and Major, Kent Treble Bob Minor and Major, Cambridge Minor and Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples.

On New Year's Eve a new method, Little Stedman Triples, was rung, invented by Mr. H. E. Taylor, one of the local band. It consists of double dodging in 4-5 and 6-7, then Quick work only, treble and second making thirds round the Quick bell.

Best wishes and thank you, Frank, from all the Darley ringers. G. H. P.

Mr. Smallwood learned to ring at Bishop Ryder's Church, Birmingham, when a boy, and it was in this church that he married Miss Sarah Phyllis Gilbert. Apprenticed into the printing industry, among the appointments he has held are superintendent of the colour printing department at Bemrose and Sons, Ltd., Derby, works manager at Bolton, Sir Isaac Pitman's at Bath and the Staple Press, London. After more than half-a-century of print, he retired over ten years ago. He has lived at Darley Dale for about two years.

A versatile ringer, he probably enjoys most Stedman Cinques, and his peals include the first at Exeter Cathedral and 5,019 Stedman Cinques at St. Paul's Cathedral. He also rang the tenor to the first peal on the ten bells at St. Andrew's Church, Derby, on August 2nd, 1924. One memorable occasion among many in his ringing career was ringing at Westminster Abbey for the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II, and for this service he holds the Coronation medal.

A staunch and enthusiastic member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, he was Master in 1951. Since 1951 he has been convener of 'The Ringing World' Committee and has guided its destiny with consummate skill through a difficult period. He joined the Central Council in 1939, being elected an honorary member; since 1951 he has represented the Ancient Society of College Youths. It is perhaps natural that such a noted personality as Mr. Smallwood should have been in the national limelight. Three times he has appeared on T.V. and many times on radio.

Mr. and Mrs. Smallwood have two daughters —one living in Edinburgh and the other in Derby.

Universities' Association Annual Dinner

A GREY, damp day greeted the Association in Birmingham, but our welcome was, as usual, cordial as we made our way round the towers on the programme. We visited Selly Oak before lunch and, despite the secretary's gloomy circular, the ringing chamber seemed as full as usual. After lunch Harborne, with a smaller tower, seemed even more packed, though the ringing did not appear to suffer unduly. However, the 12 bells at St. Philip's were a different proposition, and despite the reinforcements from a Central Council committee, whose members very inopportunely chose the same day to meet, the ringing was not of a high order. Few accepted the kind invitation of the St. Martin's Guild to visit their meeting at St. Martin's; those who did got some good ringing, but missed the service at St. Philip's.

Some 45 members sat down to an excellent dinner at the Imperial Hotel, under the chairmanship of the president, Mr. E. H. Lewis. Unfortunately, no guests were present owing to an organisational misunderstanding, and as a result the speeches were of limited extent. Mr. P. L. Taylor (vice-president) proposed the health of 'The Universities Association,' and the secretary, D. J. Roaf, replied with the customary account of the year's activities, which included the summer tour held last year at Pulborough, Sussex, and the ringing of four peals.

Mr. A. York-Bramble welcomed the visitors, and Mr. Albert Walker thanked him and extended a hearty welcome to the Association on this their second visit to Birmingham.

A NEW PRESIDENT

At the business meeting the most important item was the triennial election of officers. Mr. Lewis restated his firm wish to retire, and thanked the Association warmly for their support during his term of office, which had lasted since the formation of the Association some 15 years ago. He commented that he had been somewhat unsure about the value of the Association on its formation, but after his experience as president he had no hesitation in saying that it had fulfilled a definite need, and he wished it well in the future. Mr. P. L. Taylor was elected to the presidency and, on assuming the chair, thanked those present for their kindness in electing him.

There were two candidates for the vice-presidency, and after a vote Mr. W. F. Moreton was declared elected. Notice was given of a proposition to amend the rules so as to allow of Mr. Lewis being elected an honorary vice-president in recognition of his service to the Association.

No desire was shown to change the day-to-day management, and Mr. D. J. Roaf was re-elected to serve as secretary-treasurer. Miss M. R. Cross agreed to serve as Central Council representative, subject to her home commitments.

There appeared to be some disagreement between the secretary and the auditor over the accounts, and they were not available for discussion; however, both seemed to agree that a profit had been made on the year, and it would only be necessary to decide on its magnitude.

This year's week, it was announced, would be in the hands of Miss P. J. Holborn and Mr. J. Seager, and would be in the Sheffield/Derbyshire area from August 6th to 13th. Next year's dinner we agreed to hold in London on Saturday, January 7th, and for the 1962 week the Shrewsbury area would be investigated.

Twenty-eight new members were elected, and after the close of the meeting the usual convivial period was enjoyed by all. B. D. T.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Tonbridge District

The Kent District of the Ladies' Guild have in recent years established a custom of holding their meetings jointly with the various Districts of the Kent County Association.

On January 2nd the New Year was given a good send-off when the ladies, many of whom are members of the Tonbridge District, anyway, turned up in good numbers to the District meeting at Sevenoaks.

Due to the absence of the Rector, the Rev. E. M. T. McLellan, it was not possible to hold a service, and at the end of the afternoon ringing a company of 40 sat down to tea in the Church Hall, which was followed by a business meeting presided over by Mr. E. A. Barnett, a vice-president of the Association. A comprehensive report of the November meeting of the general committee of the Association was given by Mr. B. V. Collison. This indicated that the strong feelings of the District, as expressed at earlier meetings, with regard to the lateness of last year's annual reports and the lateness in starting the arrangements in connection with the Central Council meeting at Folkestone in 1960 had been conveyed to the general committee. It had also been agreed that the annual dinner of the Association would be held at Aplin's Restaurant at Sevenoaks on either September 24th or October 29th.

Miss Janet Buss, of Sevenoaks, was elected a member of the Association, and Mr. Peter Bond, the Master of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, expressed the hope that many ringers would be able to attend the Society's annual dinner on February 6th.

After the usual votes of thanks the gentlemen returned to the tower and the ladies' meeting took place under the chairmanship of Mrs. F. M. Mitchell, vice-president. Meeting arrangements for the year were settled, the next being at Chelsfield on April 23rd.

From the ringing point of view it was a very good meeting, but for the District secretary and organisers somewhat disappointing in that so few of the District members seem to have the time, or perhaps the inclination, to make the effort to come and join in an occasion that is intended primarily for them. Perhaps better District support may be hoped for at the meeting at Penshurst on April 2nd.

RAMBLING RINGERS' 1959 TOUR

The tour began at Shrewsbury and ended at Pershore, Bristol being the southernmost point. In all, approximately 120 towers were visited, well over 50 ringers taking part. The ringing on the whole was good, and in the middle week it bordered on the excellent.

The annual meeting was held at the Ostrich at Bristol, with the Master in the chair, and the south-east was chosen as next year's tour area.

A pleasing facet of the tour was the influx of new members: this is a healthy sign and we hope that it may long continue.

METHODS RUNG

Maximus.—Kent, Plain and Little.

Cinques.—Stedman and Grandsire.

Royal.—Cambridge, Kent, Plain and Little.

Caters.—Stedman and Grandsire.

Major.—Spliced 6, 5 and 4 Surprise, Cambridge, Bristol, London, Superlative, Yorkshire, Rutland, Lincolnshire, Watford, Belgrave, Cornwall and Ealing Surprise, Double Oxford, Double Norwich, St. Clement's, Double and Plain Bob, Kent, Oxford and Original.

Triples.—St. Clement's, Plain, Stedman and Grandsire.

Minor.—About 50 methods.

Doubles.—The diary collection.

This briefly sums up an enjoyable tour, and one which will long be remembered by those taking part. J. E. C.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CHRISTMAS DAY BROADCAST

Dear Sir,—I was interested in Mr. Peter Bond's letter, and would like to give my opinion of the ringing. It did not come to us in the order published in the 'Radio Times,' but as follows.

BLACKBURN. — I agree, 'very badly-struck changes.' I would add that it was a complete muddle. I could not confirm that ten bells were ringing. What a difference between these and the Evercreech ten (when they put on the 10-bell record) on Sunday mornings at seven minutes to 9 on the Light programme! It is then that I put my wireless set on loud and open my windows for the benefit of my neighbours in case they have forgotten!

WAREHAM.—Mr. Bond says that those broadcast were 'certainly not the bells of that tower.' I agree. The announcer (Stuart Hibberd) gave out that we were to hear eight bells, then out rang six. I would describe the striking as very fair.

BELFAST.—Good striking.

BEACONSFIELD.—Very good striking—the top of the programme. (By the way, what a pity we were given only those few rounds at the midnight service, Christmas Eve!)

ELKSTONE.—Bad striking.

FIFE (carillon). — Well played. Two nice tenors, down to D, I think. But I don't like tunes on *tower* bells. It's no good—it just can't be done: the harmonics and overtones just make my stomach swim, especially if the player attempts chords.

TALGARTH.—Good striking.

BETHLEHEM.—Well, they are just Bethlehem bells sounded in the way which is the custom there, apparently; but what a din!

So we began and finished by clashing. It is a pity because, this year, each tower was broadcast long enough for us to listen and study, whereas, as a rule, we are beginning to make up our minds what we are listening to and then comes the fade-out.

Some say that at Christmas time these broadcasts should be by the everyday bands at the towers fortunate enough to get into the list.

Although I appreciate that some ringers, especially the young ones, would want to be in it, I think that only good striking should be allowed on such an occasion, and if a ringer in the usual band is not able to strike properly with certainty, he should be replaced by one who can. Further, that if the tower cannot fix up all good strikers, another tower should take its place for the occasion.

We should remember that the ringing is going into homes all over the British Isles, and beyond, and we want to please, not aggravate. While some people would not notice any difference between the Blackburn and the Beaconsfield broadcasts, many would; and there are people, some music lovers, who hate the sound of church bells. We don't want to increase their number!

An hour's good ringing can be spoilt by haphazard lowering of the bells afterwards. That's the last sound of that hour's ringing left in people's ears. What a finale!

I would further suggest that, if a tower is to be broadcast at any time, not only Christmas, and the ringers are not certain good strikers in method, they would do better to stick to fairly quickly-called call-changes—even rounds, for I am certain that the principal thing in tower bell ringing is this—WHAT DOES IT SOUND LIKE OUTSIDE?.—Yours sincerely,

CLAUDE RUSH.

Felixstowe, Suffolk.

A BACKGROUND OF NOISE

Dear Sir,—It is surprising that Mr. Peter Bond, who usually expresses himself so positively and with seeming authority on the musical qualities of bells, should not have recognised that the six bells introduced as those of Wareham, Dorset, in the Christmas Day broadcast, were identical to those later introduced as the six bells of St. Gwendoline's, Talgarth, Wales.

There was audible during both periods these bells were broadcast a background of noise which did not seem like the local echo of Talgarth bells. In this background there was detectable the note of E or E flat. As this corresponds to the note of Wareham tenor, it seems possible that Wareham bells were, in fact, being broadcast simultaneously with those of Talgarth, although, due to technical trouble, perhaps, most imperfectly.—Yours faithfully,

Sheffield. R. E. PRICE.

RINGERS AS CHURCH OFFICIALS

Dear Sir,—In the ringing chamber of Yatton Parish Church, Somerset, during the ringing out the Old Year and ringing in the New, among the company present were: The Vicar (Preb. B. A. Beechey) and Mrs. Beechey, the assistant priest and his wife, two churchwardens, two deputy churchwardens, a lay reader and three servers. Of these, six are members of the band of ringers.

I believe this to be a wonderful representation of the church's interest in the ringers and oh! that it could be more general throughout the land.—Yours faithfully.

H. A. PRICE.

Yatton.

FEELING AT HOME IN A NEW JOB

Dear Sir,—About a month ago I was transferred to another office at my employment. The first thing was to see a bell about two cwt. sitting on the floor. My boss is an organist and said he was glad to welcome me with the bell after seeing my ringing badge on my coat.

My job was 'Firms' and the first one I dealt with was for 'Cambridge,' the next was 'Salter,' the surname being the one of my Ringing Master. The following 'Steadman' and last 'Lewin,' who is the Ringing Master at Hucknall.

I began to wonder if they were trying to make me settle in my new abode, or remind me of two minds and two thought. As long as they don't 'surprise' me and call be 'Bob' I don't mind, because I am 'Single' and . . . .—Yours faithfully,

West Bridgford, Notts. A. HENSON.

A FALSE COMPOSITION

Dear Sir,—I wish to point out that the composition of Little Bob Major by John R. Ketteringham on page 16 of 'The Ringing World' is false. The second lead of the 11th course of the first part repeats with the sixth lead of the fifth course of the second part. And, of course, likewise in all four parts. Also, the reduction of 'A' to produce a 5,000 is false. The sixth lead of the fourth course of the reduced part repeats with the second lead of the 24th course of the same part.—Yours sincerely,

NORMAN SMITH.

Burnley, Lancs.

Mr. John R. Ketteringham writes admitting the falseness of the composition and expressing his sincere regret to all concerned. Before submitting the composition to 'The Ringing World' he had it checked by one who is regarded as an authority, but apparently the error escaped him.

Doctor's Verdict To 85-Year-Old Ringer

For 70 years a ringer and for 56 years at Sheffield Cathedral, Mr. Sidney Palmer, now 85, when he caught a chill recently was warned by his family and friends 'Better retire.'

The strain of two 45-minute spells at the Cathedral each Sunday, they said, would be too much for him.

But Mr. Palmer decided to take medical advice first. And, to his surprise, his family doctor advised him to continue.

'The doctor thinks I'm fit enough to carry on,' he told the 'Sheffield Star.' 'I was delighted to hear the verdict. I enjoy bell-ringing too much to want to give up after all these years.'

So this life member of the Yorkshire Association, who has rung 271 peals for the Association, continues to set an example to the Exercise in his Sunday service ringing.

FIRST PEAL PERFORMANCES AND PEALS OF MINOR

Dear Sir,—For the sake of accuracy and in no sense of criticism, I would point out to Mr. Blagrove that the peal rung at Rotherham on April 18th, 1881, was not Spliced Caters and Royal in the present day accepted sense of the term, but was a collection of touches in the methods named, each touch starting and ending with rounds. The reason this performance is not included in the list of false compositions in the Yorkshire Association's annual reports is that it is felt that no one would repeat the performance under the impression that it is true.

In connection with Mr. Moxon's letter on page 11 of 'The Ringing World,' part of which deals with the ringing of peals of Minor in less than seven methods, it is true that the resolution of 1912 stating 'No peal in less than seven methods be recognised by the (Yorkshire) Association' stood in the name of the late Mr. John McKell, of Gargrave, but the real power behind that resolution was the late Mr. George Bolland, of Tong ('King of Six-Bell Ringers,' as he was often referred to), who had very strong views on what a peal of Minor should be.

I remember, in my very early days as a member of the General Committee of the Yorkshire Association, being at a meeting of that committee when George Bolland made a very impassioned speech in which he sought to disqualify a peal of Minor rung in, I believe, three methods. Not only was Mr. Bolland against any peals of Minor with less than seven different methods, he even suggested that peals which consisted of a mixture of Treble Bob methods and Plain methods should not be allowed. In his opinion they ought to be either one or the other, never both.

George, however, lost the day. There were too many on the committee who would have suffered a reduction in their peal totals if he had had his way.

Recognised standards were different in those days and one wonders how Mr. Bolland would now have reconciled one of his cherished performances—a peal of 6,000 Treble Bob Minor in 25 different methods, rung at Tong and conducted by him. That peal consisted of 25 touches of 240, each method starting and ending with rounds, but then, it was rung way back in the 1880's, before spliced ringing was even thought of.—Yours faithfully,

WILLIAM BARTON.

Pudsey, Yorks.

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THE FAST PEAL AT EVESHAM

Dear Sir,—I must remind friend Cannon that we have 36 cwt. all but 8 lb. of tenor at Evesham. I must also remind him that if it is impossible to strike this bell properly in 3 hours and 13 minutes then it must be impossible to strike peals of Surprise Royal at Birmingham Cathedral in 3 hours, 8, 10 and 11 minutes with a 31¼ cwt. tenor, which is considered not an easy bell to turn in. It must also be impossible to strike Cambridge Royal at St. Martin's, Birmingham, with a 37 cwt. tenor.

As I have not taken part in a fast peal at the Cathedral I cannot give an opinion, but I did ring in the peal at St. Martin's in 3 hours and 17 minutes, and I can assure 'the Canon' that the tenor was never out of control. With 14½ stone and 6ft. 3in. of 26-year-old Peter Border hanging on the rope, if any of that band never ring a worse peal than that one they will be fortunate.

Now, Pat, you must be fair in your criticism. After all, you hold the record for the fastest peal of Major at Pershore Abbey (Cambridge Major in 3 hours and 10 minutes). You know I heard the first hour of that peal as I was in the tower and the ringing was good. Before the start of that peal one of the ringers asked me which of two of the bells ran dry first: I told him he would know when it happened. One ringer told me that he heard the last part of the Pershore peal and the ringing had deteriorated and he got the impression that the band, or at least some of them, were getting tired. This, of course, was understandable at Pershore, as no doubt the two bells had run dry by then.

To return to Evesham. About a year ago George Fearn rang the tenor in Lincolnshire Major in 3 hours and 26 minutes. Like all wise ringers George gave himself time to find out what he could do with a strange bell before he applied the pressure, thereby losing time in the first part of the peal, otherwise the time would have been much less.

Stephen Ivin started off at a fast pace right from the rounds and all the others went with him and enjoyed the fun, and only one member of the band expressed displeasure at the end of the peal. As I do not profess to be a heavy-bell ringer myself, I am able to take a detached view, and credit must be given when it is due.

For my own part I am not too keen on this dirt track racing and much prefer a speed to match the weight of bells being rung, but I enjoyed myself by watching Stephen Ivin applying his 21 years of 14 stone to the job, so don't criticise these youngsters, Pat, but let them enjoy themselves in their youthful exuberance, and I can also tell you that I'll bet you have rung many a worse peal than the one at Evesham. As you are on the waiting list for a peal on our back eight, we must get you fixed up as soon as possible, and if it is rung in less than 3 hours and 30 minutes it will have to be classed as an unnatural performance and must, therefore, not be published as a peal.

Anyway, Pat, best wishes for 1960, with plenty of good, fast peals.—Yours, etc.,

G. J. HEMMING.

Evesham.

LEAVE THOSE WHO KNOW TO JUDGE

Dear Sir,—I was distressed to read my friend A. P. C.'s letter re the peal of Yorkshire at Evesham. This is a personal attack on Stephen Ivin—a very bad start to 1960, Mr. Cannon, and I hope we shall see no more such childish comments this year.

Mr. Cannon says, 'It would be impossible to strike this 35 cwt. tenor at this fast speed.' As an eye witness of Mr. Ivin's performance, I can say that it was struck, and well handled.

I find it difficult to resist the temptation to make comparisons, but I will be charitable, it being New Year's Day, and be content with telling anyone who doesn't know that Stephen Ivin is at **least** as capable as Pat Cannon, and leaving them to judge for themselves from the peal columns rather than rely on letters to the Editor.—Yours sincerely,

PATRICK I. CHAPMAN.

Daventry.

Dear Sir,—With reference to Mr. A. P. Cannon's letter relating to the peal of Major rung at Evesham, it seems to me a great pity that he did not incorporate the advice offered, in his own peal-ringing efforts years ago.—Yours faithfully,

HERBERT G. ANDREWS.

Kingston-upon-Thames.

Dear Sir,—I cannot recall having rung with the tenor man under criticism, but I am sufficiently familiar with other members of the band to be confident that the striking would be at least of acceptable standard for them to continue for 3 hours and 13 minutes.

Mr. Cannon should know by now that age and ability are not synonymous. — Yours faithfully,

H. C. SPENCER.

Kingsteignton.

HANDBELL RINGERS RAISE £230 FOR THE BLIND

Dear Sir,—I am not a bellringer, much as I should like to be one, but I take and enjoy your paper very much and I am wondering if it would be of interest for readers to know that here in Dulwich I have two teams of handbell ringers. We are attached to Emmanuel Congregational Church, and whilst we do not do change ringing we do a lot of tune ringing, and at Christmas we tour all the local streets collecting for the blind. We have just handed in a cheque for £230 collected this Christmas for the Greater London Fund for the Blind and, in all, have, during the last 13 years, raised nearly £2,000 for this fund.

Another matter: Has anyone any information as to whom the bells of the Alexandra Ring, Imperial Institute, Kensington, are used? Is it possible ever to hear these bells, and when were they last rung? Wishing you every success.—Yours very truly,

ARTHUR H. COOMBS,
Leader,
Emmanuel Handbell Ringers.

Dulwich.

METHODS SECONDARY TO RHYTHM

Dear Sir,—I was sorry to read Mr. Moxon's stilted views on numbers of methods in peals of Minor. His possible rule that seven should be the minimum number allowed is ridiculous: far more important is **how** peals are rung, even if only in one method.

If more attention was paid to the striking of our ringing (which is what the public have to listen to) rather than to the number and intricacy of the methods rung (in which the public are not interested) then we should be getting somewhere.

A clash of two bells in a call change tower in the West Country will bring winces of pain and sharp words from the caller or captain, a state which is all but ignored in many method-ringing areas. Rhythmical ringing will appeal to a rhythmical public and help the flow of recruits, apart from making a good impression on their attitude to the Church, the primary function of the bells.—Yours faithfully,

R. J. CORKE.

Selborne, Hants.

A Lincoln Ring Restored

On November 28th the ring of six bells at Coningsby, Lincs, was heard ringing once more after being silent for 25 years. In the presence of a large congregation the restored ring was rededicated by the Bishop of Grimsby. About 30 ringers took part in this service after having been ringing for service at their own churches. The work of rehanging has been carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank and all expressed their delight at the 'go' and tone of the bells. Ringing took place for one hour after the service. Mr. S. Sharland represented the bellhangers.

A grant of £6 had been made from the Eastern Branch of the Lincoln Guild to this restoration.

OBITUARY

MR. A. R. MILES

For nearly 70 years a ringer at St. Dunstan's, Mayfield, Sussex, and for 50 years captain of the tower, Mr. Arthur R. Miles died on September 28th, aged 88 years. Owing to a major operation in 1957 he had to give up active ringing, but his interest was maintained until the end of his life.

A lifelong member of the Sussex County Association, Mr. Miles served on the District Committee for 30 years. He was also a member of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths. His peals numbered 34 and included all the standard methods and several of Surprise. At his request the bells were rung open at his funeral on January 1st.

W. A. K.

MR. FRED STUBBS

The death occurred on December 23rd of Mr. Fred Stubbs, of Raunds, Northants, who died in Wellingborough Park Hospital following an operation.

The funeral at Raunds was attended by the local ringers, representatives from Raunds Conservative Club, of which he was a founder member, and of Messrs. John Horrel and Son, boot and shoe manufacturers, where previously Mr. Stubbs was a foreman. The Parish Church bells were rung half-muffled in the evening.

Joining the Central Northants Association in 1894, he rang his first peal (Bob Major, by the Raunds St. Peter's Society, at Titchmarsh) in 1896 and it is believed he rang 100 peals, mostly in the standard Major methods. It was as a Sunday service ringer that he will be best remembered, and before the last war he was a familiar sight standing outside the tower on Sunday evenings finishing his pipe before entering the belfry. He was also a sidesman and parochial church councillor for many years.

In 1949 he resigned the office of treasurer of the Thrapston Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild and so ended a period of 35 years in office either as secretary, treasurer or committee member.

At the Thrapston Branch meeting on January 2nd the Guild general secretary, Mr. G. W. Jeffs, paid a warm tribute to his memory, and the assembly, which included the Guild Master (Mr. P. I. Chapman), together with Messrs. P. Cannon, R. Leale and others, stood in silence.

E. E. W.

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STEDMAN FOR BEGINNERS

By WILFRID G. WILSON

(Continued from page 29)

Human nature being what it is, there will be times when you have failed to remember which way you should go in and have forgotten to use any of these guides. There is one last resource, which you can use rather than go wrong. But you should not rely on it, as so many ringers do. It is known as the A-B trick. As you enter the front work you will be striking over two other bells. Call them A and B. You go over each in turn. If that brings you into seconds place you are a Quick bell and will lead next. But if, having followed A and B you are still in thirds place, you are a Slow bell. You then strike over A again and then lead at back and hand strokes to start your first whole turn. This method not only puts you completely in the hands of the two bells we have called A and B—if they are hesitant you will get no help from them— but, certainly if you are ringing a heavy bell, the striking will be upset because you will not know beforehand whether you are hunting down or making thirds place, so will not be prepared with the correct pull.

You will see, therefore, that if you can't keep count of the bobs while you are at the back and so be sure, independently of the rest of the band, whether you will go in Quick or Slow, there are several ways of finding out in time. If you are one of those fortunate people who can hear what the other bells are doing on the front—instead of, or as well as, seeing how they are leading—you can find out by ear whether the six being rung is a Quick or Slow one. But many of us find that ropesight is easier than relying entirely on the ear.

Now for ringing touches of Stedman Triples we must also learn how to make a Single. Like the bob, it comes in Triples at the change-over of the sixes and not where we learnt it did in Doubles. You will have found in Grandsire and Plain Bob that, whereas a Bob affects three bells, a single affects only two. This rule still applies. At the six end, when a single has been called the bells in the fifth, sixth and seventh positions lie still, that is make fifths, sixths and sevenths place respectively. At a plain six the bell in sevenths would have done a whole pull there, so that bell is unaffected. At a bob the bell dodging in 4-5 up would have made fifths and then dodged in 4-5 down—and at a single it does just that. The other bell at the back is the one which has just dodged in 6-7 down and would have gone into 4-5 down. Instead at the change of the sixes it makes sixths place and dodges up twice with the bell which had just made sevenths. It then, if there are no more calls, makes sevenths and dodges twice in 6-7 down.

The bell which made fifths will have been away from the front for two whole sixes and will therefore go in the opposite way to which it came out. The bell which lay behind was unaffected and so will have been away from the front the normal four sixes, and so it will also go in the opposite way to which it came out. The bell which made the single (sixths place) will stay behind for two additional sixes, making six in all away from the front, so will likewise go in the opposite way to which it came out.

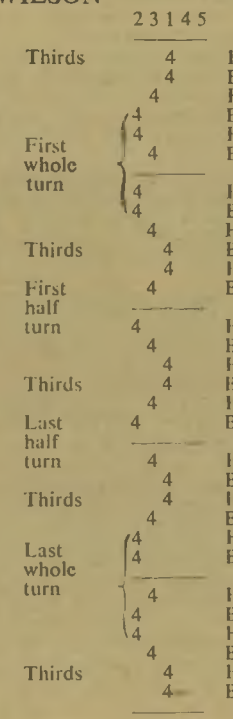
4 THE SLOW WORK IN DETAIL.

When you have got as far as this in your ringing of Stedman, you will find that many touches and peals come to grief—often you or another member of the band will suddenly be 'lost,' usually when in the front work. Or, when a bell is coming in to the front, either that one, or one of those already there, is not sure of his work. You will find it useful to go back to the beginning and study the Slow work carefully. Notice where the handstrokes and backstrokes come and where the change over between the sixes takes place in relation to the Slow work.

POINTS TO NOTICE

1. Your thirds place at the start of the Slow work is made at hand and backstroke.

2. After passing through seconds place your lead at the start of the first whole turn will be wrong (back and hand).



S = Slow six
Q = Quick six

3. One blow in seconds and complete the first whole turn with a lead right (hand and back). NOTE.—This lead is the start of a Quick six.

4. Thirds place will be at back and hand.

5. The first half turn will be one blow at handstroke. NOTE.—This is the start of a Slow six.

6. Thirds place will be at hand and backstroke.

7. Your last half turn will be one blow at backstroke. NOTE.—This blow completes the six which was started with the first half turn. During this six your work has been 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 3rd, 2nd, 1st. This is the exact reverse of the work of a Quick bell which is 3rd, 2nd, 1st, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and is the difference between the backward and forwarding hunting dealt with at the beginning of these notes.

8. Thirds place will be at back and handstroke.

9. Your lead at the start of the last whole turn will be right (hand and back). NOTE.—This lead is the end of a Quick six.

10. One blow in seconds, and the completion of the last whole turn with a lead wrong (back and hand).

11. Thirds place will be at hand and back before leaving the front at the changeover between the sixes.

12. The thirds places have not only alternated with the other parts of the Slow work, they have also been alternately places right and places wrong.

13. In the middle of the first whole turn you made one blow in seconds while a bell (call it X) led one stroke as it did its last half turn. When you led one stroke in your first half turn, bell X was the one doing its last whole turn, and leading before and after your blow on the lead.

14. When you led once to do your last half turn another bell (call it Y) was doing its first whole turn and led before and after your one blow at lead. In the middle of your last whole turn, when you do one blow in seconds, that same bell, Y, will do its first half turn.

15. When you are a Quick bell your lead will be right (hand and back) in the middle of the six. Before you led the bell doing its first whole turn will have led right, and after you led the bell doing its last whole turn will lead right.

No one is expected to learn all these things at once but if you look for them and gradually learn them while you are ringing you will find not only that it will be easier to keep your own bell right, but also that you will know what the bells you work with are doing. You will also find when you are dodging at the back that a glance at the bells in the front will tell you when the six end is coming and therefore when you move to the next dodging position. This latter is especially useful when ringing Stedman double handed.

When you reach this stage you will be ready to start conducting Stedman and will realise that this is not so difficult as it once seemed. But by then you will no longer be a beginner so this must conclude my article. If there are any parts of these notes which remind readers of the Snowdon 'Stedman,' my excuses are that my copy is out on loan, but some similarity is not unlikely as I had a hand in writing it before the war.

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THE EXTENT OF MAJOR

By J. SEGAR

(Continued from page 29)

In a previous issue a skeleton table for composing and proving twelve part peals was introduced. There was also the proof of a peal of Plain Bob, the figures of which were held over. My selected calls for these skeletons include one single only in a part. After the fourth Wrong the coursing order is 8765000 or 8756000 and this is the cue to omit the bob at Middle and call the Single at Wrong. The coursing order when there is an omit at Wrong is 8760500 or 8750600.

13,440 Plain Bob			13,440 Double Norwich		
2 3 4 5 6	W	M	2 3 4 5 6	1	4
4 2 6 3 5	—	—	5 3 4 2 6	S	
6 4 5 2 3	—	—	6 2 3 5 4	—	—
5 6 3 4 2	—	—	4 5 2 6 3	—	—
4 5 3 6 2	—		3 6 5 4 2	—	—
3 5 2 4 6	S	—	2 4 6 3 5	—	—
2 3 6 5 4	—	—	5 4 2 3 6		—
6 2 4 3 5	—	—	6 3 4 5 2	—	—
4 6 5 2 3	—	—	2 5 3 6 4	—	—
5 4 3 6 2	—	—	4 6 5 2 3	—	—
3 4 2 6 5		—	3 2 6 4 5	—	—

Both to be repeated eleven times calling Single in sixth and twelfth parts instead of the last bob.

Perhaps someone knows who composed these a few hundred years ago. When writing the skeletons of the Double Norwich peal use two crosses for 2, 3 and three noughts for 4, 5, 6. The part-end skeleton is now number seven in the table.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

Blackburn Branch

This year the Blackburn Branch annual meeting was held at St. Peter's, Burnley. The ringing started with Surprise—for all in the ringing room and especially for the Ringing Master, who, on commencing to lead the eight up in peal, discovered that only the back seven needed raising! An enjoyable afternoon's ringing followed, and visitors from many 'foreign' parts were welcomed.

After an excellent tea, provided by the Burnley ringers, the business meeting opened with Mr. R. Leigh in the chair. The report and balance sheet caused no controversy. Mr. N. Smith was elected Ringing Master for the next two years, and the acting secretary. Mr. J. Pilkington, having failed to disguise himself successfully, was elected for the remaining year of office as secretary. The secretary and Mr. R. Leigh were appointed to serve on the Association Committee. A rota of towers for meetings during the year is to be worked upon by the Branch officials, and a sub-committee was appointed to organise a memorial to the late Mr. Charles W. Blakey. More will be heard of this when negotiations on the form and place are completed.

More ringing followed the votes of thanks, methods ranging from Plain Bob and Grandsire to Superlative and Yorkshire Surprise. Unfortunately a touch of three Spliced Plain Major containing four Plain Major methods came to an untimely end. J. P.

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BAKER.—On December 29th, 1959, at the Cottage Hospital, Lyme Regis, to Daphne (nee Keeley) and Lindley Baker, a son, Jonathan Lindley. 5577

CRAWLEY.—On January 4th, 1960, at Chelmsford, to Betty (nee Payne) and John, a son (Brian David). 5582

ENGAGEMENTS

BLOW—KEELEY.—The engagement is announced between John, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Blow, of Spade Oak, Horley, Surrey, and Rachel, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Keeley, of Knaps Lodge, Lyme Regis, Dorset. 5578

LEYLAND—BROWN.—The engagement is announced between Mr. John Douglas Brian Leyland, of Prestwich, Lancs, and Miss Jean Catherine Brown, of Bowdon, Cheshire. 5587

BROWN—JACKSON.—The engagement is announced between Mr. David Colin Brown, of Bowdon, Cheshire, and Miss Ann Jackson, of Altrincham, Cheshire. 5588

MAGGS—LAWSON.—The engagement is announced between Nigel J. Maggs, of 95, Stoke Lane, Westbury, Bristol, and Ida M. Lawson, of 58, The Dell, Westbury, Bristol. 5585

DEATH

PROCKSON.—On Jan. 10th, 1960, peacefully at her home in Orpington, Kent, Mrs. Rosa E. Prockson, beloved mother of Mabel and Bill, aged 78 years. May she rest in peace. 5623

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of Mr. Ronald I. Shepherd is now Conifers, 17, Wheatsheaf Lane, Staines, Middlesex. Tel. Staines 55389. 5614

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PIPE'S PILGRIMS' tour of Scotland is cancelled, and a tour of the Lakes and North Country towers will commence on July 31st to August 6th. Applications now (s.a.e.'s, please) to C. W. Pipe, Grundisburgh, Woodbridge, Suffolk. 5600

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Practice meeting, Publow (6), Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells 5 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 5603

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells: Godmanchester (8), 2.30 to 4 p.m.; Huntingdon All Saints' (6), 3.45 to 4.30. Service, All Saints', 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in All Saints' Parish Room, followed by business meeting. All Saints' and St. Mary's (8), Huntingdon, available after tea.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 5539

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Peter's, Wisbech, Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Own arrangements for tea.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 5539

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 16th, Earls Colne (8). Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. 5523

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Annual District meeting, Guildford, Saturday, Jan. 16th. Ringing, St. Nicolas', 3 p.m. Service, St. Nicolas', 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting in St. Nicolas' Hall. Ringing at Holy Trinity and St. Mary's after meeting. A good attendance, please. 5573

HAWKHURST GUILD.—Annual meeting, Hawkhurst, Saturday, Jan. 16th. 5548

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Annual District meeting, St. Albans, Saturday, Jan. 16th. Ringing, St. Peter's, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, Cavalier Hall. Evening ringing, St. Stephen's. Any further ringing arrangements will be made known in the afternoon.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 5552

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting, Chatham, on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 5563

LADIES' GUILD.—North Western District.—Annual meeting, Manchester Town Hall (jointly with Manchester Branch, Lancashire Association), Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Business meeting 4 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.—S. P. Wain, Dis. Sec. 5556

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Annual meeting, St. Woolos', Newport, Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells (12) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m.—J. S. King. 5555

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting, Bowness, Saturday, Jan. 16th, 2.30 p.m. Names to F. Wilson, Woodside Bank Road, Windermere.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 5620

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 16th. St. Mary-atte-Bow, Stratford East, 3.30 to 5 p.m. Tea—own arrangements. Business meeting in vestry 6.15 p.m., and further ringing. Everyone welcome. A good attendance requested.—Bullock, Dis. Sec. 5550

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—A.G.M., Saturday, Jan. 16th, St. Margaret's, Uxbridge. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting, election of officers, etc. Further ringing afterwards.—E. R. Gotham, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5549

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Annual meeting, Newark, Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. 5528

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South West District.—Meeting, Lavenham (8), Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 5529

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Keymer (6), Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 5572

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Mary's, Lambeth, Monday, Jan. 18th, 7.30 p.m. Special methods: Yorkshire Surprise Major and Grandsire Triples. Annual general meeting, Saturday, Feb. 20th, Southwark Cathedral, 2.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea, business and handbell competition 6 p.m. St. George-the-Martyr, 8 p.m. 5595

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—Annual meeting, Wedmore, Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—David H. White. 5591

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Annual meeting, Castle Cary, Jan. 23rd. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.—J. Badman, 54, Brookleigh, Street. 5626

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—The annual meeting of the Branch will be held on Saturday, Jan. 23rd, at the Cathedral, Chester. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock, followed by business meeting. All requiring tea please notify me by first post Wednesday, Jan. 20th.—Henry O. Baker, 63, Parkgate Road, Chester. 5583

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Woodchurch, Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea *free* for those notifying by Wednesday previous. Annual dinner dance (Coach and Horses Inn, Moreton), Saturday, Feb. 27th, 5.30 p.m. till midnight. Tickets (18s. 6d.) now available.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 5622

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby and Ilkeston District.—Monthly meeting, Spondon, Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells 3 to 7 p.m. Tea, own arrangements, 5 p.m.—W. A. Morley, Dis. Sec. 5611

DONCASTER DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Bawtry, Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at local cafe.—G. A. Watson, Dis. Sec. 5619

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Annual District meeting, Colchester, St. Peter's, Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. St. Leonard's (6) also available. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, Jan. 20th, please, to Mr. H. J. Millatt, 301, Harwich Road, Colchester. 5542

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—The annual general meeting will be held at Bishop's Stortford (10) on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea, please, to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 5547

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, Jan. 23rd, Upton St. Leonards. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea by Jan. 19th to Green, 30, Malvern Road, Gloucester. 5479

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Rural Branch.—Monthly meeting at Pucklechurch (6), Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service, tea and meeting to follow.—F. Hussey, 39, Gordon Avenue, Bristol, 5. 5617

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—South Forest Branch.—Meeting, Clearwell, Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells (4) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Evening ringing, Newland (6). Names for tea.—Coombe, Oaklands Farm, Newnham, Glos. 5597

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Annual District meeting, Farnham (8), Saturday, Jan. 23rd, from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mr. C. W. Denyer, 15, Crondall Lane, Farnham, Surrey.—C. J. Beadle, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5558

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, St. Peter's-in-Thanet (8), Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells 2.30

p.m. Service 4.15. Tea (2s. per person) 5 p.m. Names, together with cash, please, by Jan. 20th to Miss S. Davis, 54, Albion Road, St. Peter's, Broadstairs.—T. C. P. 5484

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Quarterly meeting, St. John's, Deptford, Saturday, Jan. 23rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, 20th, to Miss M. R. Andrews, 43, Wansunt Road, Bexley. 5557

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Annual general meeting, Burbage, Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Old Schools 5 p.m. Names by Wednesday previous, please, to Mr. F. K. Measures, 58, Lychgate Lane, Burbage, Leics. Tel. Burbage 516. A good attendance is requested.—M. Vernon, Sec. 5602

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Annual District meeting, Kibworth, Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., St. Wilfred Hall. Names for tea by Jan. 20th to A. Martin, 54, Fleckney Road, Kibworth.—L. W. Allen. 5599

LINCOLN GUILD.—North Lindsey Branch.—Annual meeting, Barton-on-Humber, Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Tea 4 30. Meeting 5. Service 6 p.m. Names by Jan. 20th to Mr. Hoodless, 11, Holydyke, Barton-on-Humber. 5551

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Annual meeting, Usk, Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business.—J. S. King. 5592

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester and District Branch.—Quarterly meeting to be held at Stratton Audley (5) on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea by the previous Monday to C. Kinch, Causeway, Bicester. 5553

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Wheatley (6), Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by Jan. 20th to W. Sheldon, Church Road, Wheatley, Oxon. 5581

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Amersham (6), Saturday, Jan. 23rd, 3.15 p.m. Committee meeting 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by 20th.—W. Butler, 10, The Avenue, Old Windsor. 5596

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch. — Annual meeting at Wellingborough, All Hallows', Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to John E. Skervitt, Conway, Villa Lane, Stanwick, Wellingborough. 5546

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Culworth Branch.—Annual meeting, Sulgrave, Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous.—A. E. R. Walker, Eydon, Rugby. 5610

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting, Chisledon, Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Names for tea to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 5559

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 23rd, Salisbury Service at St. Thomas', 4.15 p.m. Tea at Church House 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Bells: St. Paul's, afternoon and evening: St. Thomas', 6.45 to 8 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Jan. 19th to Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 5561

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Annual meeting, Wimborne, on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea for those who notify by Jan. 20th J. Davis, 13, Sandbanks Road, Parkstone. 5612

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting, Christ Church, Coseley, Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Wednesday, Jan. 20th, to Mr. J. D. Holden, 22, Harding Street, Coseley, near Bilston. 5531

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual general meeting, St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Names for tea to A. W. J. Butler, 24, Roderick Road, London, N.W.3. 5613

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Annual general meeting at St. Mary's, Prittlewell, on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by A.G.M. 5624

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Mansfield District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 23rd, Mansfield (8). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at Grove House. Names for tea by Thursday, 21st, to Mrs. Adcock, 14, Windsor Road, Mansfield.—D. H. Rooke, Hon. Sec. 5590

SURREY ASSOCIATION.— Northern District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Peter's, South Croydon, Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5, in St. Peter's Hall. Bells after. Names by Wednesday previous to Miss V. Potter, 9, Waverley Road, S.E.25.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 5490

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Please note change of venue. Practice meeting, Salehurst, Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, to F. Beeney, Sec., Hillbrae, Carters Corner Road, Hailsham. 5601

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 23rd, Andover (8). Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, own arrangements. Business meeting, Church Room. Ringing afterwards. 5584

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Brierley Hill, Saturday, Jan. 23rd, 3 p.m. Service in Church 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. —Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., 17, Ham Lane, Pedmore, Stourbridge, Worcs. 5609

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Next general meeting at Wakefield on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. General committee meet in Cathedral vestry at 3.15 p.m. prompt. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea (3s. per head) in Brook Street Schools. Names by 21st to Mr. J. E. Kirby, 53, Pinderfields Road, Wakefield. General meeting immediately afterwards. Bells available: Sandal (6), 2.30 to 4 p.m.; Cathedral (12) immediately after meeting till 9 p.m.—L. W. G. Morris, Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Bradford, 9. 5498

DEVON GUILD.—S.W. Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Andrew's, Plymouth, Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Jan. 25th.—T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 5618

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Annual District meeting, Hersham (8), Saturday, Jan. 30th. Ringing 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mr. J. King, The Hut, Thrupps Lane, Hersham. 5598

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Annual general meeting on Saturday, Jan. 30th, at Hemel Hempstead. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, Jan. 26th, to Mrs. J. Good, 83, Leys Road, Hemel Hempstead. No name, no tea.—J. Good, Dis. Sec. 5586

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Annual meeting, Grantham, Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, 25th, to me.—F. G. Vickers, Ermine Street, Ancaster, Grantham, Lincs. 5608

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Hampstead-Norris, Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, Jan. 26th, to Mr. J. Weaving, Church Road, Hampstead-Norris, Newbury, Berks. 5616

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Annual meeting, Towcester, Saturday, Jan. 30th. Service 3.30 p.m. Easton Neston bells will be available from 2 to 3 p.m. only. Names for tea essential by Monday previous to W. A. Yates, 4, Bannerlands, Dadford, Buckingham. 5580

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 30th, at The Holy Sepulchre Church, Northampton. Bells 3 p.m. Tea, followed by meeting, 4.15. Evensong 6 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to E. Billings, 61, Melville Street, Northampton. 5576

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SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — A.G.M., Saturday, Jan. 30th, Shrewsbury. Ringing, St. Mary's (10), 2.30 to 4.25 p.m. Service, St. Mary's, 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock, followed by business meeting. Ringing in evening at St. Chad's (12) from 7 to 8.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to F. Cattell, 51, Richmond Drive, Copthorne, Shrewsbury. 5621

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—Annual dinner, Saturday, Feb. 6th, Founder's Library, New College, 8 p.m. Ringing arrangements and tickets (15s. 6d.) from D. T. Darby, New College. 5594

A SUSSEX TOWER'S CAROLS

For some years past the Wadhurst, Sussex, bellringers have toured the streets during the Christmas period playing carols on handbells, the collection averaging about £15 each year. At first this was put in the 'Death Watch Beetle' Fund, but after the bells had been rehung a belfry fund was created and all sorts of things connected with the ringers have been purchased—a belfry clock, a carpet, a new flag for the tower.

Last year's collection was used for the tuning and overhauling of the handbells by Messrs. White, of Appleton, and the work in hand at the moment is the provision of lock-up cupboards for the bells and the printing of the tower peal records. This year, illness and the weather caused two 'blank' evenings and the collection amounted to only £9 5s., but those who did hear the bells all spoke of the great improvement in tone since their overhaul.

One of the features of this carol ringing is the hospitality shown by many people; at one house this year we found waiting for us hot coffee and a cake in the shape of a bell, while at another we were 'guinea pigs' for a Christmas present of home-made wine.

C. A. B.

QUARTER PEALS

QUEEN CHARLTON, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of Reverse Canterbury, St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Plain Bob and Stedman and 60 Grandsire): D. Miller 1, Mary Powell 2, R. Short (cond.) 3, D. Purnell 4, C. Clarke 5.

RADSTOCK, SOMERSET.—On Christmas Day: 1,260 Minor (Plain Bob and Single Oxford): Miss H. Young 1, R. Thatcher 2, D. Hoare (cond.) 3, D. Eades 4, J. Holbrook 5, F. Carter 6.

RAMSBURY, WILTS.—On Dec. 15th, 1,440 Berwick Surprise Minor: Miss C. Lansley 1, Miss M. Wright 2, R. E. G. Luton 3, A. T. Collins 4, A. R. Peake (cond.) 5, B. Bladon 6. First in method by all. A birthday compliment to Miss J. A. Peake.

QUARTER PEALS

BEDFORD.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: G. Shellard 1, C. Truman 2, W. J. Chester 3, S. Ivin (cond.) 4, S. Foskett 5, J. Linnell 6, F. Vickers 7, W. A. Yates 8, G. E. Green 9, G. W. Holland 10. First on ten bells for 1, 2 and 6.

CHELSFIELD, KENT.—On Dec. 27th, 1,320 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas', St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Jillian Outhwaite 1, J. Parker 2, N. Martin 3, D. Parker 4, D. Mercer (cond.) 5, A. Wilsborough (first quarter) 6. For festival of nine lessons and carols.

DOWNTON, WILTS.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. Edwards (first quarter) 1, Miss M. Coffin (first of Triples) 2, M. D. G. Northway 3, M. L. Northway 4, A. W. Fry 5, C. W. White 6, J. Hartless (cond.) 7, L. Buchanan 8.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.—On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ann George 1, G. Fry (cond.) 2, E. C. Leigh 3, E. Jenner 4, J. T. Medhurst 5, E. J. Ladd 6, S. Jenner 7, A. Richardson 8. Rung for the Rev. N. Graham's 21st year as Vicar of Edenbridge.

HORBLING, LINCS.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. T. Rolt 1, G. S. Collishaw 2, F. T. Carford 3, J. E. Brown 4, L. Wilson 5, B. Brown (cond.) 6.

JESMOND, NEWCASTLE.—On Dec. 9th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Grandsire and Plain Bob): M. Charlton 1, J. Scott 2, D. Ellisdon 3, J. Thorley 4, N. D. J. Webb (cond.) 5, K. Ward 6. First for the King's College Guild of Change Ringers in more than one method.

NORTH OCKENDON, ESSEX.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. M. Bibby 1, F. G. Richardson 2, J. Carrott 3, A. Gargrave 4, A. J. Salisbury (cond.) 5, E. G. Bailey 6. For the festival of nine lessons and carols.

OVERTON, WILTS.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,440 London Surprise Minor: M. Stanley 1, Miss C. Lansley 2, Miss M. Wright 3, R. E. G. Luton 4, A. R. Peake (cond.) 5, B. Bladon 6. First in method 2, 3, and 4.

PRESTWICH, LANCS.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: J. D. B. Leyland 1, Miss K. Bell 2, Miss J. Brown 3, A. E. Reeves 4, G. A. Bell 5, P. Reeves 6, F. Reynolds (cond.) 7, A. Leighton 8. To celebrate the Christmas festival, also to mark the engagement of the ringers of 1 and 3.

WEST HAM, E.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: F. G. Richardson 1, Miss J. Peacock 2, Mrs. P. Salisbury 3, S. Penfold 4, A. J. Salisbury 5, D. M. Salisbury 6, J. McPhail 7, A. Gargrave 8, T. East 9, F. V. Gant (cond.) 10.

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ANNUS IRAE — 1. KIDLINGTON

A READER, browsing through Volume 17 of 'The Bell News,' will inevitably light on a series of controversies that once startled the Exercise, awakened the apathetic, and caused grave concern to the more cultured and delicate-minded ringers of the time. The first squall came suddenly in the month of April, 1899, and the storm, gathering to itself a succession of ancillary cyclonic disturbances, lasted, with uneasy periods of quietude, until April of the following year. Into these twelve months were crowded some of the bitterest recriminations, hot-tempered accusations, and inelegant forms of attack that the ringing fraternity has ever seen.

On April 3rd, 1899, William Pye conducted at Erith a record length of 15,072 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. Just over a month later James W. Washbrook and his band rang at Kidlington 17,042 in the same method, and Mr. Pye visited the Oxford village to hear the attempt that was to surpass his own fine effort. In 'The Bell News' of June 10th he made known his opinion of the performance in no niggardly terms. He condemned the ringing as bad, accused Washbrook of cutting out four courses of the composition, and called upon ringers to reject the peal as a record in the method.

Washbrook, of course, denied these serious allegations and took comfort in the congratulatory letters that appeared alongside Mr. Pye's indictment. The attack was renewed, and the catchment area of the correspondents widened to draw in temperate letters from people like C. E. Borrett and A. C. R. Freeborn, and a majestic, if tactless, interposition by William Willson, of Leicester, who attempted to state the opposing cases and to sum up in the manner of a judge. This earned him a severe snubbing from William Pye, together with some injudicious reflections on Mr. Willson's competence as a ringer. This delighted Mr. Willson, who always loved a rough and tumble, and the battle continued in a far from elegant fashion.

Mr. Willson stated in round terms that he needed no grooming from Mr. Pye in the art of ringing, and declared his motive to be an impartial establishment of truth. In his heart he greatly resented the reflections made on him and in his mind he determined to seek opportunity for retaliation. This, as we may see later, he found, or thought he had found. The Kidlington contest was now taking on a pattern, and an anti-Washbrook school was fully engaged with an anti-Pye school. William Barber was responsible for a letter in mild defence of Pye, a letter that led Plain Speaker, the gossip columnist of 'The Bell News,' to hint that W. H. B.'s communication had been inspired in other quarters. Mr. A. Pye attempted to imitate Mr. Willson's magisterial presentation of the case, only to be snubbed in his turn by Plain Speaker. By this time private communications were being exchanged, each side jockeying for position, and Washbrook invoked the aid of Mr. Hounslow and the Rev. F. E. Robinson. An interposition by Gabriel Lindoff showed a mildly pro-Pye attitude.

On July 29th there came, as might have been expected, a declaration by the band that rang the peal, and in the same issue the Editor announced: 'We have received another long letter from Mr. W. Pye on the long peal at Kidlington. Perhaps he will call at our office in connection therewith.' Meanwhile, on July 22nd, the Editor, shaking his head sadly, had planted his tongue firmly in his cheek and, deeply deploring the tone of the correspondence, printed letter after letter, and in what he called a reluctant reference to the great topic of the day, was able to announce that the circulation of the paper had considerably increased.

With a final letter from Mr. Pye the correspondence closed, the Editor having yielded to pressure from influential sources. But the leader of August 5th provided tantalising hints of further disputed peals and of the possibility of other awful disclosures. These were indeed to come, and when they did so they were fully exploited. Kidlington was but a beginning.

And now what of these men? A year or two later Pye and Washbrook met in Ireland. Goldsmith, in a short but dramatic passage, has recorded his apprehension at the thought of the meeting, and his relief when these two great men greeted each other in friendly fashion and so proved once more the generous nature that was the true foundation of their characters. Willson was, a few years later, to be the instrument that made the Kidlington dispute meaningless, and he it was who, at the prompting of a generous admiration, uttered spontaneous praise of the handbell peal of London Surprise rung by the brothers Pye and William Keeble. These were magnificent ringers, men of stout heart and indomitable courage, and their great deeds live for ever. Shall we, with all our faults, judge their frailties harshly?

E. C. S.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 28, 1959, *in* 3 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
At the Town Hall,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 42 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in B.

Robert B. Smith	*Treble*	Derek Taylor	7
Basil Jones	2	Denis Mottershead	8
Frank Osbaldiston	3	Leslie Boumphrey	9
Neil Bennett	4	Brian Harris	10
Trevor Taylor	5	Derek Ogden	11
Edward Jenkins	6	Brian J. Woodruffe	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. Hattersley. Conducted by Derek Ogden.
First peal of Stedman Cinques for all but the ringers of the treble, sixth and ninth.

TEN BELL PEALS

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)
On Thurs., Dec. 31, 1959, *in* 3 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5208 SPLICED PLAIN AND LITTLE BOB ROYAL
Consisting of 936 Little Bob, 4,272 Plain Bob, with 205 changes of method. Tenor 34¼ cwt. in C sharp.

Patricia Walker	*Treble*	Susan Chaddock	6
Mrs. N. Chaddock	2	Norman Chaddock	7
Barry Holland	3	Gordon K. Chaddock	8
Dennis Holland	4	John N. D. Chaddock	9
Herbert O. Chaddock	5	Richard E. Price	*Tenor*

Composed by Nolan Golden. Conducted by Norman Chaddock.
First peal of Spliced Plain and Little Bob Royal by all, in the county, and for the Association.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Jan. 1, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 21 cwt.

Vernon Forshaw	*Treble*	John Bagnall	6
W. Thomas Turner	2	Lawrence D. Clement	7
Keith Newby	3	Alan Capstick	8
William Wall	4	Raymond Suart	9
James E. Dickinson	5	Nicholas M. Newby	*Tenor*

Composed by G. E. Feirn. Conducted by Nicholas M. Newby.
First peal in the method by all.
Rung for the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Wall, both ringers at this tower.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 2, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5000 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3 version. Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

Cecil W. Pipe	*Treble*	*G. William Critchley	6
Hilda G. Snowden	2	*David H. Buxton	7
*Claudia A. Critchley	3	*J. Richard Castledine	8
*Charles J. Sedgley	4	*Roderick W. Pipe	9
Edward P. Duffield	5	John R. Mayne	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by John R. Mayne.
* First peal of London Surprise Royal.

MAIDSTONE, KENT
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 9, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 32 cwt. 21 lb. in C sharp.

Geoffrey Pearson	*Treble*	Trevor A. Cross	6
Ian H. Oram	2	Ralph Bird	7
Thomas E. Sone	3	Frederick R. Scott	8
Robin G. Leale	4	A. Patrick Cannon	9
William S. Deason	5	Ralph G. Edwards	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Parker. Conducted by Robin G. Leale.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

SWINTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 26, 1959, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt.

G. Barbara Cooke	*Treble*	Alan Sharples	5
Sidney Hough, jun.	2	Trevor Taylor	6
Neil Bennett	3	Derek Taylor	7
Chris. M. P. Johnson	4	Denis Mottershead	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Denis Mottershead.
100th peal as conductor.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

ASHFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Dec. 31, 1959, *in* 3 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising 1,664 Superlative, 1,632 Cambridge, 992 London, 768 Bristol, with all the work of the four methods for each bell.
Tenor 23 cwt.

Mrs. T. Cullingworth	*Treble*	Ralph Bird	5
Fredk. G. Huckstepp	2	Mark W. Marshall	6
Ian H. Oram	3	Mark S. Lancefield	7
Albert J. Lancefield	4	Thomas Cullingworth	*Tenor*

Composed by H. G. Cashmore. Conducted by Mark S. Lancefield.
Rung half-muffled for the passing of the old year.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Jan. 1, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F.

Barrie Hendry	*Treble*	Patrick I. Chapman	5
*Barbara Manship	2	Arthur Gibbs	6
†David W. James	3	‡Alan J. Frost	7
Diana M. Lawless	4	A. Patrick Cannon	*Tenor*

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
* First peal in the method. † 50th peal. ‡ 100th peal.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Jan. 1, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5024 BEDFORD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.

Joan Beresford	*Treble*	*H. George Hart	5
*Claudia A. Critchley	2	*G. William Critchley	6
*Elsie K. Hart	3	*David J. Taylor	7
*Joan M. Wilcockson	4	†John R. Mayne	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by John R. Mayne.
* First peal in the method. † First of Major in the method. First in the method on the bells.
A 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the seventh.

TODMORDEN, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Jan. 1, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
At Christ Church,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23¼ cwt.

Rita M. Jowett	*Treble*	Roger Leigh	5
John H. Fielden	2	John B. Pickup	6
B. Gillian Schofield	3	Peter Scholfield	7
W. Eric Critchley	4	Cyril Crossthwaite	*Tenor*

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.
First peal of Yorkshire on the bells.

BEDWORTH, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 2, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 18 lb. in G.

Martin C. Faulkes	*Treble*	Frederick E. Wilshaw	5
Margaret E. L. Beamish	2	Leonard Trevor	6
J. Edward Cawser	3	Graham T. Ball	7
W. Ernest Rawson	4	Tom Chapman	*Tenor*

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.
Rung in honour of the engagement of Margaret E. L. Beamish and Tom Chapman.

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 ST. CLEMENT'S MAJOR

Transposed from a Bob Major peal by H. Hubbard. Tenor 10 cwt.

JAMES E. DICKINSON	*Treble*	KEITH NEWBY	5
WILLIAM WALL	2	JOHN BAGNALL	6
ALAN CAPSTICK	3	LAWRENCE D. CLEMENT	7
W. THOMAS TURNER	4	NICHOLAS M. NEWBY	*Tenor*

Conducted by NICHOLAS M. NEWBY.

Rung for the 50th anniversary of the ordination of the Rev. Canon J. S. Rimmer, Rector of Ulverston and hon. life member of the Lancashire Association.

HARMSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 2, 1960, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's variation. Tenor 12 cwt. in A.

JOHN F. PEARSON	*Treble*	G. LEONARD THOMPSON	5
*CLAIRE DILLAMORE	2	PETER A. SHARP	6
JACK L. MILLHOUSE	3	RONALD APPLEWHITE	7
*JANE K. A. COOK	4	JOHN E. COOK	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal of Surprise Major.

Rung to celebrate the birth of a son, Peter, to Mr. and Mrs. Louis Willders.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 2, 1960, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5088 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

LEONARD STILWELL	*Treble*	*BERNARD E. MATTHEWS	5
*ROBIN J. ELLIOTT	2	*HERBERT W. WOOLVEN	6
PETER H. LANGTON	3	FRANK H. HICKS	7
*E. WINIFRED KEYS	4	*RAYMOND P. WOOD	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by LEONARD STILWELL.

* First peal of New Cambridge. Tenor 21½ cwt.

LONDON.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Jan. 2, 1960, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANN, STAMFORD HILL,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Pitstow's variation. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr.

WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Treble*	ERNEST J. ROWE	5
ALAN F. THIRST	2	FRANK L. BLEWER	6
WILLIAM T. COOK	3	JOHN PHILLIPS	7
J. DESMOND PAINTER	4	WILLIAM A. THEOBALD	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

First peal of Triples on the bells.

OSWESTRY, SALOP.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 2, 1960, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Taylor's Six-part. Tenor 16 cwt.

*VALERIE LEE	*Treble*	ANN F. A. ELLIS	5
COLIN SMITH	2	J. R. THOMAS	6
†GUY PICKAVANCE	3	MICHAEL HART	7
H. H. HUGHES	4	†W. A. SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. R. THOMAS.

* First peal. † First of Triples. First as conductor. First peal by a locally-trained band since 1932.

Rung in honour of the Vicar (Preb. A. R. Vincent), who was recently installed as a Prebendary of Lichfield Cathedral, and has also been elected a Proctor of the Convocation of Canterbury.

ROTHWELL, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 2, 1959, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 3 lb.

*J. KEITH WARD	*Treble*	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	5
FREDERICK R. SCOTT	2	JOHN D. ROCK	6
DAVID W. JAMES	3	BARRIE HENDRY	7
ROBIN G. LEALE	4	†A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

* First peal (aged 14). † 25th peal of Superlative, in 25 different towers. 50th peal on the bells.

Rung to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the return of Fyodor Dostoyevski to St. Petersburg after ten years' exile in Siberia.

TARPORLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 2, 1960, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.

ROY FOSTER	*Treble*	DOUGLAS LOWE	5
*CHRISTOPHER JONES	2	JOHN RYDER	6
MRS. D. LOWE	3	HAROLD WORRALL	7
REGINALD W. WORRALL	4	†HARRY W. HOWARD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by HAROLD WORRALL.

* First peal of Major 'inside.' † 300th peal.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Jan. 7, 1960, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's. Tenor 15½ cwt.

DAVID A. MELLOR	*Treble*	BURLEY P. MORRIS	5
GEORGE H. PAULSON	2	HERBERT E. TAYLOR	6
PATRICIA A. M. HALLS	3	GORDON A. HALLS	7
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD	4	RONALD H. BULLEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by GORDON A. HALLS.

A golden wedding peal for Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Smallwood.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Jan. 7, 1960, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5056 FOXEARTH SURPRISE MAJOR

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

C. EDWARD LANKESTER	*Treble*	ALICK CUTLER	5
THOMAS J. LOCK	2	TERRY EARLE	6
BRIAN BLADON	3	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	7
ALFRED J. HOUSE	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal in the method, which is the 8ths place variation of Feering.

BICESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 9, 1960, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDBURG,
A PEAL OF 5088 BICESTER SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

CYRIL H. KINCH	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. YATES	5
CHRISTINE M. WOODWARD	2	GEORGE W. HOLLAND	6
MICHAEL HATCHETT	3	MALCOLM S. CLOKE	7
EDGAR J. SMITH	4	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

First peal in the method.

Rung for the Feast of the Epiphany.

Notation: —36—14—58—16—12—58. 16—16, 78.
2nds place. Lead-end 5738264. Bob 4ths.
F.C.H.'s: 24365, 32465, 43265.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 9, 1960, in 3 Hours.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS.
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Comprising 1,728 each of Cambridge and Yorkshire and 1,632 Superlative, with 86 changes of method. Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT	*Treble*	*SIDNEY J. WOODCOCK	5
EDWIN A. BARNETT	2	ROBERT COLLINS	6
DORIS E. COLGATE	3	STANLEY JENNER	7
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	4	PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise. Except that the tenors do not ring one lead of Cambridge, this arrangement contains all the work of the three methods.

KNEBWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 9, 1960, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND THOMAS-A-BECKET,
A PEAL OF 5184 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JACK S. DEAR	*Treble*	COLIN A. S. HARWOOD	5
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	2	*EDWIN G. BUCK	6
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	3	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE	7
*LEONARD B. SCOOT	4	THOMAS J. LOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by E. A. BARNETT. Conducted by CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY.

* First peal in the method.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Ruth Robinson, for many years devoted friend of St. Mary's Church, and until recently Enrolling Member of the Mothers' Union.

LONG SUTTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 9, 1960, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 lb. in F.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Treble*	*EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	5
MARGARET A. SWANN	2	ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT	6
STANLEY E. BENNETT	3	GEOFFREY R. PARKER	7
*RONALD C. NOON	4	†NORMAN V. HARDING	*Tenor*

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal of Bristol Surprise. † First of Bristol Surprise 'inside.'

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

KETTERINGHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Aug. 16, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Double Court, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B.
Tenor 8 cwt.

William Clover	*Treble*	Bevan W. Willgress	4
Henry Tooke	2	Thomas E. Spight	5
*Mary Maddison	3	Geoffrey R. Drew	*Tenor*

Conducted by Geoffrey R. Drew.
* First peal in seven methods 'inside.'

PACKWOOD, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Nov. 28, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Giles,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in B flat.

V. Roy Tallis	*Treble*	Richard G. Morris	4
Pamela M. Turner	2	Maurice C. Hughes	5
Robert E. Tallis	3	Roger E. Tallis	*Tenor*

Conducted by Roger E. Tallis.
First peal as conductor. First of Minor on the bells by an all-local band.
A birthday compliment to the ringers of 4 and 5.

NEWENT, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 5, 1959, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 40 six-scores (ten callings), one 240 Pitman's arrangement.
Tenor 17 cwt.

*Arthur Kinsey	*Treble*	Richard Chew	4
Charles Phillips	2	†Frederick Turner	5
Reginald Powell	3	*Bryn Griffiths	*Tenor*

Conducted by Reginald Powell.
* First peal. † First 'inside.'

LOCKING, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 23, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Augustine,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Consisting of four extents of Stedman, 12 of St. Simon's, 12 of Plain Bob and 14 of Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

George Prescott	*Treble*	Harold Hooper	4
Sam White	2	David White	5
Ann White	3	Marjorie Legg	*Tenor*

Conducted by George Prescott.
The tenor ringer has now 'circled the tower.'

GREAT BRINGTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 24, 1959, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being two extents of Spliced Plain Bob, Grandsire and Reverse Canterbury, 20 of Plain Bob, 10 of Reverse Canterbury and 10 of Grandsire.
Tenor 17 cwt. 3 lb.

*Anthony Dicks	*Treble*	John A. Goddard	3
John H. Williams	2	Edward M. Thresher	4
Edward A. Gautrey	*Tenor*		

Conducted by Edward M. Thresher.
* First peal.
Rung for Christmas.

BENEFIELD, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 28, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 SINGLE OXFORD BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 7¼ cwt. in G.

Charles L. Page	*Treble*	Ronald Russell	4
Richard A. Webster	2	Roy W. Spencer	5
David C. Urquhart	3	Aubrey B. Clarke	*Tenor*

Conducted by Roy W. Spencer.
First peal in the method by all except the ringer of the fourth.

EDGWARE, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 28, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Margaret-of-Antioch,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout.
Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

Elsie K. Hart	*Treble*	H. George Hart	4
*Harold N. Tembey	2	Harold E. Clayton	5
B. Clare Webster	3	John R. Mayne	*Tenor*

Conducted by John R. Mayne.
* First peal.
Mr. H. N. Tembey, who comes from Cleator Moor, Cumberland, is staying in the district. His grand-daughter was christened the previous day.

GRAVELEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 28, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 ABBEYVILLE DELIGHT MINOR
Being four extents and a 2,160 (C.C.C. Nos. 28–31, 37, 39, 36).
Tenor 9 cwt.

June I. Dear	*Treble*	J. Richard Castledine	4
Jack S. Dear	2	Philip Mehew	5
Colin A. S. Harwood	3	Derek P. Jones	*Tenor*

Conducted by Derek P. Jones.
First peal in the method (C.C.C. 4D.3).

HASKETON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 28, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being an extent each of Double Court Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford Bob, Oxford T.B., St. Clement's Bob, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. in A flat.

Ernest G. Pearce	*Treble*	Roderick W. Pipe	4
*Clifford R. Lovett	2	Cecil W. Pipe	5
James Bennett	3	Leslie N. Melton	*Tenor*

Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.
* First peal in seven methods.
A birthday compliment to Mrs. Block, the tower captain.

STOKE D'ABERNON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 28, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 16 extents of Plain Bob and 26 of Grandsire.
Tenor 3 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

Edward G. L. Coward	*Treble*	*Nicholas D. J. Webb	3
A. Patrick Cannon	2	†Adrienne Gibson	4
Catherine M. Powell	*Tenor*		

Conducted by Catherine M. Powell.
* First peal of Doubles. † First peal.
Rung as a compliment to the Rev. and Mrs. C. Marshall on the gift of a son (December 27th).

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 29, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in G.

Roger Leigh	*Treble*	Roger Maher	4
Gordon Rothwell	2	John P. Partington	5
*Michael D. Fishwick	3	J. Barry Pickup	*Tenor*

* 25th peal for the Association.
The first extent was rung silent; the other six were each called by a different member of the band, in order from treble to tenor.

TWYFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Dec. 29, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in A.

Brian G. Warwick	*Treble*	Geoffrey M. Brewin	4
Brian Smith	2	David T. Darby	5
Patricia A. Wardle	3	Alan E. Hartley	*Tenor*

Conducted by Geoffrey M. Brewin.

ILLSTON-ON-THE-HILL, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 30, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being an extent each of St. Clement's Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B. and Oxford T.B.; called alternately with three different extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in A flat.

Patricia A. Wardle	*Treble*	Geoffrey M. Brewin	4
Ernest Morris	2	Martin Faulkes	5
David T. Darby	3	Alan E. Hartley	*Tenor*

Conducted by Alan E. Hartley.

LODDON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 30, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
At the Church of The Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of St. Clement's Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

F. Charles Bailey	*Treble*	James W. Forder	4
*Norman P. J. Cossey	2	Godfrey G. Walpole	5
Trevor N. J. Bailey	3	H. William Barrett	*Tenor*

Conducted by H. William Barrett.
* First peal of Minor and first 'inside.'

THORINGTON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Dec. 31, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being extents of London Bob, Hereward, Double Court, Court, Reverse Bob, Double Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 22 lb.

DONALD B. MUNRO	*Treble*	GEORGE N. ORMAN	4
H. FRANK PIKE	2	ARTHUR G. BUTTON	5
ROY DUESBURY	3	ALAN R. ANDREWS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

WOODHOUSE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 31, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-IN-THE-ELMS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Kent and Oxford T.B. combined, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B. and Cambridge Surprise, called alternately with three different extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 12¼ cwt. in G.

BRIAN SMITH	*Treble*	GEOFFREY M. BREWIN	4
BRIAN G. WARWICK	2	DAVID T. DARBY	5
ERNEST MORRIS	3	ALAN E. HARTLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID T. DARBY.

BURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., Jan. 1, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 24 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. BOTOLPH AND ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

ERNEST G. PEARCE	*Treble*	*RODERICK W. PIPE	4
*CLIFFORD R. LOVETT	2	LESLIE N. MELTON	5
MARGARET A. LADD	3	CECIL W. PIPE	*Tenor*

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor.

STISTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Jan. 1, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven 720's: (1) London and Wells Surprise, (2) Norwich Surprise, (3) Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise, (4) Double Court Bob, (5) St. Clement's, Childwall, Double Oxford and Thelwall Bob, (6) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (7) Double and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

ALAN R. SYDER	*Treble*	URBAN W. WILDNEY	4
*MARION H. MILLS	2	FRANK B. LUFKIN	5
*BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD	3	TERRY EARLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
* First of 14 methods in a peal.

WESTON-UNDER-PENYARD, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Jan. 1, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in nine methods: (1) Double Oxford and Thelwall Bob, (2) St. Clement's and Childwall Bob, (3) Oxford Bob, (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) Oxford Treble Bob, (6) Kent Treble Bob, and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

HOWARD SCOTT	*Treble*	AUSTIN T. WINGATE	4
*M. JO MORETON	2	WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT	5
MOLLIE TILBURY	3	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* First peal in nine methods.

ASHTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 2, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Comprising six 120's each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Simon's, April Day, Old, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 6½ cwt.

VICTOR A. PERRY	*Treble*	GEORGE F. ROOME	3
JACQUELINE A. DOWNING	2	PERCY AMOS	4
ALAN R. JONES	*Tenor*		

Conducted by ALAN R. JONES.

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. Donald Havergal (Vicar), who is leaving for the united parishes of Morcott with South Luffenham, Rutland. Also to commemorate the centenary of the death of Bishop Doane, hymn writer.

GORING-ON-THAMES, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 2, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-OF-CANTERBURY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising an extent each of Double Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 21 lb. in A.

*PETER HART	*Treble*	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	4
*SUSAN J. SLADE	2	ERNEST J. MUNDAY	5
MICHAEL HATCHETT	3	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal of Minor.
Rung for the Patronal Festival (December 29th), after meeting short for Major.

KIMPTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 2, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in three methods: (1) and (2) Oxford Treble Bob, (3) and (4) Kent Treble Bob, (5), (6) and (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.

*IRIS M. LANDER	*Treble*	HELEN Y. PRICE	4
JOHN G. CULL	2	DONALD C. PRICE	5
WALTER AYRE	3	BRIAN M. BARKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.
* First peal and first attempt. First on the bells since rehanging.
Rung for the Festival of Christmas.

LITLINGTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 2, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KATHERINE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 7¼ cwt. in A flat.

EDWIN G. BUCK	*Treble*	LEONARD B. SCOOT	4
*JUNE I. DEAR	2	JACK S. DEAR	5
*F. PETER G. FLACK	3	COLIN A. S. HARWOOD	*Tenor*

Conducted by COLIN A. S. HARWOOD.
* First peal 'inside.'

MAIDS MORETON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
NON-ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 2, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,
A PEAL OF 5040 NORWICH SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

*†TREVOR CARLESS	*Treble*	*CELIA F. WHITFELD	4
B. CLARE WEBSTER	2	*‡DAVID J. TAYLOR	5
JOAN M. WILCOCKSON	3	*RONALD A. WRIGHT	*Tenor*

Conducted by RONALD A. WRIGHT.
* First peal in the method. † First of Minor. ‡ First of Minor 'inside.' First as conductor. First in the method on the bells.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to David J. Taylor.

RADSTOCK, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 2, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 BURNABY DELIGHT MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

ERIC C. WADMAN	*Treble*	VICTOR G. ROBERTS	4
GEORGE W. MASSEY	2	ERIC NAYLOR	5
RONALD G. BECK	3	GWILYM SALMON	*Tenor*

Conducted by GWILYM SALMON.
First peal in the method by all the band, and for the Association.

SELLINDGE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 2, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Cambridge Surprise, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 9¾ cwt.

PETER JARVIS	*Treble*	DAVID STAPLES	4
RITA A. GOWER	2	CRAWFORD T. HILLIS	5
ROSEMARY E. GOWER	3	MARK W. MARSHALL	*Tenor*

Conducted by CRAWFORD T. HILLIS.
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THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 2, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 11 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

Anne P. Smith	*Treble*	†Carol Fernley	4
*Keith R. Birkin	2	John R. Kennett	5
†Eileen M. Fearn	3	‡Brian J. Woodruffe	*Tenor*

Conducted by John R. Kennett.
* First peal 'inside.' † 25th peal together. ‡ 100th peal for the Association and 100th of Minor. First of Plain Bob as conductor.

WATERINGBURY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 2, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores (15 callings). Tenor 8½ cwt.

Arthur G. Mason	*Treble*	Thomas Cullingworth	4
Trevor A. Cross	2	George J. Butcher	5
Cyril S. Jarrett	3	Hubert H. Furminger	*Tenor*

Conducted by George J. Butcher.
First peal of Stedman Doubles by all except the ringer of the third.

WHISSENDINE, RUTLAND.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 2, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Kent T.B. and Oxford Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

Frederick Watson	*Treble*	Alfred E. Hinman	4
Harold T. Bonshor	2	Ronald J. Hill	5
J. Harry Cook	3	Roland H. Cook	*Tenor*

Conducted by Roland H. Cook.
First peal of Minor in three methods on the bells.

WICKWAR, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 2, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of The Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

Herbert T. Ferris	*Treble*	F. Cecil Mogford	4
*Gillian M. Hussey	2	Reginald G. Hooper	5
Brynley A. Shackleton	3	D. John Hunt	*Tenor*

Conducted by D. John Hunt.
* First peal of Minor. First of Minor as conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 31, 1959, *in* 1 *Hour and* 43 *Minutes,*
At 66, Melton Road,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

*Derek M. Sawyer	1—2	Ernest Morris	3—4
	*B. Stedman Payne		5—6

Conducted by B. Stedman Payne.
* 50th peal together.

BEDFORD.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Dec. 31, 1959, *in* 1 *Hour and* 57 *Minutes,*
In the belfry of the Church of St. Paul.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor size 11 in B.

*Jennifer M. Davies	1—2	James R. Taylor	3—4
	Bryan Pattison		5—6

Conducted by Bryan Pattison.
* First peal 'in hand.'

SELBY, YORKSHIRE
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Selby and District Society.)
On Fri., Jan. 1, 1960, *in* 1 *Hour and* 55 *Minutes,*
At 15, Portholme Drive,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents. Tenor size 8 in C sharp.

T. H. Foster	1—2	R. R. Warford	3—4
	Barbara Hall		5—6

Conducted by R. R. Warford.
First peal 'in hand' by all. First as conductor.

BECCLES, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Thurs., Jan. 7, 1960, *in* 1 *Hour and* 55 *Minutes.*
At 8, Lady's Meadow.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Tenor size 14 in D.

*H. William Barrett	1—2	Trevor N. J. Bailey	3—4
	E. Charles Bailey		5—6

Conducted by Trevor N. J. Bailey.
* First peal of Doubles on handbells.

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The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

HALF PEALS

GRAFTON UNDERWOOD, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 12th, 2,520 Plain Bob Doubles: T. Wooding 1, A. Jones 2, G. F. Roome 3, P. Amos 4, A. C. Cozens (cond.) 5.

TAXAL, DERBYS.—On Dec. 19th, 2,832 Treble Bob Minor (720 Morning Star, 720 College Exercise, Norbury, Ockley, Duke of Norfolk and Morning Star, 720 Oxford, 672 Canel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston and Oxford): Mrs. A. Richardson 1, B. Schofield (first in 10 methods 'inside') 2, M. Jillian Brierley 3, S. Hough, jun., 4, A. Richardson 5, D. Mottershead (cond.) 6. Rung in memoriam Samuel Depledge, a ringer at this church for many years.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.—On Jan. 1st, 2,520 Minor (720 St. Clement's Bob and 1,800 Plain Bob): D. J. Webber (first half peal) 1, Miss E. R. M. Cansdale 2, D. E. Culham 3, W. J. Brunt 4, A. E. Leggett 5, A. W. Cansdale (cond.) 6. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Evelyn Cansdale.

ASFORDBY, LEICS.—On Dec. 31st, 720 Plain Bob Minor: Miss C. Wheeler 1, R. Smith 2, J. H. Cook 3, A. E. Hinman 4, H. T. Bonshor 5, R. H. Cook (cond.) 6. Also 720 Doubles (Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Grandsire): R. Smith 1, R. H. Cook 2, H. T. Bonshor (cond.) 3, A. E. Hinman 4, J. H. Cook 5, J. L. Panter 6. Rung half-muffled for Mr. J. W. Hazelwood, who died on December 24th, aged 78, bell ringer, sidesman and for 30 years Rector's warden.

ASTON INGHAM, HEREFORDS.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Smith 1, W. E. Spiers (first 'inside') 2, Joy Smith 3, C. Phillips 4, R. G. Powell (cond.) 5, M. Powell 6.

ALVECHURCH, WORCS.—On Dec. 20th, 1,360 Plain Bob Major: Tonie J. Critchley 1, Linda M. Hughes 2, Mary Funnell 3, Veronica Miles 4, Alma M. Greaves 5, R. J. Gay 6, N. J. Goodman 7, B. J. Woodruffe (cond.) 8.

BANWELL, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Rice (first quarter) 1, Marjorie Legg (cond.) 2, G. Prescott 3, R. Brice 4, S. Smith 5, H. Marshall 6, H. A. Price 7, J. Baker 8.

BAWTRY, YORKS.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Ann Godley 1, Nancy Worsdall (first 'inside') 2, F. J. Jackson (cond.) 3, F. Watkinson 4, R. Worsdall 5, A. Wilson 6. First quarter by a local band in this tower.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 3rd, at the Church of St. Peter, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Betty Stephenson 1, Ruth How 2, A. W. Bond 3, G. North 4, S. E. Armstrong (cond.) 5, F. Page 6, H. Woolven 7, F. Lewis 8. An 85th birthday compliment to Mrs. A. L. Armstrong, mother of the conductor.

BRISTOL.—On Dec. 12th, at St. Michael's Church, 1,260 St. Clement's Bob Minor: Mary Powell 1, D. Miller 2, D. Yeo 3, C. Clarke 4, M. Horseman 5, R. Short (cond.) 6. Also at the Cathedral, on Dec. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. N. Evans (first of Minor) 1, Gillian M. Hussey 2, J. R. Goodenough (first of Minor) 3, A. Hoare 4, C. J. Richards 5, D. J. Hunt (cond.) 6. Also at the Church of St. John's-on-the-Wall, on Dec. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob & Grandsire): I. Buckland (first quarter) 1, M. J. Hobbs (first in two methods) 2, A. W. Gibbs 3, D. J. Hunt 4, R. G. Hooper 5. Conducted by 3, 4 and 5.

BURSTOW, SURREY.—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Canterbury Minor: D. Wilson 1, T. Padbury (first of Minor in two methods) 2, L. Penfold 3, G. Charlton 4, W. Slaughter 5, A. J. Bull (cond.) 6. For Matins.

CAPE TOWN, S. AFRICA.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: V. Sheppard 1, J. Riley 2, L. Hewitt 3, H. Pitstow 4, R. Law (cond.) 5, J. Ernstzen 6, W. Smith cover. For Evensong. A welcome to the Rev. Roland, new Rector of St. Mary's. Arranged for the visit of H. Pitstow.

CARLISLE, CUMBERLAND.—At the Cathedral, on Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Hodgson 1, Miss A. Callum 2, S. Hodgson 3, A. Hodgson 4, A. Forsyth 5, J. Ling (cond.) 6, J. Boustead 7. For Evensong and as a farewell to the ringer of 3, who is joining H.M. Forces.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.—At St. Cuthbert's Church, on Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. L. Warrior 1, T. M. Cox 2, Miss B. Cooke 3, Mrs. R. M. Cooke 4, E. Pannell 5, J. Roach 6, T. Cooke (cond.) 7, L. Duffield 8.

FAREHAM, HANTS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Mrs. M. Bray 1, Mrs. J. Hunt 2, D. Jones 3, Mrs. A. Sturgess 4, J. Ball 5, G. Miles 6, A. Sturgess 7, J. Hunt (cond.) 8. First in the method by 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7. For Midnight Mass. Also on Christmas Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. Smith 1, J. Hunt 2, J. Ball 3, Mrs. A. Sturgess 4, D. Jones 5, J. Stevenson 6, A. Sturgess (cond.) 7, A. Dye 8.

QUARTER PEALS

GLOUCESTER.—At St. Mary-de-Crypt, on Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Blowen 1, W. Jones 2, J. Whiting 3, L. Edwards 4, J. Smart 5, P. Allen 6, L. Barry (cond.) 7, T. Whiting 8. For the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. Whiting and the 30th anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. W. Jones.

GREAT SALKELD, CUMBERLAND.—On Dec. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss A. Callum 1, S. Hodeson 2, A. Forsyth 3, J. Page 4, A. Hodgson 5, J. Ling (cond.) 6.

GULVAL, CORNWALL.—On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Foot (first quarter) 1, G. W. Taysom 2, V. G. Wood (cond.) 3, P. Gay (first quarter) 4, J. G. Werrell 5, J. Williams 6. A 60th wedding anniversary to their captain (Mr. W. Wood) and Mrs. Wood.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Wendy Gladwin (first quarter) 1, Sheila Wallace 2, Margaret Tilbury 3, J. L. Hilton 4, A. Clutton 5, G. Harrison 6, S. M. Bailey (cond.) 7, D. Knox 8. For Evensong.

KING'S NORTON, WARWICKS.—On Dec. 6th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Tonie J. Critchley 1, Linda M. Hughes 2, Mary Funnell 3, Veronica Miles 4, Susan Funnell 5, Alma M. Greaves 6, R. J. Gay 7, B. J. Woodruffe (cond.) 8. First of Major for all except 3 and 8. For Evening service. Also on Dec. 20th, 1,399 Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original): Ann E. Fellows 1, Susan Funnell 2, Veronica Miles 3, Tonie J. Critchley (first 'inside') 4, Mary Funnell 5, Linda M. Hughes 6, B. J. Woodruffe (cond.) 7, A. Miles 8, Alma M. Greaves 9, R. J. Gay 10. First quarter 1 and 8. Rung with 9, 8, 10 covering. A compliment to the ringers of 5 and 10 on their engagement. For evening service and nine lessons and carol service.

KINGSWOOD, SURREY.—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. R. Balcomb 1, Judith A. Harding 2, W. Margaret Balcomb 3, R. G. W. Robertson (first as cond.) 4, A. G. Clark 5, D. Hawkins (first quarter) 6. First of Plain Bob Doubles for all. For Evensong.

LONDON, S.E.—At St. John's Church, Waterloo Road, on Nov. 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. E. Powell 1, T. H. Taffender 2, Miss D. A. Deverell 3, J. Mudd 4, C. W. Ottley 5, L. J. Batley 6, W. D. Grainger (cond.) 7, C. M. Meyer 8. Also at St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, on Nov. 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. E. Powell 1, T. H. Taffender 2, Miss D. A. Deverell 3, L. J. Batley 4, C. M. Meyer 5, L. W. Bullock 6, W. D. Grainger (cond.) 7, C. W. Ottley 8.

MANCHESTER.—On Dec. 6th, at the Cathedral, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: R. Longden 1, Mrs. M. Tonge 2, Miss M. Walshaw 3, F. Barraclough 4, H. Reynolds 5, B. Walshaw 6, G. Pye 7, J. Nelson 8, D. Ogden (cond.) 9, H. Longden 10. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. Barraclough and Mr. and Mrs. H. Longden.

MARHAMCHURCH, CORNWALL.—On Jan. 6th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Lesley Sherwin (first of Minor) 1, C. Sangwin 2, H. Stacey 3, H. Trewin 4, R. J. Hicks (first 'inside') 5, C. E. Taylor (cond.) 6. For the Feast of the Epiphany and a birthday compliment to the conductor.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 5th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: H. Hardwidge 1, Mrs. R. Quint 2, J. Goodenough (first of Bob Doubles) 3, L. Derrick 4, C. J. Richards (first as cond. and first of Bob Doubles) 5, Mrs. R. Kortright 6.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob Minor: M. McQuistan 1, Ann Hancock 2, Wendy Bowak 3, L. Cordell 4, J. McPhail 5, W. Wedlock (cond.) 6. Also on Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob Minor: H. King 1, Ann Hancock 2, L. Cordell 3, M. McQuistan 4, J. McPhail 5, W. Wedlock (cond.) 6.

PETERSFIELD, HANTS.—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse St. Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire): D. Hughes 1, K. Sansom 2, Mrs. R. T. Jones 3, K. Tipper 4, R. T. Jones (cond.) 5, R. Walker (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

PENRITH, CUMBERLAND.—On Dec. 12th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Hodgson 1, J. Ling 2, Miss A. Callum 3, A. Hodgson 4, J. Page 5, A. Forsyth (cond.) 6.

PURITON, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. J. Ford 1, R. Ford 2, C. T. Clarke (cond.) 3, R. D. Short 4, D. Miller 5, E. J. Ford 6. A birthday compliment to Robin Ford.

PUTNEY, S.W.—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Burch 1, D. Woodham 2, B. Coatsworth 3, L. Allen (first of Triples) 4, C. Mew (first of Triples 'inside') 5, A. Clayton 6, J. Euston (cond.) 7, B. Bull 8. For Matins.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. Ellis 1, M. Hallett 2, F. May 3, G. Blower (first in method) 4, R. Tomlin 5, G. Sandwell 6, A. House (cond.) 7, E. Blower 8. For Evensong.

ROCHESTER, KENT.—At the Cathedral, on Jan. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Wharton (first of Triples) 1, T. Beaumont 2, W. A. J. Knight (cond.) 3, R. E. Norris 4, A. Wrigley 5, C. J. Gould 6, C. E. J. Norris 7, D. Norris 8.

ST. MARY CRAY, KENT.—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Minor (Canterbury and Plain Bob): S. Hardy 1, F. Gorringe (cond.) 2, R. Beard 3, F. G. Wheller 4, P. Braund 5, B. Aldridge 6. Rung as a 34th wedding anniversary and also a 72nd birthday compliment to B. Aldridge.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKS.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: V. A. Hemming 1, Miss J. Robinson 2, Miss P. M. Turner (first of Major) 3, J. K. Foot 4, R. E. Tallis (jun.) 5, R. C. Warburton 6, M. C. Hughes 7, P. S. Bennett (comp. and cond.) 8. First of Major 'inside' 2 and 7.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Valerie Hoby 1, C. T. Blundell 2, F. R. Scott 3, S. B. Dobbie 4, L. Stilwell 5, Pamela M. Jervis 6, J. K. Ward (first quarter of Royal) 7, W. D. Ward 8, W. Birmingham (cond.) 9, J. C. Birt 10. For the visit of L. Stilwell (Worthing) and S. Dobbie (Sittingbourne).

STEPNEY, E.—At St. Dunstan's and All Saints' Church, on Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Scotcher 1, L. Fox (cond.) 2, A. Lewry 3, Elizabeth Stevinson 4, H. Weedon 5, J. Sheldrick 6. First attempt for 1 and 6. For Evensong.

STORRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Ann Dovey 1, Mrs. J. Chacksfield 2, Jeffrey Charman (first 'inside') 3, Jean Horton 4, B. J. Farhall (cond.) 5, J. Chacksfield 6. A birthday compliment to ringer of 3.

SWANMORE, HANTS.—On Jan. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): T. W. Hargreaves (first quarter) 1, Miss B. J. Daysh 2, Miss D. G. Smith 3, Mrs. R. T. Jones 4, R. T. Jones (cond.) 5, R. Sherwood (first quarter) 6.

TEWIN, HERTS.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire and Bob Doubles: F. Garrod 1, D. Gambling 2, Miss A. M. Bailey (cond.) 3, H. Shire 4, P. Wooster 5, C. Geeves 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. M. Holmes, wife of a local ringer, who died on December 13th.

THAMES DITTON, SURREY.—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Leach 1, Mrs. A. Smith 2, A. Smith 3, D. Lambert 4, R. Canorn 5, F. E. Hawthorne (cond.) 6. For patronal festival. Also on Dec. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Hills 1, Mrs. A. Smith 2, R. Caporn 3, D. Lambert 4, F. E. Hawthorne (cond.) 5, A. Smith 6. For Confirmation service. Also on Dec. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Leach 1, Mrs. A. Smith 2, A. Smith 3, D. Lambert 4, R. Caporn 5, F. E. Hawthorne (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled for the passing of 1959.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: B. B. Hullah 1, P. E. Pratt 2, Rosemary S. Hawkes 3, R. G. Smith 4, S. F. Dolley 5, R. G. Bell 6, D. Laud 7, G. W. Seaman (cond.) 8. First of Major for 1 and 3. For Evensong.

WEST HARTLEPOOL, CO. DURHAM.—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Kent Treble Bob Major: W. Maughan 1, F. Hodgson 2, Margaret Machin 3, Mrs. T. Cooke 4, Ruth Anderson 5, J. Woodman 6, P. Draffan 7, T. Cooke 8. A compliment to the Vicar (the Rev. H. Hancock) on his recent appointment as Honorary Canon of Durham Cathedral.

WHATLEY, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Payne (first quarter) 1, S. J. Hillard 2, Miss E. D. Overend (first as cond.) 3, R. Abbott 4, N. Abott (first 'inside') 5, A. Payne (first quarter) 6.

WHITBY, YORKS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Lamerton 1, June Mallinson 2, J. Waller 3, A. V. Coates (cond.) 4, Kathleen Mallinson 5, H. Waters 6, A. Sykes 7, F. Lamerton 8. For Watch Night service.

WICKHAM ST. PAUL, ESSEX.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: S. T. Bird (first quarter) 1, C. Corder 2, C. A. Weavers 3, A. Bird 4, T. Bird (cond.) 5.

WOTTON-UNDER-EDGE, GLOS.—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Brown (first quarter) 1, E. Cooksley (first 'inside') 2, A. Gibbs 3, W. Richings 4, P. Allen 5, L. Barry (cond.) 6, F. Boreham 7, F. Blowen 8. For the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. W. Richings.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Though not 'as weak as a robin' a ringer at Whatley, Somerset, was knocked down by a wren during the Christmas ringing. Poor Jenny had crept into the room below the bells and must have flown into a moving rope. The sally dropped behind the unfortunate ringer, who was thrown into a corner, luckily with no damage beyond bruises.

The first quarter peal by a local band at Bawtry, Yorkshire, was rung on January 3rd. Congratulations, and many more.

The boys' paper 'Eagle' for Jan. 2nd had a full-page article on 'Ringing-in the New' by Ernest Morris. It is illustrated by six nicely-produced photos of bells and ringers.

The new hon. secretary of the North Staffordshire Association is Mr. J. G. Burton, 71, Bagnall Road, Milton, Stoke-on-Trent. Mr. A. D. Steele is the new hon. treasurer.

Mr. Albert Lawton has retired from the captaincy of St. Peter's, Broughton, Staffs. His successor is Mr. H. Roberts. The Post Office, Wetwood, Eccleshall, to whom visiting bands should write.

Teams of handbell ringers from Rotherham Parish Church and High School by ringing carols in a market stall on December 19th collected £22 from the public for the Church Repair Fund. A further £7 was raised by other carol ringing.

The third peal at Little Shelford, Cambridge, on the bells will be the last before the bells are rehung. The ringers have raised sufficient money to provide a sixth bell. The church has nearly completed its share by raising money to have the bells rehung, the present frame being regarded as unsafe.

Putney ringers were set a task during a service of Nine Lessons and Carols. Before and after the carol, 'Ding, dong, merrily on high,' they had to ring twelve rounds and six rounds between each verse. Tension in the belfry was at breaking point. Would each ringer 'Stand'?

The Christmas collection of Great Glen Handbell Ringers amounted to £73 13s. 1d. This Society has been going since 1926 and this year donations have been sent to Dr. Barnardo's Homes £25, Wireless for the Blind £15, Imperial Cancer Research £10, National Spastics Society £10, World Refugee Fund £10, Bell Repair Fund £3.

The new hon. secretary of the Kettering Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild is Mr. Murray A. Coleman, of 16, Greening Avenue, Rothwell.

Mr. D. Haynes, a former secretary of the Kettering Branch, has been recently ordained to serve in the Rochester Diocese.

A quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor was arranged for Mr. H. Pitstow at Cape Town. He is sailing home on the 'Athlone Castle' after his eight weeks' stay in North and South Rhodesia.

At the annual ringing of the Northern Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association Mr. David Heighton was congratulated on being awarded the degrees of M.B., Ch.B., by Bristol University.

Visiting ringers from Dore, Harthill and Thrybergh helped to make Rotherham ringers' party a huge success on January 6th. Thirty-eight ringers and friends attended. Pat Walker and her helpers prepared a sumptuous repast between games and dancing organised by Susan Chaddock and Raymond Woodward. Mr. Norman Chaddock acted as M.C.

The last time the local band at St. Oswald's, Oswestry, scored a peal was in 1932 and now they have rung two in a week-end. Success came after repeated failures by the young band to honour their Vicar, Preb. A. R. Vincent, on his appointment as a Prebendary of Lichfield Cathedral and a Proctor of Convocation. Miss Valerie Lee rung the treble to her first peal on the Saturday and her 'first inside' the following day—both faultless performances.

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Reason For A Peal

The outsider would gasp with astonishment that ringers from London and other places would journey to Rothwell, in Northamptonshire, to ring a peal to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the return of Fyodor Dostoyevski to St. Petersburg after ten years' exile in Siberia. Dostoyevski visited England in 1862 and 1863. While the main theme of many of his novels was the problem of human liberty and of the justification of God, to commemorate with a peal a man who died in 1881 and had little association with this country is strange. Only ringers can understand such action.

If the truth was admitted, we believe that the band met primarily to ring a good peal of Superlative, and the reason for the peal was an afterthought of one of the brainy members of the party. Young readers will find Dostoyevski's work hard going to read, but he is said to have influenced European literature more than any other single writer.

O.B.E. FOR BOLTON RINGER

For his skill and management in the engineering section of the Wynscale Atomic Station, Mr. Titus Barlow has been appointed an Officer of the Order of the British Empire. When his duties permit he is a ringer at St. Mary's Church, Deane. He has rung a number of peals in various methods but his peal ringing activities have had to be curtailed.

In memory of his father, Titus Barlow, who was a ringer at this church for over 50 years and a stalwart of the Lancashire Association, Mr. Barlow gave the tenor to the church when the bells were recast in 1957. His sister paid for the seventh in memory of her mother and the third bell was provided by other members of the family.

To honour Mr. Barlow's name appearing in the New Year's Honours List a peal was rung on Deane bells this month. The Vicar (the Rev. K. Bishop) welcomed the band and met them at the conclusion. The ringer of the treble, Miss Elaine A. Richardson, comes from Lincolnshire and is a niece of the late Mr. Rupert Richardson. She is now in Bolton on a course for nursing.

COURSES IN BELL-RINGING

Dear Sir,—At the last Central Council meeting the Sunday Service Ringing Committee was asked to investigate the possibility of obtaining the co-operation of education authorities in the establishment of courses in bell-ringing. One week-end residential course, which will include two members of this committee amongst its tutors, has been arranged, and it is known that some progress is being made in the establishment of other similar courses at one or two centres during 1960. Information of any other courses arranged is sought so that overlapping may be avoided and as large an area as possible catered for. Exchange of ideas between various organisers could also be most helpful.

I should be grateful to receive information about dates, location, syllabus, area catered for, charges, of any projected courses, either by letter to 'The Ringing World' or to me.

In order that an overall picture may be obtained of the extent to which local education authorities have provided evening classes in bell-ringing this winter, I shall be pleased if all concerned in such classes will send me information about them. Copies of suggestions for a syllabus for evening classes in bell-ringing are available from me (stamped addressed envelope, please).

Though we will give all possible help as regards courses in bell-ringing, we feel that it rests with Associations to initiate action where desired, either by contacting their local education authority or seeking information from this Committee.—Yours, etc.,

NORMAN CHADDOCK, Convener,
Central Council Committee on Sunday Service Ringing.
17, Herringthorpe Grove,
Broom, Rotherham.

SERVANTS OF THE EXERCISE – No. 4



MR. EDWIN A. BARNETT
(Secretary of the Central Council)

Mr. E. A. Barnett comes from a ringing family and married into a ringing family. His grandfather (termed Grandfather Barnett by those who knew him) rang at the famous tower of St. Paulinus', Crayford, for 43 years, and his father (Long Teddy) has rung at the same church for 65 years.

Young Teddy, who first saw the light in 1918, began his ringing career at a very early age and rang his first peal in 1929, when he was 11 years old. When he was 12 he conducted a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major. By the time he was 13 he had rung peals of Surprise Major in the four standard methods and had conducted a peal of Cambridge Major from a working bell. The peal was the last in which Grandfather Barnett took part. At 14 he was ringing peals of Spliced Surprise Major and Cambridge Royal. At 15 he was conducting peals of Yorkshire and Pudsey and at 17 he was calling peals of Bristol. He conducted the first peals ever rung of Painswick, College and Pulford Bob, Erith, Little Bob Royal and Canterbury Pleasure Triples.

On handbells he was equally brilliant and his peals include 6,240 and 13,664 Double Norwich—which is the record. In the field of composition he has distinguished himself by producing many fine compositions, and his knowledge of this subject is colossal.

During the last war he served in the R.A.F. and at its conclusion he was attached to the Air Ministry. He suffered a serious illness, which curtailed much of his peal ringing activity, but it is most pleasing to note that he takes part in an occasional peal, and up to date he has rung 615 peals, 449 of them on tower bells (181 at Crayford) rung in 100 towers, conducted 121; and 166 on handbells.

In 1942 he married Olive, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Hairs, and granddaughter of the late Frank Bennett. They have one daughter, Jean, who, of course, has learned to ring at Crayford.

Mr. Barnett was elected to the Central Council in 1945 as Kent County Association representative, and served on the Biographies, Methods and Peals Collection Committees. In 1952 he was elected secretary of the Central Council and he has impressed everybody by his efficient handling of its affairs. He has produced (in conjunction with C. K. Lewis) the Central Council's Handbook—which has proved to be invaluable to all members of the Council. In 1957 the Kent County Association honoured him by electing him vice-president.

JAFUS.

Peterborough Diocesan Guild — Kettering Branch

The annual meeting of the Kettering Branch was held (for the first time for seven years) at Burton Latimer on January 9th. There was an attendance of over 40, including several visitors. The Guild service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. R. W. Sharpley), the lesson being read and the Blessing given by Canon G. F. Turner, president of the Guild.

An excellent tea was served in the Conservative Club ('we never had it so good!') by friends and relations of the ringers, and this was followed by the lengthy business meeting. The president welcomed the visitors, who included the Guild Master, Mr. P. I. Chapman, and Major Sansome, who has recently joined the diocese as adviser on Christian Stewardship.

The president paid tribute to the life of Mr. M. A. Turner, whose death occurred recently in the U.S.A., and those present stood in silence as a token of their respect. Sympathy was expressed to his brother, Mr. R. F. Turner, of Kettering, who replied briefly.

The new peal certificates were on view, and Mr. Ginns, of Weldon, said that one of his band, who had gained one, was training for the Ministry.

Although it was decided not to hold midweek practices for the Branch during the winter months, there was a heated discussion on the lack of help being given to isolated bands such as Rushton, Stoke Albany and Geddington. Mr. Austin agreed to get some information before the next quarterly meeting which, it is hoped, will be at Weekley on April 2nd. The next A.G.M. will be at Desborough on January 14th, 1961.

The officers for 1960 will be changed in two respects from 1959. Mr. Austin, as Central Council representative, is now ex-officio on the general committee, and his place is taken by Mr. A. Frost. The secretary-treasurer for the past three years, Miss S. R. Collins, resigned, as she may be leaving the district during the year, and was replaced by Mr. M. A. Coleman. Paying tribute to her work for the Branch, the president thanked the retiring secretary for her services and wished her success in the future.

Three new members from Burton Latimer were elected, and Thorpe Malsor tower became affiliated to the Guild.

Ringing took place on the bells of St. Mary's at speeds to suit all tastes: there is a divergence of opinion as to the best speed for this 10 cwt. ring. Methods up to Bristol were rung, and it was encouraging to see the younger generation trying their hand at new methods.

Tips For Beginners—4

If a bell is odd-struck it will be quick at one stroke and slow at the other. A common fault is to correct the slowness at the one stroke but to forget to 'keep the bell off' at the other stroke.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Visitors from County Durham, Lancashire and Lincolnshire were among the company of 40 ringers at the winter meeting of the Eastern District, held at Hull on January 2nd. The Vicar (the Rev. R. Iliff) conducted the service and gave an address. Mr. H. Walker presided at the business meeting, when Pocklington was selected for the next meeting (possibly April 2nd). A collection for the Association's Bell Repair Fund realised £1 2s. 3d.

HOW TO BECOME THE 'COMPLEAT' RINGER

Or A Bucks Course On Bell-ringing

ALTHOUGH the weather—to say nothing of the lecture room!—was cold enough to chill the ardour of the most enthusiastic novice, or of any other grade of ringer for that matter, about 30, later swelling to 40, turned up for the one-day instructional course organised by the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. More would probably have been attracted to High Wycombe Guildhall on January 9th had they known in advance that the Central Council's president and No. 1 lecturer, Mr. Frederick Sharpe, and its No. 1 adviser on beginners, Mr. Wilfrid Wilson, were to be chief speakers.

With the aid of a bellrope neatly wrapped round the lintel of a door, Mr. Arthur Barker, Oxford Guild treasurer, explained for the benefit of both beginners and local instructors how one should learn and teach bell handling. Later a practical demonstration was given in Wycombe belfry.

Mr. Wilson's theme was the best approach to the hurdle of how to learn the rudiments of scientific change ringing. He emphasised that one must not be dogmatic about these things and carefully developed his subject so as not to offend either the Plain Bob or the Grandsire schools of teaching.

Success in launching a young ringer into plain hunting, he said, was assured by making things as difficult as possible for him, such as changing the method, or calling bobs, or starting off from anything but rounds. He then taught us 'Flying Dutchman,' a system of ringing for beginners which always kept the bells in a coursing order helpful to both ringer and conductor, and had the great merit that rounds could be brought up when required, apart from which they would never appear.

He insisted that, in teaching beginners, we must, to quote his own words, 'avoid using technical terms—words like "dodging," for example.' He didn't 'lead us up the garden,' but took us upstairs one at a time, allowed us only two steps on the landing and then brought us straight down again. He even perpetrated the heresy of advising us to make our young people into 'tower snatchers.' His justification was that a young ringer in a new tower among unknown ringers and on strange bells will do his utmost to put up a good show for the sake of his own prestige and the reputation of his tower. Returning to his home tower he argues to himself, 'I am used to these bells; I can do better here'—and he always does. Therefore, all you possessive instructors, don't keep your youngsters tied to your apron strings or accompany them everywhere they go.

Wilfrid next showed us how to play the game 'Beat the belfry clock.' He explained how, by switching from Plain Bob to Little Bob or Double Bob, we can always beat the clock just in time for service. Conducting, too, was child's play. After completely filling a board with W's, B's, M's, H's and columns of abstruse mathematics, he reduced them all to algebra and converted **abc** to **bca** or **cab**. By applying this elementary algebra to peals of Plain Bob, Kent, Double Norwich or Cambridge, they were reduced to two-a-penny. Unfortunately he omitted to say what to do if we are no good at algebra.

ABOUT BELLS

Mr. Fred Sharpe destroyed our spiritual complacency by confronting us with all the things we **had not** done with our bells. Had we examined the crown staples to see whether at any moment a bell might fall in two halves, being split open by the expansion of the staple due to rusting? Had we looked lately to see how much deeper was the dent in the bell where the clapper struck, or would we **prefer** to buy a new bell?

Had we attended to the rust on the rolled steel joists below the bell frame? Only recently one church had to have its girders renewed through such shameful dereliction of duty. The cast iron frame, apparently, was not such a load on our conscience, as this couldn't deteriorate quite as rapidly. That was about the only crumb of comfort Mr. Sharpe could feed us. Did we realise that such an apparent trifle as where the ropes fell might, or might not, bring the tower down on our heads?

Mr. Tim Glass, of Windsor, who has spliced more ropes for Her Majesty's telephone service than there are changes in a quarter peal, deftly demonstrated both the long and the short splice. PALUDIAN.

Peal Ringers Of 1959

Will those ringers who rang 25 peals or more during 1959 please send details to the Editor as soon as possible.

To relax our poor overworked brains after so much concentrated listening and assimilation it was most gratifying, as well as amazing, how well they functioned when responding to the call for a half-course of Cambridge Royal.

We had all learned something, from the greatest to the least, and a great debt of gratitude is due to Tony and Doreen Cox for all the staff work and publicity which made such a successful day. This was a splended 1s. 6d. worth, and if the next Oxford Guild course at Radley, from Friday evening, April 29th, to Sunday afternoon, May 1st, is as good, we'll be there—even if we are lectured to in a refrigerated room. PALUDIAN.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Ashford District

Wintry weather kept the attendance down to about 30 ringers at the first quarterly meeting of the year at New Romney on January 9th. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. F. S. Martin). The Rev. J. Green read the lesson and Mr. K. Tullett was at the organ. Afterwards tea was enjoyed in the warm and cosy atmosphere of the Victoria Arms. Five new members were elected. Mr. T. Collingworth acted as Ringing Master, but members had an 'off day' as far as Major ringing was concerned.

Another Tower Reclaimed — St. Peter's, Jarrow

A MENTION of the town of Jarrow-on-Tyne conjures up in the minds of many people two very contrasting impressions. The first is of the Venerable Bede and the early Christian Church in this country, with its message of joy and hope. The second is of the depression of the early 1930's and its associated hunger marches—a story of sorrow and despair.

These features of hope and despondency are not without relevance in present-day Jarrow, and especially so in the parish of St. Peter. The parish church, dating from 1881, is brick built with a slender south-east tower and spire, and is situated close to the banks of the River Tyne. The tower contains a ring of six bells (tenor 8 cwt.), cast by Warners in 1883, and ringing was regular from their earliest days to the outbreak of the last war. In that time 11 peals were rung on these bells, and the tower was a happy hunting ground in the 1920's for that well-known character the late 'Uncle Joe' Sikes.

During the last war the spire became a casualty when the cable of a breakaway barrage balloon became entwined round the weathercock and tore off the top portion. The spire has not been entirely restored and is now permanently truncated. In addition, with the termination of the war, Jarrow began a period of prosperity and renewed hope, and a great scheme of building development was begun, involving the demolition of great tracts of old property, much of which was situated around St. Peter's Church, so that where formerly the church was surrounded by dwelling houses it now stands in an almost desolate waste. As a consequence, the population of the parish has greatly diminished and the small but faithful congregation is now largely 'gathered.'

With all these vicissitudes in the church's life it is not surprising that the bells of St. Peter's have been silent for the past 20 years and the local ringers have dispersed. Until recently, there had been doubt as to whether the tower would still be strong enough to support further ringing and whether the bells themselves were in a fit state after such a spell of disuse. Following a private discussion between certain officials of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, Mr. C. N. Lea (vice-president of the Eastern District) made contact with the St. Peter's P.C.C. and offered to make a survey of the tower and bells with a view to restarting ringing and teaching a new local band. The P.C.C. showed themselves agreeable and extended a welcome to the proposed visit. Thus on a Saturday last July Mr. Lea, ably aided and abetted by the president and one or two Association members, made an exploratory visit to St. Peter's tower and found that apart from an accumulation of dirt, a few slack bolts and a lack of ropes, the individual bells were in a ringable condition. The tower and bell frame appeared to be quite sound and free from movement. A further visit with a working party was then arranged, and on November 21st a party of volunteers, complete with spanners, lubricants and bell ropes, set to with a will to make up for a lack of over 20 years of maintenance on these bells. After two to three hours the work was completed, and the pleasing ring of six rang out for the first time since before 1939 with touches of Bob Minor and Cambridge Surprise.

The success of this venture did not end here, however, for the enthusiasm of the visitors had proved contagious, and several of the parishsioners, including two former ringers at the church, came to see and hear the ringing, resulting in a request for still further visits from the Association both to ring and help train local ringers. The first of these took place on December 16th, when three locals were given their first introduction to the wiles of a bellrope, and the instructors were enabled to ring a quarter peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor, the first quarter on these bells for over a quarter of a century, as follows: Mrs. C. N. Lea 1, J. E. Anderson 2, C. N. Lea 3, G. S. Deas 4, E. N. Harrison 5, J. A. Ainsworth (conductor) 6.

Further instructional visits and an Association District meeting are now planned, and these, it is hoped, will be merely the forerunners of a revival of organised ringing at this tower. Thus one more 'unringable' ring has been rescued from the slough of despond, and in this aspect of its witness, at least, St. Peter's, Jarrow, can face the future with hope. K. A.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

STEDMAN DOUBLES

Dear Sir,—Isn't Mr. Wilson on rather shaky ground when he says, in his first article on Stedman, 'In Stedman on any number, the bells on the front are never affected by calls' and deduces from this that the single normally used is the only call possible in Doubles? Isn't he just describing how people **choose** to ring Stedman?

He means, I suppose, that the front work is the characteristic feature of the method, and so should be left intact—as it is, by the two accepted types of calls, for Doubles, and for higher numbers. But one could also say that the dodging, in blocks of six blows, was the feature to be kept—and this would require a different call for Doubles.

A better argument would be that all possible calls rearranging three bells lead almost inevitably to falsity, unless singles are also used. And singles would be needed anyway to bring in the out-of-course changes, and they produce 15 extents without any need at all for bobs . In Erin, on the other hand, a bob is needed; it brings up four blows in thirds, and needs singles immediately before and after it.

I remember seeing one old ringing book—I think it was Troyte's 'Campanologia'—describe the regular Stedman Doubles single as on the second and third, not the third and fourth blows of the six (and this is where it **should** be made, if the call is given, as it often is, at handstroke, on the first blow of the six). Does anyone still ring it this way, and when was the modern hand-and-back single introduced?—Yours, etc.,

JOHN G. PUSEY.

Cowleigh, Malvern, Worcs.

DUPLICATIONS IN SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir, — Whilst compiling a numerical place notation index of Surprise Major methods, I have come across the following apparent duplications:—

(a) I find that Cudham and Derwent, which both have seconds place at the lead end have the same place notation, viz:—

x 56 x 4 x 56 x 36 x 34 x 5 x 34 x 7

The eighth place version of this is Chelsfield.

(b) Braunstone and Wye (also both seconds at lead end) are denoted as:—

x 38 x 4 x 58 x 16 x 12 x 3 x 14 . 56 . 7

The eighths place version of Wye is Donisthorpe.

I think that Cudham and Derwent appear in A. J. Corrigan's Collection, but not Braunstone. If one of your readers could clarify me on these method names as to which is recognised I would be extremely grateful.

I would also like the figures of the following Surprise Major methods: Apsley, Arnesby, Evenlode, Hale, Lyminge, Northolt and Queslett.—Yours faithfully,

Bedford. BRYAN PATTISON.

AUGMENTING HANDBELL RING

Dear Sir.—Thanks very much for the letter from Mr. Amos. I had hoped that my short note might bring some response. The little piece in the 'Belfry Gossip' didn't mention anything about the sort of bells.

I had three very small bells (top C natural, F sharp and G sharp) recast and made from three of the type mentioned by Mr. Amos, to augment an octave of handbells. The cost of these was £8 7s., which shows why I was astonished at the luck of Mr. Amos. No, I am not a betting man and I am always willing to give what I can to good causes. I hoped that my letter would be written in the spirit in which it was written, i.e., wishing to know more.—Yours faithfully, A. BIGLEY.

Irthlingborough.

PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT WORTH PAYING FOR

Dear Sir,—I am taking advantage of the concession to postal subscribers because I feel that, morally, the solution to the financial difficulties of 'The Ringing World' must ultimately lie in a charge per bell for all peals published in full—no charge when the details are published in the usual form, but omitting the names of the ringers.

I have been a service ringer for many years but except for a few handbell peals as a boy, I have not yet rung a tower bell peal—much to my shame.

Had I done so I am sure I should have derived pleasure and some satisfaction in seeing my achievement reported. Those ladies and gentlemen who ring peals and whose performances are recorded should pay 6d. per bell. Although most of these ringers are unknown personally to me, I follow their activities with some interest and marvel at their keenness, power of endurance and concentration.—Yours faithfully,

CHARLES BRAGG.

Solihull, Warwicks.

MORE NEWS FOR SERVICE RINGERS WANTED

Dear Sir,—I wish you to accept my best wishes for your health and happiness during 1960, also to accept enclosed cheque as a slight contribution to the finances of 'The Ringing World,' which, I trust, are improving.

I am one of those rather sceptical about the raising of the price to 8d. per copy; it appears the willing horse is being whipped further. I am afraid it will not increase production.

As an old service ringer, 73 years' experience with only about 40 peals to my credit, I often wish there was just a little news published of interest to service ringers, whom I estimate number 80 per cent. of ringers of this country. Is this worth consideration?—In all sincerity,

G. H. WILLIAMS.

Heavitree, Exeter.

LOYALLY SUPPORT COUNCIL'S POLICY

Dear Sir,—I am glad Mr. William C. Boughton found my recent humble contribution mildly amusing but I must protest vigorously when he describes it as a feeble red herring.

I was not, I repeat not, writing about the cost of 'The Ringing World' or the method of financing its future publication. Perhaps before Mr. Boughton favours us in future with his comments he will at least afford to your correspondents the courtesy of reading what they have written.

As a matter of academic interest only, I would also be glad to know how Mr. Boughton has been able to find out how much or how little I, or any other peal ringer, contribute to the funds of the churches at which I ring.

As to the financing of 'The Ringing World,' may I emulate the pharisaical superiority of Mr. Boughton and say, with great virtue, that I shall loyally support any future financial policy that may be democratically decided upon.—Yours faithfully,

Sevenoaks, Kent P. A. CORBY.

OBITUARY

We regret to record the deaths of Mr. Alfred Gear, of Redhill, on January 6th, aged 75, and Mr. George M. Rashbrook, of Colchester, on December 30th, aged 85. Appreciation tributes will appear in our next issue.

FINANCE

Dear Sir,—'But this I say, he which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly, and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give, not grudgingly, or of necessity, for God loveth a cheerful giver.'

I have been made thoroughly sick and tired of the recent grumblings in 'The Ringing World' by certain people with regard as to who should be responsible for the payment of the extra money required to maintain the publication of our journal. They all seem to have been in a similar vein, i.e., the extra money must come 'as long as we don't have to pay it.' If anybody considers that their 'Ringing World' isn't worth another 2d. per week, then I suggest that they haven't got the interests of ringing at heart, but purely 'How much pleasure can we get for how little expenditure.'

Some years ago Mr. Southwood asked if he could come to Cheshire to ring two peals, at his convenience, these being duly arranged and rung, at Norbury and Macclesfield respectively. From his letter it seems that he only rings peals when he feels like ringing one; rather a selfish attitude. I might also suggest that Mr. Southwood purchases the 'Central Council Handbook,' price 2s. 6d., in which he will read that it is a rule that all peals rung must be published in 'The Ringing World.

Regarding the payment of 2s. 6d. per rope for all peals rung, as suggested by Mr. Lee, in the same edition of 'The Ringing World' (December 25th, 1959), it could be that there would be a large number of peals not published, or rung as Non-Association peals, in order to avoid paying this levy. Apart from this fact, it does not seem to be fair to me that one part of the ringing exercise should be responsible for the finance of 'The Ringing World.' If this were the case, then they would have every right to call it the 'Peal Ringers' World,' then only subjects relevant to peal ringing would be published in it. As it is, only 28.125 per cent. of 'The Ringing World' of December 25th, 1959, was taken up with the peal columns, which, as stated, is cheaper to print than the remaining pages.

Mr. Broughton said that everything was provided 'free, gratis and for nothing.' On the face of it this appears to be true, but on the whole peal ringing can become more costly than the great majority of common sports, e.g., football, cricket, cross-country. Travelling expenses, correspondence, etc., can run away with a very large percentage of one's money. This is particularly true for teenagers and university students, this being one of the reasons that we use youth hostels when on ringing tours.

The answer lies in what ringing means to each individual. Well, is it worth another 2d.? I think so. After all, what would you spend it on? A cigarette? One-seventh of a pint of best mild? A half-mile bus ride? — Yours, etc., ROBERT B. SMITH.

Marple, Cheshire.

OLDEST BELL IN HERTFORDSHIRE

Dear Sir.—Whilst welcoming the article on Harpenden bells and ringers, I must point out a misleading statement in the opening paragraph (page 777). The oldest bell in the county cannot be the 15th century bell mentioned as several 14th century bells exist; e.g., at Hexton, Westmill, Little Berkhamsted, Wyddial, etc. Full details can be found in 'Church Bells of Hertfordshire,' by North and Stahlschmidt. The vast majority of ancient bells mentioned in this book are fortunately still intact.—Yours faithfully. D. P. JONES.

Castle Gresley.

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CHRISTMAS TIME IN ESSEX



THREE BELLRINGERS OF BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.—The Misses Barbara Fisher, Lorna Doone and Sandra Airton bring out seasonable fare for their dinner and social held on December 5th. Ringers and friends from Ingrave and South Weald joined them for a very enjoyable evening.

AMERICAN SCHOOLS RING TOGETHER

Kent School, Kent, Connecticut, were hosts to ten members of the Bell Ringers' Guild from Groton School, Massachusetts, for the week-end of December 5th.

When Groton arrived the bells were muted so that the ringers would be able to get the feel of the bells without ringing open. Then the Kent band proceeded to demonstrate their skill on eight bells, ringing plain hunting and Grandsire Triples. The Groton band also rang on Saturday night.

The two bands combined for Sunday ringing to ring all of Kent's ten bells. This was the first time for over two years the ten bells had been rung.

These two schools are the only institutions in the United States to carry on change ringing.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

West Lindsey Branch

So successful was the dinner and social evening which marked the inauguration of the West Lindsey Branch just over 12 months ago, that there was a keen demand for a similar event to be held this year. This took place on January 2nd at Lea Institute and was attended by some 80 members and friends. The emphasis was on entertainment rather than formal speech-making, and the annual meeting had, therefore, been arranged as a separate occasion at a later date.

Following dinner the Haxey handbell ringers entertained the company with a selection of well-known tunes. The secretary (Mr. G. L. A. Lunn) then gave a light-hearted 'explanation' of ringing terms, illustrated with amusing tableaux staged by members. Dancing took place later and a number of party games, organised by Mr. D. G. Crosby, provided amusement for everyone.

Conveniently close at hand, Lea bells were available during the afternoon for those who cared to ring. M. L. M.

The Professor Would Like To Know

if the reason for the delayed publication of 6-bell methods is because the principal compiler is too busy ringing 8-, 10- and 12-bell peals.



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DEDICATION

KINGSBURY, WARWICKSHIRE

On December 12th another page was added to the history of the 11th century church of SS. Peter and Paul, situated on a hilltop in the mining village of Kingsbury, near Tamworth. Deputising for the Archdeacon of Aston, who was indisposed, the Rev. J. W. Bennett (Vicar) dedicated a new treble bell. A large congregation, which included about 50 ringers, attended.

In his address the Vicar said the inscription on the bell was a fitting recognition of the efforts of Mr. G. H. Lane, the tower captain, his family and fellow members of the band. For some years various efforts had been made to raise money to enable the ring in this ancient tower to be increased to six bells.

The opening touch of 108 Bob Minor was rung by the local band: J. Basford 1, S. Perry 2, T. Smith 3, D. K. Lane 4, W. G. Lane 5, G. H. Lane (conductor) 6. After tea, kindly provided by Kingsbury ringers and friends, the bells were at the disposal of visiting ringers till 8.30 p.m.

John Taylor and Co., who cast the existing five bells in 1849 and rehung them on ball-bearings in 1921, have supplied the new bell. Kingsbury now has a very good ring of six, with tenor 16 cwt. in E. The treble is 2ft. 6½in. in diameter in C sharp, weighs 5¾ cwt. and shows an inscription, 'I Came By Many "Lanes",' with the founder's name and the year.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

When the annual meeting of the Bath Branch was held at St. Michael's, Broad Street, Bath, on January 9th, members stood in memory of the late secretary, Mr. Sealy Woodburn, and a vote of appreciation of his services as Branch secretary since 1939 was recorded in the minutes. Mr. Woodburn will be especially remembered for the way he encouraged young people with their ringing.

The Rev. E. Rowe was elected chairman and the Revs. Sargent (St. Michael's), L. White (Twerton) and F. Pollard (Freshford) vice-chairmen. Mr. Alan Lee is the new secretary and Mr. Terry Milsom succeeds Mr. T. Hayward, treasurer since 1952, who may be leaving Bath. Nineteen new members were admitted—two each from Twerton and Corston, three from St. Michael's, five from Keynsham and seven from Freshford.

The service at St. Michael's was conducted by the Rector, with the Rev. E. Rowe (Vicar of Weston) as preacher.

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The peal at Crayford on January 9th to mark the 83rd anniversary of the dedication of the bells coincided to the day when, 65 years ago, Mr. E. Barnett became a member of the tower. He succeeded his father in charge of the tower in 1932 and continued in office until three years ago, when his son, Mr. E. A. Barnett, took over.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Annual meeting, Farnworth, Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Business follows tea at 5 p.m. (moderate charge). Names for tea to Joseph Thornley, 50, Carlton Street, Farnworth. 5644

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Annual meeting, Grantham, Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, 25th, to me.—F. G. Vickers, Ermine Street, Ancaster, Grantham, Lincs. 5608

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Hampstead-Norris, Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, Jan. 26th, to Mr. J. Weaving, Church Road, Hampstead-Norris, Newbury, Berks. 5616

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Annual meeting, Towcester, Saturday, Jan. 30th. Service 3.30 p.m. Easton Neston bells will be available from 2 to 3 p.m. only. Names for tea essential by Monday previous to W. A. Yates, 4, Bannerlands, Dadford, Buckingham. 5580

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oundle Branch.—Annual meeting, Oundle (8), Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, previous to Mrs. Clarke, 7, Bassett Place, Oundle. 5640

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SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Annual meeting to be held at St. Mary's, Nottingham (10), Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Meeting in the belfry 6 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—Mrs. P. C. Clarke, Sec. 5600

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Annual District meeting, Saturday, Jan. 30th, Basingstoke. St. Michael's and All Saints' bells available from 2.45 p.m. Service at St. Michael's, 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Tuesday, 26th.—J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John, Basingstoke. 5637

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Annual meeting, Leatherhead, Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., with business meeting in St. Nicolas' Hall. Further ringing after. Names for tea by previous Thursday to G. Marriner, 7, Poplar Avenue, Leatherhead. 5636

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Feb. 6th, at Diss. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Special method, Yorkshire Surprise. Suffolk ringers welcome. Names for tea by Wednesday, Feb. 3rd, to Mr. A. G. Harrison, 20, Chapel Street, Diss, Norfolk.—C. F. Phillippo, Hon. Sec. 5631

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—Annual dinner, Saturday, Feb. 6th, Founder's Library, New College, 8 p.m. Ringing arrangements and tickets (15s. 6d.) from D. T. Darby, New College. 5594

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Feb. 6th, Stanground, Peterborough. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. St. John's, Peterborough, bells available after tea. Names for tea, please, not later than Wednesday previous to G. S. Bush, 18, Princes Street, Peterborough. 5641

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting, Aspley, Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Names for tea not later than Feb. 4th to Mr. H. Seagrave, 7, Melbourne Road, Aspley, Nottingham.—S. Adams, Hon. Sec. 5646

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Feb. 6th, Christchurch (12). Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Meeting follows; bells after. Names by Wednesday previous to W. T. Godfrey, Hon. Dis. Sec., Pine Hurst, Shorefield Way, Milford-on-Sea, Lymington, Hants. 5643

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—By-meeting at Mereworth on Saturday, Feb. 13th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 at the Queen's Head. Names, please, to R. L. Sills, St. Vincent's Lane, Addington, West Malling. 5652

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Annual dinner, Saturday, Feb. 20th, at Civil Defence Hall, Kempston Manor, near Bedford, at 7 p.m. Tickets (11s. 6d.) from District Secretaries, or J. M. Stephens, 33, Poplar Close, Leighton Buzzard. Early application essential as numbers limited to 75. 5638

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The eighth annual and Sir Arthur Heywood memorial dinner will be held in Derby at 6.15 p.m. on Saturday, February 27th, at the Corporation Hotel. Tickets all sold. Ringing at Derby towers 3 to 6 p.m.—G. A. Halls. 5593

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (established 1755). —Annual Henry Johnson commemoration dinner, Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, 6 o'clock, Saturday, Feb. 27th. Tickets 20s. Peals arranged for visitors. Several towers open for ringing. Details later.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham, 28. 'Phone SPR 1025. 5634

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—IMPORTANT NOTICE.— Owing to unforeseen circumstances the dinner, originally February 6th, will now be March 5th, at the Deacon's Restaurant, Walbrook.—F. J. Matthews. 5635

Dorking Ringers' Annual Supper

For the ninth successive year the annual supper of the Dorking ringers, held on New Year's Eve, was again very enjoyable. The Vicar (Canon K. D. Evans) presided over a company of 40. Welcome visitors were the Rev. C. Marshall, ringing curate at Leatherhead, and Mr. Frank Oakshott, of Epsom.

The catering arrangements were again ably carried out by the Misses E. Clear and B. Dowling, assisted by other ladies. After the supper the Rev. C. Munt, priest-in-charge at Ranmore, kindly showed a film strip, in colour, of scenes of local interest, including, of course, the ringers! This was followed by tune playing on handbells by six young members of the band, who, during Christmas week, collected £10 for the Church of England Children's Society. They also won the cup, for the second year, at the Dorking Festival of Music and Drama.

It has been a successful year, under the captaincy of Mr. F. G. L. Coward, during which six quarter peals have been rung, including two of Stedman Triples, and eight bells have always been rung every Sunday throughout the year. A. P. C.

ROVING RINGERS' LAKE DISTRICT TOUR

THE 1959 tour of the Society began on July 25th, when about 20 cyclists met at Heversham for ten days' ringing in the Lake District and Lancashire. We had expected the cycling to be harder than we had had in East Anglia in 1958, and soon found this to be so; the going was at times hard, particularly when protesting members of the weaker sex had to be goaded up seemingly endless hills! However, we all completed the 250 miles of the tour; in fact we finished with more ringers than we started with. Our only mishaps were a buckled wheel and a dozen or so punctures, though our map readers were occasionally at fault, causing at least one tandem pair to pay a visit to the shores of Wastwater and another small party to tramp across the lesser-known parts of Wasdale. As is usual, we stayed in youth hostels, and it was evident that many experienced hostellers were in the party, particularly when jobs were being allocated!

Although, for some, it had been a day's journey to reach Heversham, we all arrived in time for the ringing, which started with a course of Cambridge by members from the 'cider counties,' led by our Master, Michael Horseman. Our evening was spent in Kendal, though we were unable to ring here because the bells were receiving attention from the bell-hangers. We set off next morning to ring at Crosthwaite, where we were warmly welcomed at the Communion service by the Rector. As we had no ringing fixed for the afternoon, our attention was directed toward other pastimes—at least one party went out rowing on Lake Windermere in the rain, and someone else said they had been hill climbing! The magnificent ring at Ambleside had been put at our disposal by the local ringers for Evensong; but although we enjoyed our Stedman and Cambridge, we did not really do justice to these bells. Our evening gathering at Ambleside Hostel enabled the choir to have its first full session, though the male voice section were later to fall foul of the warden for singing after hours.

FILMED IN 'RAIN HATS'

Monday morning's first tower was Bowness where, after some Bristol, our Master called some St. Clement's Triples. Our journey across the ferry towards Hawkshead was marred by heavy showers; however, it gave our cameramen plenty of scope for filming us in our 'rain hats.' We were welcomed at Hawkshead by the Rector, who joined us in our ringing on the excellent eight, where methods rung included a good course of London. The earlier part of the afternoon was spent toiling upwards to the Cumberland border—our progress being sufficiently slow to enjoy the scenery. Once over the border, we made use of the easier gradients down to Keswick, where earlier arrivals just missed heavy rain. It was still raining when we reached Crosthwaite Church, though it did not dampen our ringing, as Bristol and 4-spliced went well on this ground floor ring. Our overnight stay at the riverside hostel at Keswick was a pleasant one; the walking club strolled down to Derwentwater during the evening, whilst the less energetic patronised the alehouses.

On our ride to Cockermouth next morning the seemingly fortunate gent who passed us in a truck had actually had his cycle wheel run over. We found Cockermouth bells to our liking and managed to ring Pudsey and 5-spliced. After lunch we visited Bridekirk where, as was fitting, a wedding was about to take place, and we were able to 'fire' the bells after the ceremony. Ringing at Aspatria was not up to standard, perhaps due to the long draught; however, we made good use of the tall tower to gain a view of the Scottish coast. We then returned to Cockermouth where, after a few hardy souls had taken a dip in the river, we joined the local ringers for practice.

A cloudy sky threatened our morning ride to Arlecdon, but the rain stayed away fortunately, and we enjoyed a good hour's ringing at this well-kept church. Our ringing on the heavier bells at Cleator Moor suffered as a result of an excellent lunch, though we made up for this by some good Stedman and 6-spliced at Egremont. Our route now took us away from the industrial area towards the quiet coastal village of St. Bees, where, on the slow-turning eight at the Priory, we included Oxford Bob Triples in our repertoire. Our journey to the hostel at Netherwasdale was truly one of contrasting scenes—from the giant atomic station at Windscale to the remote hillside farm that was our destination.

HARDEST CYCLING

We greeted John Slater on Thursday morning with '21 Today' and other well-known songs; our Oxford member also celebrated his birthday, which he claimed to be a very doubtful 22nd. The day proved to be our hardest for cycling and we failed to reach Broughton in time despite a liberal time allowance. The long climb over Birker Fell, coupled with a series of punctures, caused one small party to arrive in the back of an Army lorry. We straggled into Barrow in twos and threes (though a few people had made use of British Railways), and we were grateful to two local ringers who made up the first band. We gathered ourselves together again for the short ride to the third 'Furness' tower—the ten at Dalton, where we rang Stedman and Cambridge. We were thankful for our enforced train ride across the estuaries to Arnside. This also gave one railway enthusiast a chance to ride on the footplate. An extra tower had been arranged for us in the evening by our friend from Heversham, and a large number crowded into his Land Rover for a visit to Silverdale.

As we had booked for two nights at Arnside, Friday's trip was in the form of a circular tour (minus saddlebags!) over easier-going ground. We visited the 6-bell towers of Beetham and Burton-in-Holme, where a local ringer joined us for some York Minor. At Kirkby Lonsdale, in the afternoon, two members—much to their discredit—had a lesson in tandem riding around the churchyard. Although the route to Hornby was straightforward, one party made a start towards Carlisle, but having realised the error of their ways rejoined us at this octagonal tower for ringing. Once again the Land Rover awaited us at the hostel, this time for a visit to Milnthorpe, which was much enjoyed.

We arrived in Lancaster on Saturday morning and met the first of the 'week-enders.' We did not find the bells at St. Mary's particularly easy to ring. After lunch we made our way through the busy traffic to our week-end headquarters at Preston, visiting three more towers on the way. An attempt to ring Double Bob at Garstang fired out; however, we did better at Bilsborrow, where London and a ladies' long touch of Grandsire Triples were rung. Our last tower was Broughton, where a good course of Norwich Minor was rung. After dinner at the Bull and Royal that evening a short business meeting took place, at which we voted Birmingham as the venue of our reunion in February, 1960.

TENOR CLAPPER FELL OUT

The tower of St. John's at Preston is very conveniently situated, enabling late risers to have a ring before morning service. Unfortunately the seventh was out of action, so ringing was restricted to Major and Caters with the tenor turned in. We were again unfortunate when, during the ringing at the Catholic Church at Bamber Bridge, the tenor clapper fell out; however, late arrivals had a short ring on the front six. We were greeted by the Vicar at Leyland, where we rang for Evensong, and our ringing here included Cambridge and Yorkshire Royal.

We rose fairly early on Bank Holiday Monday in preparation for our homeward journeys. Our final towers were the eight at Higher Walton, and Blackburn—the only cathedral of the tour. A number of local ringers met us here, and after an unsteady start settled down to some good ringing, which ended with three courses of Stedman and the ten bells lowered in peal.

In conclusion, we should like to thank all those who helped to make this a pleasant and successful tour, including all incumbents and tower captains; in particular, thanks to our friends from Heversham and Cockermouth who helped us on our way. A word of thanks also to our Master for keeping us in order, and to our secretaries who did a wonderful job, and can be said to have scored a success at the first attempt! D. E. C.

QUARTER PEALS

BANSTEAD, SURREY.—On Dec. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Anne Buchan 1, Elizabeth Layton 2, A. J. Adams 3, G. P. Smerdon 4, N. Hobden 5, R. Parsons 6, M. F. Layton (cond.) 7, A. E. Cheesman 8. A wedding compliment to Margaret Pitstow on her marriage in Rhodesia.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Wingrove (cond.) 1, Dorothy Fletcher 2, Ann Shiels 3, J. Harrison 4, Kathleen Fletcher 5, M. Broadley (first 'inside') 6, A. Bridges 7, R. Broadley 8. For the Midnight Communion service.

HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHANTS.—On Jan 2nd, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: A. P. Cannon 1, Barbara Manship (first Yorkshire) 2, J. D. Rock 3, D. W. James 4, M. Coleman 5, B. Hendry 6, R. G. Leale (cond.) 7, F. R. Scott 8.

HURST, BERKS.—On Christmas Eve, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. Castle 1, R. K. Rivers (cond.) 2, Mrs. E. Eele 3, R. Castle 4, Mrs. V. Castle 5, J. Froome 6, B. Castle 7, W. Austin 8. For Midnight Communion.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,288 Kent Treble Bob Major: M. T. Symonds (cond.) 1, S. Smith 2, A. R. Knight (first in method) 3, W. Faires 4, W. Jarvis 5, F. Boreham 6, F. F. Mortlock 7, L. Pryke 8.

LONDON.—At Westminster Abbey, on Dec. 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. W. Cecil 1, A. B. Peck 2, W. Rawlings 3, J. H. Crampion 4, M. P. Moreton 5, W. T. Cook 6, J. Phillips (cond.) 7, J. A. Waugh 8. For the Feast of the Holy Innocents.

LONG STANTON, CAMBS.—On Dec. 17th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: H. Muncey 1, D. Murfet 2, G. Crisp 3, Hilary Muirhead 4, H. S. Peacock 5, G. Thoday 6, G. A. Lucas 7, W. J. Ridgman (cond.) 8.

NORTHENDEN, LANCS.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Barlow 1, A. Barratt 2, Enid Rowley 3, F. Gates 4, P. Banks 5, R. Benson (cond.) 6. A farewell compliment to the ringers of 1 and 2 on their retirement after 40 years' ringing service.

THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.—On Dec. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. P. Mills 1, M. Mills 2, F. Harvey 3, E. E. Davey 4, P. W. Mills (cond.) 5, W. Downs 6. For Evensong, and as a birthday compliment to the conductor. Also on Dec. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. P. Mills 1, Mrs. D. Stutley 2, F. Harvey 3, E. E. Davey (cond.) 4, P. W. Mills 5, M. Mills 6. For the service of nine lessons and carols.

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ANNUS IRAE — II. AFTERMATH

LOOKING back to the events of sixty years ago it is not difficult to perceive how the accusations and disclosures that followed the Kidlington dispute were the outcome, directly or indirectly, of that classic contest. William Pye did not forget Willson's intervention and William Willson did not forget Pye's contemptuous references to his ringing prowess. Neither could feel charitably inclined towards the other, and neither could restrain the wish that something could be found to discredit his opponent. It was Willson who led off on September 2nd with a violent attack on a peal of Stedman Caters called by William Pye at Bermondsey. With what now seems a perverse desire to aggravate the situation, 'The Bell News' headed the letter, 'The bogus Bermondsey peal.' Again the storm burst, and this time with great bitterness and an absence of restraint, and the matter was complicated by Plain Speaker's mysterious reference to a letter from Tom Newman, of Caversham, which could not be printed because it would reopen the Kidlington wounds.

Once again it needed influential suggestion, and a letter from C. E. D. Boutflower deploring the tone of the correspondence, to bring the affair to an end. But more was to come. At the end of the year a peal of Stedman Cinques at Bristol, rung in just under three and a half hours, raised a controversy emanating from the Ipswich district, where 'W. R.' maintained that peals of Cinques could not be rung in the time given. Despite a widening of the discussion, the right of the matter seemed to be with the Bristol ringers, for whom the opinions of F. G. May carried great weight; and the most interesting and instructive part of this argument will be found to lie in George Daltry's letter of February 24th, 1900. This expresses some very thoughtful views on weights of bells and speeds of ringing.

The Bristol controversy was (in its setting) a mild interlude, and before it was settled the rumblings of a more dreadful storm were apprehended in Plain Speaker's columns, where there appeared rather more than a hint that the first peal of Treble Bob Royal to be rung in Ireland had proved not to be a peal at all. The peal, in which William Willson took part, had been conducted by Washbrook a year or two before, and rumours were now going round to the effect that the composition was false. Alas, it was so. The peal had, in its concluding stages, been called into the Plain Course by two bobs at Middle, and in the absence of a bob or bobs at Home to start the peal, this necessarily rendered the composition false. A letter from Gabriel Lindoff, published on March 24th, left no doubt about the matter, but two things turned what might have been a genuine mistake into a minor scandal: the alleged placing of some irrelevant figures with the Association under whose auspices the peal was rung, and the fact that a considerable number of folk in England seemed to have been aware that there was something queer about this performance and yet had done nothing to bring the truth to light.

To Mr. Pye, of course, it seemed that the enemy was delivered into his hands; Washbrook and Willson were at his mercy. Willson was silent, and it was some weeks before Washbrook could be brought to offer any sort of explanation. Before he could do so, Tom Newman got his head into the open and chose this moment to cast a doubt on Washbrook's record length of London Surprise, rung in 1896. Newman asserted that during that peal T. Payne set his bell and someone else pulled it off for him. Subsequent correspondence showed that there was little evidence to support this accusation, and the Oxford folk, led by the Rev. F. E. Robinson, arose, as may be supposed, in a body to defend their reputation and their achievement. Washbrook was able to mitigate the Treble Ten embarrassment by a justifiable defence of the record London. Mr. Tom Newman's intervention was futile, and his case died; but there was yet one more burst of fury in this year of wrath, and it was directed against William Pye by Mr. T. H. Taffender, who attacked a peal of Treble Twelve rung at St. Michael's, Cornhill.

The exchanges that followed were crude and hard-hitting, and it may here suffice to say that of one letter the Editor remarked: 'We have taken the trouble to tone this letter down a little,' and of an epistle from the other protagonist: 'We have felt compelled to eliminate a sentence from this letter.' It was clearly time to call a halt, and a measured, considered appeal from Canon Papillon in 'The Bell News' of April 28th expressed what all right-thinking ringers had in mind. The columns of the paper were closed forthwith to this and all allied disputes. The great year of wrath was ended. E. C. S.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 16, 1960, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-le-Tower,
A PEAL OF 5016 LITTLE BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor 32 cwt.

George E. Symonds	*Treble*	Herbert G. Jillings	7
Ronald Bugg	2	Gilbert R. Goodship	8
Roger K. Whittell	3	Alan Andrews	9
Charles J. Sedgley	4	Ernest Pearce	10
James Morley	5	Edward E. Davey	11
Harry D. Lister	6	Ernest V. Blake	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Reeves. Conducted by George E. Symonds.
First peal of Little Bob Maximus by all except the ringers of 1, 7 and tenor.
Rung in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Smallwood.

TEN BELL PEALS

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Dec. 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Stephen-the-Martyr,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt.

Jillian M. Hussey	*Treble*	Albert M. Tyler	6
*Brinley A. Shackleton	2	Elisabeth A. Bowden	7
Francis C. Mogford	3	Reginald G. Hooper	8
†Molly P. Smith	4	Richard J. Bowden	9
Mary H. Hall	5	D. John Hunt	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Albert M. Tyler.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † First peal.

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YEOVIL, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 9, 1960, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 40 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay	*Treble*	Frank L. Harris	6
Michael J. Best	2	*Gordon Gaylard	7
*Roger J. Fox	3	Harry J. Gaylard	8
*Colin Conway	4	Thomas J. Setter	9
Trevor E. Marks	5	*Harry Hebditch	*Tenor*

Composed by Sir Arthur Heywood. Conducted by Frank L. Harris.
* First peal of Stedman Caters.

LONDON.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 16, 1960, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Clement Danes, Strand,
A PEAL OF 5053 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in E.

Herbert E. Audsley	*Treble*	Edwin A. Barnett	6
Thomas H. Francis	2	Norman Bagworth	7
Christopher W. Woolley	3	Joseph Marks	8
Arthur G. Mason	4	Reuben Sanders	9
Maxwell F. Oaksheit	5	Wilfrid G. Wilson	*Tenor*

Composed by Charles W. Roberts.
Conducted by Thomas H. Francis.
Arranged for the 86th birthday of Reuben Sanders.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

MARTOCK, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's No. 2 variation. Tenor 25 cwt.

William E. Turner	*Treble*	Philip N. Tubbs	5
Henry G. Keeley	2	Harry J. Gaylard	6
Raymond P. Selway	3	Gordon Gaylard	7
Joseph Barrett	4	Albert W. Dyer	*Tenor*

Conducted by Gordon Gaylard.
First peal as conductor.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the wife of the conductor.

ST. PETER'S IN ISLE OF THANET, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

*Mary Elsdon (16)	*Treble*	*Robert G. Dadds	5
Mrs. N. Bridges	2	Frank B. Lufkin	6
Sonia Davies	3	Thomas H. Holmes	7
*Christine Cobbold (17)	4	Dennis A. Chapman	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
* First peal.
A 17th birthday compliment to the ringer of the third.

ADDERBURY, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Dec. 26, 1959, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 14 lb.

*Michael W. Coleman	*Treble*	Richard F. B. Speed	5
Marie R. Cross	2	George W. Holland	6
Thomas J. Lock	3	Michael P. Moreton	7
William A. Yates	4	Wilfrid F. Moreton	*Tenor*

Composed by W. E. Critchley. Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.
* First peal of Treble Bob. First of Bristol on the bells.
Rung for the Christmas Festival.

DARLING POINT, NEW SOUTH WALES.
THE NEW SOUTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
(St. Jude's Society, Randwick.)
On Sat., Dec. 26, 1959, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
At the Church of St. Mark,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Six-part peal. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb.

*Mervyn J. Bray (R.N.)	*Treble*	John C. Sheehy	5
*Audrey E. Peters	2	*David W. Kerley (R.N.)	6
†William D. Watson	3	Thomas W. Goodyer	7
†John H. Fryer	4	*James F. Hammond	*Tenor*

Conducted by Thomas W. Goodyer.
* First peal. † First tower bell peal. First of Grandsire Triples on the bells.
Rung as a farewell to Miss Ann Brown, who left this day for a holiday in England.

ROCHDALE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 26, 1959, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Chad.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

Harold Hamer	*Treble*	Michael D. Fishwick	5
Gordon Rothwell	2	Keith Abbot	6
*John P. Partington	3	Colin S. Taylor	7
†Barry Wild	4	Ivan Kay	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Harold Hamer.
* 50th peal. † First of Major.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Dec. 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Barnabas,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F.

Clive M. Smith	*Treble*	Michael Elson	5
Muriel Reay	2	Terry R. Hampton	6
Norman J. Goodman	3	John McDonald	7
John A. Anderson	4	George E. Fearn	*Tenor*

Composed by George Baker. Conducted by John McDonald.
Rung as a compliment to the Vicar of Erdington (Rev. W. S. Power), upon the completion of 50 years in the Ministry.

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STRETFORD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Jan. 5, 1960, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Matthew,
A PEAL OF 5120 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

Leslie Boumphrey	*Treble*	Philip G. K. Davies	5
Trevor Taylor	2	Neil Bennett	6
M. Jillian Brierley	3	Robert B. Smith	7
Denis Mottershead	4	Brian J. Woodruffe	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

SUTTERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Jan. 7, 1960, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Blessed-Virgin.
A PEAL OF 5088 DERBY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb.

George Dawson	*Treble*	Edwin T. Chapman	5
John E. Allen	2	Albert W. A. Leggett	6
Maurice Bennett	3	Cyril R. Burrell	7
Stanley E. Bennett	4	Ronald C. Noon	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Ronald C. Noon.
First peal in the method by all the band

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Jan. 8, 1960, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Mary and Lawrence.
A PEAL OF 5008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt. in F.

Joseph Saxton	*Treble*	George L. Chambers	5
Mrs. Bessie Holmes	2	Dennis A. Smedley	6
Arthur B. Cooper	3	John R. Ketteringham	7
*Kenneth Rutland	4	Richard E. Price	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by John R. Ketteringham.
* First peal in the method.

DAVENTRY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Jan. 8, 1960, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
At the Church of the Holy Cross.
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in E flat.

*Mary J. Marshall	*Treble*	*David J. Marshall	5
‡Gillian Tavener	2	*Hugh M. Johnson	6
‡Frances Johnson	3	Bryan Pattison	7
*Hilary M. Johnson	4	Patrick I. Chapman	*Tenor*

Composed by George Lewis. Conducted by Bryan Pattison.
* First peal on eight bells. † First of Plain Bob. ‡ First peal.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Hilary M. Johnson.

BURNHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 9, 1960, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Hubbard's. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

*Keith C. Begrie	*Treble*	‡Robert H. Begrie	5
†Joan Bacon (14)	2	Gordon W. Limmer	6
Howard Oglesby	3	George Gilbert	7
George Coussins	4	*Donald T. Young	*Tenor*

Conducted by George Gilbert.
* First peal. † First 'inside' other than Bob Doubles. ‡ First in the method.

DARESBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 9, 1960, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16¼ cwt.

John Ryder	*Treble*	Sidney Hough	5
John E. Bibby	2	Harold Worrall	6
Henry Parker	3	Harry W. Howard	7
Cecil Raddon	4	Walter Allman	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Walter Allman.
Rung for the 70th birthday of C. Raddon and the 14th birthday of J. Hayes.

EPSOM, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Leatherhead District.)
On Sat., Jan. 9, 1960, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
At Christ Church.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11¾ cwt.

Ethel Clear	*Treble*	Martyn W. Harbott	5
Frank Oakshott	2	Edward G. L. Coward	6
William Parrott	3	Geoffrey Pratt	7
*Sylvia Marsh	4	Albert Harman	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Albert Harman.
* First peal of Major and first 'inside.'
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Frank Oakshott, tower captain and District Master.

HALSTEAD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 9, 1960, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew.
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in F.

John R. Mayne	*Treble*	Hilda G. Snowden	5
*Harry J. Millatt	2	Roderick Pipe	6
Terry Earle	3	Walter Arnold	7
Howard Egglestone	4	Joe E. G. Roast	*Tenor*

Rung Silent.
Composed by S. J. Ivin. Umpire: Lewis W. Wiffen.
* 100th peal for the Essex Association.

HANDSWORTH, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Jan. 9, 1960, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5088 BIRMINGHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in F.

Michael Elson	*Treble*	Norman J. Goodman	5
Muriel Reay	2	Peter Border	6
Ruth M. Border	3	John A. Anderson	7
Arthur V. Pearson	4	George E. Fearn	*Tenor*

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by Peter Border.
First peal of Major in the method.

HOLLESLEY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 9, 1960, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 11 lb. in F.

Jack Pilgrim	*Treble*	*Roger L. K. Whittell	5
Raymond W. Peck	2	Peter S. Bedford	6
James Bennett	3	Ernest G. Pearce	7
James B. Morley	4	Ronald W. Steward	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Reeves. Conducted by James B. Morley.
* First peal of Kent T.B. Major.

KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 9, 1960, in 3 Hours,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E.

*Tonie J. Critchley	*Treble*	*Susan Funnell	5
*Linda M. Hughes	2	‡Alma M. Greaves	6
†J. Mary Funnell	3	*Roger J. Gay	7
*Veronica Miles	4	Brian J. Woodruffe	*Tenor*

Composed by Fredk. H. Dexter. Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
* First peal. † First 'inside.' ‡ First of Major.

PORTISHEAD, SOMERSET.
THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
On Sat., Jan. 9, 1960, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5088 CORNWALL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

Marcus P. Barton	*Treble*	J. Michael Lakin	5
Joan Gray	2	Roger Keeley	6
Howard Collings	3	John H. Gilbert	7
Michael R. Rose	4	Philip M. J. Gray	*Tenor*

Composed by P. G. K. Davies. Conducted by Philip M. J. Gray.
First peal in the method by all, and for the Society.

REPTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 9, 1960, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Wystan.
A PEAL OF 5152 REPTON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17¼ cwt. in E.

Sydney Jones	*Treble*	Wm. Arnold Morley	5
Pat A. M. Halls	2	Peter B. Knights	6
Francis R. Lowe	3	Gordon A. Halls	7
Clive W. Walklate	4	Denis R. Carlisle	*Tenor*

Composed by Shirley Burton. Conducted by Gordon A. Halls.
First peal in the method.
Rung to welcome home from Australia Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Campbell, daughter and son-in-law of the local captain and treble ringer. Also a farewell to the Vicar, the Rev. R. G. Harcombe.

WEST COKER, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 9, 1960, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Martin.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13¼ cwt.

Michael E. Turner	*Treble*	Philip N. Tubbs	5
Arthur H. Reed	2	Walter H. Poole	6
Raymond P. Selway	3	Albert W. Dyre	7
H. Dennis W. Bishop	4	William E. Turner	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by William E. Turner.

REPTON SURPRISE MAJOR
x 58 x 16 x 56 x 16 x 34 x 1458 x 36 x 78
L.E. 18674523. 2nd place L.E. 4th place bobs.

WORCESTER.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 9, 1960, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15¼ cwt.

William B. Cartwright	*Treble*	George E. Evenden ..	5
R. George Morris	2	David Beacham	6
Clifford Skidmore	3	Reginald Woodyatt ..	7
Sidney T. Holt	4	*Thomas W. Lewis	*Tenor*

Composed by George Lewis. Conducted by Sidney T. Holt.
* 500th peal.

FLETCHING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Jan. 10, 1960, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Mary-the-Virgin and Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In two methods, being 2,336 Cambridge and 2,720 Superlative, with 91 changes of method.
J. W. Parker's arrangement of Middleton's. Tenor 10 cwt. 9 lb.

Stanley G. Ponting ..	*Treble*	Alan E. Bagworth.. ..	5
William Rogers	2	William S. Deason.. ..	6
Ernest J. Munday	3	Robin G. Leale	7
Barwell B. Dibben.. ..	4	Frederick R. Scott.. ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by Robin G. Leale.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Jan. 11, 1960, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary, Deane,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Day's Six-part. Tenor 12½ cwt.

Elaine A. Richardson ..	*Treble*	John Froome	5
Norman Tompkins	2	Peter Crook	6
Joseph Thornley	3	Stanley Anderton	7
Thomas Bratby..	4	John W. Hamer..	*Tenor*

Conducted by Peter Crook.
Rung to celebrate the honour conferred upon Titus Barlow, O.B.E. (a ringer at this church), in the New Year's honours.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Jan. 13, 1960, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's' Twelve-part. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

Arthur Newton	*Treble*	Sydney M. Bailey	5
Mrs. A. E. Cox	2	Anthony E. Cox	6
John D. Kape	3	David A. Cornwall ..	7
Roland Biggs	4	Percy Newton	*Tenor*

Conducted by David A. Cornwall.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Arthur Foxall, a member of the above tower.

AYLESFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 16, 1960, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

Colin F. McGill	*Treble*	Ian H. Oram	5
Crawford T. Hillis ..	2	Thomas E. Sone	6
Andrew M. Macve	3	Thomas Cullingworth ..	7
Peter F. Borer..	4	Trevor A. Cross	*Tenor*

Composed by J. S. Wilde (C.C.C. 10). Conducted by Ian H. Oram.
25th peal as conductor.

CHESTER.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 16, 1960, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-without-the-Walls,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR
In three methods, comprising 2,016 Plain Bob, 2,016 Little Bob and 1,008 St. Clement's; 377 changes of method. Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

George F. Sperring ..	*Treble*	Percy Swindley	5
John S. Dean	2	Dennis H. B. Millward..	6
Roger King	3	John W. Griffiths	7
John F. Hughes	4	Geoffrey Parting	*Tenor*

Composed by G. E. Feirn. Conducted by John W. Griffiths.

GREASLEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 16, 1960, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14¾ cwt.

*Shelagh Fitzpatrick ..	*Treble*	†Robert W. Winstanley	5
Mrs. M. I. Pailing ..	2	*Donald J. Beach	6
†Mrs. Mary Beach.. ..	3	John Meredith	7
Frederick A. Salter ..	4	F. Neville Pailing ..	*Tenor*

Composed by H. J. Tucker. Conducted by F. Neville Pailing.
* First peal. † First of Major. First as conductor at first attempt.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

STANWELL, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIO. GUILD.
On Wed., July 4, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 13 cwt.

David G. Pickett	*Treble*	Malcolm G. Lane	4
Christopher B. Fynes ..	2	Christopher G. V. Burgess	5
	3	Andrew D. Grant	*Tenor*

Conducted by Christopher B. Fynes.
Rung to welcome the Rev. Mr. Withers-Lancashire as Precentor.

ST. NICHOLAS-AT-WADE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 4, 1959, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 19 cwt.

Mrs. N. Bridges	*Treble*	*Mary Taylor	4
*Sonia Davies	2	Frank B. Lufkin	5
*Pauline Fennell	3	Dennis A. Chapman ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
* First peal (all aged 16).

MATHON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Dec. 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents Single Oxford Bob and five of Plain Bob Minor.
Tenor 9 cwt.

Frank Lawrence	*Treble*	R. George Morris	4
John G. Pusey..	2	John Clements..	5
Derek Price	3	George E. Evenden.. ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by John Clements.

WILLINGTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 2, 1960, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Lawrence,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in seven methods: St. Clement's Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Single Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

Helen Nevin	*Treble*	John B. Long	4
Deborah Hopkins	2	James R. Taylor	5
Jennifer M. Davies ..	3	Bryan Pattison..	*Tenor*

Conducted by Bryan Pattison.
Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Pattison, the conductor's parents.

WOOD GREEN, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIO. GUILD
On Sat., Jan. 2, 1960, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael.
A PEAL OF 5040 PRIMROSE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 20 lb. in G.

Pamela E. Jervis	*Treble*	*Alan G. Spreadbury ..	4
Gillian A. Neal Smith ..	3	Derek E. Sibson	5
Mikaela Erik	2	Dr. D. J. Neal Smith ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
* First peal of Surprise 'inside.' First in the method by all the band. A 21st birthday compliment to Mikaela Erik.

ST. MARTIN, near OSWESTRY.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Jan. 3, 1960, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Martin,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).

*Roger Powell	*Treble*	J. R. Thomas	4
Guy Pickavance	2	Michael Hart	5
†Valerie Lee	3	Colin Smith	*Tenor*

Conducted by Colin Smith.
* First peal. † First in the method and of Minor. First as conductor.

RAVENSTHORPE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Jan. 4, 1960, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Denys.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being two extents of Grandsire and 20 each of Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr.

*John Clues	*Treble*	†Richard J. Danby.. ..	3
*Mary J. Marshall.. ..	2	‡David J. Marshall ..	4
John E. Goddard	*Tenor*		

Conducted by John E. Goddard.
* First peal. † First of Doubles. ‡ First 'inside.' First as conductor. Average age 16. All are day school scholars.

WALLINGTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Jan. 4, 1960, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being two 2,160's and an extent (C.C.C. 79 80, 81: 75, 82, 83: 59).
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in A flat.

ROBERT E. DAY	*Treble*	CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	4
*JUNE I. DEAR	2	†EDWIN G. BUCK	5
J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE	3	DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE.
* First peal of Surprise 'inside.' † First of Minor in the method.

ODELL, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Jan. 5, 1960, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 12 methods, viz.: (1) London Surprise, (2) Bedford Delight, (3) Single Court Bob and Double Court Bob, (4) St. Clement's Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Plain Bob and Double Bob, (5) Single Oxford Bob, Plain Bob and Double Bob, (6) Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, (7) Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 12 cwt.

ARTHUR GIBBS	*Treble*	JAMES H. EDWARDS	4
JENNIFER M. DAVIES	2	JAMES R. TAYLOR	5
R GORDON CORBY	3	BRYAN PATTISON	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.
First peal in 12 methods by all the band, and on the bells.

WYCHBOLD, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Jan. 5, 1960, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-DE-WYCHE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G sharp.
(21 six-scores each).

HEATHER M. PULLON	*Treble*	PAUL CATTERMOLE	4
MICHAEL J. FELLOWS	2	*MARTIN D. FELLOWS	5
JAMES E. PULLON	3	†PETER J. BROWN	*Tenor*

Jointly Conducted by MICHAEL D. FELLOWS and PAUL CATTERMOLE
* Longest length as conductor. † First peal at first attempt.
Average age of band 15 years and 1 month. Believed to be the youngest band to ring a peal for the Association, on tower bells.
Rung on the eve of Epiphany as a birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Jan. 6, 1959, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in five methods: (1) and (2) St. Clement's, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Oxford Treble Bob, (5) Kent Treble Bob, (6) and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 6¼ cwt.

ALAN G. PAYNE	*Treble*	J. MARTIN THORLEY	4
JOHN G. AMES	2	FRED BRIGHTMAN	5
FRANK TAYLOR	3	C. HAROLD WHITTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.
An Epiphany peal.

HARMONDSWORTH, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Jan. 6, 1960, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Kent T.B., Cambridge, Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

D. J. NEAL SMITH	*Treble*	ROBIN G. LEALE	4
DEREK E. SIBSON	2	BARWELL B. DIBBEN	5
GILLIAN NEAL SMITH	3	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.
Rung for the Feast of Epiphany.

CADOXTON, near NEATH.
THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 9, 1960, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATWG,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 240 each of Stedman, St. Simon's, Reverse Canterbury, Kennington, Southrepps, April Day; 720 Plain Bob; seven 240's and ten 120's Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

EDMUND J. MORRIS	*Treble*	HARRY BOYCE	4
*BARRY COUZENS	2	GWYN I. LEWIS	5
HAZEL WAY	3	JOHN MATTHEWS	*Tenor*

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.
* First peal.

LITTLE SHELFORD, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 9, 1960, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 10 cwt.

ALBERT R. HURST	*Treble*	HAROLD J. F. MUNCEY	3
E. JOHN SIBSON	2	GEORGE E. THODAY	4
DEREK E. SIBSON	*Tenor*		

Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.
A silver wedding compliment to the Rev. Canon and Mrs. E. H. Sibson.

NEWTOWN, MONTGOMERYSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 9, 1960, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DAVID.
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 7 cwt.

*FREDERICK H. DICKINSON	*Treble*	*GUY PICKAVANCE	4
*COLIN SMITH	2	*ROGER W. POWELL	5
*JOHN R. THOMAS	3	F. HECTOR BENNETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by F. HECTOR BENNETT.
* First peal of Treble Bob. First as conductor.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Jan. 9, 1960, in 2 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents: Ten each of Plain Bob, Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob and April Day, and one each of Stedman and Reverse St. Bartholomew. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in G flat.

HELEN M. THACKER	*Treble*	PETER S. BENNETT	4
PAMELA M. TURNER	2	MAURICE C. HUGHES	5
ROGER E. TALLIS	3	VICTOR H. NASH	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROGER E. TALLIS.
First peal of Doubles as conductor. Fastest peal on the bells.
A birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

HANDBELL PEALS

SELBY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Selby and District Society.)
On Sat., Jan. 9, 1960, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT 15, WOODVILLE TERRACE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in two callings. Tenor size 8 in C sharp.

*A. GRUNDY	1—2	R. R. WARFORD	3—4
†BETTY MARTINSON	5—6		

Conducted by R. R. WARFORD.
* First peal 'in hand.' † First peal.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Jan. 10, 1960, in 2 Hours.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

ALAN MCFALL	1—2	*BERNARD F. L. GROVES	3—4
ROBERT B. SMITH	5—6		

Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.
* First peal in bed.

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ABERGAVENNY, MON.—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Sjoberg 1, Miss P. Jones 2, Mrs. D. J. King 3, D. J. King 4, G. Ward (cond.) 5, J. E. Morgan 6. A birthday compliment to Mrs. D. J. King.

APPLETON, BERKS.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: H. White 1, E. Drewitt 2, J. Drewitt 3, B. Coggins 4, F. Messenger 5, B. J. Coggins (first of Caters) 6, H. C. White 7, F. White 8, F. A. White (cond.) 9, F. Absolom 10. A 17th birthday compliment to Miss Margaret Coggins.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On Dec. 27th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: M. Hopkins 1, June Dear 2, P. Flack 3, L. B. Scoot 4, L. Hughes 5, D. Sutcliffe 6, J. S. Dear (cond.) 7, J. R. Castledine 8. First of Surprise for 1 and 2.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICS.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Godwin 1, R. Perkins 2, B. S. Payne 3, F. K. Thompson (cond.) 4, B. Lowe 5, J. Lowe 6. For Evensong.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Minor (Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob): Elizabeth Cooper 1, Jeanette Winchester 2, Jean Lavender 3, F. E. Darby (cond.) 4, M. V. Chilcott 5, D. E. Parsons 6. First on six bells by 1 and 2.

BEDFORD.—At St. Paul's Church, on January 4th, 1,280 London Surprise Major: Helen Nevin 1, Jennifer M. Davies 2, J. B. Long (first of London) 3, K. Wakefield (first of London) 4, C. E. Jeffries 5, J. R. Taylor 6, B. Pattison (cond.) 7, S. Ivin 8.

BENHILTON, SURREY.—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. C. Collins (first quarter) 1, Christine S. Rowland 2, M. Anne Burton (first 'inside') 3, Emily Lane (first quarter) 4, P. W. S. Richardson (cond.) 5, Patricia Collins 6.

BLACKHILL, CO. DURHAM.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Tyson 1, K. Ather (first quarter) 2, J. Vickery 3, N. Errington 4, C. T. Lamb (cond.) 5, R. Skelton 6, R. Oliver cover.

BOOTLE, LANCS.—On Jan. 17th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: T. Knowles 1, Alice E. J. Lester 2, F. Anderton 3, P. S. Bennett (cond.) 4, T. Fitzgerald 5, F. H. Hayes 6. Rung for the visit of the Bishop of Liverpool.

BRADWELL, BUCKS.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. E. Whitlock (cond.) 1, W. French 2, F. Mynard 3, A. May 4, K. Tompkins (first quarter) 5. Also on Jan. 10th, 1,260 Minor (Double Court and Plain Bob): K. Tompkins 1, W. French 2, J. E. Whitlock (cond.) 3, A. May 4, F. Mynard 5, A. Coley 6. An 86th birthday compliment to Mr. T. Walters, who is still a ringing member at Bradwell.

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Edmunds (leading) 1, S. Henson 2, T. E. Hiddins 3, W. T. Petty (cond.) 4, H. Preece 5, E. M. Smith 6, D. L. Hughes 8. Also on Jan. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. E. Hiddins 1, J. Hale 2, W. T. Petty (cond.) 3, H. Preece 4, E. M. Smith 5, D. L. Hughes 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Hughes in their 40th wedding anniversary.

BRISTOL.—At St. Ambrose's Church, on Jan. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. J. Hoskins (first on a working bell) 1, F. J. Sampson 2, A. C. Baker 3, Miss G. Hussey 4, B. A. Shackleton (first as cond.) 5, R. G. Hooper 6, F. Skidmore 7, F. R. Hussey 8. Also at the Church of St. Michael-on-the-Mount, on Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jane Cook 1, Beryl Abbott 2, I. Maycock 3, Angela Grainger 4, J. C. Baldwin (first of Minor as cond.) 5, R. Blackler 6.

BURES, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: C. Boner 1, Mrs. L. Mills 2, Miss J. Spurgin 3, Miss E. R. M. Cansdale 4, A. W. Cansdale 5, D. L. Mills (cond.) 6, L. D. Mills 7, E. C. Hyward 8. A 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of 4.

EDMONTON, MIDDLX.—On Jan. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Judith Burden (first quarter) 1, W. George 2, Trudy Newcombe 3, D. Langdon 4, J. Weeks (cond.) 5, P. Haward 6.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Celia Lawrance 1, K. Small 2, Mrs. E. J. Coode 3, N. Clarke 4, F. J. Hurrell 5, J. Sims 6, E. B. Crowder (cond.) 7, E. J. Coode 8. For candlelit festival of nine lessons and carols.

ESHER, SURREY.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Drury 1, J. Mayhrey 2, J. Martin 3, Miss G. May 4, J. May 5, D. Wright (first of Grandsire Triples as cond.) 6, C. Chinnery 7, B. Priestley (50th quarter) 8.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYS.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Minor: S. Boundy 1, K. Ellison 2, E. Ellison 3, S. Ellison 4, B. J. Woodruffe 5, W. A. Smith (cond.) 6. First in the method for all. For evening service.

QUARTER PEALS

FINEDON, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 28th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: E. Chapman 1, Miss B. Manship 2, E. Billings 3, R. Wilson 4, D. W. James 5, A. Gibbs 6, G. F. Roome 7, B. Hendry (cond.) 8. First of Surprise for 1, 3, 4. A 77th birthday compliment to John R. Main.

GRAFTON REGIS, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): C. Hall 1, J. Neal 2, F. Hall 3, G. Atkins 4, R. H. Rogers (cond.) 5. First quarter by a purely Grafton band. For Sunday School prize-giving service.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLX.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss R. Fleming 1, Mrs. H. G. Hart 2, Miss B. C. Webster 3, Miss C. White 4, H. G. Hart 5, H. N. Tembey (first in the method) 6, J. R. Mayne (cond.) 7, Miss P. Page 8. Rung for the christening of a grand-daughter of the ringer of 6.

HENLOW, BEDS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Measures 1, P. Rogers 2, R. Fuller 3, M. Major 4, L. H. Bywater (cond.) 5, P. Thompson 6. For Midnight Mass. Also on Christmas Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Measures 1, M. Major 2, A. Gentle 3, R. Fuller 4, L. M. Bywater (cond.) 5, P. Thompson 6. For family service. Also on New Year's Eve, two 1,260's of Plain Bob Minor: R. Measures 1, M. Major 2, A. Gentle 3, P. Rogers 4, R. Fuller 5, L. H. Bywater (cond.) 6.

HINTON BLEWITT, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. H. Andrews 1, Miss S. Hunt 2, P. W. Gay (first quarter) 3, D. Uphill 4, R. J. Gay (first as cond.) 5.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Beryl Smith (first attempt) 1, R. Biggs 2, A. Foxall 3, J. D. Kane 4, N. Cornwall 5, A. Newton 6, D. Cornwall (cond.) 7, V. Evans and A. E. Cox 8.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDS.—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. C. Hall 1, Angela Grainger (cond.) 2, A. Kershaw 3, O. J. J. Rogers 4, K. C. Fleming 5, R. R. Churchill 6. For Evensong.

KING'S NORTON, WARWICKS.—On Jan. 10th, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: Tonie J. Critchley 1, Linda M. Hughes 2, Mary Funnell 3, Susan Funnell 4, Alma M. Greaves 5, Veronica Miles 6, Molly P. Barron 7, D. J. Purnell 8, B. J. Woodruffe (cond.) 9, R. J. Gay 10. First of Grandsire Caters for 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 and 10. For morning service.

KINGSTONE, HEREFORDS.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (New Grandsire, Plain Bob, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury and Grandsire): M. Powell 1, L. H. Colcombe 2, R. G. Powell (cond.) 3, C. Phillips 4, T. J. Gundy 5, A. Williams 6. Rung for the Nativity play by the Kilpeck Players.

LONDON, W.C.—At St. Clement Danes' Church, on Jan. 17th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Mrs. E. M. Bagworth 1, Miss A. Garnett 2, Mrs. F. E. Collins 3, N. S. Bagworth 4, A. E. Bagworth 5, R. W. Hinde 6, I. H. Oram 7, F. E. Collins (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

MARKET DRAYTON, SALOP.—On Dec. 20th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: T. White 1, H. F. White 2, W. H. Tyler 3, R. Hazeldine 4, T. Price 5, B. Madeley 6, A. M. Hickman 7, F. Price (cond.) 8. Rung for the visit of the Bishop of Shrewsbury, and as a farewell to the Vicar (the Rev. B. Stratton).

MORTIMER COMMON, BERKS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss W. Hale (16) 1, D. R. Elliot (20) 2, Miss G. Martin (16) 3, J. Hetherington (17, first 'inside') 4, I. F. Taylor (cond., 20) 5, W. F. Saunders (13, first quarter) 6. Average age of band 17. Ringing out the Old Year.

OLD GLOSSOP, DERBYS.—On Jan. 7th, 1,344 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: T. Taylor (cond.) 1, S. Hough, jun., 2, D. Mottershead 3, P. Laflin 4, J. R. Kennett 5, S. W. J. Penny 6, G. D. Fearnehough 7, N. Bennett 8.

ORSTON, NOTTS.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Minor (Double Court, Single Court, Single Oxford and Plain Bob): A. Foster 1, F. W. Pinchbeck 2, B. Mills 3, C. R. Burrill 4, D. A. Frith (cond.) 5, J. Meredith 6.

OXFORD.—On Dec. 30th, at the Church of St. Aldate, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. R. Tocock (first quarter) 1, J. Venn 2, Diana P. Tocock (first quarter) 3, E. Venn 4, P. H. Tocock (cond.) 5, R. Allsworth 6. Rung as an 89th birthday compliment to Mr. W. H. B. Wilkins.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKS.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Helen M. Thacker 1, Pamela M. Turner 2, J. K. Foot 3, R. C. Warburton 4, M. C. Hughes 5, R. E. Tallis, jun. (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on Jan. 10th, 1,320 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: V. R. Tallis 1, Pamela M. Turner 2, J. K. Foot 3, P. S. Bennett 4, M. C. Hughes 5, R. E. Tallis, jun. (cond.) 6. First of Oxford by all the band. For Evensong.

PARRAMATTA, N.S.W., AUSTRALIA. — On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Gates 1, M. J. Bray (R.N.) 2, R. Ferris (cond.) 3, D. W. Kerley (R.N.) 4, T. W. Goodyer 5, J. Turley (first quarter) 6.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—On Jan. 14th, at Emmanuel Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. L. Blagg 1, J. P. Sims (cond.) 2, Sylvia Sims 3, F. R. Hocking 4, A. Weatherley 5, H. H. Thomas 6, F. Day 7, O. Thomas 8. Rung to mark renovation of bells and redecoration of belfry.

PRESTON, DORSET.—On Jan. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Dr. C. A. G. Ward 1, Sylvia Watson (first 'inside') 2, Mrs. A. J. Slade (cond.) 3, G. Cornick 4, A. J. Slade 5, H. T. Cornick 6. Rung for the dedication of the new choir stalls by the Lord Bishop of Salisbury.

REDHILL, SURREY.—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss V. Hankey (14, first quarter) 1, Miss F. Hankey 2, Miss B. Saggers 3, D. Mundy 4, G. West 5, E. G. L. Coward 6, A. Streeter (cond.) 7, H. Coomber 8. Rung half-muffled on the evening of the funeral of Mr. Alfred Gear.

RICHMOND, SURREY.—On Dec. 18th, 1,280 Spliced Plain and Little Bob Major: Margaret Westcott 1, W. S. Deason 2, Jill Barron 3, B. B. Dibben 4, Gillian Neal Smith 5, J. D. Rock 6, R. G. Leale (cond.) 7, Dr. D. J. Neal Smith 8. For the 10th anniversary of the ordination of the Vicar (the Rev. D. Landreth, M.A.).

ROMSEY, HANTS.—On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss C. White 1, M. J. Pointer 2, Miss A. Knight 3, M. D. G. Northway 4, C. M. White 5, H. J. Page 6, A. W. Fry (first of Grandsire Triples as cond.) 7, K. J. Jacobs 8. Rung for the wedding of Lady Pamela Mountbatten and Mr. David Hicks. Also on Jan. 17th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Miss S. Edwards 1, Miss A. J. Knight 2, M. D. G. Northway 3, M. L. Northway 4, A. W. Fry (cond.) 5, D. Greenlaw 6, C. M. White 7, K. Jacobs 8. Rung to mark the wedding on January 15th of Mr. Jack Page, the tower captain, to Miss Eileen Howard.

ROSTHERNE, CHESHIRE.—On Jan. 8th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: W. H. Dowse 1, S. W. J. Penny 2, B. Schofield 3, J. R. Kennett 4, D. Mottershead 5, N. Bennett (cond.) 6.

SPRINGFIELD, ESSEX.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. G. Brinkley 1, B. Boyer 2, A. Shadrack 3, H. A. Shadrack 4, E. W. Roast 5, P. W. Saltmarsh (cond.) 6. To the memory of the late Alice Mary Shadrack, honorary member of the Essex Association.

STANWELL, MIDDLX.—On July 1st, 1,320 Stanwell Exercise Doubles as a welcome to the Rev. Withers-Lancashire, Precentor. Also on Dec. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor, for afternoon service. Also on Dec. 24th, 1,259 Plain Bob Doubles, for Midnight Mass. Also on May 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor, at St. Mary's, Staines; 1,260 Plain Bob Minor, at Chertsey; 1,260 Seven Doubles, at Shepperton; 1,260 Plain Bob Minor, at Stanwell; and 1,300 Plain Bob Doubles, at East Bedfont.

SWANSEA, GLAM.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Jan. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss C. Wright (first quarter) 1, Miss H. Way 2, B. Cousins 3, T. Willis 4, J. A. Hoare (cond.) 5, J. T. Williams 6. First of Doubles by 2 and 3.

SYDNEY, N.S.W., AUSTRALIA.—On Dec. 18th, at St. Mary's Basilica, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ann Brown (first quarter) 1, Mrs. T. W. Goodyer 2, J. C. Sheehy 3, M. J. Bray (H.M.S. 'Centaur') 4, J. J. Cummins 5, D. W. Kerley (H.M.S. 'Centaur') 6, T. W. Goodyer (cond.) 7, J. F. Hammond 8. For the carol festival. Also at St. Mary's, on Jan. 10th, 1,260 (Minor (Little Bob and Plain Bob): Mrs. T. W. Goodyer 1, Wendy A. Nichols (first of Minor 'inside') 2, Audrey E. Peters (first of Minor 'inside') 3, W. D. Watson 4, J. C. Sheehy 5, T. W. Goodyer (cond.) 6.

TEWIN, HERTS.—On Jan. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. T. Holmes 1, Miss J. Gambling 2, Miss A. M. Bailey 3, D. M. Gambling 4, H. Shire 5, P. C. F. Wooster (cond.) 6. First of Minor for 4 and 6. For Evensong and to celebrate the birthdays of Audrey Bailey and Hilary Ford.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Susan Jacobs 1, Caroline Carpenter 2, Anne Garnett 3, Elizabeth Carson 4, A. Bishop 5, Susan Rawlings (first as cond.) 6. Also on Jan. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Elizabeth Carson (first of Triples) 1, Caroline Carpenter (first of Triples) 2, M. Sinden (cond.) 3, A. S. Bishop 4, Susan Rawlings 5, Anne Garnett 6, A. Bagworth 7, Susan Jacobs 8.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): M. Warnes (first quarter) 1, Miss E. R. M. Cansdale 2, D. Culham 3, E. Leggett (cond.) 4, A. Cansdale 5, F. Clarke 6.

OBITUARY

MR. FRED NEWCOMBE

Mr. Fred Newcombe, a member of St. Peter's Society of Change Ringers, Tiverton, for upwards of 50 years, and one of the oldest members of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, died on January 16th in Tiverton District Hospital, after a short illness very cheerfully borne, at the age of 87.

During his long service to St. Peter's Society he was steeple keeper for over 25 years and also conductor. As a peal ringer he only rang a few, but he was very proud of the ones he rang at St. Peter's, some of which he conducted. He gave up ringing shortly after his 80th birthday, but until then he was a regular service ringer.

The funeral at Tiverton Cemetery on January 20th was conducted by the Rector (Canon R. C. Worsley). The St. Peter's Society of Change Ringers and the Guild of Devonshire Ringers were represented by Mr. W. H. Ware. A wreath was sent by the local ringers in memory of a very good friend and ringer. The bells of St. Peter's, which he loved more than any others, were rung half-muffled to his memory by James D. Upton (captain) 1, G. W. Hollis 2, G. Court 3, Miss B. Hollis 4, T. Gill 5, G. Emmett 6, J. Rowsell 7, W. H. Ware 8. So passes another member of the Exercise who will be always remembered by his many friends.

May he rest in peace. W. H. W.

MR. GEORGE M. RASHBROOK

With the passing of Mr. George M. Rashbrook on December 30th, at the age of 85 years, one of the last links with ringing at St. Peter's, Colchester, at the end of the last century has gone, the only surviving member now left, to the writer's knowledge, being Mr. R. W. Stannard, of Barking.

A faithful ringer there for 65 years, George probably learned to ring at St. Peter's at the end of the 1880's, and rang his first 720 Minor there in 1891, conducted by Mr. Stannard. His first peal, 5,050 Oxford Treble Bob Major, was at Ardleigh, Essex, on April 22nd, 1893, conducted by James Motts, while his first 720 as conductor was on handbells on February 5th, 1894.

A safe ringer and good striker on any number of tower- or handbells, his work as a master baker prevented him from taking part in many peals; however, he had rung about 60, including 14 of Superlative Surprise and the first peal of Bob Royal in Colchester on handbells in 1934, conducted by the late W. Keeble, with whom he rang many handbell peals. A peal of which he was especially proud was the 'grandfather' peal of 5,088 Kent T.B. Major at Great Baddow, Essex, in 1935.

The writer had the privilege of conducting George's 80th birthday peal of Double Norwich at St. Peter's on March 13th, 1954, when he rang the third bell faultlessly. This was his last peal, as shortly afterwards failing eyesight and a broken wrist caused his retirement from active ringing, although he retained his interest in ringing matters, and was always ready to talk about bygone days. A member of the Essex Association for a great number of years, he was elected a life member several years ago, and was at one time tower secretary of the St. Peter's company. His wife predeceased him in 1958, as also did his only daughter some years previously. There are two sons left, one of whom lives in New Zealand; we extend our sympathy to them.

The cremation took place at Colchester on January 4th. Local ringers were represented by Mr. E. P. Duffield, with whom George had rung many of his peals. A wreath was also sent from the Colchester ringers.

May he rest in peace. H. J. M.

MR. ALFRED GEAR

For well over 50 years a member of the Surrey Association, and a keen ringer at St. John's, Redhill, Mr. Alfred Gear died on January 6th, aged 75 years. He had been an officer of the District for at least 30 years, and for the last 14 years treasurer.

At his funeral on January 12th the Vicar (Rev. S. G. Dyer) praised him for his service to the Church, his Christian way of life, the many sacrifices he made for the benefit of others, and the high esteem in which he was held, both by his fellow churchmen and his business associates.

The mourners included ringers from Redhill, Reigate and Nutfield. A quarter peal of 1,260 Grandsire Triples was rung half-muffled in the evening.

MR. ISAAC FARMER

The Bath and Wells Association, and especially the Dunster Branch, have lost an old and much-respected member through the unexpected death of Mr. Isaac Farmer on January 8th.

'Ike' had been a life-long member of the Association and was for many years the principal conductor in Dunster Branch. He was most regular in attending Branch meetings and St. George's Church, Dunster, on Sundays.

The local band paid their tribute at his funeral. On January 11th and before the annual meeting of the Dunster Branch on January 16th, members of the B. and W. Association rang a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples with bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect. His death will be keenly felt by the local band as 'Ike' never missed. A. R. T.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—On Dec. 31st, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: G. Woodruff 1, Doreen Fairhead (first in method) 2, R. Preston 3, W. J. Brunt 4, B. W. Fairhead 5, F. G. Oliver 6, E. P. Duffield 7, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 8. For the passing of the old year.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Greenacre 1, Freda P. Greaves 2, S. Elsey 3, J. Wilson 4, E. H. Mastin 5, R. M. Reed 6, N. V. Harding (cond.) 7, L. Houghton 8. Rung half-muffled for the passing of the old year.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Another non-conducted silent peal was rung at Halstead on January 9th. The ringers again drew for places before the start. The performance was an outstanding one as Messrs. Egglestone and Roast and Miss Snowden had not previously conducted a peal of London Surprise. The band was again indebted to Mr. Lewis Wiffen for umpiring in the cold belfry. Mr. Wiffen's unfailing enthusiasm at the age of 78 is a lesson to all. Why not put your name in the hat next time, Lewis?

Congratulations to the well-known Worcester ringer, Mr. T. W. Lewis, on ringing his 500th peal.

Another laggards' peal has been registered—one of Plain Bob Minor rung in bed at Marple, Cheshire, on January 10th.

Donations acknowledged this week include one for 7s. 6d. 'to reimburse for any loss through purchasing from a newsagent.' A thoughtful and much appreciated idea.

We are asked to state that the next meeting of the Kent District of the Ladies' Guild will be at Lenham on March 12th; the following one (mentioned in the 'R.W.' last week) will be at Chelsfield on April 23rd.

Good progress by the Sunday service band at the Church of the Holy Cross, Daventry, is revealed by the peal of Plain Bob Major on January 8th. The only outsider was the conductor, Mr. Bryan Pattison.

A new ring of six is to be shortly dedicated at Apsley, Nottingham, with a tenor of about 7½ cwt. The frame is made for eight in this new church, which will be dedicated to St. Margaret.

At the opening-of-term service of Tudor Grange Grammar School for Boys, Solihull, the bells of the parish church were rung by boys of the school in excellent style to Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles. Those taking part were Robert Henebury, James Clark, Roy Tallis, Iain Tingle, Maurice Hughes, Victor Nash and Roger Tallis. This is the first time that a Solihull school has provided its own band of ringers for a school service.

For his age of 86 years it is doubtful if there is a fitter ringer than Mr. Reuben Sanders. He rang the seventh at St. Clement Danes' to a peal of Stedman Caters faultlessly in honour of his birthday, and at the end he was as fresh as when he started, reports the conductor. May he be spared for many more good peals, is the wish of his almost numberless friends.

Since his arrival in Plymouth in recent months, Mr. J. L. Blagg has taken up ringing again after a break of nearly 30 years.

We note that Mr. George Gilbert, of Burnham, is still shepherding first-pealers through. He added another two names to his list on January 9th.

Some good work is being done at King's Norton. Five first peals, one first 'inside' and another first of Major should please any conductor's heart.

Mr. F. Hector Bennett, of Shrewsbury, must be proud of his band who rang a peal of Kent T.B. at Newton. It was the first of Treble Bob for the other five ringers.

Owing to numerous complaints, ringing at the London County Association meeting at St. Mary-atte-Bow on January 16th had to be curtailed. The District Master expresses his apologies to any of the company who did not get a ring.

Choir members of St. Andrew's, Preston, Weymouth, rang a quarter peal on January 17th to mark the occasion of the dedication of their new choir stalls by the Bishop of Salisbury. The ringing was of a high standard, especially of two junior members — Gerald Cornick and Sylvia Watson.

On November 15th a peal was rung at Droitwich Spa by a band of average age 15 years 2 months. This was believed to be the youngest band to ring a peal for the Worcestershire Association on tower bells. However, on January 5th, five of the same band, with a different tenor man, making a band of average age 15 years 1 month, rang a peal of Grandsire at Wychbold in 2 hours 37 minutes.

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How Sydney Welcomes Visitors

Serving on H.M.S. 'Centaur' are Mervyn J. Bray and David W. Kerley, and they did not know each other until they met at a practice at St. Mark's, Darling Point, on December 17th, the first day of a ten days' goodwill visit to Sydney.

The next night they were 'kidnapped' for a quarter peal at St. Mary's Basilica. On the following Sunday they rang at St. Mary's and St. Jude's, Randwick; Monday, St. Mary's; Wednesday, St. James', Turramurra; Christmas Eve, St. Jude's, Christ Church, St. Lawrence's and St. Benedict's, Broadway.

Christmas Day's programme was ringing at Christ Church and St. Mary's, and a picnic in the afternoon at the Blue Mountains.

Boxing Day, their first peal at St. Mark's, Darling Point.

Sunday, December 27th, ringing at Christ Church and St. Mary's, and in the afternoon they showed 12 Sydney ringers over H.M.S. 'Centaur.'

When they sailed we feel certain they felt 'all the nice girls love a sailor.'

HAWKSHEAD BELLS

The January issue of 'Lancashire Life' contains an interesting account—well illustrated—of Hawkshead tower and its ringers. The instructor at this tower is Mr. Nicholas Newby, who makes a round trip of 36 miles from his home at Ulverston every Monday to teach the band.

Captain of the tower is Mr. Robin Shuttleworth, who has been ringing here for 34 years, and Mr. Fred Coward, who joined the band in 1916, is still a ringer. The latest recruit is Mr. William Kenyon, a local hotel proprietor, and the youngest Christine Kirk, aged 12. A regular attender at the practices is the Vicar (Rev. Robert Lindsay), who enjoys his ringing.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD

At the annual meeting of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham, the Master (Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd) reported a successful year of peal ringing, chiefly as the result of the resumption of ringing at the Cathedral. They had lost the very fine ring of eight at Bishop Ryders, where the church and tower are now in process of demolition, but, on the other hand, they had gained a new eight at Bishop Latimer's Church, where a band of ringers is now being trained.

The secretary and treasurer reported that due to the impending expense of a new peal book, a loss of £20 would be sustained. After several members had voiced their opinions concerning the recording of peals it was decided that the present system (which dates from 1755) should be maintained and that a new peal book be purchased.

The following new members were elected: Miss Alma Greaves (King's Norton), Messrs. David J. Harrabin (Handsworth), Alan Burbidge and John C. Birt (Aston), C. D. Baugh, J. T Clarke, R. E. Henebury and Miss J. Shaw (Shirley) and Peter Bennett (Bearley).

The following tower elections of life members were duly ratified: Miss Norah Bibby, Miss Margaret Swan, Mr. George H. Randles and Mr. John Walden, all of Lincoln.

The officers of the Guild were re-elected for the year 1960, viz: Master, Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd: Ringing Master, Mr. John Pinfold: trustees, Alderman Paddon Smith and Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd: auditors, Mr. Henry H. Fearn and Mr. Sidney O'C. Holloway: Central Council representatives, Mr. Frank E. Haynes and Mr. George E. Fearn: librarian, Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd: hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. George E. Fearn.

It was unanimously decided to invite Mr. Rodney B. Meadows to occupy the chair at the Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner, which will be held on February 27th.

Solihull will be the venue of the next quarterly meeting, which will take place on April 2nd.

SERVANTS OF THE EXERCISE – No. 5



MR. FRANK W. PERRENS

(Hon. Librarian to the Central Council)

Mr. F. W. Perrens succeeded Mr. F. Sharpe as librarian when the latter was elected president of the Central Council, and he now adorns that bench of 'sombre and dignified' persons who face the assembled members at meetings of the Council. Born at Bloxwich in 1891, he was educated at the Central Secondary School, Birmingham, and St. John's College, Battersea. He took up teaching as a profession, working at Willenhall from 1911 to 1915, which was interrupted by service in the R.A.F. He then went to Sutton Coldfield and continued teaching there until 1920. That year saw his appointment at Coventry Technical College, where he served until 1954. Then he was appointed housemaster at Woodlands Comprehensive School, Coventry, from which he retired in 1956. He learned to ring at Willenhall in 1910 and, progressing rapidly, rang his first peal, Grandsire, at St. Paul's, Wood Green, in the same year. He soon commenced conducting and called his first peal, again Grandsire Triples, in the following year. On his removal to Sutton Coldfield he very soon took up association with St. Martin's Guild, where, at that time, handbell ringing was 'going strong.' His first handbell peal was Stedman Cinques, which was also the first such peal in the city of Birmingham. Whilst in that district he took part in the first peal of Bristol Surprise Major in Birmingham. When he moved to Coventry he joined the All Saints', Allesley, band, and was soon appointed Ringing Master. Under his able leadership that band made rapid progress and were soon ringing a variety of Surprise methods, and his band of Sunday service ringers were very proud when they accomplished a peal of Spliced Surprise Major in six methods.

Mr. Perrens is actively connected with the Warwickshire Guild (now Coventry Diocesan Guild), becoming its Ringing Master for a great number of years, and eventually its president, which office he now holds. He called the first peals ever rung of Lincolnshire, Warwickshire, York, Wigston and Stratford Surprise Major, and for the Warwickshire Guild the first peals of New Cambridge, Ipswich, Yorkshire, Staffordshire, Pudsey, Ashtead and Painswick Spliced Surprise Major, New Cambridge Royal and Duffield Major. He also called its first handbell peals of Stedman Caters and Cinques, and in addition to calling the Oxford Guild's first of Cambridge Maximus has taken part in the first peals in that method in many counties, including the first at Exeter Cathedral. In 1958 he took part in a peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Paul's Cathedral, London. His total now is 538, conducted 215.

On his retirement in 1956 Mr. Perrens and his charming wife, Elsie, made the journey to visit their eldest son, the Rev. Everard G. Perrens, M.A., headmaster of a senior secondary school for Africans in Uganda. Their youngest son, Donald F. Perrens, D.S.O., D.F.C., M.A., is head of the Science Department at Eastbourne College. JAFUS.

'Spliced Triples' by J. Segar

This new publication by Mr. Segar deals with the slicing of the eleven 'legitimate' twin hunt Triple methods. A wide range of touches is given, ranging from some of a few leads to quarter peals and peals.

This publication should prove valuable to bands who can ring Triples proficiently and want to try something different without going outside the scope of orthodox methods.

Copies can be obtained (price 6d., post free) from Mr. Speed. (See back page.)

Tips For Beginners—5

If, when learning to hunt, you are able to find your way up but have difficulty in finding your way at the quicker pace necessary to come down again, remember that the bell you 'turn from the back' is your course bell, and you follow him down, leaving room for one bell between you until you get to second's place. If you follow the eyes of the ringer of your course bell you strike next after each bell he is striking after.

London County Association

Holding its annual meeting at St. Mary-atte-Bow on January 16th, the Northern District members heard from the District Master (Mr. J. Bullock) that the District was in a healthy position, but asked for more support by members at District meetings.

Officers elected were: Master, Mr. J. Bullock; secretary, Mr. L. W. Bullock; steward, Mr. B. Weaver.

Ringing concluded at 6.50 p.m. and methods rung ranged from Grandsire Triples to London Surprise.

MORE BELFRY GOSSIP

A resolution in favour of a national memorial to the late Mr. A. H. Pulling will come before the annual meeting of the Guildford Diocesan Guild.

There is a departure this year from the first Saturday in March for the Henry Johnson dinner. It will be held on Saturday, February 27th, with Mr. Rodney B. Meadows as the chairman.

Mr. Brian Threlfall, of Bromley has, with a peal at Stepney, rung 100 peals of Surprise Major, and to reach the century has taken him almost 11 years. He has yet to complete the alphabet to Surprise peals—letters g, i, j and x are still outstanding.

Mr. George H. Randles and Miss Norah M. Bibby were married at Lincoln on December 30th last. Congratulations from the Lincoln ringers on the happy occasion was marked by a peal of Gresford Surprise Major at St. Giles', Lincoln. The name of this new method was aptly selected by the newly-weds.

Choristers at Wychbold, Worcs, rang a quarter peal on January 17th. Of the band of 16, no fewer than nine are choristers, two servers, and the tower captain is secretary of the P.C.C. 'It is pleasant to feel that a keen team can be maintained at a tower with such unmelodious bells,' writes our correspondent.

St. Mary's, Sunbury-on-Thames, revived a pre-war custom on January 9th when ringers, servers, adult choristers and junior church teachers were invited to 'some viands and cider' by the Vicar and churchwardens. The ringers' contingent, numbering 26, contributed to a happy evening, handbell ringing of tunes and change-ringing.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE FAST PEAL AT EVESHAM

Dear Sir,—No doubt many of your readers who have read the correspondence under this heading will immediately say 'What right has Pat Cannon to criticise a peal which he didn't even hear?'. But those who know Pat really well and have taken part in peals with him performing on the tenor will know that he has few equals, if any, on that score, and it is doubtful if there is anyone living at this present time who has a greater wealth of experience at 'turning in' heavy tenors than Pat, and through such vast experience he knows only too well that it would require more than a super man to *strike* a bell of 36 cwt. to a peal of Surprise Major in so short a time as that taken recently at Evesham.

Most of us know that Pat's tenor ringing is immaculate, and he has rung many fast peals and slow ones too; but whatever speed he has to ring his bell is always 'on the dot.' This cannot, however, be said in the case of Stephen Ivin's most energetic performance at Evesham, which struck me that as we had met short for Royal, rather than go away without a peal an attempt for Major was made with a 'get it over as quickly as possible' attitude, and to make matters even worse, the band was not placed too well, with the net result a very poor peal was rung. But the tenor man must not take all the blame for this as he didn't exactly have a star-studded band for such an occasion. However, I've no doubt that in say 20 years' time Stephen will not be so proud of such a performance as he may be today, as I've known of a similar incident before.

'Comparisons are odious,' so Mr. Hemming's letter falls completely flat. How can you compare a peal of Royal with a peal of Major?, and he should know only too well that Birmingham ringers have a technique of their own in the art of fast ringing; but I do admit that they overdo it at times, but that is another argument.

To my mind this record time ringing has largely been brought about by the absurd footnotes you have rather foolishly allowed to go into print, such as 'Quickest peal of the bells.' Young ringers of today simply lap it up, and this Evesham peal is just but one result of this.
—Yours faithfully,

RALPH G. EDWARDS.

Birmingham.

FOR THE 'CRITICS'

Dear Sir,—More than 11 column inches of precious space have been devoted to argument arising from an expressed opinion by one, not a witness, regarding the speed of a peal.

It is impossible to generalise, and the quality of such performances should be left judged by the ringers themselves or by witnesses and not allowed to become the excuse for correspondence which appears from time to time usually surrounding a small number of people who, it would appear, are not content with the notoriety they have achieved through the peal columns.

Such matter is not helpful, neither is it interesting to the great majority of your readers.
—Yours faithfully, V. A. HEMMING.

Solihull, Warks.

A THOUGHT AFTER EVESHAM

Some ringers rang a fast peal,
And Pat, who likes a joke,
Wrote a little letter,
Correspondence to invoke.

Well, I think this is the story,
'Cause I've heard our Pat before
Drop a little 'clanger'
To make our tempers soar.

So I tell you not to worry
At Patrick's little chaff,
For in reading this week's 'Ringing World'
I've had me quite a laugh.

'BABBACOMBE BILL.'

LITTLE BOB MAXIMUS

Dear Sir,—May I commend the following composition on account of its musical qualities and simplicity?

MUSICAL 5,280 LITTLE BOB MAXIMUS

23456789ET	6ths	5ths	H	7ths	W
46792305TE8	—	S	S	S	—

Repeat 59 times, single for bob half-way and end. Calls on the 11th. 8, 0, E, T course throughout. Contains no T-E's at backstroke.

True also as 15,840 Plain Bob Maximus, when bobs may be substituted for the singles at 7ths and 5ths.

For a quarter peal of 1,320 omit all singles at 5ths, giving course-end 46752309TE8. Repeat 14 times.

Yours sincerely,

J. SCHOFIELD.

Cambridge.

PEALS, 'THE RINGING WORLD' AND ROPES

Dear Sir,—Much has been said and written of late about finances connected with the above-mentioned items. Many advocate a charge for recording peals in 'The Ringing World,' which would no doubt lead to peals not being recorded at all, for I am certain that although there are many ringers who attach far, far too much importance to having their names—and quite absurd, unnecessary particulars in some cases—in print, I am equally convinced that there are many who do not care one jot. Others advocate that the Associations and Guilds should help to finance 'The Ringing World,' but this would obviously lead to further increases in subscriptions, leading in turn to some loss of members, more particularly perhaps among younger ringers, which would be deplorable.

I would suggest to those who have the necessary authority—and I am sure this would include many ringers who have the welfare of the Exercise and 'The Ringing World' at heart—to follow the principles we have adopted with success at Allesley. We charge each ringer of a peal two shillings: sixpence for the Guild peal booking fee, sixpence for the tower peal booking fee, sixpence for 'The Ringing World' and sixpence for the tower rope fund. Also, we always allocate at least 20 per cent. of any money we receive for ringing at weddings to our rope fund, with the result that we are able to purchase ropes when necessary without adding to normal church expenses.

The charge, I might add, applies to members of our own band as well as visitors, and no one seems to have the slightest objection to it, or if they have, they realise that their objection is so unreasonable that they have not the courage to voice it.

Of course, charges could vary according to local circumstances, but even if one half of our towers adopted the principle, it would prove a great help both to 'The Ringing World' and to local church expenses, without affecting ringing records or Guild membership.—Yours sincerely,

F. W. PERRENS.

Coventry.

FALSE PEAL WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir,—I wish to withdraw the peal of Surprise Minor in 22 methods, rung at Chalfont St. Giles on December 15th, 1956, as it is false.

I have for a long time possessed a cutting from 'The Ringing World' of August 2nd, 1936, page 495, which gives the figures of a 32-method peal rung at Lamberhurst on March 2nd, 1935. In the peal at Chalfont St. Giles I used some of these extents.

I have recently been given some old volumes of 'The Ringing World.' In the issue of October 2nd, 1936, page 647, over a year after the original figures were published, I came across a letter in which it is pointed out that one of the extents was wrongly printed. The truth of the Lamberhurst peal is not in question, since it was only the printing of the figures which was wrong.

My apologies to the band: we shall have to ring it again! It only goes to show what far-reaching effects such misprints can have. I append the **corrected** figures of the extent in question. — Yours faithfully,

JOHN R. MAYNE.

Harrow.

23456 Rossendale	35426 Lightfoot
35264 Stamford	26543 Wearmouth
— 56423 Rossendale	43652 Lightfoot
62534 Stamford	52364 Lightfoot
23645 Stamford	— 26435 Netherseale
34256 Rossendale	54326 Netherseale
45362 Rossendale	63254 Netherseale
— 56234 Annable's	42563 Netherseale
London	35642 Netherseale
34625 Annable's,	— 42635 Lightfoot
London	— 23564 Lightfoot
25463 Annable's	64352 Rossendale
London	45623 Stamford
63542 Annable's,	52436 Lightfoot
London	36245 Lightfoot
42356 Annable's	— 64523 Lightfoot
London	
— 56342 Lightfoot	23456
— 64235 Wearmouth	

PEAL WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir,—I wish to withdraw the peal rung at Creswell on September 26th, 1959, owing to the falseness of the composition published on page 16 of 'The Ringing World' for January 1st, 1960.

I apologise to the members of the band, the Derbyshire Association and the Editorial Committee.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM.

WHAT WOULD THE VICAR SAY?

Dear Sir,—Being the hon. secretary of the Branch to which Collingbourne Kingston tower belongs, I have been a little intrigued by the ensuing correspondence following a recent peal rung there. To date, has anyone thought of the feelings of the Rev. C. D. G. Swinterton (Vicar of Collingbourne Kingston), who gave permission for the peal to be rung? Had he known of the storm to be set raging, would he not have thought twice about this?

Let me say naturally my loyalty is with the Guild to which I belong, but if I remember rightly, my first peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Hungerford; the majority of the band belonged to the Salisbury Guild, and it was duly credited with it. When a lad at school, we used to play a game called tit-for-tat: we also learnt a portion of scripture from the 13th chapter of Corinthians.—Yours sincerely,

T. A. PALMER.

Aldbourne, Wilts.

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CHRISTMAS DAY BROADCAST

Dear Sir,—I find myself in agreement with the general trend of the criticism of the Christmas Day broadcast, and whilst conceding that those who took part in it were probably doing their best, their efforts were not such as to give a favourable impression to the public.

When bells are broadcast, it is a public performance, and as such it is as liable to receive criticism as the broadcasting of an organ or an orchestra. We, as ringers, naturally desire that when bells are on the air they should be at their best, and everything that is possible should be done to ensure this.

It seems to me, however, that every time the B.B.C. has anything to do with bells it makes a mess of it, what with fumbling announcers, mixed up engineers, crossed lines, etc. Even with the remarkably good ringing from Evercreech on Sundays they start either too late to allow a proper finish, or, if they start on time they fade out before the bells come round. It is very rarely that when the Double Norwich record is used that we have the opportunity of hearing J. Dyke's home-made single at the end.

The Central Council appointed a committee to act as liaison between ringers and the B.B.C. That committee has been strangely silent during the correspondence on this matter. May I ask whether the B.B.C. consulted them about the Christmas broadcast? I should be surprised if they did, and I see no reason to alter my views expressed at the Council's meeting two or three years ago. I said then, and I repeat now, that the B.B.C. appears to have a 'know all' attitude and will not welcome advice from the proper quarter.

I should like to see our Broadcasting Committee asserting itself more firmly and hammering away until we get better results.—Yours faithfully,

J. FRANK SMALLWOOD.

Matlock, Derbyshire.

LIVE RINGING WANTED

Dear Sir,—It is not so long ago Mr. N. Chaddock went to war about 'canned' ringing (and anything but *live* ringing is 'canned' ringing), and now in his search for perfection suggests that we have it for Christmas.

Is the Christmas ringing being turned into a ringing contest, with certain people setting themselves up as judges?

Christmas ringing is intended as a *live* broadcast to the *public* (with facts as they are) on Christmas morning in the natural surroundings (and distractions) of the home, and not as recorded precision ringing which will please the ears of expert ringers and stand up to repetition on a tape-recorder in privacy—a method which must have been used for some of the detailed judgment in past years.

Not every band (especially some in country places) is even interested in precision ringing.—Yours sincerely,

(Mrs.) E. D. KELLY.

Sheffield.

WANT TO BE ON THE AIR

Dear Sir,—For over 55 years I have been attached to Friezland Church, where service ringing and good striking is the main object. In 1935 I contacted the B.B.C. with a view to a broadcast of Friezland bells. Perhaps because we are a Minor band our chances are jeopardised. I appeal to the ringing fraternity who know us for a little support. We have a recent recording of our bells, and if we could get our bells recorded on the air it would be greatly appreciated.—Yours fraternally,

J. BURGESS.

Friezland.

WHAT DEVON THINKS

Dear Sir,—Without wishing to prolong the correspondence on this subject, may I say how much I am in agreement with the observations made by Mr. Rush in his letter which appears in the current issue of 'The Ringing World.' One cannot but wonder what, or who, induces the B.B.C. to pick where it does for occasions which should produce nothing less than 'top flight' ringing, especially when there are so many good towers from which to choose. Is there no one who can ensure, as far as possible, that only towers where good ringing can be expected are nominated for special broadcasts? You can imagine the reaction to the 'rough stuff' put over the air at Christmas in this part of the country, where good striking is the only criterion!

Mr. Rush concludes by remarking that the principal thing is 'What does it sound like outside?'. I would add that one has no need to go *outside* a tower to know what is bad or good ringing!—Yours faithfully,

B. E. BARTLETT, Hon. Secretary,
South Devon Ringers' Association.

Torquay.

Dear Sir,—Mr. D. P. Jones would do well to clarify his remarks concerning the Christmas broadcast. Does he think the standard of ringing too high for his pupils to emulate, or is he writing with his 'tongue in his cheek'? If he feels the performances were poor he should tell his pupils, who will (if they have regard for his views) benefit accordingly.

I congratulate him on his efforts at Castle Gresley. I know the peal recently rung there would be an object lesson to his local boys.—Yours sincerely,

B. G. KEY.

Gnosall, Staffs.

Dear Sir,—Whilst we appreciate the comments on the Christmas Day broadcast, let's be truthful about the quality of the ringing. Our old friend Peter Bond considers the quality of the broadcast excellent.

There was, to my mind, only one band who could be congratulated on good ringing, and those of our neighbours in Ireland. If this is the sort of stuff we are trying to educate the general public with, we had far better not broadcast at all.—Yours, etc.,

RON BULLEN.

Darley Dale.

Dear Sir,—This year's Christmas Day broadcast of bells was a decided improvement on previous broadcasts, and as all towers were on the air for a little longer time than is usual we were able to appreciate the striking better.

While agreeing with the views of your correspondents in 'The Ringing World,' I think that St. Mary's, Beaconsfield, should be placed first for striking—excellent in every change.—Yours faithfully,

H. BADGER.

Headington, Oxford.

Dear Sir,—In reference to the Christmas Day broadcast, I think it was quite the worst that has been put on the air for several years. The best towers represented in that programme were St. Donard's, Belfast, and Beaconsfield, Bucks.

In a programme like this Christmas morning feature it is desirable that only the best of bells should be used to ring the greeting from each region. That, above all else, means that carillons and chimes are *definitely out*. Church bells were never intended to be chimed to any music *whatever*.—I am, Sir, yours truly,

PETER J. ROBERTS.

Barry, Glamorgan.

YORKSHIRE 'CARTWHEELERS' AND RHYTHM

Dear Sir,—I fear R. J. Corke has dropped a rather large brick, for Mr. Moxon and his friends are real experts at unbroken rhythm. One does not hear so much of the Yorkshire Cartwheelers as the West Country Call-changers but in their love of good striking they are very much akin.

Moreover, Mr. Moxon did *not* suggest it should be a rule that peals of Minor should be in seven methods, but that 6-bell experts should aim at doing so.

I well remember that in Angmering, Sussex, there was row upon row of peal cards on the tower walls—all seven method peals, and learner as I was, I longed to be able to ring that Primrose, Violet, Woodbine, etc. So you see, sir, that even in Mr. Corke's own part of the country and mine it was thought that peals of Minor ought to be in seven methods.

In case Mr. Corke should think I too sound pretentious, I had better add that my only peal for the Sussex Association was treble to Grandsire Doubles at Lyminster.—Yours faithfully,

L. E. SMITH.

Sheffield, Yorks.

Dear Sir,—In reply to the letter by Mr. Corke, 'Methods Secondary to Rhythm.' I should like to point out that the last peal in which Mr. Moxon stood in, rung at Silkstone on November 12th, was rung in contest style with approximately 40 faults per 720. If that isn't rhythmical 'closed lead' ringing I should like to know what is.

It may be that we, the 'Cartwheelers,' have more Minor methods on hand, as we do not rely on the Central Council's Collection of Minor Methods.

I ask you, sir, what do people get from a peal of Bob Minor? If a person can ring an extent of Bob Minor, and strike it, in 14 days he can ring six more methods; and good striking is like riding a cycle, if you learn right you do it subconsciously.—Yours faithfully,

'ARTFUL DODGER.'

Huddersfield.

THE SPIRIT OF GEORGE BOLLAND

Dear Sir,—I thank Mr. William Barton for the details he gives of the great endeavour the late George Bolland made to ensure that peals of Minor be rung in not less than seven methods. His spirit must have listened with mixed feelings to the peal rung at Tong on December 28th in *four* methods, although his much-loved Oxford was included. Perhaps some uneasiness was felt by the ringers, seeing that the peal was rushed through in 2 hours and 34 minutes; George and his team usually took about 2 hours and 57 minutes.

I am sorry to learn that the striking standard aimed at around Barnsley is not generally known in Hampshire, and I do assure Mr. Corke that we do not ignore rhythm, even in seven method peals, for the participants are always ringers who consistently take part in striking contests.—Yours faithfully,

N. F. MOXON.

Cawthorne, Barnsley.

PEAL WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir,—I wish to withdraw the peal of Spliced Surprise Minor rung at Lydiard Millicent on October 24th, 1959, as I understand the first extent to be false.

My apologies to all concerned.—Yours faithfully,

A. R. PEAKE.

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RAVING RINGERS' REUNION



Some of the party by St. Albans Cathedral bell frame. Left to right: Dennis Bowen, Peter Warren, Clare Chambers, Olga Critchlow, Christopher Clarke, Michael Ling and David Wood.

THE Raving Ringers made an energetic start to the New Year with their reunion tour in Hertfordshire during the week-end of January 2nd-3rd.

Ravers from Gloucester and Cambridge assembled in St. Albans on the Friday evening but the main party, including representatives from Reading, Birmingham and Oxford did not meet until the first tower of the tour at Northchurch. Considerable difficulties were encountered in persuading certain Ravers to leave the M1, but when this was safely accomplished the programme of ringing commenced. Four eights were visited during the morning—Northchurch, Berkhamstead, Hemel Hempstead and King's Langley, and the touches included the Ravers' first successful unaided touch of Cambridge Major.

The party, which consisted of 13 Ravers, reassembled after lunch at Bishop's Hatfield and had their first attempt at ringing Royal and Caters. Touches of Plain Bob and Grandsire were successfully accomplished. Two sixes were next on the programme—Essendon and the recently augmented ring at Hertingfordbury. After a good ring at St. Andrew's, Hertford, the party partook of an excellent tea, replenishing themselves for the heaviest bells on the tour, All Saints', Hertford. This tower was voted the best of the day. Ringing ended with a well-struck touch of Stedman on the light eight at Bengeo.

The reunion party followed at St. Albans, where the festivities lasted well into the early hours.

For morning service ringing we joined the Cathedral Society at the Cathedral. Our attempt at Stedman Cinques came to an abrupt and unfortunate end, but Grandsire Cinques was successfully brought round. After ringing, we inspected the bells and were photographed balancing precariously on the side of the bell frame.

Although the tower was not officially scheduled, we were grateful to be allowed a short ring on the six at St. Stephen's following a wedding in the afternoon. The last tower of the tour was St. Peter's, St. Albans, where we joined the local band for evening service ringing.

Our best thanks go to the people of St. Albans for their hospitality and to the incumbents and tower captains of churches visited. C. C.

BICESTER, OXON.—On Dec. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Alsworth (first quarter) 1, C. East (first of Triples) 2, H. Hatfield 3, C. H. Kinch 4, W. Baggett 5, L. Busby 6, E. J. Smith (cond.) 7, E. G. Jones 8.

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD

Memories of the past were revived at the annual meeting of the Midland Counties Guild held at Burton on January 9th and attended by 50 ringers and friends. St. Paul's, with such names as the Rev. J. H. Fish, Messrs. J. Jagger, J. Austin, J. Griffen, A. Wakeley and W. C. Wakeley, were pioneers of Surprise ringing in the latter part of the last century. The 'Wednesday' band of the 1920's were also famous; they rang 230 different compositions of Stedman Triples, all conducted by Mr. M. Swinfield.

Tea, prepared by the ladies of St. Paul's Church, followed the service conducted by the Vicar. The president, the Ven. E. Aldington Hunt, presided at the business meeting, when four new members were elected.

The secretary (Mr. J. W. Cotton) reported that 35 peals had been rung in 13 towers with nine conductors, Mr. D. P. Jones heading the list with 20 peals. Leading peal ringers were Messrs. J. W. Cotton 31, D. P. Jones 24, R. J. Clifton 13 and D. W. Bunning 11.

Officers elected for 1960 were: President, the Ven. E. Aldington Hunt; chairman, Mr. R. A. Welton; Ringing Master, Mr. G. H. Lane; treasurer, Mr. J. H. Brittan; secretary and Central Council representative, Mr. J. W. Cotton; auditor, Mr. T. Price; committee, Messrs. S. H. Jones, D. P. Jones, W. J. Leach and A. Foster.

Two rules were amended and the question of a Guild peal booking fee was referred back to the committee. Meeting cards for 1960 were distributed and the vote of thanks to all concerned with the success of the meeting was proposed by Mr. W. H. Curson.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

The very adverse weather affected the attendance at the quarterly meeting of the newly-formed North East District held at Leiston on January 16th. Nevertheless, ringing in the afternoon was of a high standard, with touches brought round of Cambridge Surprise, Double Norwich, Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Stedman Triples.

Mr. P. Bedford, District chairman, presided at the business meeting, when a District outing was discussed. A questionnaire is to be sent to towers for ideas and suggestions. The next quarterly meeting will be at Bungay on April 2nd, with a practice meeting at Wenhaston and Blythburgh on February 27th.

GREAT BROMLEY, ESSEX.—On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Janet Semken (first quarter) 1, A. W. Cole 2, A. Semken (first of Minor) 3, J. Gould 4, T. Cole 5, F. Erith (cond.) 6.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Northern Branch

The annual meeting of the Northern Branch was held at St. George Colegate on January 9th; 36 members and friends sat down to tea. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. G. W. Paget) and the lesson was read by the chairman (Mr. A. G. Bason).

At the business meeting the following were elected to hold office for 1960: Chairman, Mr. A. G. Bason; Ringing Master, Mr. J. R. Smith; hon. secretary, Mr. C. Bird; Standing Committee, Messrs. W. Clover and G. Sayer; Branch Committee, Messrs. P. Adcock, R. W. Balls, H. F. Carter, F. C. Goodman and D. Pardon. Dates of meeting for the year: May 14th (Cromer), July 23rd, October 15th, A.B.M., January 7th.

Members elected were: F. Parmenter (Norwich), Miss G. Lamonte, Miss C. Hastings and P. Purslow (Cromer), J. Knights (Norwich), probationary member.

It was decided to hold the annual Ringers' Day at Wymondham on July 16th.

The bells of St. George's and St. Miles' were rung in the afternoon, and St. Peter Mancroft in the evening. Methods ranged from Plain Minor to Yorkshire Maximus.

C. B.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Devizes Branch

About 40 ringers, including visitors from Chippenham, Swindon and Newcastle, attended the annual meeting of the Devizes Branch at St. John's Church, Devizes, on January 2nd. In his address at the service Canon P. Sexty, R.D., thanked the ringers for their work and said nothing made him more depressed than to know of a tower with eight or six bells having nobody to ring them.

Officers elected were: Mr. A. Weeks, chairman; Mr. S. Grant, vice-chairman; Mr. E. Hitchins, secretary; Mr. F. Slatford, assistant secretary; Mr. P. Harding and Mr. S. Grant, Ringing Masters; Mr. L. Hitchins, auditor. Ten new ringing members were elected.

The next annual meeting is to be held at Trowbridge, the February meeting at Seend, the March meeting at Potterne and the quarterly meeting at Westbury. Votes of thanks were passed to the ladies for providing tea, and for the use of the bells at St. John's, St. Mary's and St. James' Churches.

BARNSLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The same team of officers was elected at the annual meeting of the Society, held at Barnsley on January 9th, when 15 towers were represented. These are Mr. Noel F. Moxon, president; Mr. Harold Chant, treasurer; Mr. J. W. Buxton, secretary; Mr. H. Rusby and Mr. W. Womack, auditors. A suggestion was made that the annual outing be on July 2nd to North Lincolnshire. The next meeting will be at Earlsheaton, near Dewsbury, on February 13th. Another suggestion was that when visiting a tower, a method with the name of the tower should be rung. Mr. Moxon asked for support for the ringers' course to be held at Grantley Hall, near Ripon, on April 2nd.

Canon A. P. Morley was thanked for conducting the services, and Mr. Eric Stainrod and the ladies for all arrangements.

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OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—Easter tour, 1960, at Heathfield, Sussex. Any old member interested and not in receipt of circular or verbal information please contact Frances Threlfall, 26, Valley Road, Shortlands, Bromley, Kent. 5685

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Motions for consideration at the general committee meeting must be received by the general secretary by Saturday, Feb. 6th. (See Rule 9.).—M. R. Cross. 5690

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MEETINGS

CHESTER GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Annual meeting, St. George's, Stockport, on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m.—C. K. Lewis. 5645

DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Cotleigh, Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business after. 5692

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Annual District meeting, Hersham (8), Saturday, Jan. 30th. Ringing 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 5598

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A.G.M., Hitchin, Saturday, Jan. 30th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45 p.m.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 5628

LADIES' GUILD.—Beds and Northants Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, Jan. 30th, Bromham. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Anne E. Stainsby. 5639

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Annual District meeting, Saturday, Jan. 30th. Ringing 2 to 3.45 p.m. at St. John's, Waterloo Road. Service 4.15 at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (nearest station Tottenham Court Road). Tea at Y.W.C.A., Great Russell Street, 5 p.m., followed by business meeting in St. Giles' vestry and further ringing in the evening. Gentlemen cordially invited. 5633

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Annual meeting at Eynsham (6), Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Also Cassington (6) 2.15 and Stanton Harcourt (6) 7.30 p.m. Tea available.—D. Smith, Merryfield, Witney. 5671

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Annual meeting to be held at St. Mary's, Nottingham (10), Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Meeting in the belfry 6 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—Mrs. P. C. Clarke, Sec. 5600

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—Annual dinner at the Mitre Tavern, Chancery Lane, Saturday, Jan. 30th, 6.30 p.m. Ringing at St. John's, Deptford, 2.30 p.m.; St. Mary's, Lewisham, 4 p.m. 5676

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Annual District meeting, Saturday, Jan. 30th, Basingstoke. St. Michael's and All Saints' bells available from 2.45 p.m. Service at St. Michael's, 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 5637

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting, St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station), Monday, Feb. 1st, 7 p.m. 5661

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Monthly practice, St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Wednesday, Feb. 3rd, 6.30 p.m.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C., Saturday, Feb. 6th, 6 p.m.—John Chilcott. 5673

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—Meeting at Sharnbrook, Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Feb. 3rd to Miss B. Parsons, 9, Glebe Rise, Sharnbrook, Bedford. 5698

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Meeting, 3 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 6th, Wellesbourne. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome. Names to P. A. Oram, 15, Henley Road, Leamington Spa. 5680

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting, St. James', Benwell, Newcastle, on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea by Feb. 4th to Miss I. Thompson, 56, Coulston Street, Benwell, Newcastle upon Tyne, 4. 5684

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting, Fordham, Saturday, Feb. 6th, Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. F. Murfet, Dis. Sec. 5681

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Saturday, Feb. 6th, St. Michael's (6), 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Please attend.—A. Bennett. 5677

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Annual meeting, Leatherhead, Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., with business meeting in St. Nicolas' Hall. Further ringing after. Names for tea by previous Thursday to G. Marriner, 7, Poplar Avenue, Leatherhead.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth District.—Annual meeting, Bridgnorth St. Mary's, Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. St. Leonard's bells 6.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Feb. 3rd, to H. G. Thomas, 104, Victoria Road, Bridgnorth.—H. Edge, Dis. Sec. 5657

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Annual District meeting on Saturday, Feb. 6th, Watford (10). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, Feb. 2nd, to Mr. R. G. Bell, 131, Hamper Mill Lane, Watford.—K. R. Dunstan, Dis. Sec. 5667

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Annual meeting, Bengeo, on Saturday, Feb. 6th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. It is hoped that St. Andrew's, Hertford, will be available after business meeting. Names for tea, please, by Tuesday, Feb. 2nd.—T. J. Southam, 17, Upper Heath Road, St. Albans.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. — Meeting, the Cathedral, Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Cups of tea provided.—J. Pilkington, Sec. 5655

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Monthly meeting, Lancaster Priory, Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells (8) from 2.30 to 7.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. E. Glen, 56, Rydal Road, Lancaster. — P. Handley, Branch Sec. 5656

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch. — Meeting, St. James' (Poolstock), Wigan, Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. Parker, 39, Barnsley Street, Wigan. 5694

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting, All Saints', Leicester, Saturday, Feb. 6th. Ringing 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m., Forum Cafe, Highcross Street. Names by Thursday, Feb. 4th, please, to Mr. J. P. Kesterton, Dis. Sec., 30, Royal Road, Leicester. 5663

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Meeting, Whitwick (8), on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—C. W. Hall. 5649

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Tunstall, Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Own tea arrangements—cafe nearby.—J. G. Burton, Hon. Sec. 5629

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Feb. 6th, at Diss. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Special method, Yorkshire Surprise. Suffolk ringers welcome. Names for tea by Wednesday, Feb. 3rd, to Mr. A. G. Harrison, 20, Chapel Street, Diss, Norfolk.—C. F. Phillippo, Hon. Sec. 5631

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Feb. 6th, Stanground, Peterborough. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. St. John's, Peterborough, bells available after tea. Names for tea, please, not later than Wednesday previous to G. S. Bush, 18, Princes Street, Peterborough. 5641

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting, West Haddon, Saturday, Feb. 6th. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to E. Thresher, 22, Watson Road, Long Buckby, Rugby. 5675

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Monthly meeting, Seend, Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to E. J. Hitchins, 136, Bradley Road, Trowbridge, Wilts. 5654

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Ecclesfield, Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells from 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. L. Smith, 3, Park Crescent, Ecclesfield.—J. Seager, Sec. 5689

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting, Aspley, Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Names for tea not later than Feb. 4th to Mr. H. Seagrave, 7, Melbourne Road, Aspley, Nottingham.—S. Adams, Hon. Sec. 5646

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Feb. 6th, Woodbridge (8), 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., obtainable at Deben Tea Rooms.—C. R. Lovett, Dis. Sec. 5688

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, West Hoathly (6), on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by previous Wednesday, please, to I. Butcher, 14, Withypitts, Turners Hill. 5687

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Feb. 6th, Christchurch (12). Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Meeting follows; bells after. Names by Wednesday previous to W. T. Godfrey, Hon. Dis. Sec., Pine Hurst, Shorefield Way, Milford-on-Sea, Lymington, Hants. 5643

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Feb. 6th, Petersfield. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Business meeting. Numbers for tea by Feb. 3rd.—C. E. Bassett, Warsash, Southampton. 5662

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Annual meeting, Newport, Feb. 6th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Mission Hall.—Anne M. Guy, Hon. Sec. 5696

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Maurice's Hall, Colebrook Street, Winchester, on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Meeting 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. (2s. 6d. per head). Service in Cathedral 5.15 p.m. Bells (8) 6 p.m. Names for tea essential not later than Feb. 2nd to P. Dickinson, Riverbank Cottage, Cheriton, near Alresford. 5697

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—Annual meeting, Church Stretton, Saturday, Feb. 13th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Teas.—G. Randle, Ashford, Ludlow. 5678

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting at Mereworth on Saturday, Feb. 13th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 at the Queen's Head. Names, please, to R. L. Sills, St. Vincent's Lane, Addington, West Malling. 5652

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—Annual District meeting, Saturday, Feb. 13th, at Chiddingfold, Surrey. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Thursday, Feb. 11th, please, to Mrs. C. Harbott, 20, The Street, Ashtead. Witley (8) 6 to 8.30 p.m. Everyone welcome. 5666

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly general meeting, Loughborough, Saturday, Feb. 13th. Bells available: Copt Oak (6), 1.45 to 2.30; Woodhouse Eaves (6), 2.30 to 3.15; Woodhouse (Old) (6), 3.15 to 4; Loughborough All Saints' (10), 3 to 4.25 and 6.30 to 8; Bell Foundry (10), 6.30 to 8 p.m. Service, Loughborough All Saints', 4.30. Tea, Fearon Hall, 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Any notice of alteration to rules must be given by this meeting. Names for tea to Mr. L. Stevens, 91, Parklands Drive, Loughborough, Leics. General committee meeting, Monday, Feb. 8th, 7.45 p.m. in the vestry of St. John-the-Divine's, Albion Street, Leicester.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec. 5686

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Newnham, Saturday, Feb. 13th. Names for tea by Monday previous to Mr. P. Box, The Banks, Newnham, near Daventry.—F. W. Hancock. 5679

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Practice meeting, Fornham St. Martin (6), Saturday, Feb. 13th. Bells 6.30 to 9 p.m.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual dinner, Saturday, Feb. 20th, at Civil Defence Hall, Kempston Manor, near Bedford, at 7 p.m. Tickets (11s. 6d.) from District Secretaries, or J. M. Stephens, 33, Poplar Close, Leighton Buzzard. Early application essential as numbers limited to 75. 5638

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (established 1755).—Annual Henry Johnson commemoration dinner, Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, 6 o'clock, Saturday, Feb. 27th. Chairman, Mr. Rodney B. Meadows. Tickets 20s. Peals arranged for visitors. Several towers open for ringing. Details later.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham, 28. 'Phone SPR 1025.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—IMPORTANT NOTICE.—Owing to unforeseen circumstances the dinner, originally February 6th, will now be March 5th, at the Deacon's Restaurant, Walbrook.—F. J. Matthews. 5635

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THE LADIES' GUILD.—Preliminary notice.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, July 2nd, Bath. Please book the date. Details later. Ask your District Secretary or the General Secretary for list of suggested hotels. 5670

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Commemorative dinner to J. Armiger Trollope at Ealing Town Hall on Saturday, Oct. 1st.

Emmanuel Church, Plymouth

Emmanuel Church, Plymouth, has now a new look! The sixth, seventh and tenor bells have been fitted with new gudgeon pins by Messrs. John Taylor and new ropes hung. Members have scraped the frame and it has been given two coats of paint by Mr. Bill Collier, the cost being defrayed by the ringers. The captain, Mr. J. Sims, devoted a few days of his holiday to help Mr. Collier to give the belfry a 'spring clean' and the walls a coat of emulsion paint. Mr. Hill, a member of the choir, has supervised the treating of several panels for woodworm.

The ringers expressed their appreciation to Mr. Collier for his work by presenting him with a pair of gloves and a scarf.

TRIPLES FOR SUNDAY RINGING

By W. E. CRITCHLEY

If a band is limited to simple Triples methods because of either the weight of the bells or the capabilities of the ringers, it might be worth trying a type of splicing which has proved very popular in my own tower. It consists of Grandsire spliced with St. Clement's Triples, and has the following advantages:—

(1) St. Clement's as a method does not differ greatly from Grandsire, and the lead-ends are the same as Grandsire, though appearing in the reverse order.

(2) The length of a touch of the two methods spliced together can vary from 28 changes to a quarter peal, or even a peal.

(3) Short touches can be so arranged that all the best music is selected, with hardly any 'intermediate' leads.

The following examples will illustrate the last two points. If the short touch of two leads is wanted, all that is needed is to call one lead of each method, when the bells will run round. As examples of touches utilising some favourite music, the following might be of interest. It will be noticed that a bobbed lead-end of St. Clement's gives a 'repeating' lead-end something like Kent, with the bells in 5 6 7 in the same position as the previous lead-end.

140		210	
2 3 4 5 6 7	Gr.	2 3 4 5 6 7	Gr.
2 5 3 7 4 6	S.C.	2 5 3 7 4 6	S.C.
5 3 2 7 4 6 —	S.C.	5 3 2 7 4 6 —	S.C.
3 2 5 7 4 6	S.C.	3 2 5 7 4 6 —	S.C.
3 5 4 2 6 7	S.C.	3 5 4 2 6 7	S.C.
		5 4 3 2 6 7 —	S.C.
5 4 3 2 6 7 —		4 3 5 2 6 7 —	Gr.
Repeated.		4 2 3 7 5 6	S.C.
		2 3 4 7 5 6 —	S.C.
		2 4 5 3 6 7	S.C.
		4 5 2 3 6 7 —	Gr.
		4 3 5 7 2 6	S.C.
		3 5 4 7 2 6 —	S.C.
		3 4 2 5 6 7	S.C.
		4 2 3 5 6 7 —	S.C.
		2 3 4 5 6 7 —	

336		336	
2 3 4 5 6 7	Gr.	2 3 4 5 6 7	Gr.
2 5 3 7 4 6	S.C.	2 5 3 7 4 6	S.C.
5 3 2 7 4 6 —	S.C.	5 3 2 7 4 6 —	S.C.
3 2 5 7 4 6 —	S.C.	3 2 5 7 4 6 —	S.C.
3 5 4 2 6 7	S.C.	3 5 4 2 6 7	S.C.
5 4 3 2 6 7 —	S.C.	5 4 3 2 6 7 —	S.C.
4 3 5 2 6 7 —	Gr.	4 3 5 2 6 7 —	Gr.
4 2 3 7 5 6	S.C.	7 2 4 6 3 5 —	Gr.
2 3 4 7 5 6 —		7 6 2 5 4 3	Gr.
		3 5 7 4 6 2 —	Gr.
Twice repeated.		3 4 5 2 7 6	Gr.
		3 2 4 6 5 7	S.C.
		2 4 3 6 5 7 —	
		Repeated.	

504	
2 3 4 5 6 7	Gr.
2 5 3 7 4 6	S.C.
5 3 2 7 4 6 —	S.C.
3 2 5 7 4 6 —	S.C.
3 5 4 2 6 7	S.C.
5 4 3 2 6 7 —	S.C.
4 3 5 2 6 7 —	

5 times repeated. S. half-way and end.

It will be found that there are many other short and musical touches which can be discovered by a little paper work, and although some of them may prove to be false, I myself do not consider this factor important so far as short touches are concerned.

CHELTENHAM, GLOS.—On Jan. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: I. Goulter 1, Miss M. Wall (first 'inside') 2, J. Mudd 3, L. Sheasby 4, Miss S. Parsons 5, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 6.

MALDON, ESSEX.—On Jan. 17th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: D. Shaw 1, A. Hubble 2, J. Clarke 3, F. White 4, J. Towler 5, S. C. Easter (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

QUARTER PEALS

ALVECHURCH, WORCS.—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Heather Pullon 1, M. J. Fellows 2, J. E. Pullon 3, M. D. Fellows 4, P. Cattermole (cond.) 5, J. E. A. Pullon 6. For the octave of Epiphany.

BRENTFORD, MIDDLX.—On Jan. 11th, 1,260 Minor (St. Clement's and Plain Bob): Susan Neal Smith 1-12, first quarter) 1, Margaret Westcott 2, Jill Barron 3, R. Goodman 4, A. Grant 5, Dr. D. J. Neal Smith (cond.) 6.

BRISTOL.—On Jan. 16th, at the Cathedral, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: R. J. Bowden 1, D. J. Hunt 2, Elisabeth Bowden 3, B. A. Shackleton 4, D. C. Exell 5, J. Brain 6, R. G. Hooper 7, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 8. First in the method for 1, 3, 4 and 5.

EUSTON, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 19th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: H. Ivings 1, Mrs. H. Ivings 2, J. Y. Parker (first 'inside') 3, A. Higginbottom 4, J. E. Ivings (cond.) 5. A birthday compliment to the conductor. The treble ringer has now 'circled the tower' to quarter peals.

GLASTONBURY, SOMERSET.—At the Church of St. Benedict, on Jan. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: V. Voisey 1, J. Blackmore 2, H. Scull 3, G. Grinter 4, G. Stitch (cond.) 5, J. Dennis 6. In honour of the Vicar's first-born, a daughter.

ST. PETER-IN-THANET, KENT.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor (6, 8 covering): Margaret Horne (first quarter) 1, Christine Cobbold (first 'inside') 2, Sonia Davies 3, Mary Elsdon (first 'inside') 4, Pauline Fennell 5, Mary Taylor 6, M. Cubitt (cond.) 7, J. Webb 8. A compliment to Miss Bridget Sudbury, a former secretary of this band, and Mr. T. Coles.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Pitson 1, F. C. Case 2, C. Truman 3, L. A. Smith 4, T. E. Roberts 5, J. Linnell 6, G. E. Green (cond.) 7, G. Foddy 8.

WOODFORD, ESSEX.—On Jan. 17th, 1,256 Little Bob Major: S. Penfold 1, A. J. Salisbury 2, J. Carrott 3, M. Bland 4, A. Gargrave 5, J. Fowler 6, T. East 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8.

WYCHBOLD, WORCS.—On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Valerie Powell 1, J. E. Pullon 2, Heather Pullon 3, P. Cattermole 4, A. D. Cook (cond.) 5, J. E. A. Pullon 6. Rung by Sunday service ringers. Also on Jan. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Valerie Powell 1, J. E. Pullon 2, Heather Pullon 3, P. Cattermole (cond.) 4, R. Skerratt 5, L. Gittins 6. Believed to be the first choristers' quarter peal at Wychbold.

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CAMERA IN THE TOWER

INSTRUCTORS sometimes say that if only we could see ourselves ring we would benefit immensely. Some members of our Society were lucky enough to have this experience. A few weeks ago it was brought to the notice of the B.B.C. that the Bristol Cathedral School Guild of Ringers were to start ringing regularly for Sunday morning service at the Cathedral. Two cameramen came to a practice on Saturday, October 24th, and took sound recordings outside and film shots of the bells and of the ropes rising and falling. The next morning we came in at 9.15. As soon as sufficient heavy-eyed ringers had arrived, the wheels (or spools) of the film unit went into action. The operations took rather longer this time, partly because there were two different cameras—one for the News and one for Children's Newsreel—and partly because no one (except the cameramen) was really wide awake. First we were 'taken' walking from the school across the green and into the cathedral. But there was more to it than that—we had to be talking amiably to our neighbours, with wide open smiles on our faces.

'Now,' said one of the cameramen to an unsuspecting ringer, who was rather smaller than most, 'we want you to be the tail-end Joey.' And the poor 'latecomer' had to run along behind us into the cathedral porch. There we all awaited further instructions. This time we had to 'march in purposefully' through the door and halfway up the stairs. When the last person had disappeared up them the cameraman was to shout and we were to back out again. Whoever heard of marching purposefully backwards down a spiral staircase? When we had achieved this the cameras were taken upstairs ahead of us. After a few minutes we heard a shout, 'Come up,' and did so. Halfway up, a film camera had been placed. We ignored it and walked straight on to the ringing chamber, where a second camera 'followed us in.' After prayers, said by John Hunt—an Old Boy of the school, who is now tower captain at the cathedral—the cameras seemed to be everywhere at once, and their operators seemed to have accomplished a tremendous amount by the time they left, three-quarters-of-an-hour later.

The next evening, about a minute of film was included in the West of England news bulletin, and a little more in 'Flashback' the following Saturday. The Thursday after that, 11 days after the filming, yet another version of it was seen on Children's Newsreel from London. This was much longer, but exaggerated the 'terrible dangers' of bell-ringing. We were told, much to our amazement, that one boy had been lifted four feet off the ground when a stay broke, and that the small mats on the floor act as 'targets.'

All in all it was very enjoyable, and we should like to thank the ringers of the Bristol and Gloucester Diocesan Association for their time, patience and encouragement. It is largely due to their efforts that we now ring Bristol Cathedral bells each Sunday. M. F. S.

SHEER FANTASY OF PLACE NAMES

WHEN I get my 'Ringing World,' I run quickly through the lists of peals and quarter peals to see where these feats have been performed. It isn't that I know many of the towers and hope to see news of ringing in surroundings familiar to me. It isn't that I have so wide an acquaintance among ringers that I expect to see an old friend among the successful bands.

It's just that there's an inarticulate poet inside me who shouts with joy at the loveliness, the strangeness—sometimes the sheer fantasy—of the names with which our ancestors added beauty to their habitations.

I try not to listen to the siren voices from Cornwall or Wales—names like St. Columb Major and St. Keverne would draw a man the length of England; and where but in Wales could one came across such a sesquipedalian jewel as Llangattock-juxta-Crickhowell?

Restricting myself to England proper, I rejoice in the polysyllabic euphony of Easton and Weston in Gordano, Compton Dando, Redmarley D'Abitot, Newington next Sittingbourne, Chewton Mendip and Marston Trussell, Burton on Stather and Deeping St. Nicholas, Chilvers Coton and Hoylandswaine.

Shakespeare himself might have named Hampton in Arden; there is a smooth, slipping-off-the-tongue prettiness in Silk Willoughby, a dignity in Queen Charlton, something a little faded and sad about Wistaston and, for an inland parish, a sound of the sea in that Mecca of Lincolnshire ringers, Surfleet.

Other names have about them an earthy rusticity, even a touch of the comic—Clowne, for instance, and Fobbing; and it is only proper that there should be bell-ropes in Pulham (St. Mary). Upham and Downham, Rougham and Lowdham, have their place in the list, and so do Ringmer and Rusper in Sussex.

Cogenhoe has in it the sound of an older England, and one wonders if Lydiard Millicent is at all related to Kirk Ella. Wanlip has a sad pallor about it, and Flookburgh, Gnosall, Berrynarbor and Bicker a touch of the unreal.

And Morpeth Watch Tower: are the peals rung there with a man standing at a northward-facing embrasure to watch for the border rovers sweeping down from the Cheviot? Sadly, no.

Blessed be our fathers who coined these delightful names, names which sound on the ear as native and sweet as the bells they ring there. C. P.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Jan. 21, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.
A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Muriel Reay	*Treble*	Michael Elson	7
Brian J. Woodruffe ..	2	John McDonald	8
Bryan D. A. Woolley ..	3	Terry R. Hampton	9
Roderick W. Pipe	4	Ralph G. Edwards	10
Norman J. Goodman ..	5	John A. Anderson	11
George E. Fearn	6	Richard E. Price	*Tenor*

Conducted by John McDonald.

TEN BELL PEALS

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 5, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

R. George Morris	*Treble*	Patrick Harris	6
Sidney T. Holt	2	*Harold E. Raxter	7
Reginald Woodyatt ..	3	Joseph E. Newman ..	8
Joseph D. Johnson	4	Thomas W. Lewis	9
David Beacham	5	†Allen Morgan	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. Groves. Conducted by Joseph D. Johnson.
* First peal of Stedman Caters. † 'Completes the circle' at this tower.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 16, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Divine,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt.

Keith B. Townsend ..	*Treble*	Ian J. Fraser	6
Peter J. Chilton	2	A. James Poyner	7
Vernon F. J. Pratt	3	Ernest Morris	8
Sandra E. Chesterton ..	4	Sidney Harrison	9
John M. Jelley	5	Albert J. Cooke	*Tenor*

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by John M. Jelley.
Rung to commemorate the restoration of this church to its former parochial status by the repeal of the 12 years' suspension order; also as a welcome to the Rev. W. Basil Williams, as first Vicar of the restored church.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Jan. 16, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Alphege.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in E flat.

Anthony A. Upton	*Treble*	Norman J. Goodman ..	6
Eileen M. Fearn	2	Brian J. Woodruffe ..	7
Ruth M. Border	3	John McDonald	8
Muriel Reay	4	John A. Anderson	9
Michael Elson	5	George E. Fearn	*Tenor*

Composed by William Pye. Conducted by George E. Fearn.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 23, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

Ronald W. Steward ..	*Treble*	Cecil W. Pipe	6
*Roger L. K. Whittell ..	2	Clifford R. Lovett ..	7
*James B. Morley	3	Frank A. Willis Betts ..	8
James Bennett	4	*Leslie N. Melton	9
*Margaret A. Ladd	5	*Ernest G. Pearce	*Tenor*

Composed by H. Dains. Conducted by James B. Morley.
* First peal of Royal in the method.
A birthday compliment to Stanley Jenner, of Tunbridge Wells.

LONDON.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 23, 1960, *in* 4 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Saviour, Southwark.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 48 cwt. 9 lb. in B.

Tony Price	*Treble*	Frank C. Price	6
*Elsie K. Hart	2	John Hill	7
Joan Beresford	3	Philip A. Corby	8
Alfred J. House	4	Thomas J. Lock	9
*†Michael I. Palmer	5	John R. Mayne	*Tenor*

Composed by George E. Symonds. Conducted by John R. Mayne.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal. † 25th peal. Mr. T. J. Lock has now 'circled the tower.'

EIGHT BELL PEALS

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 18, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Thomas.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

Carol Fernley	*Treble*	Eileen M. Fearn	5
*Sheila Wallace	2	Brian Harris	6
John R. Gilden	3	Leslie Boumphrey	7
Mrs. L. Boumphrey ..	4	Basil Jones	*Tenor*

Composed by John Howes. Conducted by Leslie Boumphrey.
* First peal.
Rung by members of the Sunday service band.

HAMPTON, EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 2, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt. in F sharp.

*William Newman	*Treble*	Robert W. Cole	5
†Wilfred J. Newman ..	2	Patrick Harris	6
Ralph Harris	3	Anthony J. Brazier ..	7
Colin B. Longmore ..	4	Harold E. Raxter	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Harold E. Raxter.
* First peal of Major. † 'Completes the circle' at this tower.
A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Newman.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Jan. 6, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Lawrence.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr.

John E. Bibby	*Treble*	Fred Jackson	5
Cynthia Bibby	2	Denis Maddock	6
*Ronald H. Dove	3	Cyril Valentine	7
Walter Allman	4	Francis Bibby	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by John E. Bibby.
* 300th peal.
A wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Denis Maddock, who were married at Runcorn Parish Church on December 5th, 1959.

PATTINGHAM, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Jan. 9, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Chad.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Thurstans' (Heywood's transposition). Tenor 14 cwt.

*E. Marion Key	*Treble*	*Bryan J. Wylde	5
James S. Eastwood ..	2	David Friend	6
Roger L. Hawksworth	3	Barnabas G. Key	7
Robert J. Warrilow ..	4	*Arthur J. Allsop	*Tenor*

Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.
* First peal of Stedman Triples.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Jan. 14, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

John A. Anderson	*Treble*	Brian J. Woodruffe ..	5
Bryan D. A. Woolley ..	2	*Roderick W. Pipe	6
Norman J. Goodman ..	3	Michael Elson	7
George E. Fearn	4	John MacDonald	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
* First peal of Lincolnshire. First in the method as conductor.

GRAPPENHALL, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Jan. 14, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Wilfred,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb.

*Brian Lloyd	*Treble*	John Ryder	5
Frank Taylor	2	†Michael Thompson ..	6
John C. Breeze	3	Clifford W. Shaw ..	7
Roy Foster	4	Harold Worrall	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Harold Worrall.
* First peal. † First 'inside.'
Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter to the ringer of the seventh.

BATLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 16, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt. in G.

Joan M. Dawson	*Treble*	†Lawrence Sheard	5
*Shirley A. Mudd	2	John Rhodes	6
Ruth H. Appleby	3	Peter M. Dawson	7
Wilfred Lee	4	‡Roger J. Lumley	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Barker. Conducted by John Rhodes.
* First peal in the method 'inside.' † First in the method. ‡ First of Major.
A birthday compliment to Wilfred Lee.

CRESWELL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 16, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM	*Treble*	GEORGE L. CHAMBERS	5
MALCOLM P. PHIPPS	2	DENNIS COOPER	6
HAROLD DENMAN	3	LESLIE W. BACON	7
DENNIS A. SMEDLEY	4	A. BENJAMIN COOPER	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES FLEMING. Conducted by JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM.

KNEBWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 16, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND THOMAS-A-BECKET,
A PEAL OF 5024 KELSHALL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt. in G.

COLIN A. S. HARWOOD	*Treble*	CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	5
JILL MAYES	2	PATRICIA M. BOURN	6
JOHN R. MAYNE	3	EDWIN G. BUCK	7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	4	JACK S. DEAR	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE,
First peal in the method.
This method, No. 269 in Corrigan's Collection, is now renamed.

LONDON.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Jan. 16, 1960, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN, STEPNEY,
A PEAL OF 5152 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 28¼ cwt.

TUDOR P. EDWARDS	*Treble*	WILLIAM T. COOK	5
BRIAN D. THRELFALL	2	STEWART F. KIMBER	6
THOMAS J. SOUTHAM	3	WILFRED WILLIAMS	7
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

TETTENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Jan. 16, 1960, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in F sharp.

ELIZABETH M. YARDLEY	*Treble*	*RODERICK J. LEES	5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	2	ERIC E. SPEAKE	6
RICHARD J. WARRILOW	3	*HARRY GRIFFITHS	7
*GEORGE W. HUGHES	4	J. DENNIS HOLDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by ERIC E. SPEAKE.
* First peal in the method.

WICKEN, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 16, 1960, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
F. H. Dexter's No. 2. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

GEORGE E. GREEN	*Treble*	*JAMES LINNELL	5
THOMAS E. ROBERTS	2	ROGER KEELEY	6
HERBERT C. EDWARDS	3	GEORGE W. HOLLAND	7
*†CHARLES TRUMAN	4	FREDERICK C. CASE	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. GREEN.
* First peal of Stedman. † First on eight bells. First of Stedman and of Triples as conductor.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Wed., Jan. 20, 1960, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5088 BIRMINGHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in B flat.

JOHN A. ANDERSON	*Treble*	PETER BORDER	5
RUTH M. BORDER	2	*BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	6
NORMAN J. GOODMAN	3	*JOHN McDONALD	7
*RODERICK W. PIPE	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by S. J. IVIN. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* First peal of Major in the method.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Jan. 21, 1960, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 28 lb.

JACK BRAY	*Treble*	GEORGE W. MOODY	5
C. AUBREY HARRISON	2	MICHAEL CROWDER	6
HARRY HALL	3	ARTHUR CROWDER	7
RONALD CHAFER	4	PHILIP BARNES	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by JACK BRAY.
Rung to mark the completion of a new floor and the dedication of a new side altar and ornaments.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD SOCIETY.
On Thurs., Jan. 21, 1960, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

JAMES H. PAILING	*Treble*	*BRIAN R. WHITE	5
CHARLES COLES	2	*DAVID T. DARBY	6
*NICHOLAS J. MARTIN	3	*FRANCIS A. WHITE	7
*ANDREW N. STUBBS	4	EDGAR J. SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by JAMES H. PAILING.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Jan. 21, 1960, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 NEWCASTLE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

JOAN BERESFORD	*Treble*	ALICK CUTLER	5
JOHN R. MAYNE	2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	3	JOHN HILL	7
ALFRED J. HOUSE	4	THOMAS J. LOCK	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
First peal in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Association. The 300th peal of Surprise Major on the bells.

ADLINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Preston Branch.)
On Sat., Jan. 23, 1960, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13¼ cwt.

THOMAS BARKER	*Treble*	JOHN H. GARTSIDE	5
FRANK STEAD	2	JOHN JACKSON	6
ARTHUR RIGBY	3	†STANLEY WALMSLEY	7
*W. JOHN COUPERTHWAITE	4	†CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE	*Tenor*

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE.
* First peal in the method. † 25th peal together.
Rung for the Patronal Festival, and also to mark the 75th anniversary of the church and the 25th anniversary of the installation of the bells.

COOKHAM, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 23, 1960, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 14 cwt.

JANET TAYLOR	*Treble*	JAMES MULLER	5
ERNEST ELDRIDGE	2	THOMAS TOCOCK	6
JANET ADAMSON	3	PHILIP TOCOCK	7
*DOREEN HAGUE	4	*JOHN NORSWORTHY	*Tenor*

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by PHILIP TOCOCK.
* First peal.
Rung in memoriam Sir Stanley Spencer, C.B.E., R.A., who lived in and loved this village and its church.

HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 23, 1960, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

JOHN E. ANDERSON	*Treble*	ROBIN G. TURNER	5
MARION S. AINSWORTH	2	*DENIS A. BAYLES	6
CHARLES N. LEA	3	KENNETH LAWSON	7
GEORGE S. DEAS	4	J. ALAN AINSWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDERICK H. DEXTER.
Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.
* 250th peal. First in the method as conductor.

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SIX BELL PEALS

OLD RADNOR, RADNORSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Nov. 29, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten extents each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and 12 of Grandsire. Tenor 16 cwt.

*HAROLD EVANS	*Treble*	JOHN HOPE	4
MRS. E. C. CHANDLER	2	A. BRYAN ELLSMORE	5
ROBERT HATCHER	3	†MICHAEL JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. BRYAN ELLSMORE.

* First peal in four methods. † First peal.

Rung for the dedication of electric light and organ blower. Also an 80th birthday compliment to Mr. J. Preece, District secretary for 35 years.

ISHAM, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 18, 1959, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

*AUDREY M. HALES	*Treble*	MURRAY A. COLEMAN	4
SHELAGH R. COLLINS	2	ARTHUR GIBBS	5
DIANA M. LAWLESS	3	ALAN J. FROST	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN J. FROST.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

DUNKESWELL, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., Jan. 9, 1960, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 18 240's and six 120's. Tenor 9 cwt.

WILLIAM WEBB	*Treble*	EDWARD SUMMERS	4
KENNETH CLARKE	2	CHRISTOPHER WEBB	5
WILLIAM SPARKS	3	JOHN REAL	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER WEBB.

First peal as conductor. First on the bells since being rehung.

SANDON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 9, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Childwall and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

RICHARD J. HARRISON	*Treble*	PATRICK W. SALTMARSH	4
*P. ANNE EDWARDS	2	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	5
*JOHN CRAWLEY	3	PETER J. EVES	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER J. EVES.

* First peal in seven methods.

Rung as a compliment to John and Betty Crawley, ringers of Chelmsford Cathedral, and as a welcome to their son, Brian David, born January 4th, 1960.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Jan. 11, 1960, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7½ cwt. in B.

ROGER E. TALLIS	*Treble*	*VERONICA MILES	4
*TONIE J. CRITCHLEY	2	*SUSAN FUNNELL	5
*LINDA M. HUGHES	3	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

* First peal of Minor.

HARLESTONE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Jan. 14, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 20 cwt. 9 lb. in E flat.

ALLAN R. JONES	*Treble*	TIMOTHY WOODING	4
ROBERT S. ROBERTS	2	GEORGE F. ROOME	5
PERCY AMOS	3	ERIC BILLINGS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALLAN R. JONES.

First peal in the method by all except the conductor.

To commemorate the 400th anniversary of the death of William Kethe, hymn writer.

BOLDMERE, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Jan. 16, 1960, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

*MAURICE G. INGRAM	*Treble*	†JOHN E. NEALE	4
†DONALD T. FINNEMORE	2	†EDRIC J. FRANKLIN	5
*DAVID R. INGRAM	3	RICHARD C. INGRAM	*Tenor*

Conducted by RICHARD C. INGRAM.

* First peal. † First of Minor. First of Minor as conductor.

COLLIERS WOOD, SURREY.
THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
On Sat., Jan. 16, 1960, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of London, York, Wells, Durham, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge. Tenor 7¼ cwt. in B flat.

E. JANE LANGTON	*Treble*	*ANTHONY V. QUEEN	4
*MIKAELA ERIK	2	J. MICHAEL LAKIN	5
*ROBIN J. TREBILCOCK	3	DEREK E. SIBSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.

* First peal in seven Surprise.

COMBE FLOREY, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 16, 1960, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Fifth observation (five callings). Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in A flat.

EDWARD J. CAVILL	*Treble*	STANLEY E. PARISH	4
*ROBIN I. FORD	2	ERIC J. FORD	5
HENRY J. CAVILL	3	JOHN J. FORD	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERIC J. FORD.

* First peal. First as conductor.

CROPTHORNE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 16, 1960, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5040 NORWICH SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILFRED J. NEWMAN	*Treble*	ROBERT W. COLE	4
ANTHONY J. BRAZIER	2	COLIN B. LONGMORE	5
MRS. J. THOMAS	3	*HAROLD E. RAXTER	*Tenor*

Conducted by ANTHONY J. BRAZIER.

* 50th peal for the Association. First in the method by all the band.

GREAT ADDINGTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 16, 1960, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 SINGLE OXFORD BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 12 lb. in A flat.

GEORGE F. ROOME	*Treble*	ALLAN R. JONES	4
ROBERT S. ROBERTS	2	PERCY AMOS	5
VICTOR A. PERRY	3	*DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

* 450th peal. First of Oxford Bob Minor by all the band.

Rung for the 150th anniversary of the births of the hymn writers Dean Henry Alford (1810–1871) and Rev. Edward Hamilton Sears (1810–1876).

GRIMLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 16, 1960, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten extents (in four variations of calling) of Plain Bob and 30 extents (in ten variations of calling) and Pitman's 240 of Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb. in F sharp.

HEATHER M. PULLON	*Treble*	MARTIN D. FELLOWS	4
MICHAEL J. FELLOWS	2	PAUL CATTERMOLE	5
JAMES E. PULLON	3	*JAMES E. A. PULLON	*Tenor*

Conducted by PAUL CATTERMOLE.

* First peal. First peal in more than one method by all except the conductor.

Rung within the octave of the Feast of St. Wulfstan, Bishop.

NETHER STOWEY, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 16, 1960, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being one extent each of R. Stedman, R. St. Simon's, R. St. Nicholas', R. St. Martin's, R. Winchendon Place, Canterbury Pleasure, and two each of R. Plain Bob, St. Bartholomew's, New Doubles, Huntspill, New Antelope, New Grandsire, Stedman Slow Course, R. Grandsire, Antelope, Union, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place, R. Canterbury Pleasure, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Plain Bob, Stedman and Grandsire. (R= Reverse.) Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb.

HAROLD HOOPER	*Treble*	F. A. KEITH PRIME	4
MARJORIE LEGG	2	GEORGE PRESCOTT	5
HOWARD COLLINGS	3	SIDNEY SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.

First peal in 24 methods by all the band.

SNODLAND, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 16, 1960, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, namely: St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

PETER F. BORER	*Treble*	ANDREW M. MACVE	4
TREVOR A. CROSS	2	CRAWFORD T. HILLIS	5
COLIN F. MCGILL	3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS CULLINGWORTH.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 16, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 17½ cwt.

R. George Morris	*Treble*	Derek Price	4
*Beryl M. Holm	2	John Clements	5
*Mrs. J. E. Bowen	3	Thomas W. Lewis	*Tenor*

Conducted by John Clements.
* First peal of Minor.

NEWBURN-ON-TYNE, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Jan. 18, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being 720 each of Beverley, London, Wells, Surfleet and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

John E. Anderson	*Treble*	Bryan Pattison	4
George S. Deas	2	Eric N. Harrison	5
Kenneth Arthur	3	J. Alan Ainsworth	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.
50th peal as conductor.

ALGARKIRK, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Jan. 20, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in ten methods: (1) Double and Single Court, (2) Thelwall and Childwall, (3) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) Oxford T.B., (6) Kent T.B., (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

Stanley E. Bennett	*Treble*	Harold Barsley	4
J. Martin Thorley	2	*C. Harold Whitton	5
*John G. Ames	3	Cyril R. Burrell	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.
* First peal in ten methods.

LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Jan. 20, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 LANGLEYBURY SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout. Tenor 8 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

Joan M. Wilcockson	*Treble*	Frank C. Price	4
Dennis Laud	2	Kenneth R. Dunstan	5
Raymond G. Smith	3	John R. Mayne	*Tenor*

Conducted by John R. Mayne.
First peal in the method.

LANGLEYBURY SURPRISE MINOR
34—36.14—12—1236—12—1. 6ths place. Lead-end 142635.

BRENTFORD, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD AND THE ST. MATTHIAS, RICHMOND, GUILD.
On Thurs., Jan. 21, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Lawrence,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in five methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge, (2) and (3) St. Clement's and Plain Bob, (4) Plain Bob, (5) Double Oxford and Plain Bob, (6) Plain Bob and (7) Kent T.B. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in G.

Margaret A. Westcott	*Treble*	Reginald Goodman	4
Gillian Neal Smith	2	Dr. D. J. Neal Smith	5
*Jill Barron	3	Robin G. Leale	*Tenor*

Conducted by Robin G. Leale.
* First peal in five Minor methods.

DICKLEBURGH, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 23, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11½ cwt.

Ernest Whiting	*Treble*	Anthony H. Roberts	4
Leonard J. Minns	2	Charles R. Catchpole	5
Cecil A. Thompson	3	L. Edward Etheridge	*Tenor*

Conducted by Ernest Whiting.

GOSBERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 23, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being one 2,160 and four extents. Tenor 17¾ cwt.

Alan G. Payne	*Treble*	C. Harold Whitton	4
J. Martin Thorley	2	Frank Taylor	5
John G. Ames	3	Harold Barsley	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.
Rung to mark the 25th anniversary of the first peal of Surprise on the bells.

PREES, SALOP.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 23, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Chad,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, differently called. Tenor 12 cwt., approx.

*Richard E. Morris	*Treble*	Frederick G. Beddow	4
Frederick Leech	2	Reginald Newton	5
Edward V. Rodenhurst	3	Harry Poyner	*Tenor*

Conducted by Harry Poyner.
* First peal of Minor.
A compliment on the 86th birthday of the mother of F. Leech. Rung to mark the commencement of the thanksgiving celebrations for the restoration of the bells, the Bishop of Shrewsbury being the preacher on the following day.

RUYTON-XI-TOWNS, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 23, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in G sharp.

F. Hector Bennett	*Treble*	*Colin Smith	4
*Valerie Lee	2	*Guy Pickavance	5
*John R. Thomas	3	*Roger W. Powell	*Tenor*

Conducted by F. Hector Bennett.
* First peal in the method. First on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS

CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Jan. 3, 1960, *in* 1 *Hour and* 50 *Minutes,*
At 29, Forest Drive,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

*Joe E. G. Roast	1—2	†Howard W. Egglestone	3—4

Dennis A. S. Symonds .. 5—6
Conducted by Howard W. Egglestone.
* First peal 'in hand.' † First peal on an 'inside' pair.

DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Jan. 17, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 7 in C.

*T. David Spencer	1—2	Howard Scott	5—6
W. Eric Critchley	3—4	Stanley Birdsall	7—8

Composed by J. E. Burton. Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.
* First peal. The conductor has now rung 400 peals for the Yorkshire Association.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Jan. 19, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At The Wayside, 150, Narborough Road South,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

John A. Acres	1—2	Alfred Ballard	5—6
*Mrs. P. J. Staniforth	3—4	Peter J. Staniforth	7—8

Composed by H. N. Pitstow. Conducted by Peter J. Staniforth.
* 375th peal.

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ASFORDBY, LEICS.—On Jan. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (Winchendon, St. Simon's, All Saints', Reverse Bartholomew, Plain Bob, Canterbury and Grandsire): T. Barlow 1, G. A. Bowcutt 2, H. T. Bonshor 3, A. E. Hinman 4, R. H. Cook (cond.) 5, J. L. Panter 6. Rung for the engagement of Miss Christine Wheeler (Asfordby's first lady ringer) and Mr. Ron Woodcock, of Thorpe Arnold.

AUGHTON, LANCS.—On Jan. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. W. Lunt 1, J. Marsh 2, W. Rimmer 3, J. R. Lunham (cond.) 4, K. Rothwell 5, R. Larkey 6, A. L. Pearson 7, H. Moorcroft 8. In memoriam Mrs. Hobson, the wife of the Rev. J. P. Hobson, former Vicar. Also on January 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. W. Lunt 1, W. Rimmer 2, J. Dilworth 3, R. Larkey 4, A. L. Pearson 5, J. R. Lunham (cond.) 6, K. Rothwell 7, H. Moorcroft 8. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Lunham on their 25th wedding anniversary.

BAWTRY, YORKS.—On Jan. 16th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Ann Godley 1, A. Wilson 2, A. Hulley 3, J. Banks (first quarter) 4, F. Watkinson 5, F. J. Jackson (cond.) 6. Rung after the induction of the Rev. Mr. White to the parish.

BENFIELDSIDE, CO. DURHAM.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss A. Fenwick 1, N. Errington 2, H. Atchison 3, E. Hall 4, C. T. Lamb (cond.) 5, W. Tyson 6. For Evensong, and as a farewell to the Rev. E. H. Fenwick, leaving for Lapworth, Warwickshire.

BERRINGTON, SALOP.—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (St. Simon's, Plain Bob and Grandsire): A. Bywater 1, S. Roberts 2, P. Purslow 3, M. Challinor 4, W. Lloyd (cond.) 5, T. Roberts 6. First quarter 1, 2, 3 and 4. Rung in honour of the 21st birthday of Miss J. Lloyd, ringer in this tower.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTS.—1,260 Doubles (Stedman, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire): P. Gaisford 1, J. Lucas 2, F. Box 3, G. Parsons 4, R. Purnell (cond.) 5, T. Wicks 6. First in four methods for all except 2. An 18th birthday compliment to P. Gaisford.

BRINDLE, LANCS.—On Jan. 16th, 1,240 Plain Bob Minor: F. McCarthy 1, T. Barker 2, J. Jackson 3, J. H. Gartside 4, S. Tuson 5, F. Stead (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Arthur Hatch, for many years a ringer at this church.

BUCKINGHAM.—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Townsend 1, W. Townsend 2, R. A. Vickers 3, W. A. Yates 4, C. Gough 5, G. W. Holland 6, R. Keeley (cond.) 7, W. H. Yates 8.

BURTON-IN-KENDAL, WESTMORLAND. — On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. E. Braithwaite 1, Judy Moir 2, P. Handley 3, J. A. Wood (first quarter) 4, D. Lawson 5, W. G. Wilson (first as cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to Andrew Ferguson, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Eccles, of Morecambe.

CAERPHILLY, GLAM.—On Jan. 8th, 1,344 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: B. Taylor 1, W. Harford (first in method 'inside') 2, T. Yeomans 3, M. Peterson 4, J. Goodfellow 5, D. Llewellyn 6, W. Dare 7, T. Lewis (cond.) 8.

CHARLYNCH, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Ford 1, M. Baker (first quarter) 2, W. Webber 3, R. Ford 4, E. J. Ford (cond.) 5.

CHESHUNT, HERTS.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Nicholls 1, Miss C. M. Farrington 2, E. Pickett 3, W. J. Newnham 4, R. Durrant (cond.) 5, D. S. Billimore 6. For Evensong, and as a welcome to a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Morris of the local band.

CHIPPING NORTON, OXON.—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Francis 1, R. Jarvis (cond.) 2, S. Pulker 3, I. Harris 4, J. Benfield 5, A. Leach 6, F. Perry 7, C. Tompkins 8. For Evensong, and the visit of the Archdeacon of Oxford.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—On Jan. 24th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: A. J. Salisbury 1, S. Penfold 2, J. Carrott 3, J. Fowler 4, A. Gargrave 5, W. Barker 6, T. East 7, L. S. Woods (cond.) 8. For morning service.

DARLING POINT, N.S.W., AUSTRALIA. — On Jan. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Wendy A. Nichols 1, Jean A. Brooks 2, Audrey E. Peters 3, R. J. Klima 4, W. D. Watson 5, J. H. Fryer (first of Minor as cond.) 6. A farewell to Jean A. Brooks, of Syston, who is sailing for England on January 23rd.

DESBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss G. Dimbleby 1, G. Wright 2, D. Loake 3, A. E. York 4, Miss S. Feakin 5, B. Yeomans 6, M. Coleman (cond.) 7, Mrs. Loake 8.

DUNHOLME, LINCS.—On June 24th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: P. Burton 1, Brenda A. Fox (first quarter) 2, W. S. Smith (cond.) 3, T. R. Smith (first 'inside') 4, J. Godfrey 5, P. Coddington (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

QUARTER PEALS

DUNSTER, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. R. Tudball (Dunster) 1, A. H. Reed (Taunton) 2, R. Arscott (Selworthy) 3, G. Maidment (Dunster) 4, —, Young (Waterow) 5, H. W. Lloyd (Dunster) 6, W. Gigg (Taunton, cond.) 7, A. Purchase (Chipstable) 8. Rung half-muffled in tribute to Isaac Farmer.

EDMONTON, MIDDLX.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Iris George (first quarter) 1, D. Langdon 2, Lesley Hawes 3, Trudy Newcombe 4, J. Weeks (first of Triples) 5, T. Hawkins 6, F. Gilbert (cond.) 7, J. Bacon (first of Triples) 8.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. F. Cox 1, G. W. Bishop 2, Miss M. Thomas 3, J. Napper 4, C. Garlick 5, M. Bishop (cond.) 6, A. H. Webb 7, E. G. Sawyer 8.

HARSTON, CAMBS.—On Jan. 14th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: C. W. Cook (cond.) 1, G. Turner (first in method) 2, H. F. Munsey 3, D. F. Murfit 4, G. Thoday 5, G. A. Lucas 6. Rung after meeting late for peal attempt.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—On Jan. 15th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: Mrs. A. E. Cox 1, A. Newton 2, Sheila Wallace 3, D. Knox 4, R. Hazell (first of Stedman Caters) 5, D. Cornwall 6, P. Newton 7, A. E. Cox 8, S. M. Bailey (cond.) 9, G. Harrison 10. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Arthur Foxall, killed in a motor-cycle accident.

KIMPTON, HERTS.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Miss M. Arnold (first quarter) 1, Miss I. Lander 2, R. L. Arnold 3, D. C. Price 4, J. G. Cull (cond.) 5, Miss A. Carter 6. Rung for morning service and to mark the birth of a son (Nigel) to Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Cull.

KING'S NORTON, WARWICKS.—On Jan. 17th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Veronica Miles 1, Tonie J. Critchley (first of Major 'inside') 2, Marv Funnell 3, Linda M. Hughes 4, Susan Funnell 5, Alma M. Greaves 6, R. J. Gay 7, B. J. Woodruffe (cond.) 8. For evening service.

KINGSWINFORD, STAFFS.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: D. Downing (12), 1, A. E. Morgan 2, Mrs. Margaret Layton 3, D. Layton 4, C. Peakman 5, F. E. Jukes 6, C. F. Jukes (cond.) 7, R. A. Peakman 8. For Evensong, also a welcome to Mr. and Mrs. D. Layton, who have joined the band of St. Mary's.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 24th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: M. T. Symonds (cond.) 1, S. Smith 2, A. R. Knight 3, F. Hunt 4, S. H. Symonds 5, F. Boreham 6, F. F. Mortlock 7, L. Pryke 8. First in method for 3 and 4. For Evensong, and in memoriam A. Symonds, 1858–1938.

LLANFEIGAN, BRECONS.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,360 Plain Bob Major: G. Stickland 1, W. Harford 2, J. Goodfellow 3, M. Peterson 4, N. Lamping (first of Major) 5, D. Llewellyn 6, B. Taylor 7, T. Lewis (cond.) 8. Also on Jan. 3rd, 1,344 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: W. Harford 1, B. Taylor 2, D. Llewellyn 3, N. Lamping 4, W. Goodfellow 5, M. Peterson 6, G. Strickland 7, T. Lewis (first in method as cond.) 8. First in the method for all the band except conductor. Rung in honour of Lord Brecon being appointed a Privy Councillor.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICS.—On Jan. 16th, 1,260 Doubles (Winchendon Place Bob, St. Nicholas', St. Simon's Bob, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Plain Bob and Grandsire): K. Warrington 1, J. B. Webb 2, A. J. Strathdee 3, E. W. Colley 4, M. W. Fairey (cond.) 5, P. Ellis 6. Rung after the failure of a peal attempt.

MANGOTSFIELD, GLOS.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. G. Jefferies 1, M. Jefferies 2, F. Skidmore 3, C. Jefferies 4, W. Richings 5, J. Jefferies 6, A. L. Barry (cond.) 7, E. Cooksley 8. Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. Richings.

MARLOW, BUCKS.—On Jan. 19th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: P. R. Dean 1, Heather Bonner 2, J. Young 3, E. D. Poole 4, Mrs. Evelyn Mead 5, L. J. Young 6, R. E. Dean (first in method as cond.) 7, E. Silvey 8. First in method for all except conductor.

NORTHIAM, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Plain Bob and Grandsire): J. Epps 1, Mrs. G. Reece 2, Joan V. Garnett 3, R. Seeley 4, W. Button (cond.) 5, E. Polhill (first quarter) 6. First in three methods by 1, 2, 3 and 4. For evening service; also a 21st birthday compliment to Janet, daughter of the conductor.

NORTH MYMMS, HERTS.—On Jan. 13th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: R. W. C. Papworth (first quarter) 1, Miss A. R. Humphrey (first quarter) 2, A. R. Sherlock 3, R. F. Grisdale 4, T. J. Lock 5, J. E. T. Wiseman (cond.) 6.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On Jan. 19th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob: M. McQuistan 1, Ann Hancock 2, N. King 3, L. Cordell 4, J. McPhail 5, W. Wedlock (cond.) 6. A welcome to Clare, born on January 16th, a second daughter to the Rev. and Mrs. Thorpe.

ODELL, BEDS.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. A. Wakeman 1, R. Grice 2, Miss K. Rivett 3, W. Rivett 4, C. M. Payne (cond.) 5, C. Lovell 6. A wedding compliment to Colin Mann and Mary Tysoe.

OLDSWINFORD, WORCS.—On Jan. 8th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: P. J. Brown 1, M. J. Fellows 2, Yvonne Edwards 3, J. Eisel 4, M. D. Fellows 5, P. Cattermole (cond.) 6. Also 1,259 Doubles (Old, Norfolk, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire): M. J. Fellows 1, Yvonne Edwards 2, J. Eisel 3, M. D. Fellows 4, P. Cattermole (cond.) 5, P. J. Brown 6. First quarters on the bells since rehanging.

PUTNEY, S.W.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): A. Martin (first quarter) 1, L. Pearce-Higgins 2, L. Allen 3, S. Rymer 4, C. Mew (first as cond.) 5, R. Dawe 6, A. Clayton 7, B. Bull 8. Rung with 7, 6, 8 covering. First in two methods for all except 4. For Evensong.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Jan. 24th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: M. Hatch 1, W. Ellis 2, R. Tomlin 3, F. May 4, Miss V. Hester 5, G. Sandwell 6, M. Hallett 7, A. House (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

REDHILL, SURREY.—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Vera Hankey (14, first quarter) 1, Freda Hankey 2, Betty Saggers 3, D. Mundy 4, G. West 5, E. G. L. Coward 6, A. Streeter (cond.) 7, H. Comber 8. Rung half-muffled on the evening of the funeral of Mr. Alfred Gear.

REDRUTH, CORNWALL.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Martin 1, W. H. Seymour 2, A. H. Ince (cond.) 3, P. Williams 4, E. S. Seymour 5, R. Curnow 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Richard George Clemens, a loyal ringer at this church for many years.

ROCKWELL GREEN, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 4th 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss R. Chick 1, A. Cook 2, A. Chapman 3, G. Hutchings 4, W. R. Trickey (cond.) 5, F. Taylor 6. Also on Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Brice 1, W. R. Trickey (cond.) 2, A. Chapman 3, G. Hutchings 4, F. Taylor 5, T. Isaacs (first quarter) 6.

SHALSTONE, BUCKS.—On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Linnell 1, Mrs. W. A. Yates 2, W. A. Yates (cond.) 3, C. Truman 4, R. Keeley 5.

STEEPLE ASHTON, WILTS.—On Jan. 11th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. E. Moore 1, Miss Brown 2, T. B. Holloway (cond.) 3, A. G. Moore 4, H. Gummer 5, F. Penn 6.

SYDNEY, N.S.W., AUSTRALIA.—On Jan. 17th, at St. Mary's (R.C.) Basilica, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Wendy A. Nichols 1, J. C. Sheehy 2, W. D. Watson 3, J. F. Killick 4, R. J. Klima 5, J. H. Fryer (cond.) 6.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.—On Jan. 24th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: A. Profitt 1, Mrs. F. A. Penn 2, G. H. Harding (cond.) 3, Miss E. Brown 4, P. W. J. Harding 5, J. Lucas 6, C. Butcher 7, F. A. Penn 8, E. J. Hitchins 9, R. Burbidge 10. A farewell to Miss E. Brown, who is leaving for South Wales.

TUCKINGMILL, CORNWALL.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. C. Spencer (cond.) 1, V. Mary Mathews 2, Mrs. A. Carveth 3, R. A. Southwood 4, A. F. Burley 5, A. Carveth 6, P. J. Coles 7, Rev. A. S. Roberts 8. Rung half-muffled to the memory of Richard George Clemens, late district secretary, Truro Diocesan Guild.

WALSALL, STAFFS.—On Dec. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Coyne (first quarter) 1, G. Hughes 2, Marie Hughes 3, Jill Fisher 4, A. Botterill (cond.) 5, A. T. Dutton 6. Also on Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Flint (first quarter) 1, G. Hughes 2, Marie Hughes 3, J. Eastwood 4, A. Botterill (cond.) 5, T. Coyne 6.

WETHERBY, YORKS.—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Mason 1, W. Scheerer 2, G. Thackeray 3, J. Webb 4, P. B. Hodson 5, C. Maxfield (cond.) 6.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 12th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. Pitson 1, D. Taylor 2, T. E. Roberts 3, C. Truman 4, G. E. Green (cond.) 5, J. Linnell 6. First of Surprise Minor by 1, 2 and 4.

WICKHAM, HANTS.—On Jan. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Rolphe 1, Miss D. G. Smith 2, Mrs. M. Bray 3, Miss B. J. Davsh 4, A. H. Sturgess (cond.) 5, D. Tippett 6. First quarter 1 and 6. A 95th birthday compliment to Mr. G. E. Chappell, a ringer at St. Nicholas' Church for over 60 years.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Hartley (first quarter) 1, Caroline Carpenter 2, Anne Garnett 3, Susan Rawlings 4, A. Bagworth 5, A. Bishop (cond.) 6.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD DINNER

The annual dinner of the East Grinstead and District Guild was held at the Culverden Arms, Tunbridge Wells, on January 9th, when most of the 40 people present had a pull at St. Peter's during the afternoon. Arthur Lewry's 'home-made' clock, the parts of which were beautifully made, was a great attraction.

After an excellent meal and the usual toasts the company were entertained by the younger members in a manner far more enjoyable 'than anything seen on stage or TV.' Songs and duets by Ann George and Margaret Ladd, with Mrs. Ladd at the piano; some amusing contortions by John Warner with a guitar; miming to a rock 'n' roll record; a really fine performance by George Fry as a country yokel; and the final sketch in which the two husbands, Stanley Jenner and John Warner, complained that they had to stay at home 'sharpening tin openers.' Interval music was courses on the handbells. So once again the youngsters had shown how to do it. Eric Brunger was in charge of the arrangements.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

Appropriately, the Leicester District held its annual meeting on January 2nd at St. John-the-Divine's, Leicester, as the vicar designate (Rev. Basil Williams), who conducted the service, was to be inducted the following Thursday. In his address Mr. Williams said how thrilled he was at taking over the living of St. John's after the long fight had been won to save the church from demolition. Local ladies served an excellent tea to a company of 60 members and friends.

At the business meeting Mrs. P. J. Staniforth was unanimously re-elected District chairman, other officers being Mr. J. P. Kesterton, hon. secretary; Mr. S. Harrison, Ringing Master; Mr. J. Jelley, committee member.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Perhaps it was the snow on the roads or it could have been the ringers' wedding that took place about the same time as the Luton District's annual meeting at Dunstable on January 16th; anyway, the attendance was not so good as it should have been. Ringing varied up to Double Norwich until 4.30, when a short service was held.

During the business meeting the secretary said that the District's subscribers had gone up from 106 to 130, and considering only 14 towers were affiliated, this was a very good effort, but the attendance at District meetings was lower than in the previous year. As there was a loss on tea at three meetings within six months, it was decided that in future it would have to be a case of no name no tea, and if a person failed to turn up after sending a name they would be asked to pay 2s. towards the cost. This is to be put on trial for six months.

The District chairman, Mr. P. Newing, the secretary, Mr. K. G. Spavins, and the treasurer of the Belfry Repair Fund, Mr. R. Churchill, were re-elected. The new committee of four is: Mrs. J. Sinfield, Messrs. Newing, Rushton and Churchill. The 1961 annual meeting will be held at Woburn.

THE LADIES' GUILD

A warm vote of thanks was passed to Miss D. Lester for her work as secretary of the Sussex District at the fifth annual meeting held at Brighton on January 9th. Her successor is Miss L. M. Beeney, of St. George's Nursery, 7, Chelston Road, Tunbridge Wells. Mrs. B. Percy was re-elected vice-president and the committee consists of the Misses Apps, Everest, Downing and Stephens.

Ringing during the day at St. Nicholas' and St. Peter's ranged from rounds to Stedman Caters. There was an attendance of 35 and the service was held in St. Nicholas' Church.

UP FROM ZUMMERZET

Ably arranged by Audrey Bailey, a small party from Bridgwater and North Somerset visited a good selection of London towers on January 9th. Ringing started at S. Clement Danes' and included a good course of Bob Royal. At St. Lawrence Jewry the party were welcomed by Mr. A. A. Hughes and were warned that the Vicar would be listening for bad striking. We hope our ringing pleased him. The tone and 'go' of these bells are no excuse for poor ringing.

A variety of Doubles methods was rung on the pretty five at St. Bartholomew's, Smithfield, followed by a visit to St. James', Clerkenwell, where ringing included a course of Yorkshire. An excellent tea, arranged by Mr. Bailey, preceded ringing at Shoreditch, where rounds were rung on the 12, and Stedman and Grandsire Caters on the back six. At the last tower, St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, Mrs. E. Davis made us welcome, but the tower movement was not conducive to good striking.

Refreshments at an establishment recommended by our organiser concluded the visit. To Audrey and all who contributed to such an enjoyable day a sincere 'Thank you.'

M. J. H.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Meeting at the 5-bell tower of Stratton Audley on January 23rd, the Bicester and District Branch had the pleasure of electing six members from the new band at Middleton Stoney, and learning that Middleton Stoney and Stratton Audley bells were now being rung for Sunday services.

The Branch president (Rev. J. H. B. Elkerton) conducted the service, which was attended by 35 members, and the address was given by the Rev. C. V. Bernard Haddelsey (Vicar). Miss W. M. E. Sharpe was the organist and the lesson was read by Mr. F. Sharpe. Mrs. Haddelsey provided tea at the Rectory.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Harold Pitstow will be in charge of the ringing at Westminster Abbey to announce the birth of the royal baby. Other members of the band are Alfred Peck, John Crampion, William Rawlings, Richard Deal, George Cecil, Jack Waugh and John Phillips. If the royal birth occurs between 4 p.m. and 11 p.m. they will ring the bells from 9-10 a.m., between 11 p.m. and 9 a.m. at noon; and between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. at 6 p.m.

Will Mr. N. Dean of Marston, Oxford, please forward his address to the Editor.

Holme Pierrepont, Nottingham, band rang 21 quarter peals last year. All but three were for Sunday services.

We regret to record the death of Mr. Frank Morgan, of St. Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham, on January 24th, aged 63 years.

Mr. Roger O. Fry has now left hospital and is convalescing at Bath. His operation was completely successful. He hopes to reply to the many ringing friends all over the country.

We live in an age of initials. Will correspondents when writing to the Editor give their surnames and not just initials. Much time is spent in searching references for some identities.

Useful spadework has been done on Saturday evenings in teaching a young band from scratch at Chaddesley Corbett by Mr. W. C. Boughton, of Clent, and his son. These bells have been practically silent for 20 years and it is hoped that the new band will be ringing changes by Easter.

Mr. C. Kenneth Lewis contributes to the January issue of 'The Ringers' Magazine' on Course Splicing in relation to composing Minor Extents. Of general interest is Miss J. Sanderson's article on 'More Bells in Philately,' William Shepherd also contributes some of his reminiscences.

Tavistock Wolf Cub Pack Handbell Ringers have under the leadership of Mr. G. W. Grylls and his assistant, Mrs. Ford, been making a name for themselves. This Christmas season they have rung at 10 social functions for charitable purposes. They use a ring of 12, size 19 (F), with three half-tones for tunes in 'G' and 'C.'

Lecturers at the Grantley Hall Bell Ringing Course, Ripon, are Mr. Norman Chaddock, Mr. Wilfrid F. Moreton and Mr. Frederick Sharpe. The course is intended for both advanced ringers and complete beginners. Fees (Friday night to Sunday night) £2 2s. for residents of the West Riding, others £3. Particulars from the Bursar, Adult College, Grantley Hall, near Ripon. An early application is advised.

Aldershot bells are being dismantled by John Taylor and Co. on February 8th.

The peal at Twyford, Leics (see page 52), was 5,040 Plain Bob Minor and not as printed.

Mr. Dennis Beresford has succeeded Mr. Peter N. Bond as Master of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.

The disastrous fire at Bolsover Church on January 14th destroyed a large part of the church. The spire was untouched and the bells are being rung as usual.

Mr. Ivan Page, of St. Patrick's Cathedral Society of Bell Ringers, Melbourne, has left for London by air. We are sure he will be welcomed in any tower he visits.

Mr. Fred. Price, of Bournemouth, writes regretting an omission on his part in his advertisement in our last issue regarding Sunday meals in July and August. The correct terms are given in this issue.

Mr. Alan J. Frost, of Kettering, has completed his first 100 peals. His peals are on all numbers of bells and include two of special note, 14,560 Yorkshire Surprise and Scientific Triples.

The band who rang the peal of Bob Major at Batley on January 16th would also like to associate the peal with the recent examination success of Doctor David Atkins of Batley, and offer their congratulations to him.

Surgeon-Lieut. John Killick, of H.M.A.S. 'Gascoyne,' whose home tower is St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, rang his first quarter peal in Australia on January 17th. We understand that he is recruiting four of his best sailor splicers to attend to the ropes after a quarter peal was lost owing to a broken rope.

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LEADING PEAL RINGERS OF 1959

MR. ERNEST MORRIS, of Leicester, heads the list of peal ringers for 1959 with a total of 90. During the year he never missed ringing for three Sunday services and attended two of them, except during his fortnight's holiday, when he rang at Bournemouth. He has now passed the 1,850 mark for peals, and is leading living peal ringer.

Second on the list, and the ringer of most tower bell peals, is Mr. George E. Fearn, of Birmingham, with a total of 81 peals. He comes second in the list of living leading peal ringers, having passed the 1,600 mark.

The leading conductor is Mr. Peter Border, of Coventry, who conducted 53 of the 78 peals he rang. His wife, Mrs. Ruth M. Border, heads the list of women peal ringers of the year with a total of 55. Miss Muriel Reay, of Birmingham, who rang her 500th peal during 1959, is second in the ladies' list with 30 peals.

Probably the youngest ringer in our list is Martin C. Faulkes, of Hinckley, who at the age of 15 has rung 27 peals. Dr. R. E. Price, of Sheffield, is just out of the list. One of his peals has this year been reported false. Our list includes six members of the Sunday service band at Norbury, Hazel Grove.

A group of ringers in the 54 to 60 range have expressed a desire to keep their records private. We respect their wishes, but many of their ringing colleagues would as a matter of general interest like to know their totals.

Peals conducted are shown in brackets.

	Tower	Hand	Total
Ernest Morris	73 (4)	17 (1)	90
George E. Fearn	81		81
Peter Border	78 (53)		78
John A. Acres	51 (2)	22 (11)	73
Robert B. Smith	70 (7)	3 (1)	73
Joseph W. Cotton	67		67
A. Patrick Cannon	65 (33)		65
Bernard F. L. Groves	63 (8)	2 (1)	65
John R. Mayne	55 (46)	9 (9)	64
Russell S. Morris	63 (5)	1 (1)	64
John A. Anderson	63		63
Brian G. Warwick	60 (49)	2 (1)	62
Brian J. Woodruffe	57 (25)	5 (5)	62
Brian Harris	57 (7)	1	58
Ruth M. Border	55		55
Derek P. Jones	54 (37)		54
H. William Barrett	53 (4)		53
William H. Dowse	52 (1)	1	53
Basil Jones	52 (7)		52
Ian H. Oram	50 (13)		50
Norman J. Goodman	49		49
Edwin T. Chapman	48 (8)		48
Leslie Boumphrey	47 (1)		47
Gordon A. Halls	47 (10)		47
Richard J. Clifton	45		45
Alick Cutler	44		44
Kenneth R. Dunstan	44		44
Thomas J. Lock	39 (5)	4	43
Frank Osbaldiston	40	2	42
Patricia A. M. Halls	40 (2)		40
John P. Partington	39 (1)		39
Philip G. K. Davis	38		38
Bryan Pattison	37 (16)	1 (1)	38
David W. Brunning	35 (10)	2	37
Philip Mehew	37 (1)		37
J. Alan Ainsworth	36 (15)		36
B. Stedman Payne	18 (3)	17 (10)	35
John R. Ketteringham	34 (13)		34
Cyril A. Wratten	32 (11)	2	34
Barrie Hendry	32 (4)		34
Alan J. Frost	32 (4)		32
Eric N. Harrison	32 (2)		32
R. Hobbs	32 (23)		32
John Pinfold	32		32
Kenneth Arthur	31 (11)		31
George S. Deas	31 (1)		31
Trevor N. J. Bailey	26 (2)	4 (4)	30
Patrick I. Chapman	30 (1)		30
H. Denman	30 (2)		30
Muriel Reay	30		30
Charles N. Lea	29 (4)		29
Carol Fernley	29		29
Geoffrey J. Hemming	29 (5)		29
Frank B. Lufkin	29 (25)		29
John McDonald	29		29
John R. Cooper	28		28
Gerald C. Hemming	28 (10)		28
Reginald W. Rex	28		28
Elisabeth A. G. Bowden	27 (1)		27
Geoffrey R. Drew	27 (7)		27
Ralph G. Edwards	27		27
Howard W. Egglestone	25 (7)	2 (2)	27
Martin C. Faulkes	27		27
Ian M. Holland	27 (11)		27
W. Arthur Riddington	27 (2)		27
George E. Thoday	27 (4)		27
Robert J. Warrilow	27		27
Eileen M. Fearn	26		26
Donald H. Niblett	24 (3)	2	26
Derek M. Sawyer	10	16	26
Herbert W. Woolven	26 (4)		26
Philip A. Corby	25 (18)		25
Stanley Jenner	25 (6)		25
Cecil W. Pipe	25		25
John G. Pusey	25		25
Denis A. S. Symonds	23	2	25
Miss V. Waterfield	25		25

SERVANTS OF THE EXERCISE – No. 6



MR. G. W. FLETCHER
(Life Member of the Central Council)

Mr. G. W. Fletcher's ringing career has been closely connected with the Central Council, and he was secretary for no less than 21 years. At the time he was elected the Exercise had not yet warmed to the idea of such a body, and was cold and sceptical about its work. This coldness was not improved by the dog-fights which were a regular feature of the Council's meetings in the early days, and older ringers will remember the battles royal between the Rev. H. Law James, J. A. Trollope, C. T. Coles and others. One prominent ringer once described the Council as 'This classical example of complacent futility!'

When G. W. Fletcher teamed up with E. H. Lewis this state of affairs was soon altered. Thorny problems were thrashed out in committee and the Council meetings were more dignified. Fletcher's great knowledge of procedure and his grasp of essentials enabled the Council to get through a tremendous amount of work in one day.

He was born at Southgate in 1896, and learned to ring there. His education was commenced at the village school and completed at evening classes in London. He became an accountant and worked in London for a number of years. In 1928 he married Miss E. K. Parker, daughter of the famous James Parker, and they were actively connected with the Middlesex Association, George becoming vice-president, a position he held for nine years.

On being appointed as secretary and accountant to Messrs. E. Lacon and Co. Ltd., Great Yarmouth, he took up residence at Caister-on-Sea, and soon became active in the Norwich Association, was elected chairman and later vice-president of East Norfolk Branch. He has rung about 300 peals (tower and handbells).

George N. Fletcher is one of the four men who saved 'The Ringing World' from extinction. He, together with E. H. Lewis, A. A. Hughes and the late Rupert Richardson, took over responsibility for it on the death of the late J. S. Goldsmith, and together they financed the purchase of the paper from the executors. To George, who was ably assisted by Edith, his wife, fell the task of sorting order out of chaos, and this turned out to be a colossal task, which lasted the best part of two years. All debts were collected and paid over to the executors, and the paper was placed on a sound business basis. There is no doubt that, but for the rising spiral of prices, the action taken by Fletcher and his committee would have proved to be a profitable venture for, after the first two years after taking over, the Council was able to reimburse the committee, and was also able to make some small recognition of the work of George and Edith. Later on in this series we hope to say something about Mrs. Fletcher's work, for, as a husband and wife team, their work made a profound impression on the Exercise.

JAFUS.

Tips For Beginners—6

When you ring Plain Bob you meet the bells in the same order each time until they have been disturbed by a call, except that the treble intervenes between each pair in turn. The same thing occurs in Grandsire except that the intervention is by the treble and *the bell-in-the-hunt.*

Congratulations to Miss Elizabeth Tutty on the way she rang her first quarter peal at Newark on Christmas Eve. She is the first of the band of new recruits to ring a quarter peal in the tower and it is hoped the others will follow very shortly.

Newark Parish Church Society Ringers have elected the following officers for 1960:—Master, J. W. Raithby; deputy Master, D. Simpson; hon. secretary, F. W. Midwinter; hon. treasurer, H Stevenson. An outing to the Cotswolds is to be held in June and the Gopher dinner on the usual Friday in November.

ANONYMOUS GIFT OF £400 FOR REHANGING FUND

Only two days after the launching of an appeal for the rehanging of the eight bells at St. Mary's Church, Wotton-under-Edge, Glos, the tower captain (Mr. O. Mills) received a cheque for £400—four-fifths of the estimated expenditure.

This fine ring of eight, last rehung in 1902, was cast in 1756 by Abel Rudhall, of Gloucester. The treble and tenor were recast by Messrs. John Taylor and Company (who again have the contract) in 1902.

A further £50 has been added to the appeal fund through the efforts of the youthful band of ringers. For some time now they have collected waste paper, and at Christmas a band of them toured the town ringing handbells.

In years gone by Wotton-under-Edge was renowned for its highly competent team of ringers under the captaincy of Mr. Frederick Oakhill, now in his 80's, a vice-president of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

Eighteen months ago the present captain was faced with a problem of finding enough ringers for the rare occasions on which the bells were rung. He set to and trained a group of schoolchildren, all under 15 years of age. And now there is a team of nine who turn up regularly for Tuesday practice and Sunday ringing

It is hoped that work will start on the bells immediately after Easter. They will be rehung on heavy duty ball bearings, and in addition Messrs. Taylor will install new clapper bearings, rope pulleys (on bearings), etc.

B. T. C.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

RINGING AND A COMPUTOR

Dear Sir,—I have lately been conducting a particular study in my spare time and would like to enquire, through the courtesy of your columns, if any of your readers have had thoughts in the same direction.

In the course of my work I prepare programmes for D.E.U.C.E., which is a general purpose electronic computor. This machine, in addition to its normal task of carrying out high speed calculations, can perform 'stunts' which are mainly used for demonstration purposes. These include playing noughts and crosses, playing tunes, and so on; in fact it can do anything, generally speaking, which involves the use of logical processes. As change-ringing can be said to fall into this category, I have been looking into the question of making D.E.U.C.E. ring changes, and I would like to hear from anyone else who has considered this problem on this or any other computor.

I envisaged a scheme whereby the conductor selects the required method by depressing a numbered key, whereupon, after one backstroke of rounds, the machine commences to ring the method. A bob or a single is called by pressing one of two appropriate keys, and as an aid to the conductor a warning light is automatically switched on on the backstroke preceding the lead-end. The machine stops when the changes come round and awaits the next method to be selected.

So far, Bob Major and Stedman Triples have been programmed, and Double Norwich is in a state of preparation, but I foresee complications in some of the Treble Bob and Surprise methods.

The eight notes are produced by an adaptation of the D.E.U.C.E. music programme, which was very kindly lent to me for the purpose by its author, Mr. S. J. M. Denison, of English Electric Ltd., Kidsgrove.

To those who (quite rightly) have a distrust of 'canned' bells, I would say this: Firstly, the sounds produced by D.E.U.C.E. are more reminiscent of a bass clarinet than of bells; secondly, the scheme is totally uneconomic for general use. The cost of the equipment is in the region of £50,000, and a fully-trained electronic engineer is required to be in constant attendance on the machine. Apart from that, the machine is far too versatile to use for this purpose alone.

This study is purely for personal interest, and I want to reassure ringers that there is no intention of trying to displace conventional bells and ringers.—Yours faithfully,

Lytham St. Anne's. A. TOMLINSON.

FIRST PEAL PERFORMANCES

Dear Sir,—Will those interested please note an important correction on page 651, November 6th, 1959. Aldeburgh should read Alburgh Court Major. Also the correct spelling of Cholmondeley is as written here, and not as on page 651 or 711.

With further reference to Mr. Griffiths' letter, it should be noted that the C.C. Plain Major Collection does not contain all regular Plain Major methods. These are the figures of the regular Plain Major not included in the Collection, but given in First Performances.

Hingham Little I.B.M.: –18, 56, 38; 56; 12.
Cawston Little B.M.: 36, 18; 36; 12.
Regina I.B.M.: –18–18–1458, 36; 78; 12.
Tunstead Little I.B.M.: 38, 14, 56, 18; 56; 12.

I must thank Mr. Barton for the information about the 'Spliced' Caters. The performance consisted of 1,280 Grandsire, 1,260 Plain Bob, 1,040 Kent T.B. Royal, 1,149 Stedman and 1,277 Grandsire Caters; composed and conducted by C. H. Hattersley.—Yours sincerely,

Windsor. F. T. BLAGROVE.

B.B.C. And Christmas Day Broadcast

Mr. Henry Riddell, of Outside Broadcasts (Sound), B.B.C., has written to the Editor regarding the correspondence in the issue of January 8th about the Christmas bells broadcast. He writes:—

'I was naturally interested as I arranged this broadcast. I apologise for the fact that Talgarth was heard twice and Wareham not at all, which is quite true. This was due to a mistake, over which I had no control.

'The main reason for writing is to contest Mr. Chaddock's contention that the programme is organised in a casual way. This is not true. I enclose a script used for the broadcast. This shows with what care it is arranged and also the large number of people involved. A simple mistake by any one of these can lead to disorder, if not disaster.'

The script indicates the many people involved in a broadcast from points so widely apart. The general instructions were very implicit and great care was taken in the timing.

LLANBETHIAN BELLS

Dear Sir,—For the past 14 years the six bells at Llanblethian, Glamorgan, have been silent and ringers making inquiries about the bells have been put off by reports that the tower floors were unsafe.

Last July the key of the tower was procured and, on inspection, the bell frame and tower floors were found to be in good shape but the ropes were completely rotten. With the Vicar's permission, a very willing band of ringers from Cowbridge Grammar School cleared out the tower floors and also the roof drains.

After oiling and greasing the bells were finally rung by the Cowbridge band, with borrowed ropes, in the second week in July. Perfect rounds could not be obtained owing to the odd-struck trebles, but at last the bells were ringing.

The bells were not disturbed again till December 5th, when the South Wales Nomads held a meeting at Llanblethian. The bells were again inspected and, with the aid of more oil, the odd-swinging treble clappers were corrected, and when the bells were finally rung all present admitted that the bells had a remarkable 'go.'

A peal was attempted on the bells on Boxing Day but, unfortunately, it was lost. Since then the bells have remained silent and ropeless. The church authorities state that they cannot afford six new ropes, so a band cannot be formed at the tower.

I hope that in 1960 Llanblethian bells will be fitted with ropes and that soon the bells will ring out regularly on Sundays.—Yours sincerely,

Chester. R. J. LEE.

A TEACHING POINT

Dear Sir,—During the course of teaching four 16-year-old boys to handle a bell, we kept up the great enthusiasm by a 'challenge' as to who could set their bell the greatest number of consecutive times (both strokes), using blackboard and chalk. This was so successful I am passing on the idea; but perhaps it is widely used already?—Yours sincerely,

Black Torrington, Devon. MRS. JOHNSTONE.

THE FAST PEAL AT EVESHAM

Dear Sir,—Mr. Geoff. Hemming's reply to my letter raises three points in his argument—peals of Royal, weight of tenor ringer, and Pershore. We are not concerned with fast peals of Royal, but with one fast peal of Major with a 36 cwt. tenor, rung by one particular band. Most people know it is usual to ring Royal faster than Major, on the same weight of metal. The question of speed only enters in the argument in relation to **how** the peal was **struck,** and the **experience** of the tenor ringer. If tenor ringer 'A' likes to ring this tenor to Major, in say 3 hours 10 minutes, and competent witnesses say it was rung with clockwork precision, then I'll be the first to congratulate him, whoever he is.

My own preference for a peal of Major at Evesham would be from 3 hours 30 minutes to 3.40 to get the best out of these highly-tuned bells, and when Geoff. allows me to come, I think he will agree that is about the right speed. Incidentally, I find that I've rung 11 different 30-35 cwt. tenors to Major (no Plain Bob) at an average speed of 3 hours 33 minutes.

Geoff. also quotes a weight of 14 stone, as though it is an asset. With a few muscular exceptions, a heavyweight is often handicapped in fast ringing. Mr. Edward Jenkins, who has rung most of the tenors in the British Isles worth ringing, and many at a fast speed, weighs only about 8½ stone! The secret of well-struck fast ringing is to have complete control of the rope at every stroke.

With regard to Geoff's. remark about Pershore, I would say that 3.10 is about the right time for these old style Rudhall bells. I wish he had stayed and heard the whole of the peal. These were a ring of bells where everyone had to work, and certainly the ringers in this band would not have **allowed** the striking to deteriorate.

However, in future, I have decided not to put the footnote 'Quickest peal on the bells,' as although my fast peals have been rung on light tenors, it probably sets a bad example to some young ringers.—Yours etc.,

A. PATRICK CANNON.

Dorking, Surrey.

AN INSIDE INCIDENT

Dear Sir,—It is a pity that Mr. Edwards should choose to attack the band who rang the fast peal at Evesham in such strong terms.

As he was actually **invited** by the conductor to set his bell at one point I fail to see how he can find any cause to complain at all.—Yours faithfully,

GEOFFREY M. BREWIN.

Rothley, Leics.

PEAL RINGERS AND THEIR JOURNAL

Dear Sir.—If over the past five years a small donation (say 5s.) had been forwarded with each peal report, I think it is safe to say that the 90 per cent. peal ringers' journal would not have been in financial difficulties, and this somewhat acrimonious correspondence been averted. After all, it is normal practice for a service rendered to be paid for. Ever since its inception the 'Gratefully Acknowledged' column has week by week borne witness to one fact, and one fact alone. Surely there are some generous souls within the peal ringing fraternity who would be prepared to explain to their fellow peal ringers the difference between the terms meanness and dignity.

Donation enclosed to cover cost of inserting this letter,—Yours, etc.,

W. C. B.

Clent, Worcs.

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CREDITING PEALS TO ASSOCIATIONS

Dear Sir,—If it is satisfactory to do something simply because it has been done before then there is a course of action open to Mr. W. C. West which has a precedent in the county from which Mr. P. J. Johnston writes. Mr. West, on this basis, need not be put off by the publication in 'The Ringing World' under the name of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, of the peal at Collingbourn, and could go ahead and enter it also in the records of the Salisbury Guild. In 1947 the Yorkshire Association did that with two peals published in 'The Ringing World' of September 19th, 1947, under the name of the Durham and Newcastle Association, and they bear the numbers 4,599 and 4,600 in the Yorkshire records. The peals were rung at West Hartlepool and Shildon in County Durham, and I have recently seen a statement from Yorkshire that the former was claimed as a Yorkshire peal only!

Before Mr. West takes this course, however, I wish to make it clear that I do not accept the view that simply because something has been done before it is necessarily right to continue to do it, and in this case I do not see how a peal can be *credited* to more than one Association, and I am pleased to note that in the current correspondence no one has suggested as a solution the publishing of peals rung by visiting bands for *both* Associations.

This was a solution attempted by a Durham and Newcastle band which visited Yorkshire and rang a peal there, publishing it under the heading of 'The Yorks Association *and* the Durham and Newcastle Association' ('R.W.', 1959, page 326).

A peal in its recording resembles a goal scored in football or a run scored in cricket. The ringer, like those players, is at any one time representing one society or team, although he may well be a member of several. Runs scored by Peter May are credited to Surrey *or* England *or* The Gentlemen and not to all three, otherwise the total of runs recorded for May put together would exceed the total that he had scored. So too with the peal, it is *credited* to one Society or another and not both, or an individual's totals for various Societies when combined would exceed the true figure for his peal total, and the combined totals of the various touches would exceed the total number of peals rung.

Support is found for this view in the Central Council Handbook, 1956, pp. 21 and 22:—'. . . shall decide beforehand to which Association [note the singular] such peal shall be credited.' I believe that the 'Rules and Decisions, 1927,' used words to the effect that in future peals should be published under the name of one Society only. Earlier, when points were awarded for peals and these might have been shared, such a course was not permitted.

This view seems to be almost universally accepted in that, although there must be many instances each week of peals rung by bands with complete membership of more than one Association, it is only very rarely nowadays that one finds a peal with attempted 'dual nationality.'

The task of a peal recorder, as I see it, is not simply to include the maximum number of peals in his Society's records but rather to compile accurate and reliable records. The Central Council has a Peals Analysis Committee for the compilation of the 'central accounts,' and where a Society is affiliated to the Central Council, surely it should endeavour to keep its own individual records (the 'pass books') in line with those 'central accounts.' Adopting these principles, the peal published under Yorks and D. and N. is credited to Yorkshire only (C.C. Handbook, 1956, page 22), and I did not include it in the D. and N. list although I mentioned it in the discussion of the peal report. That is the position as it stands at present in the D. and N. annual report for 1958–1959 which was recently printed.

Needless to say, this position is not accepted unanimously in the D. and N. Association, and I have also been informed of comments from outside which say, in effect, that the Peals Analysis Committee's records do not matter so far as an individual Association is concerned. If this is so, one may well ask 'What is the purpose of the C.C. Peals Analysis?'. These outside comments had already extended this matter beyond a purely domestic issue, and there is involved here a fundamental principle affecting the records of all Societies.

The Central Council is today the owner of 'The Ringing World.' It can now instruct the Editor rather than express hopes about his actions, and I feel that it should instruct him to publish peals under one Association only, with any sub-division (e.g., a District of that Association or a special combination of ringers) shown in brackets thereunder. This would not be sufficient to prevent action such as mentioned at the start of this letter, and affiliated Societies would have to be instructed to publish in their peal lists only those peals that were then credited to them in 'The Ringing World.' If this suggestion does not reflect the general feeling of the Exercise today, then the other logical step is to suggest the discontinuation of the Central Council Peals Analysis.

I await with interest the observations of others while considering a motion for one course or the other to the next C.C. meeting. —Yours, etc.,

DENIS A. BAYLES.

Chester-le-Street.

PEALS OF CONVENIENCE

Dear Sir,—I would be grateful if you would permit me to pen a few words in my defence, following a recent letter on 'Finance' by Mr. R. B. Smith.

Mr. Smith has stated that I asked for a couple of peal attempts in Cheshire some years ago. I would first state that it was not I but a good friend who asked for these peals; and we shall always remember the cordial welcome given to us by the Cheshire men at Norbury and Macclesfield and the two excellent peals rung. Through their kindness and tolerance I was given the opportunity of ringing my first peal in a Surprise method, an opportunity seldom forthcoming in Cornwall. Need I mention that if any members of those peal bands should pay us a visit we will be only too pleased to offer them a similar welcome?

I notice, incidentally, Mr. Smith, that you took part in neither of these peals, but assume, nevertheless, that as I and my friend were on holiday at the time that we only ring peals at our convenience. This seems to me to be rather a narrow-minded attitude.

What your argument has to do with the one put forward by me I fail to see. I enjoy ringing peals and am prepared to pay for that pleasure. As for ringing for my 'own convenience.' I would state that (*a*) I have taken part in, conducted and enjoyed, peals in which there have been one or two 'firsts.' (*b*) spent many an hour teaching bell control, and (*c*) many a cold winter evening oiling bells and splicing ropes.

I hope we shall have the pleasure of welcoming you to Cornwall one day, Mr. Smith. Let us know when you are coming, and we shall be pleased to arrange a peal or two for 'your convenience.'—Yours faithfully,

ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD.

Truro.

COMMEMORATING DOSTOYEVSKI

Dear Sir,—Your suggestion that only ringers understand the reason for the Dostoyevski peal is surely wrong—we don't understand it but we do tolerate it.

Your assumption that the member of the party who dreamed this up was brainy is also wrong—he isn't brainy, he's childish.

I diagnose here the 'cult of personality,' which in Dostoyevski's country today still leads to a trip to Siberia, but without a return ticket. —Yours sincerely,

A. WRIGLEY.

Chatham.

Dear Sir,—Surely the footnote to the peal rung at Rothwell on January 2nd reaches an all-time 'low' in ridiculous footnotes?

Did the band honestly meet to celebrate the anniversary of this Russian writer's return from exile?

What was the incumbent's reaction when told that his bells were going to be used for this purpose? I'm sure the answers to these questions will prove most interesting.

Whilst church bells are rung for certain secular occasions, surely no right-thinking churchman would class this as such an occasion.

If ringers wish to celebrate such occasions I suggest they visit a secular tower for the purpose and in future keep their footnotes more in line with the original purpose of church bell ringing—to proclaim the glory of God.—Yours faithfully,

GEOFFREY M. BREWIN.

Rothley, Leics.

PEALS IN OTHERS' TERRITORY

Dear Sir,—Correspondence re peals in the territory of another Association reminds me that peals have been rung at Putney for Surrey Association, London County and North Southwark Diocesan Association, Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, Devon Guild, Kent County Association, College Youths, Waterloo Society, London University Society. There may be others. At least three of them could have no territorial or other claim on Putney.—Yours faithfully,

A. CLAYTON.

Putney, S.W.

STEDMAN DOUBLES

Dear Sir,—I thank Mr. Pusey for his interesting letter following my article, but I would point out that my subject was 'Stedman for Beginners,' and in my first paragraph I wrote that I proposed to deal with the subject as simply as possible. Had I written 'Stedman for the Historian' or 'for the Mathematician' then Mr. Pusey's points would have been relevant, but in 35 years I have not met them in any tower, so would not risk confusing beginners with them.

A secondary reason for writing articles for the 'R.W.' is to stimulate correspondence and further articles. However much we may complain about the contents of our paper (and its price) I am sure you, sir, will agree that those contents are almost entirely dependent upon our own efforts in supplying your copy. For that reason Mr. Pusey's letter is welcome, and to others who have written directly to me I have replied suggesting that they should address their comments to 'The Editor.'

In view of Paludian's humorous account (page 58) of our activities at High Wycombe, I look forward with interest—and not a little apprehension—to further letters to you.—Yours faithfully,

WILFRID G. WILSON.

Ealing.

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SOMETHING FOR CALL CHANGE RINGERS

Dear Sir,—A call change ringer from Kent asks for a little more of interest to call change ringers.

Those front page articles by the Rev. J. M. Scott are always interesting. Of course, they have rising and falling reduced to a fine art in the South West, the bells all strike off in one tightly compressed round ('pitch,' I think they call it) and after a few blows they all start to double-clapper in the same round, and not gradually joining in, as we do. It is very effective.

It is over 50 years since I became interested in bells and ringing, and at that time every village band for miles around rang call changes, and the majority still do. Some rang from boards or cards with the changes on, the conductor calling 'Change' three or four times a minute, so it takes close on 20 minutes to get through the 120. Here they have 60 changes of Grandsire Doubles painted on a board, and the conductor reads out the figures '1, 2, 3, 5, 4,' etc.

In calling, some men change one pair at a time (the usual way), though some change two pairs as in Doubles. The best change-caller of the present generation I have met is Mr. Fred Whittaker, of Hinstock. He changes one pair at every handstroke, so he must feel a little dry after half-an-hour of ringing.

I expect nearly all 8-bell men know that from rounds 'Queens' is called up in six changes, and changing the pairs in the same way 'Tittums' comes in another six. Then with a slight variation in the pairs changed 'Whittingtons' comes in another six, then rounds in another six, making 24 changes or a 'short service peal.' I don't much like to hear the second striking immediately in front of the tenor (7ths place) round after round, and this does not occur in this 'peal.'

The late Will Weatherby (brother of Ernest) used to turn the tenor in and call up 'Reversed Queens' (86427531), but the same effect can be had with the tenor covering (64275318). At one 6-bell tower I sometimes visited in the early days the conductor used to call the bells up behind in turn. This would come round in 20 changes, but by changing 2 and 3 instead of the final round it runs to 40—another 'short service peal,' though the changes in this are not specially musical.

I understand the West Country men sometimes ring the 'sixty on thirds'; perhaps Mr. Scott will tell us what this is.

At one tower I visited as a 'teenager' the band was composed for the most part of elderly men. They had a different way of calling from any I have met elsewhere. 'Up' and 'down' meant the opposite of what method ringers mean. 'Up' was going up the scale towards the treble, and 'down' was going down the scale towards the tenor. Thus 'Rise 3rd, down 2nd' produced 132456, then 'Rise 5th, down 4th,' followed by 'Rise 5th, down 2nd,' produced 'Queens,' and so on.

The captain was rather a severe old man, but I got on with him quite well, and many years after his death, his son told me: 'You know, my father thought a lot of you'; which I thought was quite kind of the old boy.

He was an old volunteer of Queen Victoria's time, and also in his prime very handy with his fists. This landed him in trouble on more than one occasion. Once when there was a row in the pub the police constable was sent for, but Sammy threw him out into the street, for which he went to jail for a term to cool down. When he came out the ringers rang a peal to celebrate his release, and for that they were all dismissed, but were subsequently reinstated.

Those were the days!—Yours sincerely,

E. V. RODENHURST.

Whitchurch, Salop.

100 PEALS NEXT YEAR!

We had made a resolution.
'A hundred peals next year.'
We had planned it all minutely,
No doubts, it all seemed clear.
Then we thought we'd have a trial,
Four weeks to get just eight.
We only managed one of them.
And that was second-rate.

We thought before we started
That we'd better go for ten.
Now we're wiser, although sadder.
And we'll never try again.
Have you ever had nine inquests
Within just thirty days?
We are none of us on speaking terms.
We hope it's a passing phase.
We weren't just raw beginners,
Not young and angry men.
But possessing all our senses,
Optimistic, eager—then.

Everything: lost keys, missed 'buses.
Broken ropes, no ropes, changed courses.
Fusing lights, ladies with flowers,
And the interested vicars,
Rattles, bumps, excessive thirst.
Organs, passers-by who cursed,
Until at last, filled with doubt,
The final one—just fired out!
That's all there is to tell.
You want a moral—well?

PEAL BORED.

(Who is not a leading peal ringer).

ROYSTON SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir,—I noticed in a recent issue of 'The Ringing World' that a peal of Royston Surprise Major was rung at Royston on Boxing Day. The footnote states that the method is not No. 269 in Corrigan's Collection which also bears the same name.

Could some more information as to the reasons be forthcoming, please? Has Corrigan's Royston been rung before or not? — Yours faithfully,

BRYAN PATTISON.

Bede College,
Durham City.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Lewisham District

Thirty-three ringers and friends attended the quarterly meeting of the Lewisham District, held at St. John's, Deptford, on January 23rd. After the service the Vicar (the Rev. W. G. Lee) joined the company for tea, which had been prepared by ladies from Bexley and Crayford and was served in the church hall.

Mr. E. A. Barnett presided at the business meeting. Fourteen new members were elected and two ratifications were made. Members were reminded of the annual meeting in the District on Easter Monday and asked to give their full support. It was decided to hold the next meeting, which will be a joint one with the Kent Branch of the Ladies' Guild, on April 30th at Chelsfield. It was, however, agreed that wherever possible quarterly meetings should be held on the fourth, as opposed to the last Saturday of the month. In conclusion, votes of thanks were proposed to the Vicar and all who had helped in the arrangements for the meeting.

Ringing during the afternoon and evening was under the leadership of Mr. I. H. Oram, District Ringing Master.

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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Guildford District

In the absence of the Rector through illness, the Guild Master (Mr. C. W. Denyer), assisted by Mr. A. C. Hazelden, with Mr. S. G. Ponting as organist, conducted the service at the annual meeting of the Guildford District at St. Nicolas' Church, Guildford, on January 16th.

The Guild Master also presided at the business meeting following tea at St. Nicolas' Hall. Reporting on the past year, Mr. E. John Wells (District Ringing Master) referred to the losses to the District by the death of Mr. A. H. Pulling and departures of Mr. and Mrs. T. Mark White, Mr. D. Bentley, Miss Monica Collins and Mr. D. A. Kirk. Twelve peals had been rung in the District during the past year and he congratulated Miss Janet Cleeve, Miss Margaret Smith and David Tubbs (all of Holy Trinity, Guildford) on ringing their first peals.

Mr. Hazelden, in a tribute to the late Mr. Pulling, said he first met him when he could just about ring the treble for Grandsire Triples. They rang some very fine peals together. A peal which was near perfect was one of London Surprise, the first for the Guild, and it took two years to learn. It was rung perfectly until the last lead, when the treble man missed his dodge in 5-6 down.

Officers elected were: District Ringing Master, Mr. E. J. Wells; Deputy Ringing Master, Mr. O. L. Warner; hon. secretary, Mr. S. G. Ponting; hon. auditor, Mr. J. Horsman. Mr. A. C. Hazelden was nominated as a vice-president of the Guild. Nine new members were elected.

The Professor Would Like To Know

why ringers who persist in ringing Minor methods with 'single' changes as an integral part of the method don't resuscitate some of the methods rung when change-ringing was in its infancy, as they can then wallow in stagnation to their heart's content, seeing that most of the methods proceed entirely by 'single' changes?

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

South-West District

The wintry weather and bad road conditions prevented many members from attending the meeting held at Lavenham on January 16th, and even the chairman and secretary almost failed to get there, as their car skidded on the icy road and landed in a ditch. After several vain attempts to get it back on the road they were fortunate enough to have a furniture van come along, which duly towed them out, and so they arrived at the meeting a little late but undamaged.

It was gratifying to find that several other drivers had braved the weather, and altogether about 22 ringers finally arrived, and were able to ring these famous bells in methods up to Cambridge and Superlative Surprise, and including rounds and call changes for the learners.

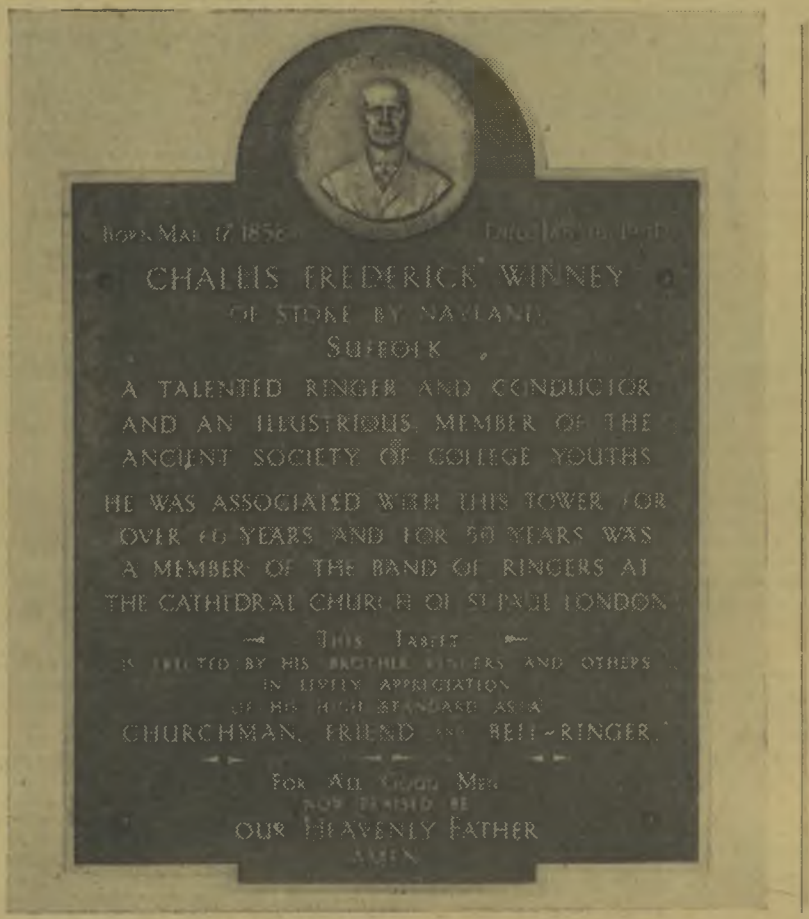
A short service was conducted by the Rector (Canon H. W. S. Cotton), who, in his address, told us the history of a small bell believed to have been cast in 1350, which the church has recently purchased to hang in a turret for use as a service bell on weekdays.

At the business meeting the Ringing Master presented his report for 1959 and said that six peals had been rung in the District—a decrease of five.

The secretary reported an increase in membership, especially ringing membership, which had gone up from 63 to 73. Attendance at meetings had also improved and the amount subscribed to the Guild Bell Restoration Fund was a record so far.

It was decided to hold another supper and social at Lavenham this year, and October 15th is the provisional date.

COLLEGE YOUTHS & CHALLIS F. WINNEY



ON Saturday, January 9th, a most pleasing ceremony was performed at the Church of St Clement Danes, Strand, when, in the presence of the chaplain-in-charge, officers of the Society and ringing friends, a memorial plaque to the late Challis F. Winney was unveiled by the Master, Mr. James G. A. Prior.

Following Mr. Winney's death in 1940, it was proposed by Mr. E. Alexander Young that a suitable memorial should be erected, and many ringing friends subscribed towards the project. A plaque was designed incorporating a life-like relief of Mr. Winney and a tribute worded by Mr. Young. This design was then cast in bronze.

Owing to the destruction of St. Clement Danes' by enemy action in 1941, it was not possible to place the memorial in that tower as originally intended, and it was housed throughout the war years at the Whitechapel Bell Foundry. Recently Mr. A. A. Hughes brought the plaque to the attention of Mr. W. A. S. Lloyd, the architect responsible for the church, who welcomed a suggestion that it now be placed in the tower with which Mr. Winney was so closely associated.

So, on January 9th, in a simple but dignified ceremony of which he would have thoroughly approved, the plaque was finally dedicated and now rests in its rightful home, as a worthy memorial to a splendid man and great London ringer.

JOHN CHILCOTT.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

The Southern District, at its annual meeting at Redhill on January 16th, elected a number of new officers. The 1960 team is: Ringing Master, Mr. A. Streeter: District secretary, Mr. G West: treasurer, Mr. A. P. Cannon: auditor, Mr. M. A. Northover: committee, Miss F. Hankey, Messrs. G. Olliver and G. Clark. The Rev. S. G. Dyer, who conducted the service, gave an interesting address on bells and their meaning to the Church. Ringing reached London Surprise Major.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

West Lindsey Branch

Most member towers were represented among the 50 or so ringers who were present at the annual meeting of the West Lindsey Branch held at Gainsborough on January 16th. Ringing took place during the afternoon on the bells of the parish church and the service which followed was conducted by the Vicar (Canon J. E. Roberts). After tea in the Old Hall, the vice-president (Mr. C. H. Baker) took the chair for the business meeting, in the absence of the president (Canon J. E. Roberts).

In his report, the secretary (Mr. G. L. A. Lunn) said that 23 new members had joined during the year, making a total ringing membership of 123. Presenting the balance sheet, he said the finances of the Branch were in a very healthy state. The Ringing Master (Mr. G E. Feirn) reported that seven peals had been rung during the year, two members having scored their first peal.

The following officers were elected:—Canon J. E. Roberts (president), Mr. C. H. Baker (vice-president), Mr. G. L. A. Lunn (secretary and treasurer), Mr. G. E. Feirn (Ringing Master), Mr. J. M. Blaikie (Guild representative), Messrs. J. M. Blaikie and M. L. Mann (auditors), Mr. M. L. Mann ('Ringing World' correspondent).

Meetings for the year were agreed to as follows: February 20th, Kirton Lindsey: May 21st, Belton and Epworth: July 16th, Saxilby: September 17th, Messingham: November 19th, Lea.

After some discussion, Rutland was chosen as the venue for the Branch outing to be held on July 2nd. Votes of thanks concluded the meeting and further ringing followed.

NORTHMOOR, OXON.—On Jan. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. Leslie 1, F. Trinder (first 'inside') 2, D. Leslie 3, V. Clifton 4, M. Edney (cond.) 5, A. Cantwell 6. For the second ringer's birthday.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Newark District

The standard of striking at the 15th annual meeting of the Newark District, held on January 16th, at the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, was of the best heard at the annual meeting for many years.

Officers elected were: Chairman, F. W. Midwinter; hon. secretary, W. L. Exton; Ringing Master, P. W. White; committee, J. D. Clarke and C J. Copp. New members elected were Miss D. Wright and Miss C. Pratchett (Southwell), and C. Town (Newark); non-resident life member, Miss J. Richardson. Mr. A. Dent, of East Bridgford, who has had to give up ringing due to an accident, was recommended for honorary life membership.

Wanthorpe was confirmed for the March meeting and Barnby-in-the-Willows for May. The Vicar (Canon J. H. D. Grinter) was thanked for taking the service, and the lady members of Newark Parish Church Society of Ringers for providing a most enjoyable tea.

NOTTINGHAM DISTRICT

Ringers from Oakham, Humberstone, Rothley, Dronfield, Portsmouth, Desford, Matlock, Chellaston and Newark were welcomed at the annual meeting of the Nottingham District on January 2nd. Mr. N. Pailing was elected Ringing Master for the ensuing year. He is probably the youngest member to fill this office, and he made a personal appeal to all members to give him their fullest support.

The February meeting will be held at St. Margaret's, Aspley (the new Taylor six), on the 6th instant.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

St. Albans District

Despite the cheerless weather, about 40 members and visitors were present at the annual meeting of the St. Albans District on January 16th. Ringing in the afternoon was on the ten at St. Peter's, followed by a short service conducted by the Vicar, Rev. A. M. Fergusson. Then all, except one unfortunate who was involved in a cycling accident but escaped serious injury, went to tea, which was in St. Stephen's Hall.

This was the first time the present young band at St. Stephen's has provided tea at a meeting, and the feast they prepared will long be remembered by the District.

At the business meeting, the president (Mr. G W. Debenham) was in the chair. Mr. R. W. Darvill of St. Peter's, St. Albans, was elected District Ringing Master in place of Mr. J. D. Painter, of Harpenden, who is shortly leaving the district. The Secretary, Mr. S. Huckle, of Hatfield, was re-elected, and the members of the committee were re-elected en bloc.

J. D.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

Northern District

Some 50 members from 21 different towers attended the annual meeting of the Northern District at Earls Colne on January 16th, and visitors were present from Bushey, Colchester, Great Tey, Kirby, Maldon and Thaxted. The service was conducted by the Rev. B. A. Whitford.

Mr. H. A. Pratt, of Black Notley, was re-elected Master at the business meeting. Mrs. M. E. Moore (Bocking) secretary, and after a ballot, Messrs. J. Elliott (Kelvedon) and J. Warner (Witham) committee members. Twelve peals had been rung during the year and five meetings held with an average attendance of 41. The District had now 201 members plus four elected at the meeting. Messrs. J. Jennings (Great Bardfield) and C. Button (Kelvedon) were nominated for life members. Next meeting: Black Notley, on March 19th.

BLUNSDON, WILTS.—On Jan. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury): Miss P. A. Hearne (12) 1, B. S. Shepherd 2, Mrs. G. Swain 3, J. E. Manners 4, A. R. Peake (cond.) 5, M. J. Hiett (14) 6. First quarter 1 and 6.

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DEATH

SEAGER.—On January 27th, 1960, suddenly at his home, 14, St. Luke's Crescent, Leeds, 11, Mr. Fred Seager, beloved husband of Mary and dear father of David and Robert. In God's garden may he rest in peace. 5714

IN MEMORIAM

WOLSTENCROFT.—Ada (Dec. 21st, 1953) and Walter Wolstencroft (Feb. 9th, 1957). R.I.P. 5731

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MISCELLANEOUS

ASH.—Surprise Minor practice the second Monday of each month, 7.30 to 9. Methods for February: Beverley, Bourne, London, Norwich, Surfleet. All who are interested are very welcome. 5723

COCKINGTON, TORQUAY. — Will the many ringers who will be visiting this lovely church this summer please note that as from this week practice night has been changed to Thursday at 7.30 p.m. Please alter your 'Doves' now. 5734

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Motions for consideration at the general committee meeting must be received by the general secretary by Saturday, Feb. 6th. (See Rule 9.).—M. R. Cross. 5690

WORCESTER.—All Saints' and St. John's. Please note that the Wednesday evening practices have been cancelled until after Easter.

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C., Saturday, Feb. 6th, 6 p.m.—John Chilcott. 5673

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting, Fordham, Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. F. Murfet, Dis. Sec. 5681

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Annual meeting, Leatherhead, Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., with business meeting in St. Nicolas' Hall. Further ringing after.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Annual District meeting on Saturday, Feb. 6th, Watford (10). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—K. R. Dunstan, Dis. Sec. 5667

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Annual meeting, Bengeo, on Saturday, Feb. 6th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. It is hoped that St. Andrew's, Hertford, will be available after business meeting.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Ecclesfield, Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells from 3 p.m.—J. Seager, Sec. 5689

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Feb. 6th, Woodbridge (8), 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., obtainable at Deben Tea Rooms.—C. R. Lovett, Dis. Sec. 5688

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, West Hoathly (6), on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 5687

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Isle of Wight District. — Annual meeting, Newport, Feb. 6th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Mission Hall.—Anne M. Guy, Hon. Sec. 5696

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Winchester District. — The annual meeting will be held at St. Maurice's Hall, Colebrook Street, Winchester, on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Meeting 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. (2s. 6d. per head). Service in Cathedral 5.15 p.m. Bells (8) 6 p.m. 5697

BARNSLEY DISTRICT.—Meeting, Earlsheaton, near Dewsbury, Saturday, Feb. 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea, please notify Mr. Hemingway Dransfield, Ellenroyd, 18, Commercial Street, Earlsheaton, Dewsbury. 5701

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District. — Meeting, Henlow. Bells (6) 3 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 13th. Tea 5 p.m. Special methods: Double Court and Norwich Surprise. Please note change of tower.—A. Smith, Sec. 5712

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual general meeting, Cottingham, Saturday, Feb. 13th. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, Feb. 11th, to Mr. K. Ornbo, 36, High Street, Hull. 5695

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northwich Branch.—Annual meeting, Davenham, on Saturday, Feb. 13th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday previous to Mr. H. W. Howard, Beverley, Lime Avenue, Leftwich, Northwich. 5703

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Clay Cross, Saturday, Feb. 13th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. W. Price, 1, Bertrand Avenue, Clay Cross, Chesterfield. 5711

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Edenbridge, Saturday, Feb. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Church House 5 p.m. Names to E. C. Leigh, Homesdale, Spital Cross, Edenbridge. Annual, Colemans Hatch, Saturday, Mar. 19th. Bells and Hall not available on 12th.—C. A. Bassett. 5705

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting, Whittlesford, Saturday, Feb. 13th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at The Brewery Tap 5 p.m. — E. W. Bullman, Dis. Sec. 5708

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Meeting, at Rodbourne Cheney (6), Saturday, Feb. 13th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to R. Luton, 169, Cheney Manor Road, Swindon. 5719

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—Annual meeting, Bosbury, Saturday, Feb. 13th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea important to J. Ward, Woofields Farm, Coddington, Ledbury. 5707

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—By-meeting at Mereworth on Saturday, Feb. 13th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 at the Queen's Head. Names, please, to R. L. Sills, St. Vincent's Lane, Addington, West Malling. 5652

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—Annual District meeting, Saturday, Feb. 13th, at Chiddingfold, Surrey. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Thursday, Feb. 11th, please, to Mrs. C. Harbott, 20, The Street, Ashtead. Witley (8) 6 to 8 p.m. Everyone welcome. 5666

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting, Chorley St. Mary's, Saturday, Feb. 13th. No tea arranged—cafes nearby. Business in tower 5.30 p.m.—L. Walmsley. 5720

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting, Millom, Saturday, Feb. 13th, 2.30 p.m. Name to Mr. J. Ullock, 135, Albert Street, Millom, Cumberland.—N. M. Newby. 5724

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting, Emmanuel, Everton, Saturday, Feb. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea by Wednesday, Feb. 10th, to Mr. T. E. Radcliffe, 17, September Road, Liverpool, 6.—T. E. Radcliffe. 5725

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, Feb. 13th, Shore (Littleborough). Bells 2.30 p.m. Business 6 p.m. Cups of tea.—Hudson, Sec. 5726

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly general meeting, Loughborough, Saturday, Feb. 13th. Bells available: Copt Oak (6), 1.45 to 2.30; Woodhouse Eaves (6), 2.30 to 3.15; Woodhouse (Old) (6), 3.15 to 4; Loughborough All Saints' (10), 3 to 4.25 and 6.30 to 8; Bell Foundry (10), 6.30 to 8 p.m. Service, Loughborough All Saints', 4.30. Tea, Fearon Hall, 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Any notice of alteration to rules must be given by this meeting. Names for tea to Mr. L. Stevens, 91, Parklands Drive, Loughborough, Leics. General committee meeting, Monday, Feb. 8th, 7.45 p.m. in the vestry of St. John-the-Divine's, Albion Street, Leicester.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec. 5686

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Botolph's, Boston, Saturday, Feb. 13th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, Feb. 8th, to W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. 5710

LONDON TRAINING COLLEGES' GUILD.—Meeting, Barnes, Saturday, Feb. 13th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous.—Roger N. Clarke, College of SS. Mark and John, Chelsea, S.W.10. 5721

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Annual meeting, St. Mary's, Hendon (buses 83 and 143 to Hendon L.T. Garage), on Saturday, Feb. 13th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting and further ringing until 8.30 p.m. Ringing also at St. Mary's, Finchley, 2.30 to 4 p.m. Good attendance, please.—D. T. C. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5706

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Annual general meeting, Reading, on Saturday, Feb. 13th. St. Giles' (8), 3 to 4 p.m.; St. Laurence's (12), 3.45 to 4.30 p.m. Service at St. Laurence's, followed by tea and meeting in St. Mary's Church House. St. Laurence's and St. Mary's (8) available after tea. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mrs. A. Diserens, 18, Manchester Road, Reading. 5718

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Notts District.—Meeting, Gamston (6), Saturday, Feb. 13th. Please bring own food; cups of tea provided in School. Good bus service.—H. Denman. 5722

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West Disrict.—Practice meeting, Fornham St. Martin (6), Saturday, Feb. 13th. Bells 6.30 to 9 p.m.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division. — Annual meeting, Chichester Cathedral, Saturday, Feb. 13th. Bells available from 3 o'clock and in evening. Names for tea to E. W. Keys, Greystones, Salthill Road, Fishbourne, Chichester. 5716

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Meeting, Sharow (8), Ripon (10), on Saturday, Feb. 13th. Sharow from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, Café Victoria, Ripon. Names by Thursday, 11th, to me. Cathedral bells, 6 to 9 p.m.—Edward Hudson, Dis. Sec., Singleton Cottage, Sharow, Ripon. 5727

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Practice, Monday, Feb. 15th, 7.30 p.m., St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge. Special methods: Bob Major, London Surprise Major. A.G.M., Saturday, Feb. 20th, Southwark Cathedral, 2.30 to 4.30 p.m.; St. John's, Waterloo Road, 2.30 to 4. Service, Cathedral, 5 p.m. Tea, business and handbell competition, Chapter House, 6. St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, 8 p.m. Names for tea, please.—Rogers, 53, The Grove, Isleworth. ISL 3921. 5709

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Lindsey Branch.—Meeting, Kirton Lindsey, on Saturday, Feb. 20th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify by Tuesday previous Mr. G. E. Feirn, Cleatham, Kirton Lindsey.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec. 5715

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Feb. 20th, Loddon. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Feb. 17th, certain, please, to Mr. H. W. Barrett, Fernhill, Bungay Road, Loddon. — P. G. W. Newstead, Branch Hon. Sec. 5691

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division. — The annual meeting at Henfield (8), Saturday, Feb. 20th. Bells 3.15. Service 4.15. Tea at 5. Numbers for tea direct to Mr. F. Cruttenden, The Bakery, High Street, Henfield, by Thursday, Feb. 18th. — Geo. North, 11, Richmond Terrace, Brighton. 5730

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (established 1755). —Annual Henry Johnson commemoration dinner, Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, 6 o'clock, Saturday, Feb. 27th. Chairman, Mr. Rodney B. Meadows. Tickets 20s. Peals arranged for visitors. Several towers open for ringing. Details later.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham, 28. 'Phone SPR 1025.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—West Central District. —Meeting, Saturday, Feb. 27th, Palgrave (8), 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Norfolk ringers welcomed. Names for tea must be in by Feb. 23rd.—H. A. Mitson, Dis. Sec. 5702

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Preliminary notice. The festival and annual general meeting will be held at Wimborne on Saturday, May 14th. Details later.—W. C. West, Hon. Gen. Sec. 5728

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Frome Branch

With regret, the Frome Branch received the resignation of the Rev. N. Mitchell after three years in office as Branch chairman, at the annual meeting at Midsomer Norton on January 9th. The Rev. A. G. Durstan, Rector of Hemington, a practical ringer, was elected his successor.

Other officers elected were: Mr. E. J. Chivers, hon. secretary and treasurer; Mr. R. G. Beck, Ringing Master; Mr. F. Savage, Assistant Ringing Master. Nominated for general secretary of the Association was Mr. Gwilym Salmon, of Wells, and as treasurer Mr. Eric Naylor, of Bath. Twenty-five new members were elected.

A report on the Central Council meeting last Whitsun was presented by Mr. H. J. Sanger, with particular reference to the increase in price of 'The Ringing World' and how to make it more attractive. A suggestion made from the meeting was a write-up of the bells and their history in every tower, with a photograph of the tower inserted in 'The Ringing World' in loose form, so that when completed they could be put into album form or bound as a book. (The suggestion is too costly; it would take more than six years to do Somerset towers, alone.—Ed.)

The service was conducted by the Rev. K. G. Scott, who was thanked, and also Mr. G. Stenner, the organist, Mr. Fred Savage for arrangements for tea, and the ladies who served it to the 65 members present.

SADDLEWORTH, YORKS.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Minor (St. Clements's, Plain Bob): Cynthia M. Clayton 1, Christine B. Clayton 2, M. D. Fishwick 3, G. Rothwell 4, J. P. Partington 5, P. J. H. Hudson (cond.) 6.

OBITUARY

MR. R. GEORGE CLEMENS

The death took place on January 15th in the Camborne-Redruth Hospital, after an illness of several weeks, of Mr. R. George Clemens, who had been living recently at Camborne. He had recently retired from farming.

George learnt to ring at Crowan on the original six there with the old call-change band, but after moving to Stithians joined the Redruth band and enthusiastically took up method ringing. He also became captain of the Stithians tower when the six bells were installed there. He had rung several peals, mostly Doubles and Triples. At the time of his death he was secretary of the Truro Branch of the Diocesan Guild, and was present at the autumn meeting at Constantine. He was a Freemason, and was Steward of Druids Lodge, No. 589, Redruth.

The funeral took place at All Saints', Tuckingmill, on January 19th, the Rector of Redruth, the Rev. J. Ruscoe, officiating. There was a large attendance. Among the mourners were his father, Mr. R. Clemens (also representing the widow), and his two daughters, Mesdames A. and H. Martin. The Diocesan Guild was represented by the Rev. and Mrs. A. S. Roberts (Carbis Bay), Messrs. E. S. and W. H. Seymour (Redruth), W. J. Sanders (Tuckingmill), R. E. Bourdeaux and C. J. Roberts (Crowan), and Miss A. Hastings-Ince (Redruth).

On the following Saturday an attempt for a peal of Oxford Bob Triples, half-muffled, unfortunately failed at Tuckingmill close on halfway, through a miscall, but a quarter peal of Stedman Triples was rung.

MR. A. W. FOXALL

With deepest regret we record the death of Mr. Arthur W. Foxall, a young Hughenden ringer, who was fatally injured when the motorcycle he was riding was involved in a collision with a stationary lorry near Caerwent on January 8th.

Arthur, aged 18 years, was the only son of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Foxall, who left South Wales to live in Buckinghamshire ten years ago. He was educated at Wycombe Grammar School and on leaving joined the staff at the Local Government Offices.

He commenced ringing in 1953 and was elected a member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild a year later. He could be counted upon to participate in all the local ringers' activities, having a good attendance for service ringing as well as joining in outings and peal attempts arranged in the district. Arthur rang a total of 20 peals, ranging from Grandsire and Stedman to Surprise Major, one of which—nonconducted Grandsire Triples—was the 300th peal on Hughenden bells, and he 'circled the tower' last year.

Memorial services were held at Llangibby and Hughenden, and the many wreaths included tributes from ringers of both churches. On January 13th a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung half-muffled at Hughenden and on the following Saturday a quarter peal of Stedman Caters at High Wycombe.

Swansea and Brecon Guild

Despite the wintry weather, 20 members attended the annual meeting held at St. David's, Brecon, on January 16th. After conducting the service the Vicar (Rev. D. R. Wilkinson) invited the ringers to tea in the Parish Hall

At the business meeting the officers were re-elected. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Glasbury-on-Wye. It was proposed that Mr. Rees Price be elected an honorary life member for services to the Guild and tower. Mr. J. Williams moved the vote of thanks for the use of the bells. G. P. D.

ASHBY FOLVILLE, LEICS.—On Jan. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire), 7, 6, 8 covering: Miss B. Smith 1, Miss R. Tyler 2, M. Riley 3, A. E. Hinman 4, H. T. Bonshor (cond.) 5, Miss K. Gee 6, D. Palmer 7, J. Thorpe 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Mary Morton Whitworth, last of a generation of the Smith-Caringtons, whose family were responsible for the restoration of the church and its ring of eight bells.

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THE PRIMARIES

IT has often been remarked how much may be produced from so little. Three states of matter—solid, liquid and gas—seem to provide the total of all tangible things; the whole vast range of the world's writings are made from an insignificant number of letters; the seemingly endless variety of musical tunes and textures, some simple and some indescribably complex, are built from a small number of related notes; and the painted pageantry of the angry sunset is compounded by the Master Hand from the three primary colours—red, yellow and blue.

Change-ringing, too, we may perceive, has its primaries—a trio of simple phenomena which provide and permit all the accepted movements of bells in their courses, and which, in their seemingly endless combinations, create complexities that could not be comprehended by a separate contemplation of each of the three fundamentals. The three primaries of change-ringing are, of course, hunting, dodging and place-making; and just as letters and notes are joined to form words and musical phrases, so hunting, dodging and place-making may be joined to form conventional movements; and as words and musical phrases may again be placed in combination to form sentences and musical themes, so our conventional movements may be linked up to build methods. And out of this expansion of primaries into groups, and groups into sentences, there comes at last—in literature, music, painting, or any other art, including change-ringing—a progression towards an art form.

In the very early stages of his instruction the beginner in the art of change-ringing will be aware of the three fundamentals, hunting, dodging and place-making, and will find them used in many different combinations in their simplest form. Grandsire, Plain Bob and Treble Bob will show him no more than the very elemental use of this material. When he comes to study Stedman he will strike an interesting and unusual combination called a Whole Turn, and he will gradually learn to think of this conventional duty not as 'lead, one in seconds, lead' but as a whole, so that the mere words 'Whole Turn' convey to him the picture of the complete manœuvre. Later, if he progresses to the Surprise methods, he will find this fragment of so frequent occurrence that ringers of London, Bristol and other methods call it simply 'Stedman.'

The elementary study of the method Stedman will also force upon the notice of the beginner the small piece of gymnastics that used to be known as a Snap and is frequently now referred to as a Spike. This stealing in to take one blow at lead and then making off again—a movement so well known in Stedman—will again show itself as soon as the learner rings Bristol, and the ringer of Surprise methods soon becomes accustomed to a specialised form of speech used in reference to certain pieces of work, so that phrases such as 'spike fourths,' 'one-two-one,' 'Stedman right,' or 'eight-seven-eight' become not only familiar, not only convenient, but actually indispensable if the learning and ringing of complex methods is to be facilitated.

Many ringers who have not proceeded beyond the four simple standard methods have never comprehended, or perhaps ever even thought to comprehend, that so much of the more complex methods is built only of the old familiar stuff, the dodging, place-making and hunting they know so well, combined and built into stereotyped 'phrases' and used over and over again in endless different ways. Thus the famous Court places of Double Court become, by simple extension, the Double Norwich places, and the Double Norwich places, by a pleasing repetition, become the Cambridge places, and a half of the diagram of Cambridge places gives Yorkshire places. And these two latter, Cambridge places and Yorkshire places, carry their names with them into the innumerable methods in which they occur and of which they form the backbone.

There are among us many who have, for various reasons, never proceeded to the realm of advanced ringing; and to many of these it is clearly a matter for wonderment how certain practitioners can ever learn so many methods or assimilate matter of such complexity as that presented by the higher forms of ringing. The truth is, of course, that the material remains for the most part the same; it is the comprehending and learning of this familiar matter in new and varied form and the ringing of it with accuracy and confidence that mark the competent ringer of the higher methods. This competence is built on experience, and an important factor in growing experience is an appreciation and a utilisation of simple fundamentals.

E. C. S.

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THREE PEALS IN A DAY

The following three peals were all rung on the same day at Loughborough Bell Foundry by the Midland Counties Guild, Messrs. Cotton, Brunning, Lane and Jones ringing in all three.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 30, 1960, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 MONAGHAN SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

G. Ronald Edwards	*Treble*	†Gordon H. Lane	5
Ernest Morris	2	*Gordon A. Halls	6
*Patricia A. M. Halls	3	Joseph W. Cotton	7
*David W. Brunning	4	Derek P. Jones	*Tenor*

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.
* First peal in the method. † First in the method 'inside.'

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 30, 1960, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 GAINSBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

Frederick E. Wilshaw	*Treble*	Derek P. Jones	5
Gordon H. Lane	2	*David W. Brunning	6
John A. Underwood	3	Joseph W. Cotton	7
Francis R. Lowe	4	John M. Jelley	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. Hattersley. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.
* 50th peal. First in the method for the Guild, and by all except the treble ringer.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 30, 1960, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5184 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

Joseph W. Cotton	*Treble*	*David W. Brunning	5
*Richard J. Clifton	2	Gordon H. Lane	6
†John M. Jelley	3	Frederick E. Wilshaw	7
John A. Underwood	4	Derek P. Jones	*Tenor*

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.
* First peal in the method. † 200th peal.
The composition contains 15 combination courses.

TEN BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Jan. 18, 1960, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.
At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
A PEAL OF 5040 COALVILLE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

Richard J. Clifton	*Treble*	Joseph W. Cotton	6
Brian G. Warwick	2	Gordon A. Halls	7
Alan E. Hartley	3	John A. Acres	8
Ernest Morris	4	Russell S. Morris	9
Mrs. G. A. Halls	5	G. Ronald Edwards	*Tenor*

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley (Circuit BT).
Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.
First peal in the method. Rung without previous practice.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Jan. 25, 1960, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.
At the Cathedral Church of St. Martin.
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 25 cwt.

Arthur Gibbs	*Treble*	Shirley Burton	6
Robert B. Smith	2	John Acres	7
Phillip G. K. Davies	3	John E. Cook	8
Herrick B. Bowley	4	John A. Smith	9
Geoffrey M. Brewin	5	William J. Root	*Tenor*

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley. Conducted by Herrick B. Bowley.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Jan. 25, 1960, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.
At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
A PEAL OF 5040 MORECOMBELAKE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

Richard J. Clifton	*Treble*	Joseph W. Cotton	6
*Brian G. Warwick	2	John M. Jelley	7
Alan E. Hartley	3	Gordon A. Halls	8
Ernest Morris	4	Russell S. Morris	9
Mrs. G. A. Halls	5	*G. Ronald Edwards	*Tenor*

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley (Circuit DS).
Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.
* 100th peal together. First in the method. Rung without previous practice.

COALVILLE SURPRISE ROYAL
x 30 x 14 x 50 x 16 x 70 x 18 x 12 x 30 . 14 x 12 . 90
L.-e. 12 1573 Clean

MORECOMBELAKE SURPRISE ROYAL
x 30 x 14 x 50 x 16 x 70 x 18 x 12 x 30 . 14 x 34 . 90
L.-e. 12 1573 Clean

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Jan. 30, 1960, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Giles.
A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 16¼ cwt. in F sharp.

Howard Howell	*Treble*	William Davies	6
Christopher Wallater	2	Frederick G. Handley	7
Barnabas G. Key	3	James S. Eastwood	8
E. Marion Key	4	George W. Hughes	9
Francis Brotherton	5	*Ernest Stitch	*Tenor*

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Howard Howell.
* Twice 'completed the circle' in this tower.
In memoriam Rt. Rev. R. L. Hodson, M.A., Bishop of Shrewsbury and a former Vicar of St. Giles', Willenhall.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BROUGHTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 26, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr.

*Elizabeth Roberts	*Treble*	Charles A. S. Webb	5
*Harold Roberts	2	*William Talbot	6
*Albert Lawton	3	*Eric Young	7
Geoffrey Davies	4	G. Arnold Moore	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. Burton. Conducted by G. Arnold Moore.
* First peal of Plain Bob Major.
To mark the retirement of Albert Lawton as captain of Broughton belfry.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Jan. 4, 1960, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes.
At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
A PEAL OF 5008 ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

*†Brian G. Warwick	*Treble*	†Joseph W. Cotton	5
*Richard J. Clifton	2	Alan E. Hartley	6
Ernest Morris	3	*Russell S. Morris	7
*Sandra E. Chesterton	4	G. Ronald Edwards	*Tenor*

Composed by Sir Arthur P. Heywood.
Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.
* First peal in the method. † 100th peal together.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 16, 1960, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Thomas.
A PEAL OF 5280 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

John Worth	*Treble*	Basil Jones	5
William H. Dowse	2	Leslie Boumphrey	6
Edward Jenkins	3	Brian Harris	7
C. Kenneth Lewis	4	Peter Laflin	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Parker. Conducted by John Worth.
Mr. P. Laflin's 100th peal on these bells.

RUNCORN, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Jan. 20, 1960, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation. Tenor 15¼ cwt.

John E. Bibby	*Treble*	Frederick Jackson	5
John Hayes	2	William E. Allman	6
Denis Maddock	3	†Douglas Lowe	7
*Mrs. D. Lowe	4	Walter Allman	*Tenor*

Conducted by Denis Maddock.
* First peal of Surprise 'inside.' † First of Surprise.
Rung to celebrate the silver wedding anniversary of the Vicar (Rev. G. M. Davidson, A.K.C.) and his appointment as Rural Dean of Frodsham.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Jan. 22, 1960, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Consisting of 1,216 New Cambridge, 1,376 Yorkshire and 2,496 Rutland, with 87 changes of method and all the work of each method for each bell. Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

Herbert E. Audsley	*Treble*	Ralph Bird	5
Joan Beresford	2	Ian H. Oram	6
Arthur G. Mason	3	George J. Butcher	7
Frederick J. Cullum	4	Philip A. Corby	*Tenor*

Composed by John L. Morris. Conducted by Ralph Bird.

ALMONDSBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.
On Sat., Jan. 23, 1960, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22¼ cwt. in E flat.

*ROYSTON BLACKLER	*Treble*	PATRICIA M. BOURN	5
*ANGELA GRAINGER	2	IVOR H. TRUEMAN	6
DAVID HEIGHTON	3	TUDOR P. EDWARDS	7
BRIAN J. WYLDE	4	FRANK D. MACK	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by DAVID HEIGHTON.
* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor, and for the Society.

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 23, 1960, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.
A PEAL OF 5088 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

RONALD C. NOON	*Treble*	*LEONARD BLANCHARD	5
WILLIAM HOLMES	2	EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	6
JOHN E. ALLEN	3	ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT	7
CECIL WADE	4	STANLEY E. BENNETT	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.
* First peal of Surprise Major. First in the method by all except the conductor.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 23, 1960, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.
A PEAL OF 5024 GRESFORD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

CLAIRE DILLAMORE	*Treble*	PETER A. SHARP	5
MARGARET A. SWANN	2	GEOFFREY R. PARKER	6
SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS	3	JOHN WALDEN	7
WALTER TOMLINSON	4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
First peal in the method.
A wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. George H. Randles.

LONG ASHTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 23, 1960, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in D flat.

J. ANTHONY BENNETT	*Treble*	D. JOHN HUNT	5
*BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON	2	*ERIC J. HITCHENS	6
REGINALD G. HOOPER	3	†BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	7
DAVID HOARE	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First peal of Double Norwich Court Bob. † 275th peal.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 23, 1960, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

JAMES E. LOOKER	*Treble*	HENRY G. KEELEY	5
WALTER H. POOLE	2	*NORMAN MALLETT	6
CUTHBERT W. H. POWELL	3	HARRY J. GAYLARD	7
MRS. C. W. H. POWELL	4	ROGER KEELEY	*Tenor*

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by ROGER KEELEY.
* 100th peal.

LYMINGE, KENT
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 23, 1960, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND EADBURG.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 17¼ cwt. in E.

COLIN F. MCGILL	*Treble*	ANDREW M. MACVE	5
VIOLET F. RELF	2	CRAWFORD T. HILLIS	6
FREDERICK G. HUCKSTEPP	3	RALPH BIRD	7
TREVOR A. CROSS	4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS CULLINGWORTH.

GRESFORD SURPRISE MAJOR
58 x 16 x 12 x 38 x 12 x 38 x 34 x 18
Second place lead-end. 4ths place bob.

ORMESBY, YORKSHIRE.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 23, 1960, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor 19 cwt. 14 lb.

FRED HODGSON	*Treble*	JACK ROACH	5
ROHILLA M. COOKE	2	PETER WISHART	6
*AUBREY CROSBY	3	THOMAS COOKE	7
THOMAS M. COX	4	RALPH JACKSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS COOKE.
* First peal on eight bells.

THORNBURY, GLOUCESTER.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 23, 1960, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. in E flat.

JOHN A. ANDERSON	*Treble*	WILLIAM T. COOK	5
ELISABETH A. G. BOWDEN	2	PHILIP MEHEW	6
ARTHUR H. REED	3	PHILIP M. J. GRAY	7
RICHARD J. BOWDEN	4	JOHN H. GILBERT	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN H. GILBERT.

TODMORDEN, YORKSHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Jan. 24, 1960, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, WALSDEN.
A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 4 lb. in G.

MICHAEL D. FISHWICK	*Treble*	*RONALD W. DENNISON	5
PHILIP J. H. HUDSON	2	*GEOFFREY CHEETHAM	6
*F. JOHN NELSON	3	*RON J. JOHNSTON	7
PETER SCHOLFIELD	4	JOHN H. FIELDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by J. THORP. Conducted by JOHN H. FIELDEN.
* First peal in the method. First as conductor and 25th peal. First in the method on the bells.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the fourth.

UCKFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 23, 1960, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

*BARRY M. COX	*Treble*	ALAN E. BAGWORTH	5
THOMAS E. SONE	2	WILLIAM S. DEASON	6
ERNEST J. MUNDAY	3	ROBIN G. LEALE	7
STANLEY G. PONTING	4	WILLIAM ROGERS	*Tenor*

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED. Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.
* First peal.

WOODFORD, ESSEX.
UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
On Sat., Jan. 23, 1960, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in F sharp.

E. JANE LANGTON	*Treble*	*GEOFF. PRATT	5
*MIKAELA ERIK	2	ANTHONY V. QUEEN	6
*JUDITH K. ESSEN	3	*DEREK E. SIBSON	7
*MICHAEL R. ROSE	4	ALAN G. SPREADBURY	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.
* First peal in the method.

WARWICK.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Jan. 24, 1960, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

RUTH M. BORDER	*Treble*	JOHN W. T. TAYLOR	5
*HUBERT SUMMERS	2	PERCY STONE	6
PETER BORDER	3	JAMES L. GARNER-HAYWARD	7
FRANK W. PERRENS	4	L. MICHAEL CALLOW	*Tenor*

Composed by W. BARTON. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* First peal in the method. The conductor's 600th peal.
Rung preceding Evensong, at which Canon H. A. Hayden (Vicar for 34 years and prior to that was curate for two years) preached his last sermon. He is taking up the combined living of Farnborough and Avon Dassett, both in the Coventry Diocese.

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BICKER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Jan. 25, 1960, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Swithin,
A PEAL OF 5120 EALING SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.

George Dawson	*Treble*	Edwin T. Chapman	5
John E. Allen	2	Albert W. A. Leggett ..	6
Stanley E. Bennett.. ..	3	Cyril R. Burrell	7
J. Martin Thorley	4	Ronald C. Noon	*Tenor*

Composed by R. F. B. Speed. Conducted by Ronald C. Noon.
First peal in the method by all.

MARSHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Jan. 26, 1960, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt.

Mrs. Hazel J. Crowe ..	*Treble*	Percy E. Crowe	5
John R. Smith	2	N. John A. Pumphrey ..	6
Mrs. H. F. Carter	3	Walter C. Medler	7
Hanbury F. Carter	4	Geoffrey R. Drew	*Tenor*

Composed by B. Annable. Conducted by John R. Smith.
Rung to welcome the Rev. Edward Adams-Clarke, M.A., inducted as Rector of Marsham and Burgh on January 12th. Also a birthday compliment to the ringer of the third.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Thurs., Jan. 28, 1960, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Lawrence,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in F sharp.

Joan Cotton	*Treble*	Joseph W. Cotton	5
W. Geoffrey Hair	2	John A. Underwood ..	6
Richard J. Clifton.. ..	3	Derek P. Jones..	7
F. George Bailey	4	Percival W. Grice	*Tenor*

Composed by Benjamin Annable. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.

CANTERBURY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 30, 1960, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Stephen, Hackington,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. in A flat.

John W. Unwin	*Treble*	Crawford T. Hillis ..	5
*Mary Taylor	2	Nicholas J. Davies.. ..	6
*Pauline Fennell	3	Bertram J. Luck	7
Wilfred S. Palin	4	Dennis A. Chapman.. ..	*Tenor*

Composed by Frederick H. Dexter.
Conducted by Dennis A. Chapman.
* First peal of Major. 100th peal on the bells.
Rung as a compliment to the Rev. A. R. Barnes, upon his retirement after being 24 years Rector of this parish.

CLIFTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 30, 1960, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt.

Jack S. Dear	*Treble*	Patricia M. Bourn	5
G. William Critchley..	2	Colin A. S. Harwood ..	6
*Jill Mayes	3	Edwin G. Buck..	7
Claudia A. Critchley ..	4	J. Richard Castledine ..	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by G. William Critchley.
* First peal in the method 'inside.'

COLERAINE, CO. LONDONDERRY.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 30, 1960, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Patrick.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

*Gerald D. Brown	*Treble*	Philip H. Whitaker ..	5
Harry Brown	2	Rev. John J. Fielding ..	6
*Aubrey Fielding	3	John Campbell	7
Jean Stewart	4	John T. Dunwoody.. ..	*Tenor*

Composed by H. Hubbard. Conducted by John T. Dunwoody.
* First peal of Major.
Rung as a welcome to the new Rector, Canon S. P. Kew.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 30, 1960, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes,
At the Bell Tower.
A PEAL OF 5088 EVESHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 35 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in C sharp.

*William B. Pomeroy ..	*Treble*	David Beacham	5
†Gordon T. Brown.. ..	2	R. Roger Savory	6
Geoffrey J. Hemming ..	3	Thomas W. Lewis	7
Derek Price	4	Gerald C. Hemming ..	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Craven. Conducted by Geoffrey J. Hemming.
* First peal on eight bells. † First of Surprise Major. First in the method, and rung without previous practice.

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SIX BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Dec. 22, 1959, in 1 Hour and 59 Minutes,
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being four extents of Kent T.B. and three of Plain Bob.
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

A. James Poynor	*Treble*	Terence I. Roper	4
Martin C. Faulkes.. ..	2	Alan E. Hartley	5
Mrs. A. E. Hartley.. ..	3	John M. Jelley	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. James Poynor.
Rung on the conductor's birthday.

WHETSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Dec. 29, 1959, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being four extents Plain Bob and three of Kent T.B.
Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in A.

Fred Watson	*Treble*	Chris. L. Powdrill.. ..	4
Sandra E. Chesterton ..	2	Ernest Morris	5
Patricia A. Wardle.. ..	3	A. James Poynor	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. James Poynor.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Herbert Needham, of the local band.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 30, 1959, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in B.

George A. Charlton ..	*Treble*	Martin C. Faulkes ..	4
Fred Watson	2	A. James Poynor	5
Brian Smith	3	*William Killer	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. James Poynor.
* First peal.
A 40th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. Wildber. A birthday compliment to Mrs. G. Charlton. 31st anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

BUSHBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Jan. 9, 1960, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in A flat.

*Janet Morgan..	*Treble*	John H. Allen	4
Clive M. Smith	2	‡Jeffrey B. Webb	5
†Andrew J. Strathdee ..	3	John Macdonald	*Tenor*

Conducted by John Macdonald.
* First peal of Surprise. † First of Surprise 'inside.' ‡ 100th peal.
Rung for the Epiphany, and also as a birthday compliment to Richard E. Macdonald.

WILMSLOW, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 16, 1960, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Bartholomew,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
In 25 methods: (1) Crowland, Combermere, Vale Royal, St. Werburgh and Abbeyville Delight; (2) Willesden, Newdigate, College Bob IV, Old Oxford and Marple Delight; (3) College Exercise, Norbury, Ockley, Duke of Norfolk and Morning Star Treble Bob; (4) Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans and Braintree Delight; (5) Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston Treble Bob; (6) Oxford Treble Bob; (7) Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 14 cwt.

Carol Fernley	*Treble*	Sidney Hough, jun... ..	4
*Brian Schofield	2	Alexander Richardson ..	5
*John R. Kennett	3	Denis Mottershlad ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by Denis Mottershead.
* First peal in 25 methods.
Rung as an 88th birthday compliment to Mr. John Wheadon, oldest member of the local band.

KING'S BROMLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Thurs., Jan. 21, 1960, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in G.

Eric Edginton	*Treble*	Bernard Townsend	4
George L. Roobottom ..	2	John K. Smith	5
David W. Brunning ..	3	Derek P. Jones..	*Tenor*

Conducted by David W. Brunning.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Barbara Smith, of Sheffield. Also a first birthday compliment to Rosemary Ann, daughter of the Ringing Master at St. Paul's, Burton.

BRANT BROUGHTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 23, 1960, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Helen,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being eight extents St. Martin's, six St. Nicholas', ten Plain Bob, eight Reverse St. Bartholomew and ten Grandsire.
Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in E.

*J. Graham Fisher	*Treble*	†Frederick Derry	4
William L. Exton	2	Sydney Adams	5
F. William Midwinter	3	G. Colin Jackson	*Tenor*

Conducted by William L. Exton.
* First peal of Doubles. † First in five Doubles methods.

CLOWNE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 23, 1960, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in B flat.

Frederick A. Adams	*Treble*	†Dennis A. Smedley	4
Malcolm P. Phipps	2	Leslie W. Bacon	5
*Phillip A. Richardson	3	John R. Ketteringham	*Tenor*

Conducted by John R. Ketteringham.
* First peal in three methods. † 50th peal.

MUCH DEWCHURCH, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 23, 1960, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
At the Church of St. David,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being three 240 Morris's, three 240 Pitman's arrangement and 30 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 9 cwt.

Joy Smith	*Treble*	Leonard Smith	4
*William E. Spiers	2	Charles Phillips	5
Reginald G. Powell	3	Michael V. Powell	*Tenor*

Conducted by Reginald G. Powell.
* First peal 'inside.'
Rung to mark 25 years' service of Mr. L. Smith as churchwarden at this church.

SALTWOOD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 23, 1960, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents with all 56's at backstroke. Tenor 13 cwt.

Crawford T. Hillis	*Treble*	†Andrew M. Macve	4
*Elizabeth Rogers	2	‡Thomas Cullingworth	5
Ralph Bird	3	Trevor A. Cross	*Tenor*

Conducted by Ralph Bird.
* First peal of Surprise. † First of Minor in the method. ‡ 400th peal.

SEDLESCOMBE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 23, 1960, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

*Mrs. H. M. Downing	*Treble*	Edward F. P. Bryant	4
John A. W. Downing	2	‡Alan A. Price	5
†‡Joan M. Downing	3	§Antony Jackson	*Tenor*

Conducted by Edward F. P. Bryant.
* First peal. † First of Plain Bob. ‡ First on six bells. § First of Plain Bob Minor.
Rung by members of Christ Church, Blacklands, Hastings, band as birthday compliments to the ringers of the treble, fourth and tenor.

STRETTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 23, 1960, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Matthew,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

*Roy Forster	*Treble*	Cecil Raddon	4
John Ryder	2	Henry Parker	5
Harry W. Howard	3	Harold Worrall	*Tenor*

Conducted by Henry Parker.
* First peal in three methods.

WILBY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 23, 1960, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Kent Treble Bob, Grandsire and St. Clement's, and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in B flat.

Timothy Wooding	*Treble*	Percy Amos	4
Jacqueline A. Downing	2	George F. Roome	5
Victor A. Perry	3	Allan R. Jones	*Tenor*

Conducted by Allan R. Jones.
Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to Mr. T. Jennings.

WYCHBOLD, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 23, 1960, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-de-Wyche,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven different extents: three of St. Clement's and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt. in G sharp.

*Michael J. Fellows	*Treble*	Frederick G. Handley	4
†Paul Cattermole	2	‡Robert W. Cole	5
*Martin D. Fellows	3	‡Harold E. Raxter	*Tenor*

Conducted by Paul Cattermole.
* First peal of Minor. † First in two Minor methods. ‡ Have rung peals of Minor from one to seven methods.
Rung within the Octave of the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul.

BLYTHBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Wed., Jan. 27, 1960, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
At the Church of The Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Cambridge Surprise.
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in G.

C. Jack Gibson	*Treble*	Peter S. Bedford	4
James M. Bailey	2	H. William Barrett	5
Jack Pilgrim	3	John W. Blythe	*Tenor*

Conducted by John W. Blythe.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Ernest S. Bailey.

WHAPLODE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Jan. 27, 1960, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

C. Harold Whitton	*Treble*	George R. G. Butler	4
Frank Taylor	2	Thomas H. Charlton	5
John G. Ames	3	J. Martin Thorley	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.
Rung as a farewell to the Vicar, the Rev. W. H. Gibb.

FLAMSTEAD, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat, Jan. 30, 1960, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Leonard.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being one Morris' 240 and 40 six-scores (ten callings).
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in E.

Desmond Painter	*Treble*	George Hawkins	4
Arthur Day	2	Fred C. Jacklin	5
Amy Coburn	3	Alfred E. Rushton	*Tenor*

Conducted by Desmond Painter.
Arthur Day has now rung peals of Grandsire from Doubles to Cinques. A farewell peal for the conductor, who is shortly moving to London.

HATHERN, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 30, 1960, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr.

*Valerie Lacey	*Treble*	David Swift	4
Celia Cowley	2	Charles Wood	5
*John Tickle	3	Tom Harris	*Tenor*

Conducted by Tom Harris.
* First peal.

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LITTLE WALTHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 30, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Martin,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

Bertram G. Brinkley	*Treble*	Richard J. Harrison	4
Michael J. Edwards	2	*James Towler	5
Ann Edwards	3	Martin Harbord	*Tenor*

Conducted by Martin Harbord.
* First peal 'inside.'

NEATH, GLAMORGAN.
On Sat., Jan. 30, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Thomas,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being two extents each of Stedman, Reverse Canterbury, St. Simon's, Southrepps, Clifford Pleasure, Little Aston, Kennington, April Day, Seighford, Reverse St. Bartholomew, seven of Plain Bob and 15 of Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt. 8 lb.

*Michael Larcher	*Treble*	Edmund J. Morris	4
Trevor M. Roderick	2	Gwyn I. Lewis	5
Hazel Way	3	*David Mathlin	*Tenor*

Conducted by Gwyn I. Lewis.
* First peal.
A birthday peal for Mr. Harry Boyce, and a compliment to the Rev. Edward Ishmael (Vicar of Cadoxton) and the Rev. Wm. Roach (Rector of Newton-Nottage), on their installation as Canons of Llandaff.

OLD BOLINGBROKE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 30, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in nine methods: (1) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (2) Double Court, (3) St. Clement's and Double Oxford, (4) Single Court, (5) Plain Bob, (6) Oxford Bob, (7) Cambridge Surprise.
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

Margaret A. Swann	*Treble*	Jack L. Millhouse	4
G. Leonard Thompson	2	Ronald Applewhite	5
Louis Willders	3	Geoffrey R. Parker	*Tenor*

Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

HANDBELL PEALS

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 30, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
At 17, Queen Street,
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 11 in G.

Gerald Penney	1—2	Joyce Dodds	5—6
Geoffrey Dodds	3—4	*Christine V. Pullen	7—8

Composed and Conducted by Geoffrey Dodds.
* First peal of Major.
A birthday compliment to the ringer of 5-6.

LODDON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Jan. 20, 1960, *in* 1 *Hour and* 52 *Minutes,*
At Fernhill, Bungay Road,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 240 Grandsire, 2,400 Plain Bob and 2,400 St. Simon's Bob.
Tenor size 12 in F.

*H. William Barrett	1—2	Trevor N. J. Bailey	3—4
E. Charles Bailey	5—6		

Conducted by Trevor N. J. Bailey.
* First peal in three Doubles methods on handbells.

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Jan. 20, 1960, *in* 1 *Hour and* 32 *Minutes,*
At 17, Queen Street,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in four methods: (1) St. Clement's, (2) Reverse Bob, (3) and (4) Double Bob, (5), (6) and (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor size 11 in G.

Gerald Penney	1—2	Geoffrey Dodds	3—4
Joyce Dodds	5—6		

Conducted by Gerald Penney.
First peal of Minor in four methods in hand by all the band.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Selby and District Society.)
On Sat., Jan. 23, 1960, *in* 1 *Hour and* 46 *Minutes,*
In the Ringing Chamber of the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents.

John Potts	1—2	Alan Sheppard	3—4
Kenneth B. Sissons	5—6		

Conducted by Kenneth B. Sissons.

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LOUGHBOROUGH
The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

ABBOTSBURY, DORSET.—On Jan. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (April Day, Plain Bob, Grandsire): B. W. F. Toms 1, M. W. Ford 2, J. H. Hayne 3, N. J. Hayne 4, H. J. Ford (cond.) 5, D. J. Wood 6. For Plough Sunday.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. Ross 1, Miss C. Bibby 2, T. Taylor 3, R. J. Johnston (first of Stedman) 4, R. J. Warrilow 5, D. W. James 6, D. Ogden (cond.) 7, G. F. Nix 8. A 20th birthday compliment from the Manchester University Guild to John Soanes, one of its members.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On Jan. 24th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: R. Haynes 1, M. Hopkins (first 'inside') 2, C. Harwood (cond.) 3, D. Sutcliffe 4, E. Buck 5, B. Scoot 6, P. Flack 7, R. Castledine 8.

BARCOMBE, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Reed (first quarter, aged 13) 1, P. Tomsett 2, M. Gearing (first 'inside') 3, M. Reed 4, B. Turner (cond.) 5, S. Brook 6.

BATHWICK, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. C. Cooper 1, Mrs. D. Evans 2, Miss D. Barrett 3, R. E. G. Smith 4, W. J. Prescott (cond.) 5, P. R. Stubbs 6. For Confirmation.

BELBROUGHTON, WORCS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,259 Doubles (April Day, Norfolk, Old, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Heather M. Pullon 1, M. J. Fellows 2, P. Cattermole (cond.) 3, M. D. Fellows 4, M. Sprackling 5, J. E. A. Pullon 6. An unsuccessful peal, called round.

BRENTFORD, MIDDLX.—On Jan. 25th, 1,359 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Susan Neal Smith (first of Doubles) 1, Margaret Westcott (first of Doubles 'inside') 2, Jill Barron 3, R. Goodman 4, Dr. D. J. Neal Smith (cond.) 5.

BRISTOL.—At the Cathedral, on Jan 24th, 1,344 New Cambridge Surprise Major: P. E. Patry 1, F. D. Mack 2, B. J. Wylde 3, D. W. Friend 4, W. T. Cook 5, B. J. Woodruffe (cond.) 6, P. Mchew 7, J. A. Anderson 8. Also on Jan 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. Buckland (first of Triples) 1, P. J. Bird 2, M. J. Hobbs (first of Triples 'inside') 3, C. J. Richards 4, H. N. Evans (first of Triples 'inside') 5, P. E. Parry 6, D. J. Hunt (cond.) 7, F. Carter (first of Triples) 8. First quarter by a local band.

BROOMFIELD, ESSEX.—On Jan 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Janet Groves (first quarter) 1, Ann Edwards 2, Margaret E. Panton 3, M. J. Edwards 4, J. L. Towler 5, I. R. Panton (cond.) 6.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. Norris 1, Mrs. T. Norris 2, A. Leeming (first 'inside') 3, H. Hodgetts 4, E. Ashby 5, C. Cook 6, T. Norris (cond.) 7, F. Morris 8. Rung half-muffled to the memory of the conductor's father, who was cremated on this day.

CAWTHORNE, YORKS.—On Jan. 24th, 1,272 Treble Bob Minor (Kingston, Sandal, Duke of York, Merchants' Return, Oxford and Kent): M. Moxon 1, T. Tarbatt 2, F. Cowling 3, D. Stables 4, H. Rusby 5, N. Moxon (cond.) 6. In memory of Harry Roberts, of Kirkburton, who died January 12th.

COVENTRY, WARWICKS.—On Jan. 24th, at St. Michael's Church, Stoke, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. D. Hayne 1, W. Stote 2, R. Robinson 3, D. Ellender 4, R. Hart 5, H. Folwell 6, N. Haille 7, E. Sibley (cond.) 8. For Evensong, and to celebrate the birth of a son to Mrs. Hart, wife of the 5th ringer.

EPSOM, SURREY.—On Jan. 14th, at Christ Church, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: J. Munton 1, D. Herschell 2, Sylvia Marsh 3, Adrienne Gibson 4, W. Parrott (first of Minor as cond.) 5, F. Oakshott 6. First of Minor 1 and 2. Rung for the cause of church unity.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On Christmas Eve, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. Curtis 1, Miss A. Wells 2, Miss W. R. Hide 3, R. North 4, S. Meadows 5, J. W. Marr 6, E. J. Wells (cond.) 7. Also on New Year's Eve (half-muffled): Miss S. Curtis 1, Mrs. D. Simes (first quarter) 2, Miss W. R. Hide 3, E. Box 4, S. Meadows 5, J. W. Marr 6, E. J. Wells (cond.) 7, R. North 8. Also on Jan. 10th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Miss S. Curtis 1, Miss A. Wells 2, Miss W. R. Hide 3, R. North 4, S. Meadows 5, J. W. Marr 6, E. Box 7, C. W. Denyer (cond.) 8. First in the method for 1, 2, 3 and 4. For Evensong.

FAWLEY, HANTS.—On Jan. 21st, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: G. T. Ball 1, Miss M. Smith 2, L. Smith 3, M. Peters 4, C. Pain 5, D. J. White (cond.) 6. First quarter 2 and 3. First quarter by a local band.

HANBURY, WORCS.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Valerie Powell 1, J. E. Pullon 2, Heather Pullon 3, Margaret Eachus 4, P. Cattermole (cond.) 5, J. E. A. Pullon 6. All except 4 are members of the Wychbold band. Rung within the octave of the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul.

QUARTER PEALS

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Jan. 17th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. R. G. Spicer 1, R. King 2, F. R. Nicholls 3, A. J. Davey 4, M. J. Dyer 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. First in method for 2, 4 and 5.

HORRINGER, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: W. Stannard (cond.) 1, A. Rolfe 2, F. Cooper 3, H. Fuller 4, G. Jennings 5, W. Goodship 6, F. Buckle 7, J. Banks 8. For morning service.

HORSELL, SURREY.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss J. Drury 1, G. Oliver 2, J. Martin 3, Miss B. Loveland 4, D. Wright (cond.) 5, Miss P. Drury 6. For Evensong.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints' Church, on Jan. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. A. Howes 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, A. J. Davey 3, M. J. Dyer 4, A. T. Howes 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. Rung to welcome the Judge of Assize to Huntingdon.

JARROW-ON-TYNE, CO. DURHAM.—On Jan. 27th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,320 London Surprise Minor: C. N. Lea 1, B. Pattison 2, J. A. Ainsworth 3, G. S. Deas 4, K. Arthur (cond.) 5, E. N. Harrison 6. Believed to be the first in the method on the bells.

KINGS NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Jan. 17th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Veronica Miles 1, Tonie J. Critchley (first of Major 'inside') 2, Mary Funnell 3, Linda M. Hughes 4, Susan Funnell 5, Alma M. Greaves 6, R. J. Gay 7, B. J. Woodruffe (cond.) 8. For Evensong.—Also on Jan. 24th, 1,344 Little Bob Major: Ann E. Fellows (first of Major) 1, Susan Funnell 2, Mary Funnell 3, Veronica Miles 4, Linda M. Hughes 5, Alma M. Greaves 6, R. J. Gay 7, B. J. Woodruffe (cond.) 8. First in method for all except the conductor. In memoriam Bunty Funnell.—Also on Jan. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Tonie J. Critchley 1, Linda M. Hughes 2, Mary Funnell 3, Susan Funnell 4, Alma M. Greaves 5, Veronica Miles 6, Molly P. Barron 7, R. J. Gay 8, D. J. Purnell 9, B. J. Woodruffe (cond.) 10. First quarter of Royal for all except 7 and 10.

KINGSTHORPE, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 31st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: F. Benfield (first of Minor) 1, Miss J. I. Frost (first of Minor) 2, D. Benfield 3, S. F. Earl 4, J. Payne 5, J. W. Felce (first as cond.) 6.

KNEBWORTH, HERTS.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. I. Dear 1, C. A. Critchley 2, A. Bailey 3, J. S. Dear 4, B. L. Marks 5, E. Edmondson (cond.) 6, G. W. Critchley 7, F. J. Bailey 8. Rung half-muffled before memorial service for Ruth Robinson.

LINTON, KENT.—On July 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Batchelor 1, C. Bridger 2, F. Leeson 3, A. Lamb 4, T. Grice 5, W. Manser 6, L. Head (comp. and cond.) 7, P. Town 8. First of Triples 1, 2 and 4. Rung as a compliment to Janet Bridger and Michael Gibson, married this day at Boughton Monchelsea, where both are ringers and choristers. Also on Oct. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Town (first of Triples) 1, T. Grice 2, F. Leeson 3, R. Rich 4, W. Manser 5, F. Macey 6, L. Head (cond.) 7, F. Swaites 8.

LONDON.—At St. Mary's Church, Rotherhithe, on Jan. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Joan Richmond 1, E. Jane Langton 2, Judith A. Harding 3, J. V. Temple 4, R. G. W. Robertson (first of Triples as cond.) 5, R. Blackler 6, D. E. Sibson 7, M. Taylor (first quarter) 8. For Holy Eucharist.

MEREWORTH, KENT.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,360 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): F. Ann Gilbert 1, Marjorie I. E. Clarke 2, S. N. Scott 3, J. T. Mannering (cond.) 4, M. W. Gilbert 5. For the Maidstone Grammar School's Society.

MONKEN HADLEY, MIDDLX.—On Jan. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Pearl 1, C. King 2, M. Soper 3, R. Fraser 4, C. Ward 5, W. J. Bradbrook 6, T. Pink 7, W. Langley 8. Rung at Evensong to commemorate the retirement of the Rector (Preb. Claude C. Harland.

OCKHAM, SURREY.—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: V. Neil 1, Miss P. Drury 2, J. Martin 3, E. R. Tyndale Biscoe 4, B. Priestley (cond.) 5. For Evensong.

OTTERSHAW, SURREY.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Doubles: Miss J. Drury 1, Miss B. Loveland 2, Miss P. Drury 3, J. Martin 4, D. Wright (cond.) 5, B. Priestley 6. For Evensong.

PRESTON, DORSET.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. A. J. Slade 1, Sylvia Watson (first of Minor) 2, Betty J. Marsh 3, G. C. Cornick (first of Minor) 4, A. J. Slade 5, H. J. Ford (cond.) 6.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 St. Clement's Triples: P. Avey 1, R. D. Tomlin (cond.) 2, G. S. Sandwell 3, F. C. May 4, E. J. Blower 5, M. F. Hatch 6, M. Hallett 7, W. F. Ward 8. For Evensong.

RUISHTON, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Lowman (first quarter) 1, J. Lowman 2, M. Long (cond.) 3, A. Williams 4, D. Baker 5, F. Matravers 6. A farewell to M. Long, who is leaving the district.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Valerie Hoby 1, J. C. Birt 2, D. K. Walters 3, Pamela M. Jervis (first as conductor) 4, Janet L. Adamson 5, W. D. Ward 6, W. Birmingham 7, D. Livingston 8. A 95th birthday tribute to Mr. Frank V. H. Sinkins (Grove Hospital, Tooting), for many years a member of Slough band.

SHEFFIELD.—At the Cathedral, on Jan. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: R. Birch 1, F. Ward 2, S. Philbrick 3, D. Armstrong 4, J. Rank 5, R. S. Long 6, J. Seager 7, B. Holland 8, G. K. Chaddock 9, H. O. Chaddock (cond.) 10. Rung half muffled prior to Evensong to the memory of Jesse Fearn, who died Jan. 24th, after serving 10 years as churchwarden.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.—On Jan 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. R. Underhill 1, Wendy R. Austen 2, J. Grensted 3, G. Eastman 4, G. Kenward 5, G. A. Naylor (cond.) 6, B. Dobbie 7, J. Clark 8. First quarter 1 and 2. Rung half-muffled for Evensong in memory of Mr. S. B. Stagg, people's warden.

STOKE POGES, BUCKS.—On Nov. 25th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: D. Wight 1, Miss S. E. Atkins 2, A. D. Barker (cond.) 3, Mrs. A. D. Barker 4, W. G. Wilson 5, F. Scott 6, R. Hartley 7, F. Price 8. First of Surprise by 1, 2 and 7.

STRENSHAM, WORCS.—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Hawkes 1, M. Hawkes (cond.) 2, W. Williams 3, J. Firkins 4, K. Brookes (first quarter) 5, D. Williams 6. First quarter peal on the bells for over 30 years.

SWANSEA, GLAM.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Jan. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): C. Wright 1, H. Way 2, B. Couzens 3, J. T. William 4, J. A. Hoare (cond.) 5, P. Willis (first quarter) 6.

THORPE BAY, ESSEX.—On Jan 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. R. Wilson (first quarter) 1, B. C. Sadler 2, Mrs. M. Mawbey 3, W. A. Smith 4, P. A. Sadler 5, J. M. Hallett 6, D. E. Belcham (cond.) 7, M. Mawbey 8. For children's service.

THRYBERGH, YORKS.—On Jan. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. Hargreaves 1, Miss R. Snell 2, D. Pearson 3, J. Clarke 4, J. S. Rank 5, K. Abbott (cond.) 6. First quarter by University of Sheffield Guild.

TWYNING, GLOS.—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Christine Halling (first quarter) 1, M. Hawkes (cond.) 2, J. Firkins 3, W. Williams 4, K. Brookes 5, D. Williams 6. An 83rd birthday compliment to Mr. George Boulton.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Hermione Hockey 1, R. Maddy 2, L. W. G. Skinner 3, A. S. Richards 4, J. Faircloth (cond.) 5, Derek Holland 6.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Jan. 31st, 1,336 Minor (Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise): Caroline Carpenter 1, Susan Rawlings 2, Dorothy Robinson 3, Anne Garnett 4, Alan Bagworth 5, M. Sinden (cond.) 6. For Evensong, and for Robin Hartley and Susan Jacobs, who have won scholarships to Oxford; also Barbara Johnson, who has an exhibition to Cambridge; all member of the band.

WINDSOR, BERKS.—On Jan. 27th, at the Parish Church, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Mary Adamson (first of Major) 1, A. J. Glass 2, G. Jenkin 3, K. Buckingham 4, A. Cross 5, D. Ward (first of Major 'inside') 6, W. Birmingham 7, Janet L. Adamson (first of Major as cond.) 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss J. L. Adamson and Mr. D. Livingston, of Slough.

Andover District Outing

Berkshire was the venue for the Andover District outing on November 14th. Ringing started on the popular six at Peasemore, followed by Childrey and the heavy six at Stanford-in-the-Vale. Other towers visited were the good eight at Shrivenham and the unusual five at Great Coxwell. The outing was voted the best trip yet.

We regret to learn that Mr. C. W. R. Grimwood, of Hersham, a regular ringer at All Saints', Kingston-on-Thames, suffered a stroke on January 24th. He is confined to his bed and not able to receive visitors. 'Old Bob,' as he is familiarly known, will be 85 on March 1st.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Under the heading of 'Fifty Years Ago,' the 'Clevedon Mercury' recalls from its issue of January 29th, 1910, the presentation of an illuminated certificate, framed in oak, to Miss Nellie Gillingham, at Portishead, recording a peal of Grandsire Triples (J. J. Parker's Six-part) which she conducted. The certificate adds that Miss Gillingham was the first lady known to have conducted a peal.

We have received a correction to the peal rung at Deeping St. Nicholas (see page 69), it being rung in 1960 and not 1959 as printed.

Mr. G. Sayer, the well-known Norwich ringer, is entering Waylands Hospital, Attleborough, on February 23rd for an operation. We all wish him well.

The 95th birthday of Mr. Frank V. H. Sinkins, now in Grove Hospital, Tooting, was remembered by friends at his former tower at Slough by a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples on January 31st.

The band that rang the peal at Neath on January 30th to mark the installation of the Vicar of Cadoxton and Rector of Newton-Nottage as Canons of Llandaff Cathedral was drawn mainly for the two parishes.

There is to be a Freemasons' gathering in London on Saturday, May 21st, during which a visit has been arranged to the Library, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, for the party to see the peal book.

Chelsfield, Kent, band were televised on January 26th by a camera team from an agency under contract with the B.B.C. Individual members of the band were also interviewed. It is understood that the tele-recording is primarily for use on Commonwealth television services.

Well-known ringers around Bedford, Mr. Colin Mann, of Flitwick, and Miss Mary Tysoe, of Bromham, were married at Bromham Parish Church on January 16th. After the reception a band of their ringing friends attempted a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples on Bromham's fine octave, but this came to grief after half-an-hour's good ringing. Mr. and Mrs. Mann's future home will be King's Road, Flitwick.

A peal attempt to the memory of Fred Seager and Harry Lofthouse, at Holy Trinity Church, Idle, on January 30th, came to grief when almost half way. Three of the local band—Michael, Sheila and Peter Bruce, all under 17—stood in at short notice and made a good attempt. This was their second attempt at peal ringing.

One quarter a week is the rule at King's Norton, Birmingham. It is a fine contribution to the band's progress.

In the quarter peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Esher, Surrey, on December 26th (page 70), the ringer of the fifth was J. King and not J. May.

Those attending the Southern District Ladies' Guild meeting next Saturday should note that Witley bells are available in the evening from 6.30 to 8, and not as stated in 'The Ringing World' of last week.

Featured in 'The Guardian' of January 22nd was an article, well illustrated, re the Loughborough Bell Foundry, written by Geoffrey Moorhouse, entitled 'Making the mouths of bawling brass.'

For those who say 'The Ringing World' contains nothing for the Sunday service ringer, read what Willesborough (Kent) and Lyneham (Wilts) are doing . . . two ends of the scale but both imbued with the same spirit.

The band who rang the peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal at Leicester Cathedral wish to associate the names of Miss Doreen D. Dutton and Mr. Peter J. Staniforth, who had to withdraw because of illness. In consequence, Royal had to be rung instead of Maximus.

The London County Association's handbell contest for the Dawe cup (presented to the Association by Mr. Francis E. Dawe in 1933) will be held at Southwark Cathedral on February 20th. The contest is open to teams of four ringing members from any tower in the area of the Association. The requirement is to ring at least a full course of not less than 70 changes of any method on eight bells.

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ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

New Master Appointed

THE Society's annual meeting took place at St.-Martin-in-the-Fields on January 23rd. Ringing during the afternoon was followed by an excellent tea in the St Martin's canteen under the supervision of the lady helpers, about 50 ringers being present.

The business meeting followed in the Fellowship Hall and, in the absence of the Master, Mr. P. N. Bond, who had only recently left hospital after an operation for the removal of his tonsils, the chair was taken by Mr. F. J. Cullum, a former Master. Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. P. N. Bond (who sent best wishes to the new Master and thanked members for their support during his term of office), H. Audsley, I. Oram, N. G. Steere and R. Newman.

In his report, the secretary (Mr. A. W. J. Butler) said that four peals had been recorded for the Society during the year: Stedman Cinques at Shrewsbury (conducted by Mr. T. H. Francis), Stedman Triples at Swanscombe (by Mr. G. Butcher), Bristol Surprise Major at Aylesford (by Mr. F. J. Cullum) and Stedman Caters at Nottingham (by Mr. J. L. Millhouse). He hoped that the Society would improve on this during the coming year, but it was gratifying to note the large number of members who do ring peals regularly for their local associations.

Meetings had been held at Shoreditch and Hackney — jointly with the London County Association—Barnet, Chislehurst and the very popular joint one with the Middlesex County Association at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, with ringing also at St. Giles-in-the-Fields and St. Margaret's, Westminster. The secretary added that he thought members should try and attend these meetings in rather larger numbers than was the case in some instances.

Practices at St. Martin's had been well attended. Twenty-eight new members had been elected during the year, one more than the previous year.

LOSSES BY DEATH

The Society had lost by death some old and valued members: Messrs. R. Brown, A. C. Chapman, C. J. Matthews, A. Miles and A. H. Pulling. Sympathy was also extended to Miss Mabel Prockson on the recent death of her mother. Mr. Matthews had been a great stalwart of the Society in the past and at St. Martin's; Mr. Pulling, a member for nearly 50 years, would be always remembered for his long peal of Stedman Caters on handbells which still remains the record length: Mr. Reg. Brown was a member of the secretary's home town band, St. Mary's, Southampton, and took part in his first peal there, Grandsire Caters. The meeting stood in silence to their memory.

The treasurer (Mr. F. E. Hawthorne) in his report said the slight drop in the Society's balance was due almost wholly to a deficit on the dinner; otherwise the finances were in a healthy condition

A discussion on the report raised the matter of increased subscriptions, which were still at the pre-war level, and it was thought that at any rate steepleage could be raised from 3d. to 6d. It was proposed that this be submitted to the next annual meeting. Meantime, the question is to be put to members at the quarterly meetings and their reactions sought.

NEW MEMBERS

The following new members were elected: Messrs. M. Elson and J. B. Webb (Lichfield), F. W. Grocott (Sale), Miss Shirley M. Parsons (Cheltenham), Miss Margaret A. Swann (Lincoln), Messrs. H. Stevens (Newark), S. Adams (Nottingham), Miss Dorothy Borer (Strood), Messrs. H. H. Furminger (Northfleet), and K. Williamson (Sittingbourne).

The election of officers followed and Mr. Dennis Beresford was elected Master of the Society. He thanked the members for their trust and said he would endeavour to carry out his duties to the best of his abilities. The Society had some very good talent among its members and it could look to the future with great hopes. The new Master then took the chair and the election of the other officers took place as follows: Hon. secretary, Mr. A. W. J. Butler; hon. treasurer, Mr. F. E. Hawthorne; senior steward, Mr. N. G. Steere; junior steward, Mr. I. Oram; trustees, Messrs. T. H. Francis and A. W. J. Butler; auditors, Mrs. R. F. Deal and Miss M. Prockson; dinner secretary, Mr. F. J. Matthews, Central Council representatives, Messrs. D. Beresford, P. N. Bond, F. J. Cullum and F. E. Hawthorne.

The meeting accorded a vote of thanks to the ladies of the canteen for arranging tea, the Vicar of St. Martin's, and Mr. T. H. Francis for his help in arranging things at St Martin's.

SERVANTS OF THE EXERCISE — No. 7



Rev. Canon C. CAREW COX, M.A., A.K.C. (Master, Salisbury Diocesan Guild)

Canon Cox, through his earnest and sincere Easter and Christmas messages, which have so frequently appeared in this journal, will be well known to most of our readers. He is a very capable and enthusiastic ringer, and has successfully stimulated interest in our art in a part of the country which is anything but easy.

He was born at Croxley Green, Hertfordshire, in 1882, and was educated at St. Paul's School, King's College, London (where he passed with honours in Theology), and graduated at University College, Durham, in 1908. He was ordained deacon at St. Paul's Cathedral, London, in 1909, and priest at Coventry Cathedral in 1910.

His first curacy was at Stratford-on-Avon, and during his four years there he became actively connected with the then newly-formed Warwickshire Guild, serving as its secretary. He took part in most of the first performances of the Guild and conducted the first peals of Treble Bob Major at Bedworth and Stedman Caters at Solihull.

In 1914 he moved to Dorset, where he ministered at Symondsbury and Milton Abbas, and afterwards for ten years at West Moors, and was Vicar of Lyme Regis for 26 years until his retirement in 1953. During his incumbency here he founded a change-ringing band which became capable of ringing Surprise methods. He was also responsible for recasting the bells into a musical eight. He conducted the last peal (Yorkshire) on the old bells and the first (Stedman) on the new.

He was elected chairman of the Wimborne Branch, Salisbury Guild (1921-1959), and Master of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild in 1940. He is also president of the Clerical Guild, in whose first peal of Stedman Caters at Warwick he took part, along with the late Canon Coleridge and other famous clerical ringers, in 1910.

Canon Cox first learned to ring at Stockland, Devon, being taught by his cousin, E. V. (now Prebendary) Cox, and rang his first peal at Hammersmith in 1904, which was a College Youths' peal of Grandsire Triples. His first peal as conductor was Holt's Original, rung at Chiswick in 1907. He was frequently to be seen at practices at London towers, and when he was at Durham rang peals at Gateshead with that great ringer W. H. Barber and the Gofton brothers.

He has rung 137 peals, conducted 55.

Canon Cox married in 1917 Miss Margaret E. Robinson, of Kensington. In 1951 he was appointed Hon. Canon of Salisbury Cathedral. We hope he will continue to inspire us all for a long time with his messages at church festivals.

JAFUS.

MORE BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Gordon T. Brown made a very good introduction to Surprise peal ringing at Evesham on January 30th by ringing his first in a method never previously rung to a peal—Evesham Surprise Major—and without previous practice.

At the Bell Foundry Campanile, Loughborough, three Surprise peals were rung on January 30th for the Midland Counties Guild. Those who rang in all three were Derek P. Jones (conductor), Joseph W. Cotton, David W. Brunning and Gordon H. Lane.

A belated wedding compliment was rung at Edenham to Mr. and Mrs. D. Stainsby on January 23rd. The band would like to thank Mr. J. E. Allen for deputising at short notice for Mr. J. Haw, a member of the original attempt, who was stricken with 'flu.

Christened at Spalding on January 24th was the infant son (Hugh John Hampton) of the Rev. R. W. H. Nind (Branch president) and Mrs. Nind. The following day a congratulatory peal of Ealing Surprise Major was rung to them at Bicker.

Four married couples, all members of the local band, rang in a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples at St. John's, Hillingdon, on January 31st. They were Mrs. F. W. Goodfellow 1, Mrs. J. Sexton 2, Mrs. J. Hill 3, Mrs. A. R. Turley 4, F. W. Goodfellow (conductor) 5, A. R. Turley 6, J. Hill 7, J. Sexton 8. This is probably the first time that such a quarter peal has been rung by a local band.

Tips For Beginners — 7

When you ring Treble Bob you meet the same bells in the same places each lead, except that the treble takes the place of the bell doing the slow-work. Thus if bobs are called at consecutive leads you are sure of the bell to dodge with at the second bob since it will be the same bell you dodged with at the first bob.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Chertsey District

An increase of 22 members, bringing the number to 111, was reported by Mr. R. Collins (District Ringing Master) at the annual meeting of the Chertsey District at Hersham on January 30th. 'A good year' was his comment, but he was convinced that with hard work a lot of progress could be made in 1960.

All the officers were re-elected, namely: Mr. R. Collins, Ringing Master; Mr. J. King, assistant R.M.; Miss E. Loveland, hon. secretary. Mr. T. Maybrey replaces Mr. G. Talbot as third committee member. It was unanimously agreed to make a collection at each District meeting for the New Cathedral Bell Fund.

Mr. W. Shepherd thanked the Vicar (Rev. G. Williams) for conducting the service, the ladies who prepared tea, and the organist. Ringing continued till 9 p.m. in methods up to Cambridge.

PEAL RINGERS OF 1959

Peals conducted are shown in parentheses.

	Tower	Hand	Total
John M. Jelley	47 (22)	1	48
A. James Poynor ..	33 (6)	—	33

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE BEAUTY OF PLACE NAMES

Dear Sir,—The delightful monograph on the beauty of place names, read today from a sick bed, has done me more good than all my doctor's pills, although I was surprised to know that someone else scans through the peal lists for what I have always thought was my own private joy.

Pride of place in my stored up memory of names goes to a village in Dorset; it probably has but one bell, as 'Dove' does not know it, and while I have collected guide books for years I have never seen it mentioned. It is Ryme Intrinseca, and the only entry I know comes in the Sarum Diocesan Directory which gives it as follows: 'Yetminster, with Chetnole and Ryme Intrinseca'.—Yours faithfully,

EDWARD G. CAPLE.

Clevedon, Som.

UNHELPFUL EFFECT OF INDIFFERENT BROADCAST

Dear Sir,—I did not wish to enter further into the correspondence concerning the Christmas broadcast but, as requested, I must point out that I was sincere in my brief remark about its effect on the training of learners. I would add that it was the longest period of bells I have heard over the radio, and some of it (which was good and which bad has already been pointed out) was the second worst I have heard, the worst being when a leading Surprise tower 'fired-out' during a broadcast one Sunday evening before the war. I was at much the same age and stage of accomplishment then as some of the learners at the tower whose training I am required to supervise now, and the circumstances were similar. I had been advised by my instructor to listen to this performance 'for my good,' and was suitably appalled by the clashing: it might be excusable at a practice to try experiments and get in a tangle, but never for broadcasts and special occasions, or Sundays for that matter. If there is a risk of bad striking if more than rounds are attempted, then even St. Paul's Cathedral ought to ring rounds! The learners at Elkstone at Christmas would have given a fair performance if they had only remembered this.

I duly advised the learners at Church Gresley to listen to the Christmas broadcast to further their interest, and was not surprised to receive adverse comments on my return, for even at their stage they know they ought to aim at precision ringing—the bells 'going like pistons,' as I have heard it put. In our tower, where the bells are at present very loud for the ringers, anything else can be very painful to the ear, and I do not need to comment on the striking, they would not hear me if I did! Another striking advantage is that with only five bells the learner can quickly recognise his bell in the general rhythm. This may not be easy on higher numbers in a quiet tower.

I have digressed, however, and in conclusion reaffirm that yet another unhelpful aspect of bad broadcast ringing is that it sets a bad example to the learners; and goodness knows, we have enough trouble to produce decent ringers without sabotaging the effort from within our own ranks.—Yours faithfully,

D. P. JONES.

Castle Gresley.

NO CRITICISM INTENDED

Dear Sir,—I fear that my letter on page 44 has been interpreted as a personal criticism of the ringing standards of Mr. Moxon. I wish to assure him and any others that this was not in any way intended, and reflects bad writing on my part.—Yours faithfully,

R. J. CORKE.

Alton, Hants.

LACK OF GUILD INTEREST ALLEGED

Dear Sir,—It should not be necessary to comment on manners, particularly in ringing circles, but I feel that when a blatant example of bad manners is met with, for the good of the Exercise it should not go unnoticed.

On January 16th I visited St. Peter's, St. Albans, for the annual District meeting. After standing in the ringing chamber for half-an-hour I was finally asked if I could ring, and during the time I spent in the tower no officer of the Guild took sufficient interest to enquire from which tower I came. It is certainly fortunate that I did not have to travel a long distance to attend this meeting, for in that case I should be more indignant than I am now.

We at Rickmansworth have been trying, during the last three years, to build up a 10-bell band. This we are doing, but with little or no help from the Hertford Guild, apart from the kind friendship and generous help received from our neighbouring tower of St. Mary's, Watford.

We consider that the function of a Guild is mainly to promote the art of change-ringing, and social intercourse, amongst change-ringers within the Guild. We feel that the Hertford Guild in *no way* has fulfilled this function.

In the last three years individual ringers from our tower have rung 45 peals: of these, 28 were for the Oxford Diocesan Guild, 9 for the Middlesex Guild and 8 for the Hertford County Association. Each of the peals for the Hertford County Association was conducted by a non-resident member. If it was not for the kindness of Mr. J. R. Mayne, of Harrow Weald, Messrs. F. T. Blagrove and W. Butler, of Windsor, Mr. W. Birmingham, of Slough, and Mr. A. R. Pink, of Oxford, we at Rickmansworth would still be ringing badly-struck Grandsire Triples and Doubles. To those mentioned above and to the many others who have in many ways helped we, as a tower, tender our most grateful thanks; and to the officers of the Hertford County Association I say pull your socks up!—Yours, etc.,

M. HATCHETT,

St. Mary's, Rickmansworth.

EXTENSIONS OF WHITWICK AND LYME

Dear Sir,—I am afraid that Mr. Blagrove has misread Rule 6. If he looks again, as I understand it, he will find that the part he has quoted applies only to 'Expanding' and 'Double' extensions. Those which I gave were static ones. I am perfectly aware that these methods are related to Whitwick and Lyme Surprise Major in the same way as Yorkshire Surprise Royal is to Cambridge Surprise Major. I think I made it clear in my last letter that I do not regard them as satisfactory extensions, and this is precisely the objection which I have to them. Nevertheless, the report on method extension allows them.

The last part of Mr. Blagrove's letter is concerned with the methods already rung as Whitwick and Lyme Surprise Royal, which was the original point of this correspondence. I did not intend to imply that the Council should do the renaming itself. I think that the band should choose fresh names, a course which will be forced upon them if the Council merely states that these methods are not extensions. This, I presume, is also Mr. Blagrove's view.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN R. MAYNE.

Harrow.

BEG TO DIFFER

Dear Sir,— The opinions of such prominent ringers as Mr. J. F. Smallwood and Mr. F. W. Perrens merit our careful consideration, but I find myself at variance with them as expressed in the correspondence columns of our journal on two widely different subjects.

Firstly, I hope the Exercise will not endorse Mr. Smallwood's scathing criticism of the B.B.C. The Corporation could easily attain near perfection in their broadcasts through the medium of 'B.B.C. Recording' and, may I remind members that this footnote appears beneath most of the items in the Christmas Day and Boxing Day programmes, the chief exception being the bells and the church services.

Are not the B.B.C. possibly proving wiser than we who criticise? They wish to broadcast **Christmas Bells,** surely the critic who described Bethlehem Bells as just a **din** missed the romanticism of it all. Incidentally, I wonder how many members of the B.B.C. staff 'out on location' would welcome 'canned' bells on Christmas morning!

Secondly, Mr. Perrens observes that if the Guilds and Associations were to assist the finances of 'The Ringing World' (as has been suggested), it would necessitate further increases in annual subscriptions resulting in loss of membership, **particularly among the younger ringers.** Why should this be so? I must say that I have found chief opposition to any increase of the subscription to my Guild to come from the older ringers.

The annual ringing member's subscriptions to the two local Guilds (Salisbury and Winchester and Portsmouth) are 2s. 6d. and 3s. respectively, i.e., about 1s. per year more than pre-war. Costs are more than trebled today, therefore an annual subscription of 7s. 6d. or even 10s. per year would not be outrageous. Perhaps if it cost us more we should value our membership more and also be able to support our important journal as suggested, without distress to our Guild funds.— Yours faithfully,

ARTHUR V. DAVIS.

Bournemouth.

'ANNUS IRAE'

Dear Sir,—As a postscript to E. C. S.'s two articles on 'Annus Irae,' and the part played by William Willson in controversies of that year, it may be of interest to recall that in later years he wrote in this journal that he would occasionally receive a letter from the Editor of 'The Bell News'—'Dear Friend, The circulation is not so good. Can you kick up a row in the next issue? Any subject you like, only make it hot and strong.' Mr. Willson added that he would duly oblige, the circulation would go up, and he would incur a certain amount of dislike. In view of Harvey Reeves' comment on the circulation after the Kidlington controversy, this was perhaps one of the occasions.—Yours sincerely,

E. A. BARNETT.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

About 70 ringers, including visitors from the Bath and Wells Association, attended the annual meeting of the North East Branch at Tiverton on January 9th. Membership was reported to be about the same, but the finances are very sound, with £5 13s. in the instruction account and £55 in the Branch general fund.

Officers elected for 1960 were: Chairman, the Rev. E. E. Hughes; Ringing Master, Mr. A. G. Selley; secretary and treasurer, Mr. G. W. Hollis, of Roseneath, The Avenue, Tiverton. The retiring secretary and treasurer (Mr. W. H. Ware) was thanked for his seven years of service by the chairman and the Rev. Preb. E. V. Cox, president of the Guild. In the ringing the striking of many of the touches was well above the average. W. H. W.

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LETTERS—Continued

IRELAND WAS CONSULTED

Dear Sir,—As the recent correspondence about the Christmas Day broadcast has now inquired about the position of the Central Council Committee on Broadcasting and Television I feel that, as a member of that committee, I must say a few words on the subject. I was consulted by the programme organiser from the Northern Ireland Region of the B.B.C. about the choice of tower for this year's broadcast, and I nominated St. Donard's, Belfast. I therefore accept the full responsibility for the choice and the standard of ringing, as I ensure beforehand that the tower chosen each year will reach the high standard of striking required. Now, critics, what was wrong with St. Donard's ringing on Christmas Day? Some have said in the correspondence that it was good, others made no mention, while others condemned the whole programme as bad. My view is that St. Donard's striking was excellent.

I am rather surprised that our friend of the 'black border' in previous years has not joined the fray this year, but maybe he has, this time under his own name in view of the criticism at last year's Council meeting.

Some years ago, the B.B.C. asked the Television and Broadcasting Committee for a list of towers in each region whose striking was regarded as qualifying for broadcasting. I refused to give any towers for Northern Ireland as I felt that it was wrong to do so as it is well known that standards change from year to year: a tower may be good this year and bad next year, through changes in membership, and that therefore the B.B.C should consult the representative for the area before any tower was broadcast to ensure that a high standard of ringing was maintained. This arrangement of consultation with the B.B.C has now worked exceptionally well over the years, and at the present my relations with the B.B.C. are excellent, with an understanding on both sides of each other's difficulties.

Recently all the Northern Ireland towers took part in a programme on bells on Christmas Eve, and the striking throughout the programme was good. We have endeavoured over the past ten years to raise our standards of striking by holding cup competitions, and although some of the experts may be opposed to such competitions there is no doubt that the standards of striking and ringing have been raised to a very high level as a result of the competitions, and this applies to the whole of Ireland as well.

Turning again to the question of general liaison with the B.B.C., I have always felt that to get the matter put on a proper footing, the Committee should seek a discussion with the person responsible in B.B.C. Headquarters in London, as always one hears in the regions that while they agree with our views they tunity must consult London. I have always said that I have been willing to attend such a meeting in London and would suggest opportunity should be taken this Whitsun to arrange a meeting on our way back from Folkestone.—Yours faithfully, JOHN T. DUNWOODY.

Holywood, Northern Ireland.

THE KIDLINGTON 17,042

Dear Sir,—I did not hear the above peal in 1899, but I was not impressed with the correspondence which followed, and sincerely hoped it would remain a forgotten affair for all time; yet for years afterwards I listened for many hours to Jim Washbrook and Bill Pye, two great friends of mine, in whose homes I spent many happy hours. Several times the Kidlington peal became a topic of conversation, and it always seemed to me a matter of great regret that these two famous men should become bad friends over a peal of Double Norwich and too many people rushing into print.—Yours faithfully,

Addlestone. WILLIAM SHEPHERD

A REPLY TO MR. RALPH EDWARDS

Dear Sir,—The lines by Babbacombe Bill aptly sum up the correspondence re the Evesham peal (bad lad, Pat, to drop a clanger like that!). It was with some regret, however, that I read the letter on the subject from Mr. Edwards. Yes, I am aware of the Birmingham ringers' technique, and I've managed to apply myself to it on numerous occasions—with credit or discredit I leave others to decide.

It is unnecessary for Mr. Edwards to tell us that Pat Cannon is one of the best heavy-bell ringers in the business. The footnotes to his peals tell us that. Some of Mr. Edwards' remarks on the Evesham peal were in bad taste, as he was the only disgruntled member of the band. He had the chance to set up—why didn't he? He says the band was not exactly star-studded. Well, he did not reach the heights of stardom himself. He lacked team spirit and said he could not care less, then he accused the rest of the band of putting up a poor show.

He says the band was not too well placed; seeing that he is a first-class heavy-bell ringer himself, why didn't he condescend to ring at the back end and try to keep things together? Perhaps if he had been on the tenor box instead of Stephen Ivin all would have been well, a good peal rung and all the band would have been stars.

One does not expect Mr. Edwards to enjoy a peal at Evesham as he openly admits that he is unable to hear the bells owing to so much hum in the place. His criticisms have been voiced often and strongly of Evesham bells. Inside the tower acoustical experiments have been carried out with a view to helping his indifferent hearing. Other suggestions he has made I shall carry out as soon as possible. In the meantime, any opinion or criticism he voices on ringing he takes part in at Evesham must be treated with reserve. I write this letter with sincere apologies to my brother, Mr. A. V. Hemming.—Yours faithfully,

G. J. HEMMING.

Evesham.

Dear Sir,—One of the most valued functions of 'The Ringing World' is to provide a medium for the freer exchange of views and ideas between ringers, and in this connection I, like many others, would like to thank you for publishing the correspondence inspired by the Evesham peal.

Every reader must be interested in this correspondence, and some perhaps amused, elated, infuriated or, like my good friend Pat Chapman, distressed.

I, personally, was far from distressed to read the opening instalment, contributed by A. P. C., in fact I nearly laughed my head off, and so, I should think, did Stephen Ivin. Nor do I share Mr. Chapman's view that A. P. C.'s letter was badly timed, for after all, this *is* the season of pantomime!

My sympathy, however, is with Mr. Cannon in this matter, as having built up a reputation for fast peals it must be particularly galling to be beaten at his own game, and worse is probably to come!

But seriously, sir, how I wish that more ringers had the enthusiasm of either of the leading characters in this argument!—Yours sincerely.

A. E. RUSHTON.

Luton, Beds.

SOUTHWELL, NOTTS.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Delia Wright (first quarter) 1, G. E. Foster 2, F. L. Hemstock 3, F. Pickard 4, J. R. Pratchett (first as cond.) 5, N. L. Brown (first quarter) 6. A wedding compliment to Miss Pauline Mary Pratchett, sister of the conductor and a ringer at the Minster, and Mr. Alec J. S. Atkin.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

Macclesfield Branch

The Ven. T. Clarke (president of the Guild) conducted the service at the annual meeting of the Macclesfield and District Branch, held at Macclesfield Parish Church on January 9th.

In his address, the president lamented the number of silent towers in the diocese of Chester, and said how incongruous it was to hear from small country church towers distorted electric recordings of the bells of St. Margaret's, Westminster. Only true ringing by virile men and women was worthy of the Church. Apart from rendering a great service they were engaging in a captivating craft, and they needed more volunteers who would be given the friendly, expert advice and training which the Guild was prepared to provide.

Tea was served after the service, and this was followed by the annual meeting, with Archdeacon Clarke in the chair. Mr. John Worth was unanimously re-elected as Branch chairman and Ringing Master, Mr. Harold Lonyon was appointed hon. secretary and treasurer, and Messrs. C. W. Lawton, E. Pimblott and M. Mottershead as representatives to the Diocesan General Committee.

Ringing at the Parish Church, containing the only 12 in Cheshire, following the meeting.

Crewe Branch

It was a welcome change for the Crewe Branch to be favoured with a fine day for their annual meeting on January 16th. The attendance of 87 members, representing 20 towers, had the pleasure of welcoming the Guild Master (Mr. J. W. Clarke) and the general secretary (Mr. H. O. Baker).

After the Guild Office and a thoughtful address from the Vicar (Rev. F. G. Gentry), the P.C.C. kindly entertained the meeting to tea, which was served by the wives of Christ Church ringers, under the direction of Mrs. R. D. Langford.

The Vicar presided at the business meeting. In his report, the Branch secretary (Mr. W. Kerr) stated that ringing meetings were continuing to receive good support, and that more peals had been rung than in previous years. It was regretted that four towers in the Branch were still not in union with the Guild, but it is intended to make an effort to remedy this unfortunate state of affairs. The total membership of the Branch showed a decrease, but this was attributable to the fact that several members had failed to pay their subscriptions. This was also reflected by a less favourable balance in the Branch accounts, which were presented by the secretary in the absence of the treasurer (Mr. W. F. Stenson).

The only alterations which resulted from the election of officers were that Mr. W. Kerr combined the duties of secretary and treasurer and Mr. B. J. Ongley succeeded to the position of 'Ringing World' representative.

A JANUARY OUTING

Ringers from Andover and Reading areas were pleased to accept an invitation by Bruce Granger on January 2nd for a day's ringing in Bedfordshire and Buckinghamshire

Some interesting bells were encountered. These included the steel bells of Waddesdon (6), Wing (6), with a long draught and 28 cwt. tenor, the ten at Leighton Buzzard, and finally the majestic eight at Woburn, where the day's ringing ended with a course of Cambridge Surprise Major.

Mr. and Mrs. Granger kindly entertained the party to tea, and there was the well-known dish of 'Bedfordshire Changes,' which was served with all the traditional ceremony. Sincere thanks to Bruce and his parents.

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A YOUNG LANCASHIRE BAND



YOUNG LANCASHIRE RINGERS. — Twelve months ago the belfry register at Westhoughton Parish Church, Bolton, contained the name of only one junior member. To-day there are nine and eight of them have formed a team to ring for evening service, the first time being on November 22nd. Their ages range from 12 to 15 years with an average of 15¼ years.

They claim to be one of the youngest ringing teams in the country. The band stood: Carol Knight (13) 1, Joan Farrimond (13) 2, Mary Hilton (12) 3, Anita Hilton (14) 4, Brenda Mort (15) 5, Brian Meadows (15) 6, Jeffrey Sawyer (13) 7, Ian Hunter (15) tenor. The ninth ringer is Frank Taylor (12), a recent recruit.

Their regularity in attendance for Sunday service ringing and the Tuesday practices encourages their instructor, Mr. Albert Greenhalgh, the well-known Lancashire ringer, to anticipate that Westhoughton juniors will add lustre to the Exercise. A peal attempt is being arranged for March 19th, which will be Carol Knight's first attempt.

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GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

The annual meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch at Dartmouth on January 7th was attended by many ringers from South Devon. Ringing was under the direction of Mr. W. Simmonds at St. Petrock's, Townstal, and St. Saviour's. The service at Townstal was conducted by the Rev. R. T. Urwin and the address given by the Rev. N. F. D. Coleridge.

At the business meeting, Mrs. H. Hood, Branch chairman, presided, and the officers were re-elected. Mr. D. J. Roberts (Branch secretary) reported an increase of membership by 16 to 69. A new band of ringers had been formed at St. Saviour's, Torquay, under Mr. W. J. Harvey.

Guild certificates were presented to the Rev. Anthony de Guingand and Gabriel Arnold (Buckfast Abbey), and Philippa Russell, Ian Hay, Danny McCollough and Andrew McKenzie (Teignmouth).

AROUND CANTERBURY

Organised by Peter Newing, F.S.A., eight ringers in three cars visited towers around Canterbury on January 6th. At Bekesbourne (6), with John Baldwin as Ringing Master, Cambridge was rung. For Littlebourne (6), Nicholas Davies was Ringing Master and Elizabeth Rogers his self-appointed deputy. Unfortunately, at Wickhambreaux the striking did not match up to the immaculate ringing chamber, although Sid Walters, the Ringing Master, was on home ground.

At tea at Littlebourne a tape-recorder was introduced, and after listening to some half-muffled Spliced Surprise Major from Ashford it was agreed that there was room for improvement in the party's ringing at Wickhambreaux. Mary and Pauline were joint Ringing Mistresses at Goodnestone. The day's ringing ended at Barham. Over coffee at Canterbury it was decided to hold a similar outing at Easter if possible.

Thank You, Australia

Mervyn J. Bray, of H.M.S. 'Centaur,' writes expressing the sincere thanks of David W. Kerley and himself for the friendship and hospitality given to them by the ringers of Sydney and Melbourne. 'I hope if any of them ever come to England I shall have the opportunity of meeting them again and helping to make them feel as welcome in our country as they made us in theirs,' he concludes.

Their happenings in Sydney were reported on page 73. They arrived at Melbourne on New Year's Eve and made rapid contact with Mr. Roper to inquire about New Year's ringing. As a result they were ringing at St. Paul's Cathedral from 8.30 p.m. to 1 a.m. The ringing ranged from rounds and call-changes to Grandsire Cinques, passing Stedman Doubles, Triples and Plain Bob Major. Just after midnight a course of Stedman Caters was rung.

As they were only staying two days a special practice was arranged for the following evening at St. Patrick's Cathedral.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch

Over 60 ringers attended the East Berks and South Bucks Branch meeting at Amersham on January 23rd, when ringing ranged from rounds to London Surprise Minor. A course of Hull Surprise and one of Kingston T.B. were rung, but the temptation was resisted to splice them and ring Kingston-upon-Hull!

The Branch chairman (Rev. Eric Perkins) presided at the committee meeting, at which a minute's silence was observed in memory of Arthur Foxall, a promising young ringer of Hughenden, who was killed in a road accident.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD
Salisbury Branch

The Salisbury Branch held their annual meeting on January 23rd, when Canon P. J. Hayes welcomed nearly 50 members and visiting ringers to Sarum St. Thomas', and after the service joined the company for tea at the Church House.

The chairman (H. A. Roles) also welcomed the Rev. W. Uphill, for 17 years Branch secretary for North Dorset, now retired and living in Salisbury, who has just undertaken the work of Guild librarian. The lapsing of Donhead St. Mary, Berwick St. John, Codford St. Peter and Woodford during the year (mostly due to the increasing age of the ringers and the difficulty of getting recruits in small villages) was offset by the reaffiliation of Broadchalke, Coombe Bissett and Tisbury, where there are new and keen young bands. In the case of the two first-named this is largely due to the encouragement of new vicars, themselves able to ring, and a special tribute was paid to Arthur Haines and the Wilton ringers, who have given a good deal of help in teaching the elements of change-ringing.

Seven quarterly or practice meetings had been held during the year, visiting 15 towers, and a new venture had been a half-day Branch outing into Hampshire: it is hoped to run another, visiting North Wilts, this year. The Branch officers were all re-elected, and the following meetings are proposed, subject to confirmation: March 5th, Dinton (practice); April 23rd, Tisbury (quarterly); May 28th or 21st, Britford-with-Downton (p.); July 16th, Enford-with-Netheravon (q.); September 10th, Woodford (p.); October 22nd, Amesbury-with-Durrington (q.); November 26th, Broadchalke (p.); January 21st, 1961, annual meeting in Salisbury.

Ringing continued to suit all standards at both St. Thomas' and St. Paul's.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD
North Lindsey Branch

A very successful annual meeting of the North Lindsey Branch was held at Barton-on-Humber on January 23rd. Owing to unexpected difficulties at Grimsby, the place of the meeting had to be changed, and all are very grateful to Barton for making such excellent arrangements at short notice. There were 42 for tea, and several more came later on.

Canon H. Thackray presided at the meeting. The accounts showed a small surplus on the year and a balance in hand of £23 17s. Mr. W. Bramwell reported on the bell repair fund account.

Officers elected for 1960 were: President, Canon H. Thackray; secretary and treasurer, G. W. Moody; Ringing Master, J. Bray; Guild representative, F. Lord; Branch committee, A. Crowder, H. Hall and S. Neave; auditors, M. Walker and G. Dobbs. Five Branch meetings are to be held in 1960, and the next annual meeting will be at Scunthorpe.

Barton has two rings of eight, and there was ringing on the eight at St. Peter's in the afternoon. After Evensong at St. Mary's, conducted by the Rev. G. Sylvester (Vicar), there was further ringing on the heavier eight at this church.

JOINT MEETING AT STOCKTON

The joint meeting held by the Southern District of the Durham and Newcastle Association and the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association at Stockton Parish Church on January 16th attracted a good attendance of members from both Associations, and there was enjoyable ringing during the afternoon and evening on this pleasant-sounding ten. Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Caters, Bob Major and Royal, and Double Norwich Major were the chief methods rung.

At tea the Vicar of Stockton (Rev. C. N. Wardle-Harpur) joined the ringers. He was thanked for the use of the bells by Mr. W. Etherington and Miss D. M. Killingley, who also thanked the ladies who had provided the tea.

Mr. Wardle-Harpur, replying, paid a tribute to the Stockton band for their diligence as ringers and their work as churchmen.

Mr. F. W. Cooke, vice-president of the Southern District, presided at the tea.

OBITUARY

MR. HARRY LOFTHOUSE

The death on January 26th, at the age of 60, of Harry Lofthouse was a great loss to all who knew him.

He was a member of the band at Christ Church, Armley, Leeds, where he had been in his time church councillor and churchwarden, and was interested in many of the organisations at that church.

He had been a member of the Yorkshire Association since 1923, and for the past seven years been on the committee of the Western District. His peal total was a modest nine, but he had done much work for learners both in his own and neighbouring towers.

He will be chiefly remembered by ringers in this area for his work with the Leeds and District Society, which remains today as a monument to his work and devotion to duty. He was its secretary for 30 years, resigning in 1953; since then he had served a term as president and also as vice-president.

He was cremated on February 1st, and ringers from many neighbouring towers (even as far afield as Bradford and Sheffield) joined with relatives and other church workers in paying their respects to an old friend who was young in heart. I. S.

AN APPRECIATION

It was with great sadness that I heard of the passing of Harry Lofthouse at his home in Armley, Leeds, on January 26th, at the age of 60. Although he had not been well for a few years, and his ringing activities had therefore been curtailed, he nevertheless maintained his interest in all ringing matters, throughout. Harry Lofthouse and the Leeds and District Society of Change Ringers were synonymous, as he was its mainspring for almost 40 years—as secretary and later as vice-president and president, and saw the Society grow from a very small organisation to its present well-known state. He was particularly proud of the fact that throughout this time the Society's subscription had not been altered from 6d. per member per year.

I first met Harry when I came to Yorkshire some 34 years ago—I was a little stranger in a strange land, and upon making inquiries as to the whereabouts of a certain Leeds and District meeting which had been advertised, I was given the necessary instructions and told to ask for Harry Lofthouse, as he would see that I got a ring. However, I had no need to ask, for Harry noticing a strange face made me very welcome. I little thought at the time I would later work with him and know him more intimately. Thus a few years later I settled down in Armley and was privileged to work with Harry in various ringing activities and came to appreciate his sterling character.

He was a churchman through and through, and had been connected with Christ Church all his life—as a Sunday School teacher, sidesman, churchwarden and bell-ringer: in fact he could be found actively engaged on practically every organisation of the church. In spite of his activities for his church, he somehow found time to take a very active interest in numerous other organisations of the parish—youth club, football club, the photographic society and many others: as when I knew him it was always taken for granted that Harry had meetings, committees or some activities on practically every night of the week—yet he always managed to find time to give a helping hand wherever needed.

Men of the character of Harry Lofthouse are very rare indeed. Though not an ambitious peal ringer in the sense of the word, he would always stand in when he thought the occasion worthy, and it would be difficult to find a more loyal member of a church or tower. He will be greatly missed, but I am glad that I had the privilege of knowing and working with him. Countless others will feel as I do, that I have lost a most sincere friend.

F. R.

MR. THOMAS TROLLOPE

The death of Mr. T. Trollope on January 15th, from pneumonia which developed after a serious fall, removes from our midst the oldest member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, in his 97th year. He had been a member of the Guild since 1896.

Thomas Trollope learnt his ringing at Middleton Stoney, in Oxfordshire, where, as a young man, he was head gardener at 'the big house.' Later he settled in Oxford, and for many years was employed by the Education Authority as advisory gardening instructor for the schools in the district.

It was then that I first came to know him, for when I was quite a small boy Mr. Trollope often visited my father, who was headmaster of St. Frideswide's School in Oxford. I remember that I felt a great respect, and no small degree of awe, in the presence of this dignified, bearded gentleman, who always held himself so erect.

Thomas Trollope never made much progress in the advanced branches of ringing, but his devotion to the art and his unswerving loyalty and service to the Oxford Diocesan Guild earned him the deepest respect and affection in the diocese. His influence at the general committee meetings (he was a member of the committee for very many years and never missed a meeting) was always on the side of good sense, kindness and tolerance. He was a great peace maker, and I believed he never said an unkind word to anyone. In the Oxford Guild we shall greatly miss Thomas Trollope, but we shall remember with thankfulness his life and example.

ELLIOT WIGG.

MR. R. E. SMITH, EASINGWOLD

The death has taken place at Bank House, Easingwold, Yorks, at the age of 90, of Mr. Reginald Ernest Smith, a ringer for well over 60 years at the Parish Church, and for the greater part of that time tower keeper and leader of the ringers. Until the last war he maintained a band of such strength that the bells were rung for two services every Sunday.

He began to ring when he left the choir, and during his lifetime taught many others to ring. Keenly interested in bells, he kept everything in connection with the bells and fittings in first-class order. Perhaps his greatest ambition was realised in 1950, when the bells were rehung and augmented from six to eight by the addition of two trebles.

He held the office of churchwarden for 40 years and took an active interest in the town's affairs. He was a playing member of the town band, and was manager of the local branch of the Midland Bank, until his retirement in 1936.

The funeral service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. R. S. Hawkins, R.D.), assisted by Canon F. Richardson, vicar of Pocklington and former Vicar of Easingwold. The eight bells were rung half-muffled immediately before the funeral.

J. B. H.

MR. FRANK MORGAN

The ringing band at St. Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham, has sustained a heavy loss in the passing on January 24th in Summerfield Hospital, Birmingham, of Mr. Frank Morgan, aged 63 years.

Apart from service in the First World War, Frank's early life was passed in South Wales, where he learned to ring, his work bringing him to Birmingham a few years prior to the last war. He then joined the band at St. Chad's.

Of a quiet, unassuming temperament, coupled with a kindly and generous nature, he was well liked by all with whom he came into contact. Although he had rung some peals in his younger days, his main interest was in the Sunday service ringing at St. Chad's, where his regularity of attendance and punctuality were proverbial, even when stricken with the painful illness that, in a few weeks, was to cause his death. He last rang on Sunday evening, November 29th, for the visit of the Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster, although it was evident how ill he was.

He was interred at Witton Cemetery, Birmingham, on January 28th.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

Northern District

A membership of 255—an increase of one—was reported at the annual meeting of the Northern District, held at St. Peter's, Croydon, on January 23rd. Quarter peals totalled 84 compared with 104, and peals dropped from 29 to 21. In the peals, 81 ringers took part, of whom 50 were resident ringing members. Only four towers entered for the striking competition and the standard was lower on the much more difficult bells at Esher. Collections at meetings for the Belfry Repair Fund amounted to £8 4s. 10d.

Regarding the Sunday Service Survey, we in Surrey are certainly no worse than the average state described. Yet the state of ringing in the county is not what it ought to be or what it could be: we must not be bullied into a sense that we can sit back and relax. On the other hand, ringing is not a dying art, as some would have us believe. The general state of affairs has probably not altered much over the last 50 or 100 years.

The committee suggested creating a panel of volunteers (at least 12) to visit towers requiring help for a period of six weeks on their practice night, when a particular method would be practised. This was adopted, and tower captains are invited to discuss the scheme.

Mr. F. E. Collins succeeds Mr. G. Peters as District Ringing Master, and Messrs. F. W. Oatway and N. Steere join the committee in place of the Rev. C. Marshall and Mr. C. Champion.

The Rev. R. W. Mowbray conducted Evensong, and local ringers served a first-class meal.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD

Andover District

As an incentive for a membership drive, the Andover District at their annual meeting at Andover were offered a six months' subscription to 'The Ringing World' to the tower that could produce most new members from the date of the meeting.

The Rev. P. K. Venner presided at the meeting, and all the officers were re-elected for a period of three years. The next annual meeting will be held at Whitchurch, and it was decided to have a District outing to Salisbury in October. The service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. Dr. J. Machin).

MR. FRED SEAGER

AN APPRECIATION

The sudden death of Mr. Frederick Seager has brought to an end a very long friendship of over 40 years—as I had just returned from the Forces—after the 1914-18 war, when Fred came to Shipley in 1919. We both rang at St. Paul's, Shipley, and soon formed a very close friendship, which lasted until the last bob had been called.

Fred was a grand ringer, especially at the heavy end and one had only to see his effortless style to realise his immense reserves of energy. He was one of the safest peal ringers one could meet—ringing his first peal for the Yorkshire Association on Tuesday, February 17th, 1920, this being conducted by the late T. B. Kendall, of Shipley.

After marrying and settling down in the district, Mrs. Seager took up ringing and also joined the Shipley Company, being a very welcome member of the Sunday service band. I had the pleasure of calling her first peal on May 1st, 1926. Later, Fred's work took him to the Leeds District, where he was readily welcomed at the Leeds Parish Church, and continued until his death. Since his retirement just over 12 months ago he was able to devote a great deal more time to ringing, and enjoyed every minute of it.

With his passing, I have lost an old and valued friend, and my wife and I would like to express our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Seager and her sons David and Robert.

May he rest in peace.

E. H. S.

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MEETINGS

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Clay Cross, Saturday, Feb. 13th, 3 p.m. 5711

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Edenbridge, Saturday, Feb. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Church House 5 p.m. Names to E. C. Leigh, Homesdale, Spital Cross, Edenbridge. Annual, Colemans Hatch, Saturday, Mar. 19th. Bells and Hall not available on 12th.—C. A. Bassett. 5705

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting, Whittlesford, Saturday, Feb. 13th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at The Brewery Tap 5 p.m.—E. W. Bullman, Dis. Sec. 5708

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—Annual District meeting, Saturday, Feb. 13th, at Chiddingfold, Surrey. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Everyone welcome. 5666

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Botolph's, Boston, Saturday, Feb. 13th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 5710

LONDON TRAINING COLLEGES' GUILD.—Meeting, Barnes, Saturday, Feb. 13th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 5721

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Annual meeting, St. Mary's, Hendon (buses 83 and 143 to Hendon L.T. Garage), on Saturday, Feb. 13th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting and further ringing until 8.30 p.m. Ringing also at St. Mary's, Finchley, 2.30 to 4 p.m. Good attendance, please.—D. T. C. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5706

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Annual general meeting, Reading, on Saturday, Feb. 13th. St. Giles' (8), 3 to 4 p.m.: St. Laurence's (12), 3.45 to 4.30 p.m. Service at St. Laurence's, followed by tea and meeting in St. Mary's Church House. St. Laurence's and St. Mary's (8) available after tea. 5718

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Annual meeting, Chichester Cathedral, Saturday, Feb. 13th. Bells available from 3 o'clock and in evening. 5716

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting, Sharow (8), Ripon (10), on Saturday, Feb. 13th. Sharow from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, Cafe Victoria, Ripon. 5727

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice, Monday, Feb. 15th, 7.30 p.m., St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge. Special methods: Bob Major, London Surprise Major. A.G.M., Saturday, Feb. 20th, Southwark Cathedral, 2.30 to 4.30 p.m.; St. John's, Waterloo Road, 2.30 to 4. Service, Cathedral, 5 p.m. Tea, business and handbell competition, Chapter House, 6. St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, 8 p.m. Names for tea, please.—Rogers, 53, The Grove, Isleworth. ISL 3921. 5709

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Practice meeting, Tickenham (6), Saturday, Feb. 20th. Bells 5 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 5604

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Holmes Chapel, Saturday, Feb. 20th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea must be received by Feb. 17th.—W. Kerr, 102, Moreton Road, Crewe. 5768

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Annual meeting, Wallasey St. Hilary's, Saturday, Feb. 20th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea provided *free* for those notifying by Wednesday previous.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 5771

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, St. Oswald's, West Hartlepool, Saturday, Feb. 20th, 3 p.m.—P. W. B. Semmens, Hon. Sec. 5770

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Wisbech St. Mary, Saturday, Feb. 20th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 5762

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting, Buckden, (5) Saturday Feb. 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Service after tea.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 5750

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton Branch.—Monthly meeting, Stone (6), Saturday, Feb. 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service and tea. Names by Feb. 18th to Brian Cooper, 14, Coombe Road, Wotton. 5735

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Monthly meeting, Leckhampton (8), Saturday, Feb. 20th, 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by February 16th. — Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Cheltenham. 5760

HAWKHURST GUILD.—Meeting, Benenden, Saturday, Feb. 20th. No tea if no name to J. Brown, Moat Cottage, Benenden, Kent. 5754

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Feb. 20th. Service, All Saints', 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Bells: Cathedral (10), 3 p.m.: All Saints' (8) and St. Nicholas' (6), after meeting. Names for tea to T. E. Wood, 75, Redhill Flats, Hereford. 5756

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leominster District.—Annual meeting, Leominster, Saturday, Feb. 20th. Bells (10) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea after service. 5757

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Saturday, Feb. 20th, Kimpton (6), 3 p.m. First meeting since restoration. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to J. G. Cull, 5, The Green, Kimpton, Hitchin, Herts. *No name, no tea.* Special request, Norwich Surprise.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 5755

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—By-meeting, High Halden, Saturday, Feb. 20th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Thursday to Mr. J. Burden, 23, The Chennels, High Halden, near Ashford.—C. T. H. 5761

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Feb. 20th, All Saints', Leicester (8). Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Friday, 19th, to Mrs. B. A. Bennett, 28, Warwick Road, Littlethorpe, near Narborough, Leics. Tel. Nar 2539. 5764

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Ringing meeting, Saturday, Feb. 20th, St. Michael's, Flixton. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Cups of tea provided.—G. D. Fearnehough, Sec. 5751

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Meeting at St. Saviour's, Bacup, on Saturday, Feb. 20th. Ringing at 3. Cups of tea at 5.—J. Porter, Branch Sec. 5775

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting, Rothley, Saturday, Feb. 20th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Village Hall 5 p.m. Names by the previous Wednesday, please, to Mr. G. Brewin, 5, Cossington Lane, Rothley. 5743

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meeting, Astordby, Saturday, Feb. 20th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in Parish Rooms 5 p.m. Please send names for tea by Feb. 17th at the latest to Mr. H. J. Cook, 18, New Street, Asfordby.—T. Templeton, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5747

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Saturday, Feb. 20th, Lubenham. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—L. W. Allen. 5765

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Lindsey Branch.—Meeting, Kirton Lindsey, on Saturday, Feb. 20th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify by Tuesday previous Mr. G. E. Feirn, Cleatham, Kirton Lindsey.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec. 5715

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Meeting, Heston, Saturday, Feb. 20th. Ringing 3.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Further ringing afterwards.—E. R. Gotham, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5758

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Feb. 20th, Loddon. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Feb. 17th, certain, please, to Mr. H. W. Barrett, Fernhill, Bungay Road, Loddon.—P. G. W. Newstead, Branch Hon. Sec. 5691

ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL.—Reopening of bells after rehanging at Evensong, 3.15 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 20th. Tea (3s.) for those who notify me by Thursday, 18th.—T. Beaumont, 7, Prospect Avenue, Frindsbury, Rochester. All welcome. 5763

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting, Wokingham, Saturday, Feb. 20th. Service in St. Paul's Church, 4 p.m. Tea and meeting in Parish Room, 5 p.m. Ringing: St. Paul's, 3 and 7 p.m.: All Saints', 7 p.m. Notify for tea by Feb. 16th to B. C. Castle, The Briars, Westfield Road, Winnersh, Wokingham. 5736

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting, Ramsbury, Saturday, Feb. 20th. Names for tea to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Wilts. 5759

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting, Burton Bradstock, Saturday, Feb. 20th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea only for those who notify by February 16th.—Barrett, Gerrards Green, Beaminster. 5742

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.—Edinburgh meeting on Saturday, Feb. 20th, at four towers, beginning at St. James' at noon. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to Reginald Wilson, 15, Durham Road, Edinburgh, 15. 5769

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Monthly meeting. Sherburn-in-Elmet, Saturday, Feb. 20th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (moderate change) 5 p.m. Names, please, on or before 18th, to Mr. J. Potts, North Sweenings Farm, Lennerton, S. Milford, near Leeds.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 5767

SHEFFIELD AND LEEDS UNIVERSITY SOCIETIES.—Joint meeting, Saturday, Feb. 20th. Ringing at Pontefract (All Saints' (8)), 2.30 to 4.30 p.m., and Wragby (6), 6 to 8.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements. All visitors welcome. 5741

SUFFOLK GUILD—East Central District. —Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Feb. 20th, Earl Soham (6), 3 p.m.; Framlingham (8). Tea, Crown and Anchor, 5 p.m Bells 6 to 8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. Hall, 16, Castle Road, Framlingham 5766

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division. — The annual meeting at Henfield (8), Saturday, Feb. 20th. Bells 3.15. Service 4.15. Tea at 5. Numbers for tea direct to Mr. F. Cruttenden, The Bakery, High Street, Henfield, by Thursday, Feb. 18th. — Geo. North, 11, Richmond Terrace, Brighton. 5730

CLAWTON OPEN RINGING DAY.—On our gift day, Saturday, Feb. 27th, all ringers will be welcome from 11 a.m. onwards. Buffet lunch and tea. Service 2 p.m. Sale and skittles competition in afternoon. A388, three miles S. Holsworthy. Proceeds for tower. 5774

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD—Northern District.—Meeting, Shilton, Saturday, Feb. 27th (not 20th). Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea at the Vicarage, 5 p.m. 5753

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD—Hinckley District.—Annual dinner and social, Saturday, Feb. 27th, St. Mary's Parish Hall, Hinckley. Bells available 4.30 p.m. Dinner 6.30 p.m. prompt. Tickets 8s. each. Names, please, before Wednesday, Feb. 24th, to Mr. F. K. Measures, 58, Lychgate Lane, Burbage, Leics. Phone Burbage 516.—M. Vernon, Dis. Sec. 5740

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Annual meeting, Spalding, Saturday, Feb. 27th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday previous to Mr. M. Bennett, 171, Bourne Road, Spalding, Lincs. 5748

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Annual meeting, Bridgend, Saturday, Feb. 27th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—R. E. Coles. 5732

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Annual general meeting on Saturday, Feb. 27th, Fakenham. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, 25th, to G. Cooke, 24, Back Street, Fakenham. — C. Tovell, Branch Hon. Sec. 5752

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — V.W.H. Branch.—Annual meeting, Faringdon, Saturday, Feb. 27th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, Feb. 24th, to R. F. J. Gilling, Branch Sec., Fernham, Faringdon, Berks. 5749

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (established 1755). —Annual Henry Johnson commemoration dinner, Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, 6 o'clock, Saturday, Feb. 27th. Chairman, Mr. Rodney B. Meadows. Tickets 20s. Peals arranged for visitors. Several towers open for ringing. Details later.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham, 28. 'Phone SPR 1025.

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Meeting, St. Lawrence's, Heanor, Saturday, Feb. 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by 24th.—Miss A. Henson, Sec., 23, Seymour Road, West Bridgford. 5773

SUFFOLK GUILD—West Central District. —Meeting, Saturday, Feb. 27th, Palgrave (8), 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Norfolk ringers welcomed. Names for tea must be in by Feb. 23rd—H. A. Mitson, Dis. Sec. 5702

SUFFOLK GUILD—North East District.—Practice meeting, Saturday, Feb. 27th. Bells: Wenhaston, 2.30 p.m.; Blythburgh, 6.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to C. J. Gibson, 1, Heath Road, Wenhaston, Halesworth.—A. R. Bridges, Dis. Sec. 5744

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — S.E. District — Meeting, Goldhanger, Saturday, March 5th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury. 5745

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Special committee meeting to discuss the findings of the Central Council Survey on Sunday Service Ringing, Saturday, March 5th, 3 p.m., in the vestry of Hanley Parish Church. 5700

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — S.E. District. — Dinner and social, Village Hall, Danbury, on Saturday, March 12th, 6.15 for 6.45 p.m. Tickets (5s. 6d.), before March 5th, from P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury. S.A.E., please. 5746

SERVICE RINGERS' NEWS

One Million Changes At Willesborough

At their annual meeting the ringers of St. Mary-the-Virgin's, Willesborough, announced that in addition to ringing three peals, including the 50th on the bells, they had again topped the hundred thousand changes for service ringing in 1959. Their total of 116,053 brings the service ringing total since the beginning of 1955 to 593,885, and the total since the beginning of 1949 to 1,035,451! Since all of the ringers are resident within the parish, they are justly proud of this record.

During the year the following methods were rung: Plain Bob, Double Bob, Reverse Bob, Canterbury Pleasure Bob, St. Clement's College Bob, College Bob, Oxford Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Double Court Bob, Hereward Bob, London Bob, Horsmonden Bob, Cumberland Bob, Brentford Bob, Childwall Bob, Thelwall Bob, Lytham Bob, Wavertree Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent and Oxford T.B. spliced, Kentish Delight, Oswald Delight, Old Oxford Delight, Cambridge Surprise, Ipswich Surprise and London Surprise Minor, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, New Bob, Huntspill Bob, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place Bob, St. Bartholomew's, Reverse All Saints, Union Bob, St. Faith's Slow Course, Reverse St. Simon's, Reverse St. Martin's and Grandsire Doubles. Total: 26 Minor and 15 Doubles.

Apart from a couple of Sundays when the weather was particularly bad Mr. Edward S. Ruck, in his 93rd year, took part in the ringing each Sunday.

LYNEHAM

At Lyneham, Wilts, the number of ringers capable of handling a bell for rounds is 25, of whom two-thirds are teenagers. The six bells are rung twice on Sundays and on other festivals. Practices are held on Wednesdays.

Call-changes were our only repertoire until recently. Now we have a band capable of ringing a plain course of Bob Minimus and Grandsire Doubles. We thank Mr. Goodwin, our captain, for all his encouragement. G. P.

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SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR — TWO METHODS

BY P. G. K. DAVIES

Spliced Surprise is increasingly popular and it seems likely that this trend will continue. Indeed we have heard quite a lot recently about Spliced Surprise and in particular compositions of two Spliced. Spliced Surprise provides a vast field for the composer, and a difficult one, especially where all the work is concerned, for the falseness and complications involved are extensive.

Two Spliced usually means Cambridge mixed with either Yorkshire or Superlative, the latter being commoner, probably because compositions have been more readily available. The 1950 Central Council Collection does not treat Yorkshire in its section on Spliced.

SUPERLATIVE AND CAMBRIDGE

No doubt it is now generally known that the arrangement given in the 1950 Collection for all courses called alike is false. As has been pointed out, provided that compositions of Yorkshire or Superlative with no reversals in 5-6 are used (e.g., those compositions given on pages 24-30 of that Collection)—SCSXSCS runs true where X can be either C or S. In this Collection two peals are given which have all the work of these methods.

YORKSHIRE AND CAMBRIDGE

Firstly, those compositions with all courses called alike. Provided Middleton's or the reductions thereof are used, YXXXXXY runs true where X is either Cambridge or Yorkshire. Examples could be YCYCYCY or YYCCYCY. In these arrangements the calling must be chosen at the beginning and the same one maintained throughout. Short courses will be called as the 1st, 2nd, 6th and 7th leads of the full course. The short course for YCYCYCY will be YCCY; the short course for YYCCYCY will be YYCY. All these callings apply only to Middleton's and the same arrangement must be used throughout the peal.

There are several peals which contain all the work of these two methods. Mr. C. K. Lewis has arranged Middleton's thus:—

	M	W	H	
43652	—			CCYYYYY
56234	—	—		CCCCYCY
23564		—	—	YYCYCCY
52364			—	YCYYCYC
35264			—	YYYYCCC

Four times repeated.

This is reduced to 5,056 by calling before and home (CCCY) in place of the first three courses of one part only and it then contains 2,720 Yorkshire and 2,336 Cambridge.

A recent arrangement of the extension of Middleton's by Mr. Mark Lancefield can be found in the issue of this paper for December 20th, 1957.

All the work deals with full combinations and no 82's can be obtained in three parts. An example is this, by myself:—

23456	B	M	W	
35264	X			CYCC
62453		—	—	CYCCYCY = A
54326		—	—	YYYCCCY = B
25346			—	as A
42356			—	as B
32654		—		as B
56423		—	—	YCCYCYY
25463			—	as B

Twice repeated and contains 2,496 Cambridge and 2,592 Yorkshire with 77 changes of method.

Other methods have been rung to two Spliced but these are the most common and I hope some of this information will be of use to ringers interested.

CHELSFIELD, KENT.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,440 Doubles in eight methods (Antelope, Grandsire, Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas', St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob): Jillian Outhwaite 1, J. Parker 2, D. Manger (cond.) 3, D. Parker 4, N. Martin 5, A. Winsborough 6. For Evensong.

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† 13, 17, 31

First rung on Monday, November 23rd. 1959, at Leicester Cathedral. Conducted by Herrick B. Bowley.

ST. PETER-IN-THANET, KENT.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Margaret Horne (first quarter) 1, Christine Cobbold (first 'inside') 2, Sonia Davies 3, Mary Elsdon 4, Pauline Fennell 5, Mary Taylor 6, Martin Cubitt (cond.) 7, J. Webb 8. 6-8 covering. Rung as a compliment to Miss Bridget Sudbury, a former secretary of this band, and Mr. T. Coles, on their engagement.

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CALLING THE CHANGES

MR. RODENHURST's letter of February 5th raises a matter which has often been in my mind. Most change-ringers bother very little with call-changes, and only ring them out of stark necessity either because they are visiting a call-change tower or because they have a band of learners and constant rounds are driving them mad. But call-changes properly used are based on principles as clear-cut and orderly as those governing scientific methods, and the instructor with a band of round-ringers can give the listening public some good music and himself a lot of simple pleasure if he chooses to put his mind to it.

Readers will have to bear with me if this seems a little verbose and complex, but there is no technical terminology of call-change composition, so I've had to make up some and borrow the rest.

There would seem to be three basic operations in the composition of call-changes, which, for want of anything better, I will call the 'Hunt,' the 'Sequence' and the 'Dovetail.'

The Hunt is what it implies—the calling of one bell from front to back or from back to front. It is the basic (and only) ingredient in the simplest of all peals—the Plain Changes, in which the bell on the lead is called up to the back until rounds is reached again. But by working two hunts in together you can achieve much longer and more interesting results. A very popular sixty is made by ringing the plain changes on the middle four bells of a six while the treble hunts up and down through them, i.e., treble to the back, change 2 and 3, treble to the front, change 2 and 4, and so on. If you call the bells into thirds (135246) before you start the sixty, Mr. Rodenhurst, you get 'sixty on thirds.'

The Sequence is best illustrated by the most useful one, which is, on eight bells, rounds–Queens–Tittums–rounds. This is achieved, basically, like this:—

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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
  X   X   X
1 3 2 5 4 7 6 8
    X   X
1 3 5 2 7 4 6 8
      X
1 3 5 7 2 4 6 8
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In other words, changing the pairs from the sides to the middle, with treble (and tenor, of course) not affected.

Reverse the operation, and you get the sequence in reverse. This is the principle of many compositions from the six-single 168 of Grandsire Triples upwards. On six bells it produces a four-part sequence—

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1 2 3 4 5 6
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1 3 5 2 4 6 (Thirds)      (Change-ringers will notice that these
1 5 4 3 2 6               are the lead-ends of a plain course of
1 4 2 5 3 6 (Tittums)     Plain Bob Doubles.)
1 2 3 4 5 6
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The useful thing about this sequence is that it's packed with good music which is therefore available on a regular mathematical system. Combined with a Hunt, in the form of the Plain Changes, it produces The Queen's Peal, which is calling into Queens, ringing the plain changes from there back to Queens, and then reversing the sequence to take you straight back to rounds. You could, of course, if you had the time, continue the sequence, and ring the Plain Changes on Tittums as well.

On six bells, this combines with a Hunt to produce an excellent peal of 60 changes, which is known as the Cornish Sixties. The treble is hunted up and down through the other four, and as in the above-mentioned sixty one pair is changed when the treble is leading and one when she is lying, but in this case the inner pairs are changed in the Sequence. As generally called, the peal starts with the change 4/5; treble to the back; 2/3; treble to the front; 2/5, gives thirds. The idea of starting like this is that it brings the treble to the front for thirds and Tittums and to the back for the back-change, and improves the music, but this sixty can be called with any bell in the hunt and will always come round. But beware of being too clever, and getting rounds after only four or five minutes, which may happen if you call it from a starting-point other than rounds.

The Dovetail may have some other name, but as far as I'm concerned is my own invention. It is most useful on more than six bells and consists, really, of the operation which brings rounds into Tittums, i.e., the dovetailing of the front four and the back four bells—

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1234      becomes 1 2 3 4
5678              5 6 7 8
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The working of this process can be seen thus:—

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1 2 3 4 5 6 7
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1 5 2 6 3 7 4   Dovetail into Tittums. (6 changes)
5 6 7 1 2 3 4   Bring front bells* right through to the back. (6)
5 6 7 4 3 2 1   Turn front bells round. (6)
4 5 3 6 2 7 1   Dovetail again. (6)
4 3 2 1 5 6 7   Front bells to the front. (6)
4 3 2 1 7 6 5   Turn back bells round. (3)
4 7 3 6 2 5 1   Dovetail. (6)
7 6 5 4 3 2 1   Front bells to the back. (6)
7 6 5 1 2 3 4   Turn front bells round. (6)
1 7 2 6 3 5 4   Dovetail. (6)
1 2 3 4 7 6 5   Front bells to the front. (6)
1 2 3 4 5 6 7   Turn back bells round. (3)
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* 'Front bells' are 1234; 'Back bells' 567.

There, in 72 changes, you have some consistently good 8-bell music, and a caller can go on ad-libbing on that theme for quite a long time without repeating himself.

There are, in fact, very few known 'peals' of call-changes in the West Country, and although those that there are are constructed on principles as clear-cut and regular as those of Plain Bob or Grandsire (the Cornish Sixties is, in fact, very closely allied with Plain Bob Doubles), they are generally called not by system but from memory; I think that most people, for instance, calling 'Sixty on Thirds' call the treble work by system but the inner work from memory, and I know callers of long experience who, making a false call in a peal of changes, cannot get the bells into rounds again.

It would be nice to be able to say that there are young call-change ringers in Devon and Cornwall composing new peals of changes, but if there are I have not heard about it, and the usual repertoire is generally sadly limited—partly because of the inflexible conservatism of the competition-ringing fraternity, whose almost fundamentalist adherence to Sixty on Thirds and The Queen's Peal results in superlative striking but stultifies any progress in composing and ringing new and different peals.

I hasten to add that in most ways the competition-ringing organisations are not by any means behind the times or anti-progressive; but in this they certainly are, and it has resulted in a rather one-sided situation, in which many bands have been trained into superlative bell-handlers within the limits of their customary practice, and can do wonders not only on their bells but on other, different and often awkward bells, but their bellmanship stops dead at that, with no idea of the fun to be had, and the music to be made, in departing from the two or three peals of changes which they know.

I have met one or two young ringers who can call good peals of changes out of their heads, making them up as they go along, but only very few, and many others who have the ability and the right temperament but just have never thought of trying or never dared to suggest it to their local bands. If any such, reading this, should take his courage in both hands and ask the ringers one practice night to let him have a try at calling a peal of his own, I shall be richly rewarded.

J. G. M. S.

TEN BELL PEALS

STRADBROKE, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 30, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5060 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in E flat.

Ronald W. Steward	*Treble*	James Bennett	6
Roger L. K. Whittell	2	Cecil W. Pipe	7
James B. Morley	3	L. Edward Etheridge	8
Ernest G. Pearce	4	*Peter S. Bedford	9
Peter M. Adcock	5	Leslie N. Melton	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Leslie N. Melton.
* First peal of Royal.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 6, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 28 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in D.

William J. Leach	*Treble*	Gordon Harrison	6
David W. Brunning	2	Arthur Pritchard	7
Alan G. Foster	3	Richard J. Warrilow	8
Brian Dawson	4	Brian J. Wylde	9
John K. Smith	5	David W. Friend	*Tenor*

Composed by H. J. Tucker. Conducted by David W. Brunning.
Rung for the Patronal Festival; also for the eighth anniversary of the accession of Her Majesty the Queen. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the fourth.

RICKMANSWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 6, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 20 cwt. 20 lb. in D.

*Doug. C. Bartholomew	*Treble*	Walter Lee	6
*Susan J. Slade	2	J. Howard Freeborn	7
†Michael Hatchett	3	*Herbert A. Bradbury	8
Vernon Green	4	†Philip H. Tocock	9
†H. George Hart	5	Alan R. Pink	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* First peal on ten bells. † First of Royal in the method.
Rung for the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BUCKLEBURY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 5, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13¼ cwt.

Alice Talbot	*Treble*	George Stocker	5
Dorothy Pearce	2	Geoffrey K. Dodd	6
Arthur Sayers	3	Reginald W. Rex	7
Stella Davis	4	Reginald F. Crook	*Tenor*

Composed by John Pritchard. Conducted by Reginald F. Crook.

LONGSTANTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 19, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5056 SOUTHWELL SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

Harold J. Muncey	*Treble*	Derek E. Sibson	5
Donald E. R. Knights	2	George E. Thoday	6
Donald F. Murfet	3	Geoffrey A. Lucas	7
Derek E. Latchford	4	Mansfield Ginn	*Tenor*

Conducted by Mansfield Ginn.

NEWTON ST. CYRES, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Tues., Dec. 29, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Cyre and Julietta.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 15 cwt.

Reginald J. Bray	*Treble*	Arthur T. Truman	5
Frank Wills	2	George Skinner	6
George Luxton	3	Frederick Wreford	7
Norman Mallett	4	Sidney Skinner	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frederick Wreford.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 16, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Remigius.
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

*A. William Bird	*Treble*	*Geoffrey R. Drew	5
*Doris E. Lidbetter	2	*Thomas E. Spight	6
William Clover	3	H. William Barrett	7
*Bevan W. Willgress	4	Henry Tooke	*Tenor*

Composed by George H. Cross. Conducted by Henry Tooke.
* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.

LONG SUTTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 16, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 lb. in F.

*Alan G. Payne	*Treble*	George R. G. Butler	5
Freda P. Greaves	2	John G. Ames	6
Norman V. Harding	3	J. Martin Thorley	7
John W. Carter	4	C. Harold Whitton	*Tenor*

Composed by F. Bennett. Conducted by C. Harold Whitton.
* First peal of Major.
A farewell peal to the Rev. Cuthbert Powell, Vicar of Long Sutton.

HAWKSHEAD, LANCASHIRE
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 23, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 7¼ cwt.

Rev. Robert Lindsay	*Treble*	James E. Dickinson	5
Robin Shuttleworth	2	Lawrence D. Clement	6
James E. Burles	3	*Alan Capstick	7
Keith Newby	4	†Nicholas M. Newby	*Tenor*

Composed by Henry Hubbard. Conducted by Nicholas M. Newby.
* 75th peal. † 100th peal.
Rung for Epiphany; also in honour of Christian missionaries, and to welcome the return on furlough of Dorothy Pilkington, C.S.I. medical missionary.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Jan. 24, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
At the Abbey Church of SS. Mary and Thomas of Canterbury.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 25¼ cwt. in D.

William Clover	*Treble*	†Geoffrey R. Drew	5
A. William Bird	2	Henry Tooke	6
Thomas E. Spight	3	Bert Gogle	7
*Peter Adcock	4	†Bevan W. Willgress	*Tenor*

Conducted by William Clover.
* First peal in the method 'inside.' † First of Triples.

ARDLEIGH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 30, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13¼ cwt.

*Peter Brand	*Treble*	George W. Barnes	5
Felix H. Erith	2	Roy Duesbury	6
*Adrian Semken	3	Urban W. Wildney	7
Frank B. Lufkin	4	Bernard W. Fairhead	*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. Trollope. Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
* First peal.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 30, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Alkmund.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E

*Deborah Wilson	*Treble*	*Peter Davies	5
Fred W. Stone	2	John Murfin	6
David Gebbett	3	Michael Blore	7
†David Shaw	4	Wm. Arnold Morley	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. Burton. Conducted by Wm. Arnold Morley.
* First peal of Major. † First peal.
Rung as a compliment to Fred W. Stone, 50 years a ringer.

EBBW VALE, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 30, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
At Christ Church,
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in D.

Brian R. Kingston	*Treble*	David J. King	5
Trevor T. Lewis	2	George Davis	6
W. Gwyn Thomas	3	Selwyn H. Dearden	7
David J. Llewellyn	4	Neil Bennett	*Tenor*

Composed by R. F. B. Speed. Conducted by Neil Bennett.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 30, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21½ cwt.

*Bryan C. Burrough	*Treble*	Dennis R. Mitchell	5
George Francis	2	Bernard E. Mathews	6
June M. Clements	3	Raymond P. Wood	7
Leonard Stilwell	4	W. Leslie Weller	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by George Francis.
* First peal of Major.
A welcome to Susan Jill, daughter of George and Vivian Francis, and to Zoe Ann, daughter of Clive and Margaret Green, both born on January 24th. All four parents are ringers at Warnham.

KINGSWINFORD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 30, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in F sharp.

*Tessa P. Kemp	*Treble*	Susan Funnell	5
Linda M. Hughes	2	Roger J. Gay	6
Mary Funnell	3	David J. Purnell	7
Veronica Miles	4	Brian J. Woodruffe	*Tenor*

Composed by Fredk. H. Dexter. Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
* First peal.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 30, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

*Richard Cartlidge	*Treble*	Walter Sherratt	5
Denis Heapy	2	*Roy Worrall	6
*Victor Stonier	3	Barry Corbishley	7
Norman Sherratt	4	Trevor Taylor	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Barry Corbishley.
* First peal on eight bells.

MARK, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 30, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
At the Church of St. Mark,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 19 cwt.

F. Ben. Comer	*Treble*	Gwilym G. Salmon	5
Marjorie Legg	2	Victor G. Roberts	6
*Pat M. Popham	3	George Prescott	7
John Burrough	4	Sydney G. Smith	*Tenor*

Conducted by George Prescott.
* First peal of Triples.

NEW ALRESFORD, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 30, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

David J. Forder	*Treble*	Raymond A. Brown	5
*Helen B. Nevin	2	Geoffrey R. Crisp	6
Derek C. Jackson	3	A. Keith G. Jones	7
†Christopher C. Pain	4	Adrian J. Tumber	*Tenor*

Composed by Frank Bennett. Conducted by David J. Forder.
* First peal on eight bells. † First of Major.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the conductor.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 30, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor 14½ cwt.

*Thomas E. Wilson	*Treble*	George A. Bell	5
†Kathleen Bell	2	Phillip G. K. Davies	6
Arthur H. Beamish	3	Leonard Trevor	7
James Draycott	4	Walter Beebe	*Tenor*

Conducted by Leonard Trevor.
* First peal on eight bells. † First of Triples.
A birthday compliment to the ringer of the fifth, also to the conductor's mother.

SALFORD PRIORS, WARWICKSHIRE
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 30, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Matthew.
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 14 lb. in F.

William J. Newman	*Treble*	Frederick Hawkes	5
Ralph Harris	2	Patrick Harris	6
Martyn Hawkes	3	Harold E. Raxter	7
Walter H. Raxter	4	Joseph E. Newman	*Tenor*

Composed by George Lewis. Conducted by Harold E. Raxter.
The ringers of 2, 4, 5 and 8 are the fathers of the ringers of 6, 7, 3 and treble respectively.
This is believed to be the first 'father and son' peal for the Association.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Selby and District Society.)
On Sat., Jan. 30, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 15 cwt.

G. Frederick Terry	*Treble*	John Potts	5
Mrs. J. Render	2	Kenneth B. Sissons	6
Alan Evans	3	Alan Sheppard	7
Edward M. Bradley	4	William Stoker	*Tenor*

Conducted by Alan Sheppard.
E. M. Bradley has now 'circled the tower.'

STONE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 30, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Brueton's Twelve-part. Tenor 12 cwt.

*Christine Glover	*Treble*	G. Arnold Moore	5
Willis Backley	2	Eric Young	6
Mrs. Glenda Rowley	3	Harry Hodson	7
†Sheila Hodson	4	*Bert Purslow	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. Arnold Moore.
* First peal. † First 'inside.'
Rung for the induction of the Rev. C. A. Harris as Rector, and a farewell to the curate (Rev. W. A. Humphreys), who is appointed Vicar of Fazeley.

WHITCHURCH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 30, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
At the Church of All Hallows,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

*David E. House	*Treble*	Tom Chapman	5
*Brian Mills	2	*Arthur Sayers	6
Reginald W. Rex	3	Robert C. Kippin	7
Margaret Beamish	4	Geoffrey K. Dodd	*Tenor*

Composed by H. Dains. Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.
* First peal of Treble Bob. First of Treble Bob as conductor.

WOKINGHAM, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 30, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Paul.
A PEAL OF 5184 STRATFORD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 27 lb.

A. James Glass	*Treble*	James H. Pailing	5
Mrs. Patricia Lewington	2	Michael J. Palmer	6
Anthony E. Cox	3	William Birmingham	7
David A. Cornwall	4	Alan R. Pink	*Tenor*

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
First peal in the method by all the band, and for the Guild.
Rung for the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul. Also a compliment to F. V. H. Sinkins, on his 95th birthday.

WOOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 30, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

Lester L. Gray	*Treble*	‡Ernest L. Humphriss	5
Alice E. J. Lester	2	†Frank Anderton	6
*Geoffrey H. Pullin	3	†Peter S. Bennett	7
†Fred H. Hayes	4	Edwin C. Birkett	*Tenor*

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Peter S. Bennett.
* First peal. † First of Major. ‡ Has now 'circled the tower.'
Rung to celebrate the birthdays of Mrs. R. E. Lester, of Needham Market, and Miss Wendy Kenyon, of Woolton.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 30, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
At the Abbey Church of SS. Mary and Thomas of Canterbury,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25¼ cwt. in D.

*Bevan W. Willgress	*Treble*	Wilfred G. Saunders	5
William Clover	2	Thomas E. Spight	6
C. Frank W. Phillippo	3	*Geoffrey R. Drew	7
Frank C. J. Arnold	4	Henry Tooke	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Henry Tooke.
* First peal of Surprise Major. First in the method as conductor.
Rung in honour of the enthronement of Dr. Launcelot Fleming as Lord Bishop of Norwich on January 28th.

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WHITWORTH, LANCASHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Jan. 31, 1960, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Bartholomew.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in F.

Harold B. Schofield	*Treble*	Peter Scholfield	5
*Rita M. Jowett	2	Norman Smith	6
†B. Gillian Schofield	3	John H. Fielden	7
Michael D. Fishwick	4	Derek Ogden	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Derek Ogden.
* First peal of Major 'inside.' † 25th peal.
Rung in memoriam Fred Seager and Harry Lofthouse, of Leeds.

EAST ILSLEY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Feb. 2, 1960, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

Cyril J. Hibbert	*Treble*	*Philip H. Tocock	5
Ernest J. Munday	2	*Harold P. Reed	6
Reginald W. Rex	3	J. Howard Freeborn	7
Noel J. Diserens	4	Alan R. Pink	*Tenor*

Composed by H. Law James (transposed).
Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.
Rung for the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Wed., Feb. 3, 1960, in 3 Hours,
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 19¼ cwt. in E.

William J. Button	*Treble*	Charles W. Beecroft	5
Muriel R. Page	2	James Bennett, jun.	6
Frank Ruffles	3	Walter W. Miller	7
Walter Ruffles	4	Leslie G. Brett	*Tenor*

Conducted by Leslie G. Brett.
Rung half-muffled as a last tribute to Mr. William Weedon, a service ringer here for many years, interred here this day, aged 89.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Feb. 4, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5056 SHOREDITCH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

C. Edward Lankester	*Treble*	John R. Mayne	5
*Thomas J. Lock	2	G. William Critchley	6
Dennis Knox	3	Alfred J. House	7
Alick Cutler	4	Richard F. B. Speed	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by John R. Mayne.
* 300th peal for the Association. First in the method. Mr. A. Cutler has now rung peals in 150 different Surprise Major methods.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 5, 1960, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

Ralph Bird	*Treble*	Ian H. Oram	5
Herbert E. Audsley	2	*Hubert H. Furminger	6
Frederick J. Cullum	3	George J. Butcher	7
*Paul J. Dye	4	Philip A. Corby	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. Worsley (C.C.C. 11). Conducted by Ian H. Oram.
* First peal of Major.

BECKENHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 6, 1960, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
At the Church of St. George,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in F.

Percy J. Spice	*Treble*	Ian H. Oram	5
Maxwell F. Oaksheit	2	John W. Smith	6
Richard W. Stephens	3	R. Thomas Newman	7
Dennis G. Brown	4	Percival W. Cave	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Parker (C.C.C. 6).
Conducted by Percival W. Cave.

HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Feb. 6, 1960, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, being 1,280 London, 1,312 Bristol, 1,568 Cambridge and 992 Superlative, with 106 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 12 cwt.

Cyril Rusby	*Treble*	W. Eric Critchley	5
John J. L. Gilbert	2	Ian M. Holland	6
Howard Scott	3	J. Henry Fielden	7
Leslie W. G. Morris	4	Wilfrid F. Moreton	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.
Rung on the occasion of the marriage of H. David Holland and Pauline Eyre, both ringers at this tower.

ROLVENDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 6, 1960, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. in F sharp.

Olive D. Couchman	*Treble*	Colin A. Tester	5
*Violet Relf	2	Crawford T. Hillis	6
*Andrew M. Macve	3	Ralph Bird	7
Trevor A. Cross	4	A Patrick Cannon	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. Heywood. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
* First peal of Double Norwich Court Bob.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 6, 1960, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

Alfred Ballard	*Treble*	Frederick E. Wilshaw	5
*Beryl E. Cawser	2	Robert B. Smith	6
J. Edward Cawser	3	E. Alan Jacques	7
W. Ernest Rawson	4	John M. Jelley	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Craven. Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.
* First peal of Surprise.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 6, 1960, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
J. W. Washbrook's variation of Thurstans' Four-part.
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in G.

Katharine Burchnall	*Treble*	James W. Raithby	5
Grace Burchnall	2	George H. Randles	6
*Claire Dillamore	3	Jack L. Millhouse	7
Norah M. Randles	4	William L. Exton	*Tenor*

Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* First peal of Stedman.

SYSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 6, 1960, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Bruerton's Twelve-part. Tenor 15 cwt. 27 lb.

*Christine A. Smith	*Treble*	B. Stedman Payne	5
Ernest F. Payne	2	Hugh Matthewman	6
Ernest Morris	3	Royston Wilmore	7
Derek M. Sawyer	4	*James Mitchell	*Tenor*

Conducted by B. Stedman Payne.
* First peal.
A birthday compliment to James Mitchell.

WOBURN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 6, 1960, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, being 1,408 each of Cambridge and Superlative, 1,152 Bristol and 1,120 London, with 117 changes of method.
Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in D.

*Mary Roast	*Treble*	*Dennis A. S. Symonds	5
Avril Thackray	2	*Howard W. Egglestone	6
*Joe E. G. Roast	3	John R. Mayne	7
*Peter J. Eves	4	Stephen Ivin	*Tenor*

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by John R. Mayne.
* First peal of 4-Spliced Surprise Major.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

HOLYWELL, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 23, 1960, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being one extent each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Ipswich, Norwich and Cambridge. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

*Albert J. Davey	*Treble*	*George E. Thoday	4
Harold S. Peacock	2	Geoffrey A. Lucas	5
Donald F. Murfet	3	Mansfield Ginn	*Tenor*

Conducted by Mansfield Ginn.
* First peal in seven Surprise.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Jan. 29, 1960, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
At the Church of St. James.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Oxford T.B., Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's College Bob, Kent T.B. and two extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 11¼ cwt. in G.

Norman Smith	*Treble*	John P. Partington	4
Pamela Blakeley	2	John H. Fielden	5
Michael D. Fishwick	3	Roger Leigh	*Tenor*

Conducted by Norman Smith.
Rung half-muffled in memory of Canon W. E. Cunliffe, former Vicar and a ringers' friend.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 30, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Kent Treble Bob and six different extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in G.

Walter S. Bailey	*Treble*	*John T. Prentice	4
Hubert A. Mitson.. ..	2	Raymond F. Taylor ..	5
*John E. Ivings	3	Robert E. Lester	*Tenor*

Conducted by Robert E. Lester.
* First peal in two methods ' inside.'
Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to Joseph Prentice, former sexton. Also a birthday compliment to the Rector (Canon S. H. de la Bere) and Mrs. R. E. Lester.

BELTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(West Lindsey Branch.)
On Sat., Jan. 30, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

Delia E. Smith..	*Treble*	John M. Blaikie	4
James Thorley	2	A. Robin Heppenstall ..	5
Charles H. Baker	3	George E. Feirn	*Tenor*

Conducted by George E. Feirn.
First peal on the bells, which were recently increased from four to six.

CHENIES, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Jan. 30, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael.
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being one extent each of Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Sandal, Capel, Oxford and Kent, and one of Kent and Oxford.
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in B flat.

*David M. Hibbert.. ..	*Treble*	Michael Hatchett	4
†Susan J. Slade	2	Alan E. Bagworth	5
B. Clare Webster.. ..	3	John R. Mayne..	*Tenor*

Conducted by John R. Mayne.
* First peal of Minor. † First of Treble Bob.
Rung in connection with the Rickmansworth ringers' annual dinner.

DROITWICH SPA, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 30, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter-de-Witton,
A PEAL OF 5160 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 33 extents (ten callings) and five 240's (four callings).
Tenor 9¼ cwt. in G.

James E. Pullon	*Treble*	Alma M. Greaves	4
*Ann E. Fellows	2	Brian J. Woodruffe ..	5
†Tonie J. Critchley ..	3	Paul Cattermole	*Tenor*

Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
* First peal. † First of Grandsire Doubles.

DYRHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 30, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents, each called differently, 5-6 right way throughout.
Tenor 11 cwt., approx.

Eric Sutton	*Treble*	Peter E. Parry	4
*Clifford J. Richards ..	2	Charles G. Jones	5
James W. Sprules	3	Victor Griffin	*Tenor*

Conducted by Victor Griffin.
* First peal. First of Minor on the bells.

GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 30, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

Mrs. R. Mumford	*Treble*	Eleanor Rose	4
Anne Read	2	Katherine Burchnall ..	5
Grace Burchnall	3	Harold Denman	*Tenor*

Conducted by Harold Denman.

GREAT GLEN, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 30, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Cuthbert,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

Patricia A. Wardle.. ..	*Treble*	Fred Watson	4
Brian G. Warwick	2	Martin C. Faulkes.. ..	5
Sandra E. Chesterton ..	3	A. James Poynor	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. James Poynor.

HOPE, FLINTSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 30, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Cynfarch,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Single Oxford Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

George F. Sperring ..	*Treble*	Percy Swindley	4
*Robin J. Lee	2	John S. Dean	5
Geoffrey Parting	3	John W. Griffiths	*Tenor*

Conducted by John S. Dean.
* First peal of Minor and first ' inside.'

YOXFORD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., Feb. 1, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 720 each of Oxford Bob, Double Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 11 cwt.

C. Jack Gibson	*Treble*	Peter S. Bedford	4
James M. Bailey	2	John W. Blythe	5
Jack Pilgrim	3	H. William Barrett ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by John W. Blythe.
Rung as a birthday compliment to James M. Bailey.

KIRBY MUXLOE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Feb. 2, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Bartholomew,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 42 extents: 11 each of St. Simon's Bob and St. Martin's Bob, and ten each of Plain Bob and Grandsire
Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in A flat.

*Christine Beasley ..	*Treble*	Ian J. Fraser	3
John M. Jelley	2	A. James Poynor	4
Russell S. Morris	*Tenor*		

Conducted by A. James Poynor.
* First peal.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Mrs. Joyce Winkless, sister of the conductor and ringer at this church.

CROWLAND, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Feb. 3, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
At the Abbey Church of SS. Bartholomew, Guthlac and Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being an extent each of Double Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb.

William A. Holmes ..	*Treble*	John G. Ames..	4
Stanley E. Bennett.. ..	2	*C. Harold Whitton ..	5
J. Martin Thorley	3	Frank Taylor	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.
* 100th peal.

BLAKESLEY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Feb. 4, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5040 ST. BLAISE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (different callings). Tenor 10 cwt. in F sharp.

Timothy A. Wooding ..	*Treble*	Victor A. Perry	3
Percy Amos	2	Allan R. Jones	4
George F. Roome	*Tenor*		

Conducted by George F. Roome.
First peal in the method. Rung for the Festival of St. Blaise.

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DOWNHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 6, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Margaret,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B., and one 720 of Plain Bob. Tenor 7¼ cwt. in B flat.

John H. Sitch .. .. .. *Treble* | †Raymond G. Jones .. 4
Hermon J. Oliver .. .. 2 | Harry Turner 5
*Sylvia A. Hayward .. 3 | Laurence H. Turner .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Harry Turner.

* First peal (aged 15). † First of Minor in four methods.

MARSTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD SOCIETY.
On Sat., Feb. 6, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Comprising two extents Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, 20 of Grandsire and 20 Plain Bob. Tenor 5 cwt. in C.

Clive Holloway .. .. *Treble* | *David Jones 3
Roy H. Jones .. .. .. 2 | Alec Gammon 4

Edward Venn .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Edward Venn.

* First peal.

Rung for the eighth anniversary of Queen Elizabeth II's accession to the Throne.

NASSINGTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 6, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Mary and All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being three extents each of St. Simon, St. Albans, St. Martin, St. Paul, St. Peter, St. Leonard, St. Nicholas, St. Giles, St. Thomas, St. Andrew, St. Miles, St. John and St. Luke. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb.

Victor A. Perry .. .. *Treble* | Robert S. Roberts 3
Percy Amos .. .. .. 2 | George F. Roome 4

Allan R. Jones .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Allan R. Jones.

First peal of 'all-saint' methods for the band, and for the Guild.

Rung for the eighth anniversary of the accession of Queen Elizabeth II.

HANDBELL PEALS

SOUTHAMPTON.
THE SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Wed., Jan. 27, 1960, *in* 1 *Hour and* 47 *Minutes,*
In Room A.29, South Stoneham House, Swaythling,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents (two callings). Tenor size 12 in F.

Geoffrey R. Crisp .. .. 1—2 | *Raymond A. Brown .. 3—4
†David J. Forder .. .. 5—6

Conducted by David J. Forder.

* First peal 'in hand.' † First of Minor 'in hand.' First peal as conductor. First handbell peal for the Guild.

SELBY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Selby and District Society.)
On Sat., Jan. 30, 1960, *in* 1 *Hour and* 55 *Minutes,*
In the Ringing Chamber of the Abbey (SS. Mary and Germanus),
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in three methods: Six extents of Plain Bob and 18 each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Grandsire.

Alan Grundy .. .. .. 1—2 | Ronald R. Warford .. 3—4
Betty Martinson .. .. 5—6

Conducted by Ronald R. Warford.

First peal in three methods by all.

LEVERSTOCK GREEN, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Jan. 31, 1960, *in* 1 *Hour and* 49 *Minutes,*
In the School,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in four methods: (1) St. Clement's, (2) Kent Treble Bob, (3) Double Bob, (4), (5), (6) and (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor size 15 in C.

Gerald Penney .. .. .. 1—2 | Walter Ayre .. .. .. 3—4
*Stanley Huckle .. .. 5—6

Conducted by Gerald Penney.

* First peal of Minor in four methods 'in hand.'

Rung to welcome Christine Mary Ayre, grand-daughter of Mr. Walter Ayre.

John Taylor & Co.

LOUGHBOROUGH

The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

AYLESTONE, LEICESTER.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Patricia A. Wardle 1, Sandra E. Chesterton 2, Christine Wakefield 3, Rev. Peter Blackman 4, Russell S. Morris 5, Terence I. Roper 6, A. James Poynor (first as conductor in method) 7, Paul Martin 8. For Evensong.

BATH, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 10th, at the Abbey, 1,260 Cambridge Surprise Major: D. Evans 1, W. J. Prescott 2, S. A. Read 3, G. Hawkins 4, W. Hurford 5, C. Taylor 6, P. Weeks 7, R. O. Fry 8. First quarter of Major on the bells. Rung for ordination service.

BEENHAM, BERKS.—On Jan. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. Wallace 1, Hazel White 2, R. W. Rex (cond.) 3, G. K. Dodd 4, E. Woolgrove 5, R. F. Crook 6.

BREDFIELD, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,320 Minor (Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's and Childwall, Reverse, Double, Plain and Little Bob): E. G. Pearce 1, J. Pilgrim 2, R. L. K. Whittell 3, P. S. Bedford 4, J. B. Morley 5, L. N. Melton (cond.) 6. First quarter in eight methods by all. Also 1,320 Surprise Minor (Ipswich and Cambridge): R. L. K. Whittell 1, J. Pilgrim 2, J. B. Morley (cond.) 3, L. N. Melton 4, P. S. Bedford 5, E. G. Pearce 6. First in two Surprise methods by 1, 3, 4 and 6. A farewell to the Rev. G. J. Stott, who is leaving the parish.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX. — At the Church of St. Peter, on Feb. 7th, 1,264 Grandsire Triples: B. North 1, Betty Stephenson 2, L. Batting 3, H. W. Woolven (cond.) 4, G. North 5, A. W. Bond 6, W. A. Riddington 7, C. W. T. Riddleston 8. For Evensong.

BRISTOL.—On Jan. 24th, at the Lord Mayor's Chapel (St. Mark's), 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Mrs. P. Lewington 1, P. Bourne 2, B. Shackleton 3, P. Bird 4, T. Edwards 5, W. Hibbert 6. Conducted jointly by 2 and 5.—Also on Jan. 26th, at Christ Church with St. Ewen, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Monica Horseman 1, Elisabeth A. G. Bowden 2, D. J. Hunt 3, Joan Gray 4, R. J. Bowden 5, J. H. Stallard 6, D. E. Cobb 7, M. J. Horseman (first of Royal as cond.) 8, D. C. Exon 9, J. Brain 10. First of Plain Royal for 1, 7, 8, 9 and 10. Rung for St. Paul's Day.—Also at St. Michael"s Church, on Jan. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Angela Grainger 1, Beryl Abbott 2, M. Austin 3, M. Rothwell 4, Jane Cook (first of Minor as cond.) 5, J. Baldwin 6. For Evensong by the U.B.S.C.R.

BURTON-UPON-TRENT, STAFFS.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Margaret Squires 1, G. Harrison 2, T. Pryce 3, Jill Cochrane 4, J. H. Brittan (cond.) 5, R. A. Welton 6, H. H. Brittan 7, W. A. Cortin (hrst quarter) 8. Rung as a compliment to the conductor, who, 50 years ago (January 29th), was elected a member of the old Midland Counties Association.

CAYTHORPE, LINCS.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Bennett 1, G. Scott 2, S. Proctor (cond.) 3, F. Pinchbeck 4, H. Squires 5, L. Squires 6, J. Cragg 7, W. Dale 8. An 82nd birthday compliment to George Scott (Fulbeck).

DONCASTER, YORKS. — On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Ayres 1, Miss M. Battram 2, E. Dalingwater 3, H. Wagstaff 4, C. Toyne 5, L. Webb 6, W. E. Critchley (cond.) 7, S. Boyes 8. To celebrate the birth of a son, David Michael, to the ringer of the fifth.

EASTON-IN-GORDANO, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mary Powell 1, T. Worner 2, V. James 3, M. J. Horseman (cond.) 4, J. C. Baldwin 5, J. Brain 6. First quarter 2 and 3.

EDMONTON, MIDDLESEX. — 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Iris George 1, D. Langdon 2, W. George (first 'inside') 3, Trudy Newcombe 4, J. Weeks 5, T. Hawkins 6, F. Gilbert (cond.) 7, J. Bacon 8. Rung for the christening of Stephen James, son of ringer of the fifth.

HEAVITREE, EXETER. — On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. Mallett (cond.) 1, C. Yates 2, F. Wills 3, R. Truman 4, A. Truman 5, G. Skinner 6, F. Wreford 7, G. Webb 8. Rung on the occasion of the eighth anniversary of Her Majesty's Accession to the Throne.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On Dec 31st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Sue Meredith 1, Doreen Armstrong 2, Ruth Blackshaw 3, M. Hamson 4, A. Larken 5, F. Bradley (cond.) 6. Also on Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Sue Meredith 1, Doreen Armstrong 2, Ruth Blackshaw 3, M. Hamson 4, A. Larken 5, F. Bradley 6. Conducted by F. Bradley and Doreen Armstrong. For evening service.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,320 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: J. Papworth 1, F. Whiterod 2, Miss W. Elliott 3, H. Gardner 4, C. Burton 5, A. R. Elliott (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of H. Doughton, hon. member of the Essex Association, who was interred this day.

QUARTER PEALS

KNOWLE, BRISTOL.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Seager 1, R. J. Bowden 2, J. H. Stallard 3, Monica Horseman 4, J. Brain 5, D. J. Hunt 6, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 7, E. J. Hillier 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the life and work of Canon G. W. L. Wynne, Vicar of this church 1927–1958, and of Clifford, Herefordshire, 1958–1960.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFS.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Reverse St. Bartholomew, St. Simon's Bob, Plain Bob and Grandsire): R. Paxton (first quarter) 1, A. J. Strathdee 2, M. W. Fairey (cond.) 3, E. W. Colley 4, J. B. Dinenage 5, P. Ellis 6. For the Conversion of St. Paul.

MALDON, ESSEX.—On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss C. Towler (12 years, first quarter) 1, A. Hubble 2, F. White 3, J. Clarke 4, J. Towler 5, S. C. Easter (cond.) 6. For Evensong and a birthday compliment to J. Clarke.

MARCH, CAMBS.—On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Richard Lee (14) 1, Malcolm Jones (16) 2, David Feek (16) 3, June Peel 4, T. A. Bevis (cond.) 5, John Payne (16), 6. First quarter for all the band except conductor. For Morning Prayer.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 9th, 1,260 St. Clement's Bob Minor: P. Blake 1, Mary Powell 2, C. Richards 3, J. C. Baldwin 4, J. Brain 5, C. Kortright (first in method as cond.) 6. First in method 'inside' for 2, 3, 4. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the second.

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, on Jan. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): Miss G. H. Burman 1, R. S. Roberts 2, Miss J. A. Downing 3, Miss D. M. Miller 4, T. Jennings 5, G. F. Roome (cond.) 6, Miss A. Shakeshaft (first quarter) 7. An 80th birthday compliment to Mr. T. Jennings.

NORTON, HERTS.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): Miss C. Wills 1, Miss J. Sanderson 2, I. Werrett 3, A. E. Pound 4, R. Day 5, W. Hitch (cond.) 6, Miss R. George 7. For Holy Communion.

OLD MARSTON, OXFORD.—On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Doubles, comprising 360 each Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob and 540 Grandsire Doubles: Kay Wilkins 1, Alec Gammon 2, Christine M. Woodward 3, Clive Holloway 4, Roy M. Jones (first as cond. in three methods) 5. For Evensong.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Feb. 7th, 240 Grandsire, 1,020 Bob Doubles: B. Branston (first on a working bell) 1, Mrs. M. Parker 2, L. Brighton (first 'inside') 3, M. Parker (cond.) 4, G. Cowlin 5, G. Davis 6. For morning service.

ROMSEY, HANTS.—On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. M. White 1, M. D. G. Northway 2, Miss D. J. Knight 3, M. L. Northway 4, H. J. Page 5, D. Greenlaw 6, A. W. Fry (cond.) 7, K. J. Jacobs 8. First of Stedman Triples for all except 2 and 4. First in method by a local band. Rung for Evensong and as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Audrey Knight.

ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK. — On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Minor (Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob): M. Rose (first quarter) 1, Miss A. Graves (first 'inside') 2, L. Nice 3, H. Mitson 4, R. Rose (cond.) 5, E. Nice 6.

SADDLEWORTH, YORKS.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Cole (first away from cover) 1, Christine B. Clayton 2, R. Maher 3, M. D. Fishwick 4, J. P. Partington (cond.) 5, G. Rothwell 6.

SOUTHGATE, LONDON.—At Christ Church, on Feb. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Grandsire, 480 Plain Bob, 300 Stedman): S. G. Peck 1, Pam Miller 2, W. Wainwright (first of Doubles / inside') 3, H. Miller 4, C. Aldridge (cond.) 5, L. G. Gates (first of Doubles) 6. For the Parish Communion.

STANWELL, MIDDLESEX.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: R. Medway 1, Monica Blagrove 2, C. B. Fynes 3, D. Pickett 4, F. T. Blagrove 5, D. J. Evans 6. First quarter for 1 and 6.

STEPNEY, LONDON.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (10 callings): P. Tarling (first away from tenor) 1, Elizabeth Stevinson 2, J. Sheldrick (first 'inside') 3, A. Lewry 4, L. J. Fox (cond.) 5, J. Scotcher 6. For Evensong.

STOKE BISHOP, BRISTOL.—On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. A. Hill 1, N. C. Buckland 2, Edith Brocklehurst 3, P. M. J. Gray 4, R. J. Brocklehurst (cond.) 5, J. K. Laver 6.

SUNNINGWELL, BERKS. — On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Clifford Pleasure, Southrepps Pleasure, Plain Bob, April Day and Kennington): Miss D. Honey 1, M. Jones 2, Miss J. Jones 3, J. Honey 4, A. R. Pink (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled as a last tribute to Guy Wildman Burnett and Joseph Higgins, former churchwardens of this parish.

TAMWORTH, STAFFS. — On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Beryl E. Cawser 1, Eileen Willson (first 'inside') 2 E. Elton 3, N. W. Attaway 4, H. J. Dakin 5, L. Hodgetts 6, G. H. Peers, sen. (cond.) 7, R. Farrant 8.

THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.—On Feb. 7th, 1,272 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: E. E. Davey (cond.) 1, Mrs. P. Mills 2, Mrs. D. Stuteley 3, F. Harvey 4, P. W. Mills 5, W. Downs 6. For Evensong and as a compliment on the birth of a grand-daughter to the ringer of the tenor.

WANTAGE, BERKS.—On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. White 1, Ian Stoter (first 'inside') 2, H. V. Booker 3, K. Leach (cond.) 4, A. E. Fullbrook 5, D. Stoter 6, A. R. Wood 7, H. White 8. For Sung Eucharist on the occasion of the visit of the Lord Bishop of Oxford.

WHITBY, YORKS.—On Feb. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Lamerton 1, A. V. Coates 2, J. Waller 3, G. White 4, H. Waters 5, J. Hodgson 6, S. R. Elwick (cond.) 7, F. Lamerton 8. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Elwick on the birth of a daughter, the first grandchild of the conductor.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY. — On Feb. 7th, 1,276 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Caroline Carpenter 1, Alan Bagworth 2, Susan Rawlings 3, Anne Garnett 4, George Goodman 5, Anthony S. Bishop (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

WOLLATON, NOTTS.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: T. Moore 1, P. W. Hawcock 2, R. Preston 3, G. Stroud 4, P. J. Hawcock (cond.) 5, R. Stroud 6. First quarter for 1, 2, 4 and 6. Rung for Evensong.

SUNDAY SERVICE NEWS

ST. JOHN'S, HILLINGDON

St. John's Guild, Hillingdon, recently held their annual meeting, with the Vicar (Rev. F. C. Tyler) in the chair. F. W. Goodfellow (captain), A. R. G. Twinn (treasurer) and F. C. Price (steeple keeper) were all re-elected, but T. G. Bannister, who was unable to serve, was replaced by M. J. Palmer as secretary. Mr. Bannister was thanked for carrying out his duties so conscientiously for six years.

In view of the importance of the Family Communion service at 9.30 a.m. on Sundays, it was decided to ring for this service instead of Matins on the first and third Sundays in the month. On the suggestion of the captain, it was agreed that the Guild would take Corporate Communion once a quarter.

Four peal attempts were arranged in 1960, including one in September to celebrate the completion by Mrs. F. W. Goodfellow of 40 years' membership as a ringer of the St. John's Guild. Perhaps this is unusual for a woman ringer, especially as Mrs. Goodfellow still rings in the tower in which she was taught to ring. Can readers give similar examples?

ST. PETER'S, DORCHESTER

St. Peter's Society, Dorchester, at their dinner and annual meeting on January 30th, at the Wessex Restaurant, presented the Rector, who is shortly going to his new parish at Motcombe, with a musical cigarette box in appreciation of the interest shown in the ringers during his incumbency. The presentation was made by the tower captain (Mr. R. H. Duke). The Rector expressed his thanks for the gift and his appreciation of the part played by Mr. Duke and the ringers in the life of the church during his incumbency.

Officers elected were: Master, the Rev. P. J. Heaton; deputy Master (captain), Mr. R. H. Duke; vice-captain and treasurer, Miss B. J. Dyke; correspondent, Mr. G. R. Churchill. Seven new members were elected—Messrs. P. Slade, D. Shorto, F. Stoneham, N. Tucker, J. Porter, J. D. L. Richards and D. Hide. Entertainment was provided by Mr. W. Crocker and the evening ended with a course of Grandsire rung on handbells by Mr. R. H. Duke, Miss B. J. Dyke and Miss W. S. Bongard.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Stone, Staffordshire, ringers made local history on January 30th by ringing a peal of Grandsire Triples. The only outsider was Mr. G. Arnold Moore, of Newcastle-under-Lyme, the conductor. Congratulations go to two first-pealers—Christine Glover (15) and A. E. Purslow. The only all-local peal at Stone was in 1925. Mr. W. Buckley rang in both peals.

Bristol University Society have applied for affiliation to the Central Council.

Could anyone clarify the weight of the tenor at Dyrham, Glos? It seems lighter than 14½ cwt., writes Mr. V. Griffin, of Swindon. There is no weight or founder's name in the belfry.

A 'father and son' peal was rung at Salford Priors, Warwicks, on January 30th, believed to be the first for the Worcestershire and Districts Association.

Mr. F. B. Lufkin rang the fourth bell at Ardleigh, Essex, to a peal on January 30th. This bell is inscribed 'Thomas Lufkin, C. W.' and dated 1675. Is there any possible connection?

The peal of St. Clement's Major at Broughton-in-Furness (see page 51) was the first in the method by all the band. It was in this tower that Mr. Nicholas M. Newby (the conductor) rang his first peal in July, 1927.

Correction.—In the peal rung at Ketteringham, Norfolk, on August 16th, for the Norwich Diocesan Association, the band stood as follows: William Clover 1, Miss Mary Maddison 2, Bevan W. Willgress 3, Henry Tooke 4, Thomas E. Spight 5, Geoffrey R. Drew 6, and not as printed on page 52 of 'The Ringing World.'

Resulting from the retirement of the Vicar of Dean Prior, Devon, last year, the Church Commissioners are asking for an Order to unite the parish with Buckfastleigh. Dean Prior has an excellent ring of six bells, rung every Sunday at 9.30 a.m. by ringers from two neighbouring parishes, under the direction of Mr. A. L. Bennett, of Buckfastleigh, who has been in charge of the tower since the living became vacant.

Romsey Abbey ringers have achieved their principal aim for some time past in ringing a quarter peal of Stedman Triples. They are indebted to friends from Southampton—the Kippin family and Roger Savory in particular—whose monthly visits to practices have enabled them to learn the method.

The peal at Woolton, Lancs, on January 30th, was the first of Major on the bells for 30 years.

Encouraging news comes from March, Cambs, where a quarter peal containing all 'firsts' except the conductor was rung on February 7th.

Mr. William Shepherd, of Addlestone, writes that he has taken 'The Ringing World' from the first number in 1911, and 'The Bell News' since the early '90's.

Ringing at the annual meeting of the Northern District of the Hertford County Association at Hitchin was curtailed by the breaking of the clapper of the seventh.

The new band at Dore, near Sheffield, is improving rapidly since its formation last September, and ringing takes place twice on Sundays. Several new members have joined since Christmas, but all are sorry to lose one of the most competent members, who sailed for Australia on February 5th.

Carols on handbells, four-in-hand, were rung by Cubs of the 102nd Aylestone Cub Pack last Christmas, and the sum of £14 2s. was collected in four hours. This was donated to the Refugee Year through Inter-Church Aid. Twenty handbells were used and the band were trained by their Cubmaster, Mrs. W. M. Warwick.

Chelmorton, Derbyshire, where the church is 1,209 feet above sea level, hopes to have the highest bells in the county on which a peal can be rung. The present four are at the Loughborough Foundry—three to be retuned and the tenor recast. A fifth bell will be added to the ring—recast from a bell formerly in Derwent Woodlands Church, which is now submerged under the Ladybower Reservoir. A new frame is also to be provided, the work to be completed by June 26th.

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SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Limitation Of Service Of Ringing Master

Members of the Shropshire Association met for their A.G.M. in Shrewsbury on January 30th. Ringing at St. Mary's and St. Chad's ranged from rounds to Cambridge Royal and Stedman Cinques, and visitors were welcomed from Staffordshire, Herefordshire, Birmingham and elsewhere.

The retiring Ringing Master (Mr. Arthur Pritchard) reviewed the activities of the Association over the past year. The peal total was a modest one, but included Imperial Bob methods rung for the first time at Clun, High Ercall and Cheswardine. The first peal was rung on the new six at St. Martin's, near Oswestry, in July, and the six at Prees have been rehung by Taylor's. The meetings and Saturday evening practice meetings have been, on the whole, successful. The treasurer (Mr. F. Hector Bennett) reported an increase of £15 in the balance in hand, and urged members to pay their subscriptions promptly.

A motion to limit the consecutive years of office of the Ringing Master to three years was passed unanimously. The officers were then elected for 1960. Ringing Master and Central Council representative, Harry Poyner; deputy Ringing Master, Reginald H. Newton; secretary, Frederick A. H. Cattell; treasurer, F. Hector Bennett; auditor, Frederick H. Bennett. The newly-appointed Bishop of Shrewsbury (Rt. Rev. W. A. Parker) had previously agreed to become president, and was formally welcomed at the meeting.

After a lively discussion on the relative merits of a peal book (which, for safety, would have to stay in one place) and of printed reports (which members threw away or left lying to gather the dust), it was decided to buy a peal book, to commence in 1960, and also to duplicate a report, in book form, for the years 1957 to 1959. Reports will be printed in future as often as finances allow.

Eighteen new members were elected, including 14 from Whitchurch. In recognition of his help and encouragement to them over many years, the band of St. Alkmund's, Whitchurch, have elected Mr. Edward V. Rodenhurst their life vice-president.

SERVANTS OF THE EXERCISE – No. 8



ALBERT A. HUGHES, J.P.
(Hon. Treasurer of 'The Ringing World')

Probably no one connected with ringing is better known than Albert Arthur Hughes, for his work has taken him to many parts of the world. He was born in July, 1885, and was the eldest son of Arthur Hughes, bell-founder, of Whitechapel, London. After serving three years in the City, he joined his father at the Foundry in 1904. In 1910 he married Annie Lillian, only daughter of W. D. Smith, of Hackney (the Maister). Those who have not heard this lady's wonderful musical performances on handbells will have missed one of the most delightful experiences possible.

Mr. Hughes took full control of the bell foundry on the death of his father in 1916, and at the present time is still in control of its activities, assisted by William and Douglas, his two brilliant sons. Possessing a flair for civic matters, he was admitted to the Livery of the Worshipful Company of Skinners in 1917, and in 1958 was presented with the honorary freedom of the Founders Company. He is chairman of the Board of Governors of Sir John Cass College, in the City of London, and is also chairman of the 17th century Davenant Grammar School, Whitechapel. He is a lay magistrate in the Tower Division, London, and General Commissioner of Income Tax for the same division. For many years he has been warden of the Corporation Church (St. Lawrence Jewry, by the Guildhall) and churchwarden of St. Botolph's, Aldgate.

He learned to ring at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, under the late Matt. Wood (whose last peal he conducted) in 1909. Joining the College Youths in 1903, he was elected Master in 1914, and served during the war years until 1918 in that capacity. He was elected as College Youths' representative to the Central Council, and later became an honorary member. He served the Ancient Society as treasurer for 40 years, but resigned in 1956 on account of pressure of work in many capacities. In 1927 he formed and taught a band at St. Lawrence Jewry, where the heavy bells were rung every Sunday until the war broke out in 1939.

In his younger days his enthusiasm knew no bounds, for on one occasion he pulled up single-handed all the bells at Bow, Cheapside, which included the 52 cwt. tenor, prior to ringing that bell to a peal. He also rang the tenors to peals at Cornhill, Southwark, Wrington and Stepney, and in those days bells did not 'go' so well as they do today. He has no complete record of his peals, but they number about 200.

Mention must be made of his services in connection with this journal. When J. Goldsmith died he was one of a committee who took over the responsibility for the continuance of the paper, and shared the financial commitments to that end. He now serves as treasurer, and is always in evidence at meetings of 'The Ringing World' Committee. JAFUS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AT WAKEFIELD

Central Council Representation

THE winter meeting of the Association was held at Wakefield on January 23rd, being well attended by members and friends from each of the Districts. Good use was made of the musical ring of six at St. Helen's, Sandal Magna, during the afternoon, and following the meeting the fine modern ring of 12 at the Cathedral was at the disposal of members.

The committee meeting was held during the afternoon, after which a brief service took place in the Cathedral, conducted by the Provost. Following tea, the business meeting was held in Brook Street Schools, the chair being taken by the president (Archdeacon C. O. Ellison), supported by the Provost (Very Rev. Noel T. Hopkins), the Bishop of Pontefract (Rt. Rev. G. W. Clarkson), the general secretary (Mr. L. W. G. Morris), the hon. treasurer (Mr. G. Benfield) and the hon. peal secretary (Mr. W. E. Critchley).

Mr. N. F. Moxon moved a vote of thanks to the Provost, also to the Vicar and churchwardens of Sandal, for placing their respective bells at the disposal of members. This was seconded by the president, who referred to the warm welcome the Association always received at Wakefield. The motion was carried with applause, and in acknowledgment the Provost of Wakefield said he regarded it as both a privilege and pleasure to welcome so large a gathering. Mr. J. W. Moxon replied on behalf of the Vicar and churchwardens of Sandal. A similar vote of thanks to the local companies for their excellent co-operation, and to the ladies who had so efficiently served tea, was moved by Mr. I. Slack, seconded by Mr. V. Bottomley, and carried with acclamation.

On the motion of Mr. P. Birkett, seconded by Mr. A. Smith, it was unanimously agreed to accept an invitation from Sheffield to hold the next meeting there on April 30th. The following new members were elected: Gordon Brook, Brian Carter, Roger Cromack, Richard Harker and John Sykes (Pontefract), Robert Young and John Carson (Rotherham), Donald Murray (Scarborough), Anthony Baxter (Pudsey), Dr. T. David Spencer (Doncaster) and, as a non-resident member, Peter J. Came, of Danbury, Essex.

The president reported that the committee had that afternoon considered in part the report of the rules sub-committee, but had deferred taking a decision in the matter of replacing Association badges until the next meeting, at which the peal secretary had promised to display his collection. In place of the former emblem the committee recommended the issue to new members of a booklet containing a copy of the rules plus a certificate of membership.

The committee also recommended the introduction of a rule governing the election of representatives to the Central Council in the following terms: 'Nominations shall be received at the September general meeting, and the election shall take place at the January meeting prior to the first meeting of a new Council.' The president explained that this could not operate this year, as quite obviously nominations would have had to be received at the September meeting last, but, subject to the approval of the meeting, it would become effective following the triennial period of the new Council due to be elected this year. Until then, representatives would be elected by the general committee as in the past. This was agreed.

(Continued next column)

Tips For Beginners—8

If you are ringing Plain Bob and are not sure where to dodge, you can save a trip by watching the other bells. The one following the treble down is due to dodge 3/4 down, the next 5/6 down, and so on. If, for instance, you meet in 5/6 the bell which is due to dodge 5/6 down, you must obviously be due to dodge 5/6 up. The same system works in Grandsire, and on the higher numbers of bells this is a more reliable way of keeping right than trying to remember the 'blue line.'

Yorkshire Association—Cont.

Mr. N. Chaddock next moved that Central Council representation be brought up to full permitted strength by filling the existing vacancy, and submitted a nomination. The president pointed out that it would not be in order to accept nominations at this meeting, but he would welcome the guidance of the meetings as to policy in the matter of appointing a fourth representative. In seconding the first part of the motion, Mr. H. Walker said he felt that an Association of this size should be fully represented as a matter of prestige. Considerable discussion ensued, and on being put to the vote the motion was carried by a large majority.

Mr. N. Chaddock reminded members of the course in bell-ringing arranged to take place on April 23rd/24th at Grantley Hall Adult College, near Ripon. The fee to resident members of the Association would be two guineas, and all applications should be addressed to the Bursar at the College. This concluded the business, following which further ringing was enjoyed.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

COMRADE DOSTOYEVSKI

Dear Sir,—In view of the comments which appeared in your correspondence columns on February 5th, I feel bound to make it known that the favourable notices which comrade Dostoyevski received in connection with the peal which I called at Rothwell on January 2nd were originated neither by myself nor by Mr. A. P. Cannon, who submitted the peal for publication.

As a loyal member of the Conservative and Unionist Association I can only condemn what appear to be the first signs of subversive Bolshevik infiltration into the columns of 'The Ringing World,' and hope that none of your more impressionable readers will take this as a signal for the beginning of a 'fair shares for all' movement in ringing circles. A friend of mine whose life-long motto has been 'You want the best tenors— ring them!' is already becoming apprehensive.

However, every cloud has its silver lining, and I am sure that many towerkeepers will be interested to hear that the leatherbound omnibus edition of the late lamented comrade's complete works, if firmly secured to the lower end of a new tenor rope after Sunday evening ringing, is guaranteed by the publishers to take all the stretch out of it by pratcice night; also the 1892 edition, printed on rice-paper, tastes delicious.—Yours sincerely,

ROBIN G. LEALE.

Surbiton.

The peal was not submitted for publication by Mr. A. P. Cannon.—*Ed.*

APOLOGY TO VICAR SUGGESTED

Dear Sir,—The band that rang the peal, apart from attributing it to some ridiculous anniversary, did not have the courtesy to invite any of the local band to ring in it, as is customary in this area when it is known that members of the local band are capable of ringing the method. In addition, they have caused the incumbent, who incidentally is the president of the Peterborough Guild of Church Bell Ringers, a certain amount of embarrassment, as the report appeared in the local evening paper with the usual and obvious free licence of the democratic press.

The net result of this incident is that the Vicar of Rothwell being once bitten will be twice shy in allowing peals in future unless under special circumstances, which seems a pity as only four peal attempts are at present allowed annually on this very fine octave.

Perhaps a letter of apology from the organiser to the Vicar of Rothwell might help to make an amicable conclusion to this incident, which with more adult thought and less adolescent indiscipline at the time could have been avoided.—Yours faithfully,

BRIAN AUSTIN.

Ringing Master, Kettering District.

A PROMISING YOUNG CONDUCTOR

Dear Sir,—Great credit is due to F. Neville Pailing on conducting his first peal at the first attempt on January 16th (see 'R.W.', January 29th), especially as there were two firsts and two firsts of Major in the band. Neville is a month under 15 years of age. The way he handled the 14½ cwt. tenor was something to be admired and the striking was everything to be desired throughout.—Yours faithfully,

FREDERICK A. SALTER.

Nottingham.

RINGING AND COMPUTORS

Dear Sir,—I was most interested to read Mr. A. Tomlinson's letter on page 90, as I have been investigating the use of high speed digital computors as an aid to proving peals. The machine in my case is an I.B.M. 704, which is considerably larger than the D.E.U.C.E. and employs a different method of internal storage.

Much difficulty has been found in programming the streamlined methods of finding false course-ends, and I have had to fall back on to the system in 'Surprise Methods' in the Jasper Snowdon series of books. A degree of success has been met here as the logic is very straightforward, but progress is slow in general because I cannot spend very much time in programming and especially in running programmes due to high cost of machine time—of the order of 30 shillings per minute — which is always at a premium.

Since the I.B.M. 704 has no sound unit, it is not possible to play the changes, and the prohibitive cost, I think, will prevent a mechanisation of peal proving. I can endorse Mr. Tomlinson's remarks with regard to allaying ringers' fears of automation in ringing and emphasise that these 'dabblings' are just healthy interest of keen ringers fortunate to have access to 'giant brains,' which might bring to light some interesting facts.—Yours, etc.,

GRAEME A. HUGHES.

Warrington, Lancs.

Dear Sir,—I don't think the idea of ringing by electronics with push buttons and flashing lights will appeal to many of us, but I am glad to hear of someone acquainted with both change-ringing and computors.

Can Mr. Tomlinson please tell us if D.E.U.C.E. or any other computor could be persuaded to ring through a composition, preferably in silence and faster than even A. P. C. or Stephen Ivin at Evesham, and grind to a halt with a very rude noise if any change comes up twice?

A new or old composition in any method, old or new, which can be programmed could be proved, change by change, once and for all, with no possibility of any falseness being overlooked. It would put an end to all those unhappy false peal withdrawal notices and could possibly prove useful in composition.

If a specialised computor, limited to the proving of peals and touches, could be designed and built, presumably for a fraction of the cost of D.E.U.C.E. (£50,000), would the Central Council be able to afford to operate one without putting up the price of 'The Ringing World' again? It would have to be impressed upon the operator that Treble Chance is not a standard method, irrespective of the number of 'homes,' 'X's,' etc.—Yours faithfully,

P. G. HARRIS.

West Wycombe,
Bucks.

Dear Sir,—I was interested to read Mr. A. Tomlinson's account of his application of a computor to change-ringing, and I shall be glad to know whether he could devise a programme for proving peal compositions at high speed. No doubt there are many conductors who would welcome an assurance of this kind against withdrawal of a complex peal due to hidden falseness, always assuming that access to a suitable computor is available.—Yours, etc.,

W. O. HAYTHORNE.

Winchester.

EXTENSIONS DO NOT CONFORM WITH RULES

Dear Sir, — The Methods Committee has investigated the points raised by Messrs. J. R. Mayne and F. T. Blagrove concerning Lyme, Whitwick and Gainsborough Surprise Royals and finds they are quite correct in saying that these extensions from the Major do not conform with the rules for extension adopted by the Central Council in 1953.

Consequently, it is the unanimous opinion of the Committee that these names should be changed and it asks the bands that rang them to rename them accordingly.

It will be noted that, again by Central Council resolution, unanimous decisions of the Methods Committee should at once be published and submitted to the next Council meeting for confirmation. This will be done in this case.—Yours faithfully,

K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

Convener C.C. Methods Committee.

Southampton.

A PROBLEM IN STEDMAN

Dear Sir,—Your readers may be interested in the following problem which I concocted, arising indirectly out of dealing with the K's of Stedman Triples composition.

Cut out thirty squares of card, of equal sizes, and by drawing the diagonals on each, divide them into four triangles. Colour the four triangles of each square with four different colours, chosen from five. There are thirty distinct ways of doing this, so colour each square differently with one of the thirty ways. Calling the colours 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and naming the four colours, say, clockwise, the thirty ways are:

1234, 1235, 1243, 1245, 1253, 1254,
1324, 1325, 1342, 1345, 1352, 1354,
1423, 1425, 1432, 1435, 1452, 1453,
1523, 1524, 1532, 1534, 1542, 1543,
2345, 2354, 2435, 2453, 2534, 2543.

The problem is to place them in a rectangle or oblong, five squares by six, so that the colours match where any two squares meet on an edge, and moreover each side of the rectangle is to be of one colour. It is possible. The enthusiast may then try the ninety squares using six different colours, placing them in a rectangle nine by ten! This puzzle is curiously like composing a peal, though it has no direct significance.

BRIAN D. PRICE.

Bognor Regis.

A TEACHING POINT AT SOUTH WIGSTON

Dear Sir,—May I, through your columns, reply to Mrs. Johnstone's letter on 'A Teaching Point.'

We at South Wigston teach recruits by means of a wall chart showing progress. This provides competition and enthusiasm and is very successful. Down the left-hand side the recruits' names are listed. Across the top are set the standards required: (1) Handle bell, (2) Raise bell, (3) Fall bell, (4) Set bell when required, (5) Ring rounds, (6) Plain hunt treble, (7) 'Inside' Plain Bob, (8) Treble Bob, (9) Call touch, (10) Conduct quarter peal, (11) Stedman, (12) Conduct peal.

This system has proved successful with school age recruits. At least three, but not more than six, is enough to work with, depending on the number of more experienced ringers to help.—Yours sincerely,

(Mrs.) WINIFRED M. WARWICK.

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A PLEA FOR EVEN BELL METHODS

Dear Sir,—I am only too painfully aware that I am going to revive old issues in writing this letter, and possibly raise again a spectre that has not haunted us for some time (except for a brief appearance three or four years ago). My excuse is that I have recently given some thought to two problems that must affect all ringers, that of helping the learners and of making our ringing — especially that of beginners—a little more interesting.

I have for a long time strongly condemned the teaching of Grandsire to learners, and I would go so far as to say that more learners are lost to change-ringing in their early stages (and therefore to the Exercise) through trying to learn Grandsire than from almost any other cause. If this contention is correct—and I will try to show the reasons—then captains who teach Grandsire in their towers as a first method are doing a disservice to their ringers and to the world of change-ringing at large.

Why then do I (and many others) feel so strongly about this? I am sure all the reasons must be well known although I have never seen them in print. Firstly, the beginner's earliest attempt at change-ringing will be to hunt the treble. He will generally learn this on five bells as Doubles is the usual choice. Now when he starts hunting 'up' he has only four pulls to make before reaching 5ths place (hardly time to accustom him to the extra lifting of the bell necessary) and then his whole pull in 5ths place is **wrong**, and I believe this is one of the major difficulties in odd-bell hunting (of course it occurs in other Doubles methods as well as in Grandsire). Secondly, he will find he meets the bells in a most peculiar order, even in the plain course. If he does understand that there is a second bell which is in the hunt, he will find it is constantly changing in a touch and confuses rather than guides. A wise teacher would put the learner on the second in a plain course, but the same difficulties apply in the whole pull behind, and the course is very limited in duration. Now even if the learner negotiates this first hurdle, he has to face the second and much more difficult one—that of ringing Grandsire 'inside.' The plain course is bad enough with odd place dodging, but in a touch no bell rings more than two leads and often only one; every bell except the treble and the bell before is affected in an unfamiliar fashion at a bob (and worse, every bell except the treble at a single); in fact **it is not Grandsire at all which is rung**, and very unlike what the unfortunate ringer has learnt from the 'blue line.' The difficulties are no less when Triples is rung, and I would even dare to say that in most touches of Grandsire Triples the method is not rung at all. The complications of conducting Grandsire are also greater than in many other simple methods, and often the aspiring conductor's first attempts are on Grandsire—a task from which he may well shrink after a few abortive attempts.

Now I am fully aware that people will take me to task for this lengthy decrying of Grandsire—they will point out the superiority of the music and other attributes. I am not disputing these, especially the former, about which I shall have more to say in a moment. But I am trying to emphasise that it is not a method for the beginner. I am also well aware that it will never be ousted from the beginners' repertory (although I have some learners familiar with Cambridge who cannot ring Grandsire) and it is too steeped in tradition. Perhaps then we can make use of it, and this will come later.

My plea to instructors is to make their beginners plain hunt on even numbers (even Minimus with a covering bell is better than Doubles). If the spectre of 'no bell to lead off' is to be avoided it is better done by not having one in the first place. Secondly, it is better to start on another bell but the treble (e.g., the second in the plain course of Grandsire Minor) and having an experienced ringer on the treble. Next let Plain Bob be the fundamental method—it can be rung from four bells, upwards, extends naturally, and calls are the same on all numbers—let learners be taught the plain course and the starts of the 2nd, 3rd and 4th so that they know not only what to do next after a call but also **why** (how many of us were taught that in our early ringing days?). Then the old cry of 'only a plain course, please,' will disappear from our belfries.

There will remain a hard-core of Grandsire 'fans,' and to them I suggest (and to experienced ringers also as a matter of interest) that they should try ringing Grandsire on even numbers. Oh yes, I know all about the four blows behind in the plain course, and a six at a call but, in honesty, how many of us (let alone those listening outside) would worry in the slightest about this if the theoreticians had not made such a fuss? I have noticed time and again when Grandsire Minor or Major has been suggested, all those objecting have admitted they have never rung it or heard it rung. It was good enough for Troyte, so why not for us? I am certain that if Stedman had invented it it would be rung in every tower today.

It was after thinking on these lines that I asked the organiser on a recent ringing tour if we could ring Grandsire Minor, Major and and Royal during the day. Being an enlightened and unprejudiced man, and although an experienced Surprise ringer and conductor, he readily agreed. The resulting ringing was interesting to everyone, and there were no protests.

I mentioned Grandsire Minor above, and experience has shown me that it is useful to put beginners on the second and teach them to plain hunt from there, rather than on the treble (on which other bells depend and if wrong will upset them). Of course you can get the same effect by calling three bobs in succession in Bob Minor, but the calls confuse and only three leads are available.

Grandsire Major to my mind is a most musical method. There is odd place dodging which even I (a confirmed even-bell ringer) will admit is most musical. The dodging which occurs when the tenor is behind provides a point of repose in the music which is emphasised when there is a call at home (i.e., six blows for the tenor)—a cadence at the end of a musical phrase from which the tenor once again leaves to take part in the changes. This cadential effect is more marked in Grandsire Major than in any other method I have rung. In Royal the effects are even more marked, and the opportunity for composers to experiment with such combinations as 7980, 4680, and 7960 at course ends with calls at home are endless. I have never heard or rung Grandsire Maximus—perhaps some enterprising 12-bell band will ring it one day and not dismiss it without trial.

If the public is to be made interested in ringing it is the sound of it with which they are going to be mostly concerned. If we can make our ringing musical we are well on the way to winning some of them over (I assume, of course, that striking is impeccable).

Grandsire-only bands have plenty of opportunity of increasing their scope and interest by ringing the method on even numbers, and it may even make them want to learn other orthodox even-bell methods. Other bands may find interest in trying the variation and still others find it useful for teaching. There are plenty of simple touches which can be extended from those for Doubles or Triples.

Peals of Grandsire Minor, Major and Royal have all been rung in the last few years—if we cannot all manage more complex methods can I appeal for enterprise in the use of simple ones? And, please, no prejudice on highly controversial theoretical grounds.

I have taken up much of your space, and I hope what I have said will be thought about seriously. I await the comments and criticism of your readers.—Yours sincerely,

D. J. NEAL SMITH.

Twickenham.

LLANBLETHIAN BELLS

Dear Sir,—As makers of 'Poulard' bell ropes my firm has good reason for wishing that Mr. Lee's hope that Llanblethian will soon have its bells regularly on Sundays again will not pass unheeded.

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A. W. BRYANT
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REISSUE OF FAMOUS RECORD

Dear Sir,—About 1937 a gramophone record was made of a touch of Spliced London, Bristol, Cambridge, Superlative and Ealing Surprise Major, rung on handbells by the famous band at Bushey (Messrs. H. Hodgetts, C. W. Woolley, H. G. Cashmore and F. W. Brinklow), who created so much ringing history in the six or seven years before the last war.

The original pressing has long since been sold out but, thanks to the co-operation of the recording engineer and to some good fortune, I have been able to arrange for a reissue. This will be not in shellac but in what is called 'filled vinyl standard,' which is a new plastic medium very much thinner and more durable than the old type. The price is expected to be between 15s. 6d. and 18s. (plus postage), according to the number ordered, and for this reason I ask those interested to write to me as soon as possible so that I can form some estimate of requirements.

Despite the speed of ringing, the touch is entirely free of trips, apart from one trifling mistake on the second side, while the standard of striking is one that few bands could hope to equal, let alone surpass, as all who have heard it will surely agree. This, therefore, is an opportunity not to be missed. I need hardly add that the members of the band have no financial interest in the reissue.—Yours faithfully,

E. A. BARNETT, Hon. Secretary,
Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.

5,008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Dear Sir,—The 5,008 of Double Norwich Major, by Mr. N. Golden, should read as follows:—

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E. C. GOBEY.

Ilkeston, Derbys.

NEWARK, NOTTS. On Dec. 24th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Elizabeth Tutty (first quarter) 1, D. Simpson 2, W. L. Exton (cond.) 3, A. E. Chilton 4, C. F. Briggs 5, F. G. Hooper 6, H. Stevenson 7, E. F. Taylor 8, J. W. Raithby 9, F. W. Midwinter 10. For Christmas Eve.

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BRISTOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY REUNION



An after-dinner snap at the Bristol University Society of Change Ringers. Left to right: Mr. Roy Blackler (Master), Miss Jane Cook (secretary), Mr. Paul L. Taylor (principal guest) and Mr. A. York-Bramble.

BRISTOL welcomed its guests for this year's reunion and dinner of the University Society on January 23rd in a manner not uncommon to the West Country—with rain, and plenty of it. Nevertheless, more visitors than ever before were attracted there from all parts of the country.

The day began early for the peal band, who were successful in an attempt for Yorkshire Major at Almondsbury, with David Heighton conducting. For the visitors and members not included in the peal was ringing at several of the city churches, namely, Stoke Bishop, Christ Church and SS. Philip and Jacob's in the morning, followed by the Cathedral and St. Mary Redcliffe after lunch. By the end of the afternoon so many people were present that even the spacious belfry at Redcliffe looked crowded.

For an hour before the service the six bells at St. Michael's were rung, finishing with a good touch of Stedman. Highlights of the day's ringing, besides the peal, were such methods as Bristol and Cambridge Major, Grandsire Caters and Cinques, and London Minor. Owing to the sudden indisposition of the Rector (Rev. F. C. Vyvyan-Jones), the president of the Society (Prof. R. J. Brocklehurst) conducted a shortened form of service. The organ was played by Dr. David Heighton and the lesson read by Mr. Ian Maycock. Various members sang in the choir.

The venue for the dinner was the senior common room of the University Refectory (by kind invitation of the president), where 94 guests sat down to an excellent meal. After proposing the loyal toast and that of 'The Church,' Prof. Brocklehurst welcomed the company. He was specially pleased to see so many loyal old members and regretted the absence of the Rector of St. Michael's.

'GREAT GEORGE' INTERRUPTS

Miss Jane Cook (secretary), who proposed 'The Visitors,' welcomed Mr. Paul Taylor, from Loughborough, and the Masters of Cambridge, Oxford and London University Societies. She also had a special greeting for the Master of the G. and B., Mr. Frank Skidmore. Owing to another engagement the Bishop of Bristol (who has recently been made an honorary member of the Society) was unfortunately unable to be present. Mr. Paul Taylor rose to reply with an interesting and witty speech, timely interrupted by 'Great George' (one of his own masterpieces) striking 9 p.m.

The toast of 'The Society' was proposed by Mr. Peter Langton (Master of the Cambridge University Guild), and he spent a short while in analysing the role of a University Society if it were to contribute fully to the Exercise.

The Master (Mr. Royston Blackler) replied, summing up the activities of the Society over the previous year. Ringing at St. Michael's had been maintained with faithful regularity, and quarter peals attempted there each Sunday evening. Assistance had also been given to St. Stephen's and early ringing at Redcliffe. In addition, the Society had manned the Cathedral bells for University services. As to the standard, it certainly was reasonable on six bells, but more practice was needed on higher numbers. For this reason special 8-bell practices had been arranged as in the previous year, and members were encouraged to attend city practices.

Outings had been held twice a term, those by coach being especially successful. In this respect, together with the marriage of Pauline Sprackling to Alan Smith, the forthcoming weddings of David Heighton and Brian Wylde and the engagement of Brenda Riches to Michael Sprackling—to them all go the Society's congratulations—it seemed that Cupid's arrows were well on target (even to the point of backfiring!). Someone has even suggested that Cupid's activities be advertised in the Personal columns of 'The Ringing World.'

The official summer tour, held in the Cheltenham–Cirencester region and blessed with good weather, had proved most enjoyable. Two unofficial tours were also held during the summer vacation, one being based on a pub near Shaftesbury!

The Master made the announcement that affiliation to the Central Council had been applied for.

FIRST PEAL OF CINQUES

Concerning peal ringing, ten had been successful since the last dinner, of which the most notable was that of Grandsire Cinques (first of Cinques for the Society) at Reading. Under the conductorship of David Heighton, the Society had continued in the field of multi-Minor methods, with peals in 3, 6 and 14 methods during last term.

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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Dorchester Branch

Thirteen towers were represented at the annual meeting of the Dorchester Branch, held at Dorchester on January 16th. The eight bells of St. Peter's were available before the Guild service, which was conducted by the vice-chairman (the Rev. E. B. Brooks) in the absence of the chairman, (the Rev. P. J. Heaton) who was unavoidably absent owing the illness of Mrs. Heaton. Mr. Brooks spoke of bells with beautiful designs and inscriptions but reminded his hearers that, however fine the design, the bell was no use without a clapper, and Christians were no use without being good inside.

About sixty members sat down to tea at the Wessex Restaurant and Mr. Brooks took the chair at the meeting which followed. He mentioned that he had a message of good wishes from Canon A. Helps, a former Vicar of Puddletown, and well known among the older ringers.

The hon. secretary, Mr. R. H. Duke, said the membership now stood at 144. He expressed the sympathy of the members to the Rev. R. P. Farrow, whose wife had died recently, and welcomed on behalf of the Branch the Rev. and Mrs. C. E. C. Brinkworth, who had recently moved to Cattistock, both of whom are ringers.

It was hoped, said Mr. Duke, to augment the bells of Charminster from six to eight and great efforts were being made to raise the necessary funds. The tower repair fund at St. Peter's, Dorchester, now stood at £1,000—about half the sum needed.

Officers of the Branch were elected as follows:—Chairman, the Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth; vice-chairman, Rev. E. B. Brooks; hon. sec. and treasurer, Mr. R. H. Duke; assistant hon. sec., Miss P. M. Boalch; Ringing Master, Mr. H. J. Ford; deputy Ringing Masters, Mr. A. J. Slade and Mr. J. W. Rose. Twenty new members were elected from six different towers. Meetings for 1960 were provisionally suggested for Preston in April, Bere Regis in June, and Litton Cheney in September. Fortnightly branch practices were arranged, subject to confirmation, at Abbotsbury, Upwey, Wyke Regis, Piddlehinton, Dorchester (St. Peter's), and Maiden Newton, starting on January 30th.

The Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth regretted that permission for peal ringing at Cattistock could not be granted until the existing louvres had been altered, in order to control the sound of the bells more.

The votes of thanks were proposed by Mr. L. G. N. Williams.

Gratefully Acknowledged

Personal.—F. T. Lloyd 2s., D. Edwards 5s., Anon. 2s., W. Mallett 3s., 'For the great privilege and pleasure of having known Fred Seager'—T.B. 10s., Rochester Cathedral 4s., Christ Church, Southgate £3.

Peals.—Dyrham 3s., Hawkshead 4s., Nuneaton 4s., Selby 3s., Burton-on-Trent 5s., Beckenham, Kent 8s. 6d., Longstanton 4s.

Quarter Peals. — Easton-in-Gordano 3s., Knowle 4s., Edmonton 3s., Burton-on-Trent 4s., Stoke Bishop 5s., Wantage 4s., Brighton 2s. 6d., Peterborough 3s., Romsey, Hants 5s., Tamworth 4s., Thorpe-le-Soken 2s. 6d., Wimbledon 2s. 6d., Heston 3s. 6d., Nailsea 3s., Whitby 2s., Wollaton 3s.

Bristol University—Cont.

A large number of learners had presented a problem this year in providing a satisfactory practice for everyone in an hour-and-a-half per week. However, their keenness was surprising and very satisfactory progress had been made.

In conclusion, Mr. Blackler assured everyone that, as the leading article in 'The Ringing World' a few weeks previously had stated, Bristol was indeed 'full of life' and would continue to be so.

The company then retired to the lounge for the remainder of the evening. In a lighter vein, old friendships were renewed and memories revived to the pleasant background of handbell ringing, thus bringing to a successful conclusion the 12th annual reunion of the Society. Special thanks are expressed to Miss Jane Cook for the excellent organisation. J. C. B.

GLAMORGAN WANDERERS' WEST COUNTRY TOUR

Among the many cycling youth hostel tours of 1959 was that of the Glamorgan Wanderers, not to be confused with the famous rugby club of that name. Their tour was through Somerset and Devon, the party consisting of Brinley Taylor, Jimmy Goodfellow, Tony Coombs, Geoffrey Strickland, David Llewellyn, Robert Hughes, Adrian Hartley, Roger Havard and Alan Smith.

The tour started from Penarth on July 20th, by paddle-steamer to Weston-super-Mare. The route taken the first day was via Bridgwater, North Petherton, Norton Fitzwarren, Wiveliscombe to Bampton Youth Hostel in a converted malt house.

Tuesday's journey in the hot sun to Exeter included a visit to the Tiverton tower, where the party were amazed at the beautiful tone and go of the bells, and Cullompton where, with the help of a local ringer, call-changes were rung on the ten. At Exeter the party were very much at home on the light bells of St. Martin's.

The direction on Wednesday was via Honiton where, with the help of two visiting ringers, Stedman Triples went very well, Yarcombe and Chard, to Ilminster, where the party were greeted by Mrs. Grabham and her two children. After ringing at Ilminster we made our way to Mrs. Grabham's farm: her hospitality was much appreciated. That evening, Staple Fitzpaine practice was attended.

Fortified by a terrific farm breakfast, there was a 15-mile ride to the first tower on Thursday at Somerton. Towers visited were Butleigh, Street, Glastonbury, West Pennard, Shepton Mallet and Radstock (where it was a great pleasure to meet Mr. David Hoare). It was a tired party that reached Bath, but not too tired to ring after supper at St. Mark's Church.

Progress in ringing was indicated on Friday by Spliced London and Cambridge Surprise Minor at Marksbury, and Double Norwich C.B. Major at Chewton Mendip. Later came St. Cuthbert's, Wells, and Westbury-sub-Mendip. Resting place for the night was Cheddar Youth Hostel, and after supper the local ringers were joined in their practice.

The Saturday programme included Churchill and Congresbury, and it was at Yatton, after ringing some very good Kent T.B., Plain Bob and Stedman Triples, that the band split up.

The tour covered a distance of 280 miles and 38 towers were visited. The average age of the band was 17·4 years. The organisation of Mr. Tony Coombs was excellent, and to him, incumbents, ringers who met the party, and Mrs. Grabham, the party express their thanks.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

An attendance of over 100 ringers and friends at the annual meeting of the Farnham District on January 23rd heard Major E. J. Bragg (Ringing Master) in his annual report state that the bells in all the towers in the District were manned on Sundays. Not every bell was rung, but a joyful noise was made from every tower. He appealed for an interchange of help between towers, which already existed between Hawley and Yorktown, and Aldershot and Seale.

Mr. C. J. Beadle, the hon. secretary, said membership stood at 186, and he looked forward to reaching the 200 mark.

District officers elected were: Major E. J. Bragg (Ringing Master), Mr. W. H. Viggers (assistant Ringing Master), Dr. W. W. Wright (secretary), Mr. R. H. Mills (assistant secretary and treasurer), Mr. J. Preston ('The Ringing World' correspondent) and Mr. C. J. Beadle (auditor). Mrs. M. A. Welton and Mrs. T. Page were elected members of the executive committee.

Mr. C. W. Denyer, the Guild Master, on behalf of the District, presented a cut-glass vase to Mr. R. H. Mills (District treasurer) as a silver wedding gift from the District.

A great attraction of the meeting was ringing and hearing the recently recast bells of Farnham Parish Church, and Mr. P. L. Eldridge, of Winchester, commented that the transformation of the church and bells was wonderful. The Rector (Rev. H. R. Wilds) conducted the service, at which a collection for Farnham Church Restoration Fund amounted to £2 10s.

EXERCISES IN RINGING TUITION

Dear Sir,—Replying to Mrs. Johnstone's query (issue of February 5th) as to whether their idea of competitive bell-setting is used elsewhere in the teaching of ringing, she and others may be interested to know that something rather like it is in use by tutors of the College of Campanology, and others in sympathy, as one of the 60 exercises described in 'The Ringers' Manual of Reference—Part I' (which details material for use in planned training in bell handling and control in the elements of change ringing). And the results are surprisingly satisfying.

I have said 'something rather like' because there are two important differences from her bell-setting competition. The first is in the exercise itself. In this the learner is required not to **set** the bell, but to **hold it on the balance** between the strokes. And he is put on to this exercise, with the bell still 'silenced', of course, as soon as he is considered safe to handle the rope alone: in other words he is not then allowed to go on just pulling at the rope to 'get more used to it.' Instead he now concentrates on this bell-balancing exercise until he is at least 80 per cent. proficient. (Say, a minimum of 8 balances in 5 whole-pulls.) Then, and not before, he is taught correct bell-setting, the instructor having always taken over previously to set the bell except of course when the bell has set accidentally. In this the learner is required to stop the bell on the balance, pause, and then **gently** ease it over on to the stay. He is taught that this is the way to set the bell at all times: in contradistinction to what must be admitted as a frequently-noted fault, i.e., letting the bell 'drop' over the balance on to the stay.

Mrs. Johnstone speaks of a 'challenge,' but is not what she refers to rather in the nature of a learners' competition in maximum consecutive bell-settings? In the bell-balancing exercise, however, the learner accepts a real challenge to himself, that of at least 80 per cent. achievement in bell-control. And this brings us to the second difference.

It is in the **application** of the exercise, in so far as the learner is never permitted to ring, or attempt to ring, with others (no, not even in rounds!) until he has mastered this exercise. Rivalry of learners to pass this stage can become very keen indeed: and the difference in the improvement in the initial striking generally produced when they come on to ringing 'open' with others is remarkable.

However, some of this improvement may be due, in our cases, to another exercise which precedes rounds-ringing, i.e., learning 'bell-pause.' This is the recognition of the interval, varying of course from bell to bell, between the point of pull-off from the balance, (or 'top of the rise') and the strike of the clapper. This is the first 'open' or bell-sounding exercise the pupil gets. It evolves with another exercise—'bell-tone recognition'—and so on. But enough has been said to show that the maximum good of any such exercises lies in their proper integration. There is as much a science in ringing training, as in any other technique.

Mrs. Johnstone may be assured that her idea, though in modified form, has proved for some time past to be invaluable in any sound scheme of ringing training.—Yours very truly,

A. YORK-BRAMBLE,
(Principal)
College of Campanology.

Aspley, Notts

The new bells of Aspley, Notts, were dedicated on November 1st, 1959, by the Lord Bishop of Southwell and not as stated in 'The Ringing World' of January 29th. The bells were rung in rounds by the young band being trained by Mr. H. Seagrave. The opening touch of 360 Kent T.B. Minor was rung by H. Seagrave 1, Kenneth Wagstaff 2, R. Carlisle 3, F. A. Salter 4, W. Nichols 5, D. Carlisle (conductor) 6.

OBITUARY

MR. FREDERICK SEAGER

Fred Seager was a countryman, born in the village of Tibenham in Norfolk, and despite over forty years' exile in the West Riding he had lost neither his accent nor his love of his native country, to which he returned on every possible occasion, the last quite recently to attend the opening of Great Yarmouth bells.

It is left for those better able than me to write of his early years of ringing, for Fred was not one to boast of his achievements nor did he keep a record of his peals.

His peal of Surprise Major on Mancroft tenor when he was only twenty years old is still remembered and that his ability was not diminished forty years on is borne out by his ringing the same bell in the Coronation peal of Little Bob Maximus in 1953.

A safe ringer and a splendid heavy-end man—and in this respect he had few peers—he will be sorely missed in Yorkshire and especially at Leeds Parish Church.

His death on January 27th, barely twenty-four hours after he had rung at Wakefield Cathedral practice, was tragic in its swiftness, and, as he told us quite recently that he first handled a bell at the age of eight, it brought to a close a ringing career of nearly sixty years.

Coming to Yorkshire after his war service, he rang at Shipley from 1918 till 1938, when he moved to Keighley, finally coming to Leeds in 1940.

All his working life until his retirement a year or so ago was spent on the railway, and his work as a guard often prevented him from standing in peals, although he had 103 to his credit for the Yorkshire Association and he was a keen supporter of the Railwaymen's Guild.

Many towers were represented at his funeral at Leeds Parish Church on February 1st when the bells were rung half-muffled, many of the company having to leave immediately to bid farewell to another old friend, Harry Lofthouse, whose funeral at Armley almost coincided with Fred's.

In the evening a memorial peal at Leeds was lost through a broken rope but a second attempt three days later was successful. It was perhaps fitting that the band included some who had rung with Fred at Wakefield and Bradford (his favourite tower, I think) on the two successive evenings before his death.

Restrictions in ringing times coupled with a rather late start necessitated a quick peal, but as one who enjoyed brisk ringing and could push a heavy bell along himself, I feel sure Fred would have approved what was probably the 'quickest peal on the bells.'

At his own request his ashes were scattered on the railway embankment close to the Parish Church, within sound of the bells he rang so well and so often and near also to the permanent way over which he must often have ridden in his brake.

R. H. D.

MR. C. W. R. (BOB) GRIMWOOD
AN APPRECIATION

The death of Mr. Bob Grimwood, of Hersham, Surrey, on February 8th, brought to an end a long period of faithful service and sincere friendship both in and outside the belfry. He was a safe and reliable ringer, a good striker and one who always enjoyed the company of ringers in London and its surrounds.

His striking attracted the attention of William Pye and in later years Alfred Pulling, and Bob would often recall to me some of his experiences in peals on eight and ten bells with these and other conductors. He enjoyed listening to handbells and would often take a pair for a short touch either in private or in public.

We had missed Bob from our meetings lately because of failing health, but he will be remembered with gratitude as one who knew what was required of him, putting into his task the best that was possible. Truly it can be said of him in simple words: 'He was a good and faithful ringer.'

W. SHEPHERD.

HESTON, MIDDLESEX. — On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret Turner 1, G. Golding 2, Miss G. Harbour 3, Miss P. Rayner 4, P. Bettridge 5, J. Sansom (cond.) 6, R. Sumner 7, C. Chase 8. For Evensong.

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BIRTH

BEARD.—On February 14th, 1960, at 28, Lumbertubs Rise, Boothville, Northampton, to Sally (nee Barker) and David, a daughter, Julie Mary. 5801

DEATH

GRIMWOOD.—On Monday, February 8th, 1960, C. W. R. (Bob) Grimwood, of 19, Endsleigh Gardens, Hersham, for many years a ringer at All Saints', Kingston-on-Thames. 5777

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Mrs. F. Seager and family wish to express their sincere thanks to friends, the Norwich Association and the Railwaymen's Guild of Bell Ringers for kind expressions of thought and sympathy received during their sad bereavement. 5804

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MISCELLANEOUS

The bells of Christ Church, SWINDON, Wilts, will be heard again on and after Sunday, February 21st, after being out of commission for six months because of extensive repairs to the steeple. 5803

Will all interested please note that the annual general meeting of the COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD will be held in Coventry on April 23rd and not April 16th as in the Diary. Full details later. 5805

OTTERSHAW, Surrey. — From February 2nd a weekly practice will be held on Tuesdays at 8 p.m. Visitors welcome. 5776

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL

Secretaries of affiliated Societies are reminded that subscriptions (ten shillings per representative) became due on January 1st.

L. A. BARNETT,
Hon. Secretary.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general committee meeting will be held at the Clarendon Press Institute, Walton Street, Oxford, at 2.30 p.m., on Saturday, March 19th. Names for tea before Wednesday, March 16th, to Mr. P. Walker, 66, Fairacres Road, Oxford. —M. R. Cross. 5800

SOCIETY OF RAMBLING RINGERS.—1960 summer tour in Southern England, July 23rd to August 13th. Write for details to Miss Carol Eustace, 26, Vicarage Road, Rugby. New members welcome. N.B.—Subscriptions (3s.) are now due. 5797

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MEETINGS

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Wisbech St. Mary, Saturday, Feb. 20th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 5762

HAWKHURST GUILD.—Meeting, Benenden, Saturday, Feb. 20th. 5754

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Feb. 20th. Service, All Saints', 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Bells: Cathedral (10), 3 p.m.; All Saints' (8) and St. Nicholas' (6), after meeting. 5756

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Saturday, Feb. 20th, Kimpton (6), 3 p.m. First meeting since restoration. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special request, Norwich Surprise.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 5755

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—By-meeting, High Halden, Saturday, Feb. 20th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.—C. T. H. 5761

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Feb. 20th, All Saints', Leicester (8). Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5p.m. 5764

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — A.G.M., Saturday, Feb. 20th, Southwark Cathedral, 2.30 to 4.30 p.m.; St. John's, Waterloo Road, 2.30 to 4. Service, Cathedral, 5 p.m. Tea, business and handbell competition, Chapter House, 6. St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, 8 p.m. 5709

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Meeting, Heston, Saturday, Feb. 20th. Ringing 3.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Further ringing afterwards. — E. R. Gotham, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5758

ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL. — Reopening of bells after rehanging at Evensong, 3.15 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 20th. All welcome. 5763

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch. —Meeting, Burton Bradstock, Saturday, Feb. 20th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. 5742

SHEFFIELD AND LEEDS UNIVERSITY SOCIETIES.—Joint meeting, Saturday, Feb. 20th. Ringing at Pontefract (All Saints' (8)), 2.30 to 4.30 p.m., and Wragby (6), 6 to 8.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements. All visitors welcome. 5741

SUFFOLK GUILD.—East Central District. —Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Feb. 20th, Earl Soham (6), 3 p.m.; Framlingham (8), Tea, Crown and Anchor, 5 p.m. Bells 6 to 8.30 p.m. 5766

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division. — The annual meeting at Henfield (8), Saturday, Feb. 20th. Bells 3.15. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—Geo. North, 11, Richmond Terrace, Brighton. 5730

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—Practice meeting, Saturday, Feb. 20th: St. George's, Camberwell (8), 2 to 3; St. Giles', Camberwell (10), 3.15 to 4.30; St. John's, Deptford (8), 6 to 7 p.m. 5737

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—Practice meeting, Saturday, Feb. 27th, Axbridge. Bells (6) 5 p.m.—David H. White. 5779

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Practice at Wiveliscombe on Saturday, Feb. 27th, 7 p.m.—A. R. Tudball, Hon. Sec. 5793

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Westoning, Saturday, Feb. 27th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Short service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by 25th to Mr. B. Deacon, 10, Flitwick Road, Westoning. No name, no tea—sorry.—K. G. Spavins, Dis. Sec. 5784

CLAWTON OPEN RINGING DAY.—On our gift day, Saturday, Feb. 27th, all ringers will be welcome from 11 a.m. onwards. Buffet lunch and tea. Service 2 p.m. Sale and skittles competition in afternoon. A388, three miles S. Holsworthy. Proceeds for tower. 5774

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, Feb. 27th, St. George's Parish Church (8), Doncaster. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Everybody welcome.—G. Watson. 5789

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.— Meeting, Lacock, Saturday, Feb. 27th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service and tea. Names to H. Heath, 89, London Road, Chippenham. 5792

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting, The Saviour, Bolton, Saturday, Feb. 27th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Business follows tea. Cups of tea provided.—Thornley, Hon. Sec. 5791

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting at Drighlington, Saturday, Feb. 27th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea not later than first post Friday, Feb. 26th, to Mr. S. H. Barron, 40, West Street, Drighlington. 5780

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Annual dinner and social, Saturday, Feb. 27th, St. Mary's Parish Hall, Hinckley. Bells available 4.30 p.m. Dinner 6.30 p.m. prompt. Tickets 8s. each. Names, please, before Wednesday, Feb. 24th, to Mr. F. K. Measures, 58, Lychgate Lane, Burbage, Leics. Phone Burbage 516.—M. Vernon, Dis. Sec. 5740

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Annual meeting, Spalding, Saturday, Feb. 27th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday previous to Mr. M. Bennett, 171, Bourne Road, Spalding, Lincs. 5748

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Annual meeting, Bridgend, Saturday, Feb. 27th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—R. E. Coles. 5732

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting, Gresley, Saturday, Feb. 27th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names, please, by 25th inst., to Mrs. Upton, The Vicarage, Linton, Burton-on-Trent. All welcome. 5782

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Annual general meeting on Saturday, Feb. 27th, Fakenham. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, 25th, to G. Cooke, 24, Back Street, Fakenham. — C. Tovell, Branch Hon. Sec. 5752

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Monthly practice, Iver (8), Saturday, Feb. 27th, 3.15 p.m. No tea (can be obtained in Uxbridge).—W. Butler, Hon. Sec. 5790

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — V.W.H. Branch.—Annual meeting, Faringdon, Saturday, Feb. 27th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, Feb. 24th, to R. F. J. Gilling, Branch Sec., Fernham, Faringdon, Berks. 5749

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Annual social, Saturday, Feb. 27th, Racecourse Pavilion, 7.30 p.m. Tickets (2s., C.W.O.) from E. Billings, 61, Melville Street, Northampton. Bells: St. Giles' (10), 6 to 7.15 p.m. 5781

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (established 1755).—Annual Henry Johnson commemoration dinner, Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, 6 o'clock, Saturday, Feb. 27th. Chairman, Mr. Rodney B. Meadows. Tickets 20s. Peals arranged for visitors. Several towers open for ringing. Details later.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham, 28. 'Phone SPR 1025.

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SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Meeting, St. Lawrence's, Heanor, Saturday, Feb. 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by 24th.—Miss A. Henson, Sec., 23, Seymour Road, West Bridgford. 5773

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.—First ringing meeting of the year at St. Mary's, South Benfleet, Saturday, Feb. 27th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 5808

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North East District.—Practice meeting, Saturday, Feb. 27th. Bells: Wenhaston, 2.30 p.m.; Blythburgh, 6.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to C. J. Gibson, 1, Heath Road, Wenhaston, Halesworth.—A. R. Bridges, Dis. Sec. 5744

SUFFOLK GUILD.—West Central District.—Meeting, Saturday, Feb. 27th, Palgrave (8), 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Norfolk ringers welcomed. Names for tea must be in by Feb. 23rd.—H. A. Mitson, Dis. Sec., Buxhall, Stowmarket. 5702

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Annual meeting, St. Mary's, Eastbourne, Saturday, Feb. 27th. Tea will not be guaranteed for those who fail to notify R. W. Pankhurst, 11, Salehurst Road, Eastbourne.—F. Beeney, Sec. 5786

WATFORD GRAMMAR SCHOOLS' SOCIETY.—Meeting, Aldenham (8), Saturday, Feb. 27th. Names for tea by Wednesday, please, to Mr. A. Hickson, 28, Valley Walk, Croxley. 5807

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Branch.—Meeting, Lympstone, Saturday, Mar. 5th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by March 1st to Mr. R. T. Perry, Redcliff, Lympstone. 5794

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. District.—Meeting, Goldhanger, Saturday, March 5th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury. 5746

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midlands District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, March 5th. All Saints', Allesley, Warwickshire. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 to 6. Ringing from 6 to 8 p.m. Please notify for tea not later than first post on March 2nd to Miss R. Russell, 78, War Lane, Harborne, Birmingham, 17. 5796

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Maids Moreton (6), Saturday, March 5th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Names for tea not later than March 2nd to G. W. Holland, 1, The Leys, Maids Moreton, Buckingham.—F. Vickers. 5799

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Practice meeting, Dinton, March 5th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify by March 1st Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 5785

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Radcliffe-on-Trent, Saturday, March 5th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Bring own food. Cups of tea only.—S. Adams, Dis. Sec. 4806

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Gorseinon, Saturday, March 5th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting.—J. T. Williams, Dis. Sec. 5778

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Meeting, Claines, Saturday, March 5th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Practice method, Double Norwich C.B. Major. Names for tea by Tuesday, March 1st, to F. Hyde, 6, Winchester Avenue, St. John's, Worcester. 5798

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. District.—Dinner and social, Village Hall, Danbury, on Saturday, March 12th, 6.15 for 6.45 p.m. Tickets (5s. 6d.), before March 5th, from P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury. S.A.E., please. 5745

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Hernhill (8), Saturday, March 12th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea (2s. per person) 5 p.m. Names, together with cash, please, by Tuesday, March 8th, to T. C. Phillimore, 47, St. Peter's Grove, Canterbury. 5772

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Committee meeting, Liverpool, Saturday, March 12th, 3.15 p.m. in the Refectory of the Parish Church of Our Lady and St. Nicholas. Our Lady and St. Nicholas' bells available from 3 p.m. and after tea. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in the School Room at 2s. 6d. per person. Names to be sent to Miss M. White, Mildmay Club, Blackburn Place, Liverpool, 8. 5787

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PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

Towcester Branch

The annual meeting of the Towcester Branch was held on January 30th at Towcester, ringing taking place at Easton Neston and Towcester. The service was conducted by the Rev. R. G. Richards (president) and the address given by the Rev. D. H. Curtis (Vicar of Towcester), who spoke of the fellowship among bell-ringers.

About 70 members attended the business meeting, and a record number of 27 new members was elected. The officers were re-elected. A vote of thanks was given to the president, secretary and auditor.

Among the visitors was the Master of the Guild (Mr. P. Chapman), who stated that he was very impressed with the enthusiasm of the Branch.

Quarterly meetings and practices were arranged, and the 1961 annual meeting will be held at Green's Norton. Methods rung included Cambridge, London and Beverley.

Culworth Branch

The Culworth Branch held their annual meeting at Sulgrave on January 23rd. The service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. A. T. James), who also gave the address. The organist was Mr. Eric Walker, secretary of the Culworth Branch. At the business meeting, several new members were elected. Mr. P. Chapman (Master of the Guild) proposed the vote of thanks, and Mrs. A. T. James (wife of the Vicar) replied. B. M.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

South-West Branch

Many young ringers had the thrill of ringing on ten bells for the first time at the annual meeting of the S.W. Branch, held at St. Andrew's, Plymouth, on January 30th. Ringing was in charge of the tower captain and District Ringing Master, Mr. T. G. Myers. The Guild service, conducted by the Rev. Mr. Warren, was followed by an excellent tea, provided by Mrs. Chaffe and her helpers, the profit going to the World Refugee Fund.

At the business meeting, officers were re-elected as follows: Chairman and press officer, Mr. H. H. Thomas; Ringing Master, hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. T. G. Myers; auditor, Mr. Owen Thomas; general committee, Messrs. H. Milford, J. P. Sims and F. Day. Guild certificates were presented to Mr. Horace Hicks (Launceston), Miss Virginia Drake (Emmanuel), Mr. Stuart Hodge and Miss Pauline Brooker (Plympton St. Maurice). Six new performing members were admitted—Miss T. Peacock, Mr. A. Gulley, Miss L. Crabb and Mr. Peter Crabb (Plympton St. Maurice), and Messrs. J. L. Blagg and David Baldry (Emmanuel). The Rev. Peter Young (Vicar of Emmanuel) was elected an honorary member.

Votes of thanks concluded the meeting, and ringing was resumed at St. Andrew's Church until 8.15 p.m.

East Devon Branch

About 50 ringers attended a quarterly meeting of the East Devon Branch, held at Cotleigh on January 30th. The service was conducted by Preb. E. V. Cox, president of the Guild.

At the meeting which followed, Mr. G. C. Woodley took the chair. Three new bands of ringers were elected to the Guild—Dunkeswell, Stockland and Feniton, and a total of 39 new members were elected.

Proficiency certificates were presented by the president to E. Broom, R. Broom and T. Thorne (Luppitt), K. Stevens (Shute) and L. Harris (Cotleigh). Methods rung were Grandsire, Bob Doubles, Stedman, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Plain Bob Minor, Grandsire Minor, Oxford T.B., Double Court and Cambridge Minor.

THE LADIES' GUILD

Central District

At the annual meeting of the Central District, held on January 30th in the vestry of St. Giles-in-the-Fields', Mrs. Lock was elected vice-president and Mrs. Bullock re-elected secretary. A goodly number of members and friends enjoyed ringing at St. John's, Waterloo Road, in the afternoon and at St. Giles-in-the-Fields' in the evening. E. S.

NORMAN MALLETT'S 100 PEALS

By ringing Yorkshire Surprise Major at Lyme Regis on January 23rd, Mr. Norman Mallett, of Heavitree, Exeter, has completed 100 peals. A member of the Heavitree and Exeter Cathedral bands, he has rung in over 500 towers in 38 counties and is a member of 13 Guilds and Associations.

His peals are as follows.

Doubles.—Grandsire 1.

Minor.—Plain Bob 2, 2 methods 1, 3 methods 1, 4 methods 3, 5 methods 3, 7 methods 1; Treble Bob: 4 methods 1, 3 methods 1.

Surprise Minor.—2 methods 1 (conducted 1), Cambridge 6, Norwich 1.

Triples.—Grandsire 11, Stedman 2, Plain Bob 1.

Major.—Plain Bob 14 (2), Little Bob 2, Double Oxford Bob 1, Kent Treble Bob 2, Oxford Treble Bob 1, Spliced Kent and Oxford 1, Double Norwich Court Bob 11.

Surprise Major.—Cambridge 7 (1), New Cambridge 1, Yorkshire 6, Superlative 4, Lyme 2, Lincolnshire 1, Pudsey 2, Watford 1, London 1, Bristol 1.

Caters.—Grandsire 1, Stedman 1.

Royal.—Cambridge Surprise 2, Yorkshire Surprise 1.

The peal at Neath, Glamorgan (see page 102), was rung for the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association.

5,024 ROMFORD SURPRISE MAJOR

BY CHAS. J. SEDGLEY

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5,088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

By STEPHEN IVIN.

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FIVE FARTHINGS

'ORANGES and lemons,' said the bells of St. Clement's, but 'You owe me five farthings,' said the bells of St. Martin's. Whereas the St. Clement's bells must have had rather a high pitch with a sustained ring in the first three bells of the change (1 2 4 3 5 6 ?), the St. Martin's bells, by the same token, must have been rather more slow going, of a deeper tone and a less sustained ring. Say it over and one will perceive that the three bells making 'oranges' merge into one another, whilst 'and lem-ons' stand clearly apart. 'You owe me five farthings' has a totally different ring about it and just could not have been inspired by anything like the same ring of bells.

That these rhymes of our childhood were really inspired by actual bells is hardly to be doubted. The rhyme first appears in print in 1744, and in that edition the Bow Bells said: 'I'm sure I don't know,' which calls to mind a heavy ring of five bells. A later edition, appearing in 1760, exactly 200 years ago, reduced that line to 'I do not know.' That was the line we used in our children's games. The music was the same except that the original fourth was left out. What a wealth of history that thought conjures up. Could it be that the fourth of the ring of five had cracked or otherwise become unserviceable?

Another curious alteration appears in the 1760 edition. Whereas the 1744 rhyme used the bells of St. Martin's to say 'You owe me five farthings,' in 1760 that couplet had been changed to 'You owe me ten shillings,' said the bells of St. Helen's. Whether or not the bells of St. Martin's had fallen into disuse or whether the writer of the latter version was better acquainted with the St. Helen's bells and could not reconcile the music of the St. Helen's bells with the couplet ascribed to the St. Martin's bells is not known. One fact stands out very clearly, and that is that the two couplets describe two totally different rings of bells. In passing, it is of interest to point out that the Shoreditch bells seem to have the defective fourth just as did the Bow bells in 1760, but the Old Bailey bells seem to have been a very sweet-going ring in every way. It is not without interest to go through the whole story of this game in an idle moment and ponder on the music of all the various rings used in the various couplets.

As it was with the bells in the 18th century, so it is today. There is one ring of six which shall be nameless at the present—a delightful ring of well-tuned, easy-going bells, except that the tenor is exceedingly noisy. Laying behind, covering Doubles methods, it sounds very well and its dominant voice sets a rhythm and leads to good ringing. When it is 'turned in' to Minor methods it is altogether terrible and quite ruins the music: moreover, the dominant note, coming up at irregular intervals, upsets the striking of the other bells in some curious way. Possibly it could be turned in better by a deaf band. The simple fact is that Minor methods should not be rung on these bells.

No matter how bells are cast and hung, each individual ring has its own peculiarity, and what is unpleasant on one ring may be quite good on another. Equally, what is easy to ring in one tower may not 'go' so well elsewhere. The people who have to listen to the bells rather than ring them may be greatly affected by the idiosyncrasies of various performances without in the least being aware of the cause of their enjoyment or irritation. It is the duty of those who ring the bells to see to it that the bells are asked to perform only that which they can perform delightfully. Alas, it is a duty often sadly neglected. There is a real danger today of ringing the method and quite forgetting the bells. The first duty is to Ring the Bells. HENRY ALLEN.

BRISTOL—YOUR HOST

ON May 14th this year Bristol is holding a novel ringing festival—a festival both for ringers and those for whom they ring. There are a great many people, besides ringers, who hear our ringing. There are the many people who rarely enter our churches but who like to hear the sound of the bells; there are the members of our congregations; and most especially, there are our clergy. We are inviting all the clergy of the Bristol Archdeaconry, whether they are from churches with bells or not, to come and see what sort of people ringers are, what they do and how they do it. We hope to see many non-ringing visitors in our belfries on that day; but we are also looking forward to receiving visitors from towers all over the country, and we invite them to ring with us, to lunch with us and our Lord Mayor, to worship in our Cathedral with our Bishop, and join us in a social evening.

To the visitor, Bristol has much to offer and delight. What other British city can offer the sight of ships tied up in the city centre, or so majestic a view as the Avon Gorge with the supremely graceful suspension bridge spanning it like a spider's web? Where else can one see such magnificent ecclesiastical architecture within five minutes' walk as the Norman Chapter House of the Cathedral, the Lord Mayor's Chapel, St. Stephen's and St. Mary Redcliffe? What other city of comparable size can offer such glorious country as that of Somerset within two miles of the centre? If you have never seen Bristol, you have a pleasure yet to come; if you have been before you will surely want to come again.

And what of the bells? We have something for all tastes. Pre-eminent is the majesty of Redcliffe's 12, and for 10-bell ringers there are St. Stephen's, St. James' and Christ Church, all within earshot of each other. The eight at the Cathedral, hung only in December, 1958, is a delight to hear and a fine example of modern bell-hanging. Then there is the fine eight at St. Philip's, where almost every belfry fitting has been expertly made by the captain, Mr. Jack Brown, and the heavier eight at St. Thomas'. The light eight in the modern church at Knowle, the eight at Emmanuel in Clifton, and the heavy eight at Kingsdown are all within a short bus ride of the city centre. For the 6-bell ringer there is the Lord Mayor's Chapel (one of the few rings of bells owned by a Corporation), the six at St. John-on-the-Wall (Bristol's ringing school), where you can ring with traffic passing beneath you, and the six at St. Michael's-on-the-Mount Without (where the flourishing University Society rings, and from which a magnificent view of the city can be obtained). A little way out of the city, you can try the six at Stoke Bishop (or stand outside and watch the bells through the glass louvres), ring the magnificent heavy Rudhall six at Westbury-on-Trym, or visit the lighter sixes at Brislington and Abbots Leigh.

The ringers in all these towers, which together make up the City Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, are looking forward to seeing you on May 14th. P. G.

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TWELVE BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Tues., Feb. 2, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Martin,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

Muriel Reay	*Treble*	Ralph G. Edwards	7
Ruth M. Border	2	John Pinfold	8
Norman J. Goodman	3	John McDonald	9
Diana J. Perrins	4	Peter Border	10
Roderick W. Pipe	5	John Anderson	11
George E. Fearn	6	Richard E. Price	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Peter Border.

CANTERBURY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 6, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
At the Metropolitan and Cathedral Church of Christ,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 32 cwt. 6 lb. in C.

Dennis A. Chapman	*Treble*	*Robert Collins	7
Philip A. Corby	2	Bertram J. Luck	8
Arthur S. Richards	3	George J. Butcher	9
*Mark S. Lancefield	4	John R. Cooper	10
†Sheila M. Dobbie	5	Thomas Cullingworth	11
†Doris E. Colgate	6	Walter H. Dobbie	*Tenor*

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by George J. Butcher.
* First peal of Stedman Cinques. † First 12-bell peal. First 12-bell peal as conductor.
Rung in honour of the eighth anniversary of the accession of Her Majesty the Queen.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 13, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
In St. Hugh's Tower at the Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
A PEAL OF 5280 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in D.

John Walden	*Treble*	Herbert Lowman	7
Norah M. Randles	2	George H. Randles	8
Margaret A. Swann	3	Geoffrey R. Parker	9
John Freeman	4	*Walter Tomlinson	10
Sydney A. Chambers	5	Jack L. Millhouse	11
Peter A. Sharp	6	Raymond F. Smith	*Tenor*

Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* 150th peal. First of Pudsey Surprise Maximus by all the band, and for the Guild.

TEN BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Feb. 1, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

*Brian G. Warwick	*Treble*	Joseph W. Cotton	6
†Richard J. Clifton	2	John M. Jelley	7
Alan E. Hartley	3	John A. Acres	8
Ernest Morris	4	Russell S. Morris	9
‡Alan R. Bridges	5	G. Ronald Edwards	*Tenor*

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley (No. 12).
Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.
* 300th tower-bell peal as conductor. † First of Cambridge Royal 'inside.' ‡ First of Royal.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Feb. 3, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
At the City Parish Church of St. Stephen-the-Martyr,
A PEAL OF 5077 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt.

*†J. Anthony Bennett	*Treble*	Albert M. Tyler	6
D. John Hunt	2	Elisabeth A. G. Bowden	7
*Angela Grainger	3	Patrick J. Bird	8
Reginald G. Hooper	4	Richard J. Bowden	9
‡Brynley A. Shackleton	5	Francis C. Mogford	*Tenor*

Composed by W. P. Whitehead. Conducted by Reginald G. Hooper.
* First peal of Stedman. † First on ten. ‡ First of Stedman Caters 'inside.'

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 6, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
At Christ Church,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

Edward F. Potts	*Treble*	John Worth	6
Fred Dunkerley	2	Brian Harris	7
Basil Jones	3	Leslie Boumphrey	8
Alan A. Potts	4	Peter Laflin	9
C. Kenneth Lewis	5	Edward Jenkins	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.
The composition had seven courses in the Tittums, two courses '790' and five courses backstroke home.

SOUTHAMPTON.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 6, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F.

*David E. House	*Treble*	*Michael J. Thomas	6
†Tom Chapman	2	Maurice J. Butler	7
Margaret E. L. Beamish	3	†Adrian J. Tumber	8
†John R. Faithfull	4	†R. Roger Savory	9
*Janice E. Williamson	5	†Robert C. Kippin	*Tenor*

Composed by R. Roger Savory. Conducted by Robert C. Kippin.
* First peal of Royal. † First of Plain Bob Royal.
A birthday compliment to Hilary N. Kippin, David E. House and R. Roger Savory.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Feb. 11, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 24 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Diana J. Perrins	*Treble*	Bryan D. A. Woolley	6
Philip G. K. Davies	2	Brian J. Woodruffe	7
Roderick W. Pipe	3	Norman J. Goodman	8
George E. Fearn	4	John McDonald	9
Michael Elson	5	Ralph G. Edwards	*Tenor*

Composed by Wm. Pye. Conducted by John McDonald.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 13, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. in E flat.

*Jean L. Lavender	*Treble*	†R. James Cook	6
Kathleen E. Chilcott	2	David E. Parsons	7
Joan Beresford	3	Frank E. Darby	8
Robert W. Hinde	4	Stewart F. Kimber	9
Alan F. Thirst	5	Frank C. Price	*Tenor*

Composed by W. Pye. Conducted by Frank E. Darby.
* First peal of Royal. † First of Surprise Royal and of Royal on tower bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Tues., Jan. 5, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Martin,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

*Donald Finnemore	*Treble*	Michael Elson	5
Ruth M. Border	2	Peter Border	6
Norman J. Goodman	3	John McDonald	7
George E. Fearn	4	John A. Anderson	*Tenor*

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by Peter Border.
* First peal.

TWICKENHAM, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 30, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Hallows,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

Margaret A. Westcott	*Treble*	†A. J. Muir	5
Dr. D. J. Neal Smith	2	Ernest J. Munday	6
*Reginald T. Goodman	3	*D. Hill Brown	7
†Ann Muir	4	Frederick E. Collins	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Frederick E. Collins.
* First peal of Major. † First peal.
A wedding compliment to Richard Downing and Dulcie Smith, married earlier in the day at Twickenham.

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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Feb. 4, 1960, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 4 lb. in F.

BARRIE DOVE	*Treble*	ARNOLD COLE	5
RONALD H. DOVE	2	GEOFFREY TOWNEND	6
HAROLD B. SCHOFIELD	3	DEREK TAYLOR	7
DAVID CUBITT	4	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
Rung half-muffled in memory of Frederick Seager, a member of the local company for 20 years.

HARWELL, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 6, 1960, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in E.

*ERIC WOOLGROVE	*Treble*	ARTHUR SAYERS	5
REGINALD W. REX	2	REGINALD F. CROOK	6
BRIAN MILLS	3	MALCOLM S. CLOKE	7
S. FRANK TUFFLEY	4	GEOFFREY K. DODD	*Tenor*

Arranged by REGINALD W. REX. Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.
* First peal on eight bells.
Rung to commemorate the eighth anniversary of the accession of the Queen.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 6, 1960, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
F. H. Dexter's variation of Thurstans' Four-part.
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.

BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Treble*	BRIAN M. SMITH	5
PATRICIA A. WARDLE	2	JOHN A. ACRES	6
MRS. B. G. WARWICK	3	A. JAMES POYNOR	7
RUSSELL S. MORRIS	4	FREDERICK WATSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
Rung for the 67th anniversary of the dedication of the church (February 2nd): also birthday compliments to David Andrew Warwick and Miss Barbara Tysoe, of Croft.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 6, 1960, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb

*J. MARTIN THORLEY	*Treble*	FRANK TAYLOR	5
JOHN W. CARTER	2	WILLIAM E. CLARKE	6
GEORGE R. G. BUTLER	3	HAROLD BARSLEY	7
JOHN G. AMES	4	*C. HAROLD WHITTON	*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by C. HAROLD WHITTON.
* 25th peal together.
In memoriam Rev. H. Law James and Rupert Richardson, past Masters of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

WEM, SHROPSHIRE
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 6, 1960, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5056 TILSTOCK IMPERIAL MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt.

COLIN SMITH	*Treble*	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	5
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	6
F. HECTOR BENNETT	3	GEOFFREY PARTING	7
*JOHN S. DEAN	4	PERCY SWINDLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.
* 50th peal. First in the method (C.C.C. 219).

HALESWORTH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD
On Mon., Feb. 8, 1960, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 26 lb. in E.

JACK PILGRIM	*Treble*	C. JACK GIBSON	5
JAMES M. BAILEY	2	PETER S. BEDFORD	6
ERNEST WHITING	3	JOHN W. BLYTHE	7
LEONARD J. MINNS	4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by H. WILLIAM BARRETT.
A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Gibson.

CHEADLE, CHESHIRE.
THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Wed., Feb. 10, 1960, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13½ cwt.

*RONALD J. JOHNSTON	*Treble*	TREVOR TAYLOR	5
BARRIE HENDRY	2	BASIL JONES	6
M. ELIZABETH ROSS	3	DEREK OGDEN	7
ROBERT J. WARRILOW	4	BRIAN HARRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by RICHARD F. B. SPEED. Conducted by BARRIE HENDRY.
* First peal of Surprise. First in the method as conductor.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Feb. 10, 1960, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

SANDRA E. CHESTERTON	*Treble*	JOHN M. JELLEY	5
RICHARD J. CLIFTON	2	JOHN A. ACRES	6
A. JAMES POYNER	3	RUSSELL S. MORRIS	7
JOSEPH W. COTTON	4	G. RONALD EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

MORPETH, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Feb. 10, 1960, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE WATCH TOWER.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 10 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

GEORGE S. DEAS	*Treble*	*NICHOLAS I. WRIGHT	5
*JOHN E. ANDERSON	2	*NORMAN ERRINGTON	6
MARION S. AINSWORTH	3	J. ALAN AINSWORTH	7
ERIC N. HARRISON	4	ROBERT F. TELFORD	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. CORRIGAN. Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.
* First peal in the method.

ALLESLEY, COVENTRY.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Feb. 11, 1960, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

FRANK W. PERRENS	*Treble*	HUBERT G. SUMMERS	5
*DAWN V. ELSON	2	PERCY STONE	6
RUTH M. BORDER	3	JOHN W. T. TAYLOR	7
PETER BORDER	4	L. MICHAEL CALLOW	*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* First peal of London Surprise.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 13, 1960, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt.

LEO EVANS	*Treble*	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	5
HARRY EDGE	2	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	6
ROBERT EVANS	3	PERCY SWINDLEY	7
ALFRED S. BAYLEY	4	GEOFFREY PARTING	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.
Especially arranged and rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Rosaline A. Farlow, a regular Sunday service ringer at this church since 1952.
Rung after meeting short for Grandsire Caters, due to illness.

FENHAM, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 13, 1960, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. JAMES AND BASIL.
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 10 lb. in F.

*MARY PROPHET	*Treble*	GEORGE S. DEAS	5
EDMUND P. CROWDY	2	W. NORMAN PARK	6
ROLAND PARK	3	J. ALAN AINSWORTH	7
KENNETH ARTHUR	4	ERIC N. HARRISON	*Tenor*

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.
* First peal with a treble bob hunt. First of Surprise on the bells.

LITTLEPORT, ISLE OF ELY.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 13, 1960, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5440 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in E.

PETER LANGTON (Trinity)	*Treble*	DAVID KIRBY (Selwyn)	5
FRANCES SECKER (Girton)	2	STAN HOOD (Trin. Hall)	6
DERMOT ROAF (Trinity)	3	JOHN SCHOFIELD (King's)	7
TERRY PAGE (Downing)	4	JAMES TAYLOR (St. Cath.'s)	*Tenor*

Composed by D. N. LAYTON. Conducted by PETER LANGTON.

MORECAMBE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 13, 1960, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

*ANNE BATTY	*Treble*	WILLIAM WILSON	5
WILLIAM GERRARD	2	LAWRENCE D. CLEMENT	6
*JUDY MOIR	3	ROLAND F. ECCLES	7
*DONALD LAWSON	4	GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE	*Tenor*

Composed by E. HOPWOOD. Conducted by GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE.
* First peal of Major.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Dr. W. H. Baddeley, Bishop of Blackburn.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 13, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.
A PEAL OF 5120 STOCKPORT SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

PETER LAFLIN	*Treble*	C. KENNETH LEWIS	5
JOHN WORTH	2	LESLIE BOUMPHHREY	6
BERNARD F. L. GROVES	3	WILLIAM H. DOWSE	7
BRIAN HARRIS	4	EDWARD JENKINS	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.
In memory of Walter W. Wolstencroft, of Ashton-under-Lyne, died February 9th, 1957.

PONTEFRACT, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 13, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5120 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

MARION ARCHER	*Treble*	J. HENRY FIELDEN	5
HOWARD SCOTT	2	NORMAN SMITH	6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	3	IAN M. HOLLAND	7
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	4	RICHARD E. PRICE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by IAN M. HOLLAND.
First peal in the method on the bells, and as conductor.

STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 13, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's transposition of Thurstans' Four-part.
Tenor 12 cwt. 19 lb. in G.

ELSIE K. HART	*Treble*	H. GEORGE HART	5
*RICHARD G. OUSTON	2	*HAROLD E. CLAYTON	6
*TREVOR E. CARLESS	3	THOMAS J. LOCK	7
JOAN M. WILCOCKSON	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
* First peal in the method.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 13, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation).
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN R. HOBBS	*Treble*	GEORGE J. HAWKINS	5
*GLORIA M. NEWTON	2	HAROLD L. PAREREY	6
*SANDRA LEWIS	3	ALAN F. LEE	7
†J. JAMES JEFFERIES	4	LESLIE R. G. TAYLOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN F. LEE.
* First peal on eight. † First of Triples. First as conductor on eight bells.

UTTOXETER, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Feb. 13, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5120 UTTOXETER SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in E flat.

BARNABAS G. KEY	*Treble*	BRIAN J. WYLDE	5
ARTHUR PRITCHARD	2	RICHARD J. WARRILOW	6
DAVID W. BRUNNING	3	DAVID W. FRIEND	7
CHARLES A. S. WEBB	4	DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
First peal in the method.

UTTOXETER SURPRISE MAJOR
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SIX BELL PEALS

LEIRE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 30, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

*H. DOVE	*Treble*	*MARCUS G. STEVENS	4
CECIL E. CARR	2	GERALD JOHNSON	5
N. W. PRICE	3	WILLIAM JOHNSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by GERALD JOHNSON.
* First peal. First as conductor. First on the bells.
Bells augmented from four to six in 1958.

PACKINGTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Thurs., Feb. 4, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY ROOD,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in B flat.

*DAVID EAMES (14)	*Treble*	JOSEPH W. COTTON	4
DEREK P. JONES	2	PERCIVAL W. GRICE	5
WILLIAM F. WOODWARD	3	RICHARD J. CLIFTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
* First peal on six bells.
Rung as a compliment on her 89th birthday to Mrs. Eleanor Jones, of Hitchin, Herts, surviving grandparent of the conductor; also a birthday compliment to his sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Henning, and to Ian Measures, of Church Gresley ringers.

ACOMB, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Selby and District Society.)
On Sat., Feb. 6, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being an extent each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's, Childwall and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

IRIS LEMARE	*Treble*	ALAN SHEPPARD	4
MRS. J. RENDER	2	KENNETH B. SISSONS	5
ALAN EVANS	3	JOHN POTTS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN POTTS.
Rung for the eighth anniversary of the Queen's accession to the throne, and for the christening of Terence Brian, son of Mr. and Mrs. K. B. Sissons.

BRENT KNOLL, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 6, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Cambridge, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 21 cwt.

*HOWARD COLLINGS	*Treble*	†VICTOR G. ROBERTS	4
MARJORIE LEGG	2	GEORGE PRESCOTT	5
*F. A. KEITH PRIME	3	GWILYM SALMON	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.
* First peal of Minor in seven methods. † 50th peal. First on the bells in seven methods.

NETTLEHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 6, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Single Oxford and two of Plain Bob.
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

*DAVID M. BURKITT	*Treble*	W. ROBERT PARKER	4
MARGARET A. SWANN	2	JOHN M. BURTON	5
CHARLES V. CADE	3	GEOFFREY R. PARKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY R. PARKER.
* First peal.

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POLSTEAD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 6, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob, two of St. Clement's and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

Peter J. Perkins	*Treble*	A. Edward Leggett	4
Barry E. Gibbons	2	Alan R. Andrews	5
David E. Culham	3	George N. Orman	*Tenor*

Conducted by Alan R. Andrews.

A birthday compliment to the ringer of the fourth.

WELLINGORE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 6, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being one 720 each of Reverse Canterbury, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Plain Bob, April Day and three of Grandsire. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb.

G. Colin Jackson	*Treble*	*Edgar A. Cole	4
Frederick Derry	2	James H. Musson	5
*J. Edward Brown	3	John F. Wright	*Tenor*

Conducted by James H. Musson.

* First peal in five Doubles methods.

WYCHBOLD, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 6, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-de-Wyche,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents each of Rev. St. Bartholomew, Seighford, April Day, Old and Norfolk; 12 of Plain Bob and ten extents and five 240's of Grandsire. Tenor 10¼ cwt. in G sharp.

*Heather M. Pullon	*Treble*	*Michael D. Fellows	4
*James E. Pullon (12)	2	Michael T. Spracklng.	5
†Paul Cattermole	3	*James E. A. Pullon	*Tenor*

Conducted by Paul Cattermole.

* Most methods rung to a peal. † 25th peal on six bells.

To commemorate the eighth anniversary of the accession of H.R.H. Queen Elizabeth II.

CAWTHORNE, BARNSLEY.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Barnsley and District Society)
On Mon., Feb. 8, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being one extent each of Violet, Arnold's Victory, New London Pleasure, College Pleasure, London Scholars', Duke of York and Oxford. Tenor 9 cwt.

Douglas N. Stables	*Treble*	Trevor Tarbatt	4
Eric Stainrod	2	Herman Rusby	5
Fred Cowling	3	Noel F. Moxon	*Tenor*

Conducted by Noel F. Moxon.

Rung to commemorate a peal in the same methods rung at Cawthorne on February 4th, 1860, by the Silkstone ringers.

LONG STRATTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Feb. 10, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

*Pauline Adcock	*Treble*	Leonard J. Minns	4
Ernest Whiting	2	Cecil A. Thompson	5
Betty Syrett	3	Harry B. Fuller	*Tenor*

Conducted by Ernest Whiting.

* First attempt for a peal.

Rung as a welcome to Dr. Launcelot Fleming, the new Lord Bishop of Norwich.

WENTWORTH, YORKSHIRE.
UNIVERSITY OF SHEFFIELD GUILD.
On Wed., Feb. 10, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of The Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

*Terence W. Hargreaves	*Treble*	John M. Clarke	4
Rachel M. Snell	2	John S. Rank	5
*Denis G. Pearson	3	Keith Abbott	*Tenor*

Conducted by Keith Abbott.

* First peal. First for the Guild.

WENHASTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Thurs., Feb. 11, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, and four 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 6 lb.

Peter S. Bedford	*Treble*	C. Jack Gibson	4
Alan R. Bridges	2	John W. Blythe	5
Jack Pilgrim	3	H. William Barrett	*Tenor*

Conducted by John W. Blythe.

Rung for the marriage of Mr. T. G. White and Miss E. A. Stansby at this church earlier in the day.

BARMING, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 13, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Margaret,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In nine methods: (1) Double Court, (2) Double Bob and Single Oxford, (3) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (4) Kent Treble Bob, (5) Oxford Treble Bob, (6) Cambridge Surprise and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 9¾ cwt.

John R. Cooper	*Treble*	Ian H. Oram	4
*Andrew M. Macve	2	A. Patrick Cannon	5
Crawford T. Hillis	3	Trevor A. Cross	*Tenor*

Conducted by Ian H. Oram.

* 25th peal.

A 28th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Manser.

GOSBERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 13, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes.*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, three of Cambridge Surprise and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 17¾ cwt.

Alan G. Payne	*Treble*	George R. G. Butler	4
C. Harold Whitton	2	William A. Holmes	5
John G. Ames	3	Frank Taylor	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank Taylor.

GREAT EASTON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 13, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. John and Giles,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Beverley Surprise, Surfleet Surprise, Ipswich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in G.

Margaret E. Panton	*Treble*	Ian R. Panton	4
Mary Roast	2	Dennis A. S. Symonds	5
Joseph Saunders	3	Howard W. Egglestone	*Tenor*

Conducted by Howard W. Egglestone.

A birthday compliment to Mr. E. W. Roast, of Danbury.

SAPCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Hinckley District.)
On Sat., Feb. 13, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in A flat.

*Lawrence Watkins	*Treble*	V. Thomas Cooper	4
Jennifer Stratford	2	Allan Chapman	5
Mrs. M. E. Brown	3	Michael E. Brown	*Tenor*

Conducted by Michael E. Brown.

* First peal (aged 12 years).

Rung by the local band to welcome the Rev. D. R. Rogerson, B.A., inducted as Rector the evening previous.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 13, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Denis,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten extents of Reverse Canterbury and eight each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, Plain Bob, April Day and Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

John F. Wright	*Treble*	J. Edward Brown	4
Edgar A. Cole	2	James H. Musson	5
Frederick Derry	3	G. Colin Jackson	*Tenor*

Conducted by James H. Musson.

A birthday compliment to the conductor's son, Desmond.

WEST DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 13, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Plain Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob and two of Kent Treble Bob, in same order. Tenor 10½ cwt.

William Marsh	*Treble*	Frederick French	4
Cecil Wade	2	Leonard Blanchard	5
George Bush	3	Charles Black	*Tenor*

Conducted by Cecil Wade.

The tenor ringer has now 'circled the tower.'

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. H. C. C. Tinsley, for many years churchwarden at this church.

HANDBELL PEAL

GAINSBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Feb. 5, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At Lealholme,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor size 15 in C.

George E. Feirn	1—2	A. Robin Heppenstall	5—6
Frank Lord	3—4	Jack Bray	7—8
C. Aubrey Harrison	9—10		

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by George E. Feirn.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On Feb. 14th, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: Miss J. Dear 1, D. Sutcliffe 2, Mrs. D. Salisbury 3, D. Salisbury (first of Bristol) 4, R. Castledine (cond.) 5, C. Harwood 6, E. Buck 7, J. Dear 8.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Elizabeth Cooper 1, L. A. Reece 2, Jean Lavender 3, F. Jennings 4, D. Parsons (cond.) 5, S. Kimber 6. For Evensong.

BLACKBURN, LANCS.—On Feb. 14th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Read 1, T. Wilkinson 2, G. Wignall 3, A. Tomlinson (cond.) 4, A. Swindlehurst 5, B. A. Tomlinson 6, M. J. Halliwell 7, H. Anderton 8. Rung before Evensong half-muffled as a last token of respect to the Rt. Rev. Walter Baddeley, the Lord Bishop of Blackburn, patron of the Lancashire Association, who died on February 11th.

BRISTOL (HENBURY).—On Feb. 1st, 1,344 Ash-tead Surprise Major: C. J. Richards 1, D. E. Cobb 2, Joan M. Gray 3, P. E. Parry 4, D. C. Exell 5, D. J. Hunt 6, P. J. Bird 7, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 8. First in the method by all.

CANNOCK, STAFFS.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Miss P. Sedgwick 1, Miss S. Y. Mor-gan 2, A. Scott 3, J. B. Webb 4, B. S. Townsend 5, C. M. Smith 6, E. Malin (cond.) 7, E. W. Colley 8. First quarter for 1 and 2. Rung after a peal failure by members and friends of Lichfield Cathedral Sunday service band.

CHEW MAGNA, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 17th, 1,344 London Surprise Major: R. J. Bowden 1, Elisabeth Bowden 2, Joan Gray 3, D. E. Cobb 4, D. C. Exell 5, D. J. Hunt 6, P. J. Bird 7, J. H. Gilbert (first of London as cond.) 8. First in the method for 5, 6 and 7.

COVENTRY, WARWICKS.—On Feb. 14th, at St. Michael's Church, Stoke, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: E. Simpson 1, R. D. Hayne 2, W. A. Stote (comp. and cond.) 3, D. Ellender 4, R. Robinson 5, H. Folwell 6, R. Hart 7, E. Sibley 8. For Evensong.

CROWCOMBE, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Cavill (first quarter) 1, M. Baker 2, R. Ford 3, J. Ford 4, E. J. Ford (cond.) 5, W. F. Chidley 6.

CROYDON, SURREY.—At St. John-the-Baptist Church, on Feb. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Braun 1, Miss H. Talbot 2, H. Humphries 3, C. Parks 4, N. Brown 5, H. Pratt 6, N. G. T. Steere (cond.) 7, E. Razzell 8. Rung on the 'light-eight.'

EAST BRIDGFORD, NOTTS.—On Feb. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob: Sue Meredith 1, Ruth Blackshaw 2, Doreen Armstrong (cond.) 3, M. Hamson 4, F. Brad-ley 5, J. Higgs 6. Rung half-muffled in respect of Mrs. A. V. Dent, buried this day.

EPSOM, SURREY.—At Christ Church, on Feb. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Sally Hewett 1, Sylvia Marsh 2, W. Parrott 3, Adrienne Gibson (first as cond.) 4, F. Oakshott 5, D. Herschell 6. Rung to welcome the Vicar back to duty after 11 weeks on the sick list.

ERDINGTON, WARWICKS.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Beech 1, A. Bragington 2, G. J. Taylor 3, Mrs. J. M. Atherley 4, C. M. Smith (cond.) 5, R. Tippins 6. First quarter 3 and 6. First away from tenor 1 and 2. For Evensong.

EXNING, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Miss H. Cross 1, J. Gentleman 2, N. R. Waite (first 'inside') 3, R. J. Palmer 4, A. R. Mann (cond.) 5. First in two methods by all the band. For Evensong.

GOODNESTONE, KENT.—On Feb. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Stringer 1, H. R. French 2, S. White (first of Doubles) 3, S. Walter 4, B. J. Luck (cond.) 5, J. Brett 6. Rung in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. H. Stringer.

GREAT YARMOUTH, NORFOLK.—On Feb. 7th, at St. Nicholas' Church, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: W. B. Duncan (cond.) 1, Rev. G. C. Galley 2, Miss N. B. Smedley 3, A. Wigmore 4, A. W. Fulcher 5, S. J. Merry 6, A. J. Moy 7, A. W. Bird 8.

HAMPTON-IN-ARDEN, WARWICKS.—On Feb. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. C. Hughes 1, Miss H. Burrill 2, C. J. A. Goy 3, W. B. Ellender (cond.) 4, C. Pettifer 5, R. Jones 6.

HARLINGTON, MIDDLX.—On Feb. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Wooders (first quarter) 1, Miss W. Smith 2, A. Corran 3, R. H. Smith (first 'inside') 4, D. C. Morgan (first of Grandsire Doubles and first as cond.) 5, L. Grice 6. For morning ser-vice.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On Feb. 13th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: D. George (first of Triples away from tenor) 1, Mrs. P. Bird 2, H. Colcolmbe 3, J. May-brey 4, C. N. Chinnery 5, Miss G. May 6, J. King (cond.) 7, S. Davies 8. Rung half-muffled to the memory of C. W. R. Grimwood, who was laid to rest at Hersham the previous day.

QUARTER PEALS

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret Tilbury 1, A. Clutton (cond.) 2, Sheila Wallace 3, A. Edwards (first 'inside') 4, D. Francis 5, D. Knox 6, G. Harrison 7, S. M. Bailey 8. For Evensong.

HINXWORTH, HERTS.—On Feb. 6th, 1,440 Minor (Double Court and Double Oxford): M. Hopkins (first of Minor) 1, J. Dear 2, L. Scoot 3, P. Flack 4, R. Castledine 5, C. Harwood (cond.) 6.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On Jan. 3rd, 720 Single Oxford and 540 Plain Bob: Sue Meredith 1, Doreen Armstrong 2, Ruth Blackshaw 3, M. Hamson 4, A. Larkin 5, F. Bradley (cond.) 6. For evening service. Also on Feb. 7th, 1,320 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Ruth Blackshaw 1, Doreen Armstrong 2, M. Hamson 3, A. Larkin 4, F. Bradley 5. Con-ducted by 2, 3, 4 and 5. For evening service.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 7th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: B. Spring (first quarter) 1, Audrey M. Hales 2, Diana M. Lawless 3, Shelagh R. Collins (first of Major as cond.) 4, A. J. Frost 5, R. F. Turner 6, A. H. Idle 7, P. I. Chapman 8. Rung before Evensong to welcome the Rev. John Dennis, M.A., to the parish.

LICHFIELD, STAFFS.—On Feb. 14th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Sedgwick 1, Miss J. Morgan 2, Mrs. B. G. Key 3, L. Key 4, B. G. Key (cond.) 5, F. A. Sedgwick 6, J. B. Webb 7, D. Friend 8. For Evensong.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFS.—On Feb. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury, St. Simon's and Plain Bob): J. Paxton (first quarter) 1, E. W. Colley 2, J. B. Dinenage 3, A. J. Strathdee 4, M. W. Fairey (cond.) 5, K. War-rington 6. For St. Valentine's Day.

LLANDAFF, GLAM.—At the Cathedral, on Feb. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. W. Smith (first of Minor) 1, G. R. Marchant 2, R. V. Hughes (first of Minor 'inside') 3, N. A. James (first of Minor) 4, B. Taylor 5, W. J. Goodfellow (first of Minor as cond.) 6. Rung on the back six to mark the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. N. A. James, both members of the Cathedral Guild.

LOWDHAM, NOTTS.—On Jan. 16th, 1,680 Plain Bob Doubles: Ruth Blackshaw and F. Bradley 1, R. Mills 2, M. Hamson 3, Doreen Armstrong (cond.) 4, J. Higgs 5. Rung for the wedding this day of Jean Isaacs and Michael Hobbs.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Feb. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. H. Davies (first quarter) 1, E. L. Taylor 2, H. G. Keeley 3, S. Brixton (first 'inside') 4, Mrs. C. W. Powell 5, C. W. Powell 6, G. S. Morris (cond.) 7, H. Smith (first quarter) 8. For Evensong.

MAGDALEN, NORFOLK.—On Feb. 7th, 360 Plain Bob Minor: V. Bowen 1, A. H. Bridges 2, W. W. Cousins (cond.) 3, P. Gagen 4, C. Cousins (jun.) 5, C. Cousins 6. Rung after quarter peal attempt for Matins, and a farewell to the Vicar (the Rev. S. Revell).

MALDON, ESSEX.—On Feb. 14th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: D. Shaw 1, A. Hubble 2, G. Rouse 3, F. White 4, J. Clarke 5, H. Stebbings 6, J. Towler 7, S. C. Easter (first of Bob Major as cond.) 8. First of Bob Major for 1, 5, 6 and 7. For Evensong.

MARKET DRAYTON, SALOP.—On Jan. 27th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. Hazeldine 1, T. White (first 'inside') 2, W. H. Tyler (cond.) 3, E. Roberts 4, T. Price 5, H. White 6, A. M. Hickman 7, F. Price 8. Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter to Mrs. R. Hazeldine, wife of a local ringer.

MOULTON, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss M. Simons 1, R. Eady 2, W. Care (first 'inside') 3, T. Deacon 4, J. Inns (first as cond.) 5, R. Simons (first quarter) 6. A farewell compliment to the Rev. I. Paton Hunter on leaving this parish for Danehill, Sussex.

OXENDON, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss L. Brown (first quarter) 1, A. Millward 2, F. Lane 3, W. Cropley 4, D. Griffin (cond.) 5. For Evensong.

PORTISHEAD, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 4th, 1,664 Plain Bob Major: M. J. Horseman 1, Mary Powell 2, R. Gale 3, Monica E. Horseman 4, D. C. Exell 5, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 6, J. Brain 7, D. J. Hunt 8. First of Major 'inside" for 2 and 3.

PUTNEY, S.W.—On Feb. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Plain Bob and Grandsire): B. Coatsworth 1, A. Clayton 2, S. Rymer 3, L. Allen 4, C. Mew (cond.) 5, B. Bull 6. First in three methods for all except 3. For Evensong.

ROCHDALE, LANCS.—At All Saints' Church, Hamer, on Feb. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Sylvia Lord 1, Margaret A. Buckley 2, Marjorie Hanson 3, G. Dyson 4, K. Abbott 5, J. Taylor (cond.) 6. Rung for the birth of Rosemary Sarah, daughter of the Rev. A. Herbert and Mrs. Herbert, born February 4th, 1960.

ROCKWELL GREEN, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss R. Chick 1, A. Chap-man 2, E. Brice (first 'inside') 3, W. R. Trickey (cond.) 4, F. Taylor 5, K. Thorne 6. Also on Feb. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss R. Chick 1, A. Cooke 2, W. R. Trickey (cond.) 3, G. Hutchings 4, F. Taylor 5, K. Thorne 6. For Miss W. Sloman's wedding.

SAXTHORPE, NORFOLK.—On Feb. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. R. Smith (cond.) 1, P. S. Stear-man 2, D. W. Pardon 3, R. E. Cullington 4, N. Wright 5, N. J. A. Pumphrey 6. First quarter by 2 and 5 (local ringers).

TETTENHALL, STAFFS.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Harris 1, Miss C. Slater 2, R. Humphries 3, E. Southwick 4, A. G. Newman (cond.) 5, S. Lucket 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam J. C. James, churchwarden.

TICHBORNE, HANTS.—On Feb. 13th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: M. D. G. Northway 1, M. J. Pointer (first of Doubles) 2, M. L. Northway 3, P. Dickinson (first 'inside') 4, C. M. White (cond.) 5, R. H. Colis (first quarter) 6.

TRURO, CORNWALL.—At the Cathedral, on Feb. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. R. Southwood 1, Rev. W. E. Miners 2, Mary Carveth 3, A. Carveth (cond.) 4, A. J. Davidson (first 'inside') 5, G. D. Carter (first quarter) 6.

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—At the Church of St. Mat-thew, On Feb. 7th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss N. Hales 1, Mrs. D. Neal 2, J. M. Steele 3, W. F. Jarvis 4, J. A. Hales 5, R. K. C. Wilkings 6, D. W. Gray 7, D. Neal (cond.) 8. A birthday compliment to treble ringer.

WAKEFIELD, YORKS.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,320 Grand-sire Cinques: J. White 1, F. Munday 2, Miss G. Schofield 3, H. Scott 4, H. Schofield 5, W. F. Moreton (cond.) 6, P. Woodward 7, D. Cubitt 8, K. Park 9, G. Townsend 10, J. Kirby 11, H. Naylor 12. First of Grandsire Cinques for 1, 2, 3 and 5. Rung in memory of Fred Seager. Also on Feb. 9th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. D. Whittaker 1, Mrs. J. More-ton 2, J. White (first 'inside') 3, W. F. Moreton 4, P. Woodward (cond.) 5, D. Cubitt 6, K. Park 7, G. Townend 8, J. Kirby 9, D. Barker 10. Rung half-muffled in memory of Canon H. W. Argill and the Rev. N. Murray-Smith.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On Feb. 14th, 1,296 Plain Bob and Little Bob Royal: P. D. Chapman 1, A. J. N. Boyack 2, H. Rumens 3, F. C. Maynard 4, D. A. Hewitt 5, E. E. Holman 6, F. W. Sykes 7, B. R. Downes (cond.) 8, T. Hawkings 9, C. Willming-ton 10. First of Plain Bob and Little Bob Royal by all. For Evensong.

WEMBDON, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grand-sire): C. Sweet 1, C. Clarke 2, R. D. Short 3, M. J. Stone 4, F. W. Sweet (cond.) 5, F. Phillips 6. Rung half-muffled after Evensong in memoriam Mrs. B. Bown, for many years a church worker.

WILLINGHAM, CAMBS.—On Feb. 14th, 1,440 Netherscale Surprise Minor: K. Elsom 1, G. Crisp 2, D. Murfet 3, G. Thoday 4, G. Lucas 5, M. Ginn (cond.) 6. For Matins.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Feb. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Bishop 1, Caroline Carpenter 2, Susan Rawlings 3, Dorothy Robinson 4, M. Sinden (cond.) 5, Anne Garnett 6, A. Bagworth 7, Mary Price 8. Rung half-muffled for the death of Mr. C. W. R. Grimwood, of Hersham.

WOLLATON, NOTTS.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: T. Moore 1, R. W. Hawcock 2, R. Preston 3, G. Stroud 4, P. J. Hawcock (first as cond.) 5, R. Stroud 6. First quarter 1, 2, 4 and 6. For Evensong.

WOLLATON, NOTTS.—On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): P. Hawcock 1, M. Poppleston (first quarter) 2, G. Stroud 3, R. Preston 4, P. Hawcock (cond.) 5, I. Findon (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

WYCHBOLD, WORCS.—On Dec. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Heather Pullon 1, M. J. Fellows 2, J. E. Pullon 3, P. Cattermole (cond.) 4, M. D. Fellows 5, J. E. A. Pullon 6. For practice. Also on Dec. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Heather Pullon 1, P. Cattermole (cond.) 2, J. E. Pullon 3, A. D. Cook 4, R. S. Smith 5, J. E. A. Pullon 6. For carol ser-vice. Also on Dec. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Heather Pullon 1, Sheila McDougall 2, J. E. Pullon 3, V. Neale 4, A. D. Cooke (cond.) 5, L. Gittins (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

Stockport Branch

The magnificent ring of ten bells was made full use of during the annual meeting of the Stockport Branch at St. George's Church, Stockport, on January 30th, attended by about 80 members and friends. The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar (Canon Wilfrid Garlick), known to a much wider circle for his broadcasts and articles. In accordance with custom, the service was held in the choir, which accommodates over 60, and every seat was taken. Local ringers' wives excelled themselves in the tea, which left even the most eloquent speechless.

The business meeting which followed received the secretary's report, which made a special note that over 25 per cent of the membership consists of young people under the age of 18. He appealed to these youngsters not to stand still or be satisfied with anything less than the best at all times, and said that if they did so then the Exercise would offer them pleasure and profit for the rest of their lives.

Forty-three peals had been rung in the territory covered by the Branch, and the membership and financial affairs showed increases. The officers for the ensuing year were elected and the retiring officers thanked for their services during the past year.

Further ringing was enjoyed after the meeting until 9 p.m., touches in various methods being rung to suit all tastes. C. K.

AN APPEAL TO R.A.F. RINGERS

At a dinner given to the Yatesbury, Wilts, ringers, a fund was started for the replacement of the third bell, which is cracked and needs recasting. Many who have served at Yatesbury in the R.A.F. and enjoyed ringing the bells would, we are sure, like to give a donation. Gifts, which would be much appreciated, should be sent to Mr. L. Lee, The Manor, Yatesbury, Calne, Wilts.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

A membership of 100 ringing members, meetings better attended, more young people coming along. Sunday service ringing maintained in most churches, were encouraging items for the annual report of the Northern District presented at the annual meeting at Hitchin. Mr. G. W. Debenham (president of the Association) presided.

The report also mentioned that Royston and Barkway had given their names to two Surprise methods rung for the first time in their respective towers. Twenty-one peals were rung, fewer than in 1958, but quarter peals were nearly double. Congratulations were expressed to Mr. Tom Scott, a member of the local band, for many years, and still parish clerk of Hitchin, on his 80th birthday.

Elections: District secretary and treasurer, Mr. E. W. Buck; 'Ringing World' and Press representative, Miss J. Sanderson; general committee, Messrs. B. Scoot and R. Agg; District committee, Messrs. W. Brown, G. W. Critchley, B. L. Marks, M. Orme and Miss J. Sanderson; trustees, Messrs. A. C. Harris and J. S. Dear. Miss Elizabeth Willis, of Norton, was elected a ringing member. Mr. C. A. S. Harwood was elected District Ringing Master for the next three months. A number of amendments to rules were carried. The service was conducted by the Rev. C. N. O. Walsh.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Taking the service and presiding at the business meeting on January 15th was the Rev. D. L. Haynes, of St. John's, Chatham, another able ringing parson in the Rochester District but without bells at his present church.

Three new members were elected and Mr. A. Dunk gave a full account of the K.C.A. committee meeting, where the District's motion to place a levy on peals was defeated.

Good news was received from Mr. T. Beaumont that Rochester Cathedral bells will be dedicated on February 20th. Despite the heavy fall of snow, 40 members were present.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Mansfield District

Visitors from as far afield as Loughborough, Oakham, Howden and Sheffield were among the 65 ringers present at the annual meeting of the Mansfield District at Mansfield on January 23rd.

Mr. S. W. Fossey (District chairman) presided at the business meeting which followed a short service and tea, served by local ladies. New ringing members elected were J. C. Brown, A. Dennett, B. Jones and A. Munks (Mansfield Woodhouse), G. Gibson, K. Marriott and Miss M. Turner (Hucknall). R. Horner and T. Bethell (Pleasley) were elected non-resident life members.

Officers elected for the year were: Chairman, S. W. Fossey; secretary, D. H. Rooke; Ringing Master, H. T. Rooke; committee, A. Brown and D. J. Beach. Mr. D. H. Rooke was nominated as Central Council representative for the District.

A resolution requesting the general committee to circularise the Districts with a view to holding District cup contests next year with winners competing in a final in September was carried unanimously.

Ringing ranged from rounds and call-changes to Yorkshire Surprise and Oswald Delight. Next meeting, Selston, March 26th.

The band who rang the coming-of-age peal of Plain Bob Major at Coalbrookdale for Miss Rosaline A. Farlow would like to express their sincere thanks to Mrs. Farlow and family for their kind hospitality after the peal.

Harlington, Middlesex, which just over a year ago was a call-change tower, records a quarter peal, conducted by 17-year-old Dennis Morgan (his first).

Mr. Nolan Golden is still in hospital and does not expect to be free for some weeks. However, he is being allowed home this week for a time, prior to a further operation. He thanks all who have written to him and hopes to return the compliment soon.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Arrangements were made to ring the memorial peal for Mr. Walter W. Wolstencroft on February 13th at his old tower, St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne, but on arrival there the band were unable to obtain the keys and so proceeded to Norbury. In the peal of Stockport Surprise Major rung there the band wish to associate the name of Mr. F. Dunkerley. He turned up at Ashton but, due to another engagement in the evening, could not stand in at Norbury. In his place Mr. B. F. L. Groves returned to peal-ringing after his recent accident.

Congratulations to the University of Sheffield Guild for making their first entry in our peal columns.

Mr. Donald Salisbury had his first introduction to Bristol by ringing a quarter of the method at Baldock on February 14th. He had not previously struck a blow.

Miss Adrienne Gibson, of Epsom, who learned to handle a bell two years ago, called her first quarter at Christ Church, Epsom, on February 14th, on her 17th birthday.

Ringers at Stradbroke, Suffolk, led by Mr. J. Clarke and Mr. A. Thompson, raised £12 19s. on a handbell-ringing tour of the village for the Parish Church repair fund.

A peal of Stedman Cinques has been rung at Canterbury Cathedral by a band of resident members of the Kent County Association. Arranged in honour of the anniversary of the Queen's accession, it was also on the birthday of Mr. Bert Luck, the popular leader of the local ringers and until recently for many years secretary of the Canterbury District of the Association.

At the annual meeting of the Southern Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association, Dr. Paul Jonason, of East Harling, made a strong appeal to the ringers to ring for the arrival of the royal baby. Difficulties of getting conductors and enough ringers at short notice to ring were announced from a number of towers. It was, however, hoped to ring quarter peals at Diss, Pulham and Bunwell.

The peal of London Surprise at Allesley, Coventry, on February 11th, was rung by members of the local band as a farewell to two of their members, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Carpenter, who have been ringing at Allesley for the past nine years and are now taking up residence at Ewell, Surrey.

Kettering ringers are delighted to have as one of their priests the Rev. John Dennis, who has been ringing previously at Merton.

The Maidstone District are organising a District party for March 26th at the 'Len' Canteen, Maidstone.

Mr. Sam Jones, of Handbridge, has succeeded Mr. A. E. Richards, of Farndon, as chairman of the Chester Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild.

The East Anglian 'Daily Times' has published a review of the Central Council's leaflet to clergy on the Survey of Sunday Service Ringing.

Nottingham area has been producing a number of first quarters. At Wollaton on January 31st there were four firsts and one first as conductor. Keep it up!

The peal of Tilstock Imperial Major, rung for the first time at Wem, Shropshire, is Peal No. 4, C.C.C. Plain Major methods for group 'L' methods.

Regarding the peal of 5,040 Doubles rung at Nassington (see page 118), there were 14 different extents rung. We regret that All Saints Doubles, the first to be rung, was omitted in making a correction.

Mr. Robert C. H. Sibley, formerly of Hardingstone, Northants, has taken over from Mr. H. O. Baker as secretary of the Chester Branch. Mr. Baker is now secretary of the Chester Diocesan Guild. Both are members of St. Mary-within-the-Walls tower at Chester.

Police Sgt. Henry Girt, who has served for more than 28 years in the Suffolk Constabulary, the last 11 years as divisional clerk at Eye, is retiring and is going to live at Hellesdon, Norwich. He and his son, Mr. John Girt, are ringers at Eye.

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HE RANG IN WASHBROOK'S RECORD PEAL OF 1896

Prompted by the articles 'Annus Irae,' Mr. C. H. Exon, who will be 83 next month and is now in Watlington Cottage Hospital, tells the story of the record peal of 11,000-odd of London Surprise Major at Drayton in 1896. He was then 19½ years of age, and to participate he went to work at Oxford previous to the peal at 3 a.m. He is the only survivor of the peal.

'We commenced about 3.30 p.m. after the Rev. F. E. Robinson had said a prayer. We rang for a quarter-of-an-hour and then Washbrook called "Stop," as two bells had changed course. We started again and kept going until the finish; the striking was very good. Occasionally Washbrook reminded us to keep the leads open.

'Once half way through I found a post or pillar behind me and leaned back to ease an ache in my back. Washbrook came half way across the tower; he thought I was going to give up. I think, so I stood straight up again and we carried on. I believe if it were needed he would have rung my bell as well as his own!

'We went on until about 10.30, and every bell set up when "Stand" was called. Everyone was smiling, but how quiet it sounded. We soon had the bells down, and the Rev. Robinson invited us to supper and told us we could go home in the morning.

'Then someone said if we hurried we could catch the last train from Abingdon, which was two miles away. There was a scramble for collars and ties, and also shoes as some of us rang in our socks. I was the last out of the tower. It was pitch black outside and raining hard. I could hear footsteps and went after them, but it was the wrong way and I had to turn back. I tried to run and catch up with the others, but with the rain in my face I didn't arrive at the station until three minutes after the train had left.

'There was nothing else to do but to walk the five miles to Oxford; the rain had then stopped. I had just reached Christ Church when "Old Tom" boomed out one. I nearly "jumped out of my skin." When in bed I was asleep at once, and got up at six the next morning to start the day's work, namely, bread making. The previous day it was 3 a.m.

'There was a dinner shortly after to celebrate the peal, and a lot of nice things were said of us and we felt on top of the world. Now, in 1960, I am the only one left of those who took part in the peal. In those days we only practised London, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise, but now there seem to be 20 or more Surprise methods rung regularly, and to ring a peal of London is as ordinary as Stedman used to be. Those were happy days!'

His brother, the late Mr. F. S. Exon, also rang in the record peal. His son, Mr. Douglas Exon, of Dorchester-on-Thames, writes that his father did not come to Oxford until he was 15, and previously had not done any ringing, but at the age of 19½ he was able to ring a record peal to the satisfaction of Washbrook.

HELMINGHAM RECTOR RETIRES

Helmingham, Suffolk, ringers presented the Rev. J. A. Burness, R.D., with a shooting stick on his retirement as a mark of their appreciation of his friendliness during the 30 years of his incumbency.

Making the presentation on February 9th in the belfry, in the presence of 11 service ringers, Mr. L. G. Brett (captain) recalled that at the time of the arrival of Mr. Burness as incumbent it was bells, bells and more bells at Helmingham. Within five years the band had created a record by ringing 30 different Surprise peals and became front page news in 'The Ringing World.' By 1938 thy had rung 46 Surprise peals. Had it not been for the co-operation of the Rector this could never have been accomplished. The Rectory was close to the church, and he had a family of small children, but not once did he refuse the bells. After the war-time ban a new band was formed, and more methods and Spliced Surprise were rung for the first time.

SERVANTS OF THE EXERCISE – No. 9



MRS. G. W. FLETCHER
(Life Member of the Central Council)

During the past 50 years, many ladies have taken up the art of ringing, and have shown varying degrees of brilliance, but Mrs. G. W. Fletcher has demonstrated such a degree of proficiency in ringing and conducting that places her right in the forefront. She is the daughter of James Parker, the conductor of the famous Crawley band, who rang the record length of Superlative Surprise in 1894, which stood for 14 years. Now in his advanced 90's, he is still quite alert and interested in ringing matters.

Mrs. Fletcher was born in Crawley, Sussex, in 1891, and learned to ring at Edmonton in 1908. In 1910 she rang her first peal, which was Superlative Surprise, and before very long was conducting peals in all the standard Surprise methods, in addition to conducting her first peal of Stedman Cinques at Birmingham in 1912. She is one of the very few persons alive who have rung a peal of London Surprise Major on handbells. This was in 1939.

FOUNDED THE LADIES' GUILD

In 1912 she founded the Ladies' Guild and served as secretary for 35 years. She then became its president, and held that office with great distinction for nine years. She served also as its representative on the Central Council from 1914 to 1952, when she was elected a life member. She holds the record for attendance, never having missed a single meeting since she became a member in 1914.

In 1928 she married George W. Fletcher, who was secretary of the Council for 21 years, and they proved to be an ideal husband and wife team in running the Council's business, proving themselves to have such a complete grasp of its affairs that roused the admiration of all who saw them in action.

She has served on the Council's Peals Collection, Analysis, and Biographies Committees, and is now convener of the Records Committee. Her peals total to date is 375 on tower- and handbells, of which she has conducted 126. She was never afraid of tackling a heavy bell for she rang the tenor to a peal at Chew-Magna, Somerset (32 cwt.), and the tenor at Lincoln Cathedral (24 cwt.) to a peal of Stedman Cinques in 1932, and made a tip-top job of each performance. The Exercise will always remember with gratitude her sharing of the work with George in sorting order out of the chaos which was found when 'The Ringing World' was taken over on the death of J. S. Goldsmith.

JAFUS.

SHEFFIELD RINGERS' WEDDING

Members of the local company at St. Mary's, Handsworth, Sheffield, were prominent at the wedding of Mr. H. David Holland and Miss Pauline Eyre, which took place there on February 6th. In addition to the bride and bridegroom, bridesmaid Miss Marion Archer and groomsman Mr. Ian Holland are also members of the local company. The remainder of the company turned up in full strength, and despite the absence of these four there were two ringers spare in the belfry. These two spent their time attempting to shower confetti through the belfry window on to the bridal party being photographed below, but their efforts were frustrated by an unco-operative photographer.

The bride wore a gown of ballerina-length white lace with net flounce embroidered with matching lace fleur-de-lys, a pearl coronet with white lace petals and circular veil, and carried cream roses and lilies of the valley. She was attended by Miss Marion Archer and Mrs. Pauline Staniforth, who wore lilac nylon ballerina-length dresses flocked with white flowers and white accessories, and carried white carnations.

The best man was Mr. Derek Holland, the groomsmen Messrs. Ian Holland and Colin Cain, and the ceremony was performed by the Rector, Canon H. Ferraby.

After a reception at the Norton Country Club the couple left for a honeymoon in London, and their departure coincided with the commencement of a peal of Spliced Surprise in their honour, which was brought to a successful conclusion. The bridegroom is in business in Manchester, and their future address is 7, Hollins Grove, Barkers Lane, Sale, Cheshire.

Tips For Beginners — 9

Rhythm is indispensable to good ringing. Make sure the number of notes taps through your head as each change is rung, even if at first you cannot hear your own bell. This is the first thing to concentrate upon when you go to a higher number of bells than you have previously rung on. Failure to appreciate this point is the chief reason why some people never can acquire the art of 12-bell ringing.

FIRE AT EWELL TOWER

The interior of the 12th century tower of the old St. Mary's, Ewell, Surrey, which stands some distance from the present church, was damaged by fire early on the morning of Feb. 7th, two timber floors being almost burnt away.

A picturesque landmark of Ewell, the tower, built of cut flint and Reigate stone, with a later parapet of red brick, remained impervious to wartime bombing, though it did receive a glancing blow on its buttress.

The rest of the church was pulled down in 1852 against strong opposition; as a compromise, the tower was fitted out as a mortuary, but has been disused for many years.

The materials of the chancel and nave were used in the building of some cottages and many walls in the village, while the Communion table, font, screen, mural memorials and brasses were removed to the new church when it was built in 1848. The clock, bearing the name of John Thwait, Clerkenwell, London, 1799, is still in good working order.

The tower contained six bells, the oldest dated 1767, which now hang in the present church. Two trebles were added and the seventh and tenor recast in 1890 as a memorial of Queen Victoria's jubilee. All the bells were cast at Whitechapel.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

EVESHAM BELLS

Dear Sir,—Whilst I would like to thank Mr. Hemming for his efforts to aid my indifferent hearing, what most ringers would appreciate far more would be the lifting of the rule that exists at Evesham: 'No Hemming—no peal.' Such a condition is not only childish but very selfish, and if this could be knocked on the head we may have a chance of hearing Evesham bells to some greater advantage.—Yours faithfully,

Birmingham. R. G. EDWARDS.

LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

Dear Sir,—I would like to take advantage of your columns to announce the formation of the Liverpool University Society of Change Ringers. For many years now, attempts have been made to form such a Society, with varying degrees of success. Now, at last, one has been formed, and Liverpool can take its place alongside all the other English universities, with its own Society. No longer may ringing students be deterred from entering this rapidly-expanding university, for lack of facilities.

At present our numbers are rather low, but membership is open to all past members of the University who would care to join, and who may do so (on payment of two shillings membership fee) by contacting the secretary at the Students' Union, 2, Bedford Street North, Liverpool, 7.—Yours faithfully,

F. ANDERTON, Hon. Sec.,
Liverpool University Society of Change Ringers.

CALL CHANGES IN THE WEST COUNTRY

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Rodenhurst's letter, I wish I could claim that West Country call-change ringers can make their bells all begin to double-clapper on the same round in a rise, but it isn't so. They all chime together in the 'pitch', but begin to speak at the handstroke in turn—how quickly depends on the bells. But—and here is the main difference between this and 'up-country' rising in peal—when the treble gets her tongue at handstroke she should be so placed that it comes in its place after the tenor's backstroke; the other bells come in with their handstrokes in the same way, after the treble.

In a lower, where the 'go' of the bells permits it, it is possible so to pull the bells in that they all 'lose their double' within a round or two of the tenor. This depends on (a) the tenor-man's being able to keep his bell double-clappering until the sally is in hand, and (b) some degree of telepathy which enables the rest of the band to know when the treble-man is going to 'pull in.' Properly done, this is delightful to watch and hear—the tenor-man nursing his bell down without ever a jerk or a snatch (and any of the other ringers can ruin this) and the sudden transition from the very light, quick double-clappering rounds to the emphatic slower chiming rounds as the bells are pulled in.

In the West Country the calls are always (I think) made in the form 'Four to Five' or 'Fourth to Fifth'—to get 123546 from rounds. Many callers add the word 'Lead' after the call when the changing pair is at the front. The tenor is very seldom turned in, as with a closed handstroke lead there is no point; you can get the same effect without, and it only makes things confusing. Good callers sometimes change the bells every whole pull, but two whole pulls is the general rule, and nothing is worse than somebody rattling out changes when the striking is bad and never giving anyone time to settle down. Some towers have cards, but almost always for the caller's use only.—Yours. JOHN G. M. SCOTT.

Clawton Vicarage, Devon.

INVITATION TO MR. WEST

Dear Sir,—I have read with interest the number of letters relating to the peal of Surprise Minor rung at Collingbourne Kingston, and have noticed that all have been in favour of the band's decision to ring the peal for their own Guild rather than the one to which the tower belongs.

The latest letter on the subject, from Mr. J. A. Palmer, the local District secretary and an old friend of mine, puts the matter in a different perspective—that of the Vicar's feelings about it, and for that matter those of the local band.

As the organiser of this peal, I had fully intended sitting back and letting the whole thing die a natural death. I feel, however, that I must assure Mr. Palmer, the Vicar and his ringers that when applying for permission to bring a band of ringers from Reading and district for this peal I certainly had not anticipated Mr. West's letter, accusing us of bad manners.

Some years ago I organised a similar peal on the live bells at Shalbourne, Wilts, this tower also being in the Salisbury Guild's area. This peal was recorded for the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild, but as it was only Grandsire Doubles it was not deserving of a letter from Mr. West.

Our eight bells at Highclere have had a good many peals rung on them, several for the Oxford Diocesan Guild and one for the Royal Society of Cumberland Youths. We have not yet had a Salisbury Guild peal, but if Mr. West cares to bring a band we shall be delighted for him to ring one.

This correspondence, unlike so many other controversies, has proved of some use to the Exercise, if only to show that the old-fashioned ideas held by some people are no longer held by the younger generation of ringers. Times change, Mr. West.

Incidentally, I strongly disagree with Mr. Vincent Hemming on his contribution to the Evesham dispute. These letters do make interesting reading to the majority of ringers, as I am sure they did in 1900, when William Pye and James Washbrook were exchanging views, and do much to improve the value of our paper.—Yours sincerely,

GEOFFREY K. DODD.

Highclere, Hants.

LEST WE FORGET

Dear Sir,—I thank Mr. Southwood for making clear his true attitude regarding peal ringing, which was not evident from his original letter. I also thank him for offering to arrange some ringing in Cornwall for me. I hope I have the opportunity to accept some day.

However, the object of my letter was that the persons who objected to the extra cost of 'The Ringing World' should hang their heads in shame. One must not be overcome by all this 'smooth' talk by such people, when they get their backs to the wall.—Yours faithfully,

ROBERT B. SMITH.

Loughborough.

PLACE NAMES — RYME INTRINSECA

Dear Sir,—Mr. E. G. Caple, of Clevedon, in his letter published on February 12th mentions Ryme Intrinseca, and suggests that the church has only one bell; in fact, it has three.

My wife was born there, and the bells were rung at intervals all day on her 21st birthday, beginning at 6 a.m. (A small barrel of cider was also consumed.) One of the ringers, who was also verger, is still alive and living at Ryme.—Yours faithfully,

FRANCIS POLLARD.
Rector and tower master.

Freshford, Bath.

CHRISTMAS BROADCAST

Dear Sir,—One would indeed be an optimist to expect our old friend A. V. Davis to agree with anything or anyone. He reminds me of the story of the Irishman who went abroad, and on arrival asked: 'Is there a Government here?'. On being assured that there was, he said: 'Well, I'm agin it!'. His defence of the B.B.C. is almost pathetic. The fact is that the B.B.C. have not done any good to ringing with the broadcast under consideration. Mr. Dunwoody's letter emphasises my point that when the Broadcasting Committee is consulted the results are much happier. I am glad that he, at least, carried out the duties for which he was elected by the Council.

How do the rest of the Broadcasting Committee on this side stand? They do not break their silence—or is it they are saving their powder until Whitsuntide, so that they can blow up anyone who dares to utter a word of criticism?

We need more people on this committee who, like Mr. Dunwoody, are not afraid to stand up to the B.B.C. We want no more of this shoddy ringing at Christmas or any other time; and, if in order to get better results it is necessary to 'can it,' then by all means do so.

I find no fault with the 'canned' ringing we get on Sunday mornings on the Light programme. What I do complain about is that the B.B.C. must demonstrate their 'cleverness' by messing even that about.

Mr. Derek Jones is quite right in his remarks about the effect of bad broadcast ringing on learners, and his word 'sabotage' is putting it mildly.—Yours faithfully,

J. FRANK SMALLWOOD.

Darley Dale, Derbys.

A Ringer's Duty

'The ringer's first duty is to attend and be willing and keen to learn. A ringer also needs to integrate himself into "The Exercise" by mixing with ringers from other towers; by ringing elsewhere at meetings, on outings, in combined practices, on holidays; by reading "The Ringing World" and "The Belfry".'—From 'The Belfry,' the Maidstone District quarterly.

PEAL AT ST. MARY'S, TORQUAY

Dear Sir,—On May 30th, 1887, a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on the bells of St. Mary's Church, Torquay, by the following band: James Moss treble, Edwin Shepherd 2, Alfred Shepherd 3, William Munday 4, Ferris Shepherd (conductor) 5, William Gifford 6, Frederick Batchelor 7, Thomas Lake tenor.

For some time now I have been trying to find knowledge of the members of this band and reports of the above peal. There is no mention of it in any of the books obtainable in the Torquay Library, and I wondered if any of your readers could supply any relevant facts. William Gifford's name appears frequently in 'Among the Bells,' by the Rev. F. E. Robinson, and that is all I have been able to find out.

The bells of the above tower have been silent for 21 years now, and though a native of Torquay I have never heard them ring. I would therefore welcome some opinions of your readers who have rung and heard these bells.—Yours faithfully,

DONALD ROBERTS.

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Hertfordshire Association Face Up To Allegations

Dear Sir,—I was sorry to read the letter from Mr. Hatchett, of Rickmansworth, in your issue of February 12th, in which he alleges rudeness and lack of interest on the part of officers of the Hertford County Association.

I am not in a position to comment on the conduct of the Association's affairs in the Watford District, but as the officer in charge of the ringing at St. Peter's, St. Albans, on the day of the St. Albans annual District meeting, I should like to offer Mr. Hatchett my sincere apologies for any neglect he may have suffered. It is not always easy, in a crowded tower where there is a lot of coming and going, to ensure that everyone is being looked after, and if Mr. Hatchett or anyone else at St. Albans was overlooked, it was entirely unintentional.

I have always found the Hertford County Association to be a very friendly body, and as far as my own knowledge goes its officers have always taken an interest in and been prepared to help young ringers and towers trying to build up a band; some, indeed, have given a great deal of time and energy in personal efforts to this end. I am sorry that this has not been Mr. Hatchett's experience, but he may be assured of a welcome any time he cares to visit my own tower.—Yours, etc.,

DESMOND PAINTER.

Harpenden.

Dear Sir,—The indictment of the Hertford County Association in your issue dated February 12th calls for comment.

The aims of this Association have been ably misrepresented. Rule I when quoted more fully states that an object of the Association is 'the promotion of changing ringing, and of social intercourse amongst change ringers. . . . by means of the various Annual and District Meetings.' This, I submit, is as far as any Association can reasonably go. By holding meetings, the Association provides an opportunity, which might otherwise not exist, for ringers to meet socially and to improve their ringing. If ringers are not prepared to take advantage of such opportunity, I do not see that it is open to them to complain.

Your correspondent readily acknowledges the help of several well known ringers as well as that from the Watford band. It is at first sight difficult to see what extra facilities the Hertford County Association is expected to provide. If any tower wants to make further progress and requests outside help for this purpose, its members must be prepared to help themselves by getting out to other centres of ringing. Parochialism is the surest bar to progress.

If support is sought from an Association, then there is primary reciprocal obligation to support that Association. I should expect that your correspondent is a member of the Hertford County Association, if qualified for this, and regularly attends District meetings. I should hope also that in the future we may be spared from the irritating habit of addressing the Association by anything but its proper title.

It is tiresome to find a general condemnation propounded on the basis of a single experience. Notwithstanding my earlier remarks, the allegation that members of the Hertford County Association do not assist struggling towers is easily refutable, as I am sure your correspondent will discover, if and when he realises that the responsibilities of the Hertford County Association cover a wider area than that within a three mile radius of Rickmansworth. —Yours faithfully,

J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE.

Baldock.

Dear Sir,—I am instructed by the general committee of the Hertford County Association to invite Mr. Hatchett (and his band) to attend the next annual general meeting of this Association, which will be held at Watford on Saturday, April 23rd, when we shall be delighted to discuss his grievances.

We would also remind him that we have no record of any subscriptions paid by him as a resident ringing member since he came to reside in this county, and request him to rectify this matter, which apparently he has overlooked.—Yours faithfully,

H. V. FROST, Hon. Gen. Sec.,
Hertford County Association.

Dear Sir,—I feel that some answer is called for in reply to Mr. Hatchett's letter regarding bad manners in ringing circles (page 106).

While agreeing with him that bad manners should not exist in our circles, he is surely wrong to suggest this was so at St. Albans.

If he is foolish enough to stand in *any* belfry for half-an-hour without making an effort to ring, then this is his own fault.

Mr. Hatchett is more capable a ringer than I, but I would not have stood for such a time without a ring. I would mention that even in the Oxford Guild the Ringing Master does not 'canvass' everyone present to ring the touch he is putting on. No, he calls the method and those capable take hold. If every ringer waited for the Ringing Master to invite them to ring, many 'vacant' half-hours would pass, resulting in little or no ringing taking place.

While being a service ringer at a tower in the Oxford Guild, I expect to be unknown to many at local meetings; I would expect this at St. Albans, too. Be honest with yourself, Mr. Hatchett. If little effort is put in by attending your local meetings, how can you expect to be known at the odd one or two you do go to? After all, St. Albans is no more than 12 miles from your local tower.

I would point out to Mr. Hatchett that the title of the county in which he rings is the Hertford County Association not the Hertford Guild; does it take more than three years for him to find this out?

In conclusion, I would suggest that Mr. Hatchett's criticism of the Association is unfounded; furthermore, if he changed 'we' to 'I' he would be more to the point.—Yours faithfully,

DONALD R. BARTHOLOMEW.

Watford, Herts.

'ALTAR AND PEW'

Dear Sir,—Recently I came across a small book which may interest ringers throughout the country. It is a collection of poems, edited by John Betjeman, many of which have direct or indirect references to bells and ringers. Its title is 'Altar and Pew,' and it is published by E. Hulton and Company, Ltd., Hulton House, Fleet Street, London, E.C.4 (2s. 6d. net).

References to Christmas bells on pp. 14-15, to some Dorset bells on pp. 38-39 and to bells in general on page 45 make this, to campanologists, an interesting collection—even if not poetically inclined.

Another value of this small book is the insight into the 'secret life' of prayer of another servant of God in the Church's life and ministry—the vicar. It is obvious that for a prayerless vicar, as for a prayerless ringer, their ministry—and ours—becomes just a man doing a job, instead of God and man together doing His work and calling to His worship.—Yours sincerely,

NOEL DENSON (C.A.).

Luton, Beds.

CUT PEAL REPORTS

Dear Sir,—What with all the controversial correspondence, not to mention the first four pages, in 'The Ringing World,' I sometimes feel that it should be more correctly referred to as the journal of the scientific peal ringers. It no longer seems to apply to church bell ringers as such.

It is not *necessary* for peals to be published, thus occupying nearly half the paper; the fact that they *are* printed is only to satisfy the vanity of a very small minority of ringers who take part in this pastime. Those who make a habit of peal ringing no doubt keep a record of their activities and the same peals are printed in the annual reports of the Associations concerned. If they *must* have them published, I would suggest they they be charged at the same rates as the notices on the back page. This would no doubt go at least some of the way to aid the financial side of 'The Ringing World.' Quarter peals could have a fixed rate.

In case some of the 'regulars' hasten to say that they are paying too much already for their peals, I would only add that their expenses are high only because they seem to insist on travelling such a long way from home to ring them. If they rang their peals in their own vicinity the money charged by the local towers would amount to a mere pittance.

I write this letter because I honestly think that if some sort of control could be had on the amount of space allocated to peal ringers a lot more room would be left for the type of reading matter that would interest the overwhelming majority of readers who are not peal ringers. This in turn would not only make the paper more interesting but would no doubt help to increase the sales.—Yours sincerely,

K. G. SPAVINS.

Woburn, Beds.

COLLEGE ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Dear Sir,—The College of Campanology would like to share with your interested readers and with all its members the pleasure afforded to the governors and officers by the expressions of commendation being received for its work generally in the Exercise, and particularly for the recently issued second revised edition of Part I of the 'Ringers' Manual of Reference.'

It is a source of much encouragement that ringers, often quite unknown to us, should express their appreciation of what they are experiencing, by sending small donations to help with this voluntary work; which includes the collection and dissemination of latest knowledge of the art and science of change-ringing, and particularly, at the moment, in respect of instruction.

That the College, while supporting the aegis of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, is able to function not in competition with, but complementary to, the territorial and 'occupational' societies—as now confirmed in the successive annual reports after more than three years' working—is perhaps its greatest satisfaction. College membership implies full support of 'The Ringing World', and we certainly advise every ringer to take the paper regularly; for this will lay a firm foundation for moulding the paper into what may satisfy the Exercise as a whole.

We would add that the general invitation—put out when the College was being founded—to all ringers (and especially those experienced in one or more branches of our art) to add their contribution in helping with the work—remains as always open, with cordial welcome. Information (stamped envelope) will be gladly furnished by the Registrar, 40, Parkstone Avenue, Southsea.—Yours faithfully,

ROGER BALDWIN.
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DOWN UNDER IN 1959

By GEORGE W. PIPE

Our circle of friends in Britain increases month by month; new ringers come to Australia's sunny coast, others make the trip back 'home.' And so, as the year goes by, with more and more contacts in the Ringing Isle, we feel that 12,000 miles is not quite as far as it was, say, in 1934. So here's Australian Review, 1959, and greetings to all ringers everywhere.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

South Australia has two towers, a six and an eight, for an area of over four times that of Great Britain! One can imagine the limited opportunities of these ringers but undaunted both St. Peter's Cathedral, Adelaide, and St. Andrew's, Walkerville, have made great strides over the past 12 months. The enthusiasm of these two bands is unbelievable; from almost scratch St. Peter's now manages up to Stedman and Grandsire Triples (on an octave with a tenor of 41 cwt.) and Kent Minor is rung regularly on the front six and also at St. Andrew's.

The Cathedral recorded three quarters and Walkerville one, seven people scoring a first. And here we congratulate C. Hervey Bagot, on whom the main leadership in Adelaide falls, for immense keenness, and ability to pass on what he himself has picked up. Delight has been expressed at Miss Enid Roberts' university appointment after a long sojourn in the bush, some 60 miles away. This will strengthen the growing company. Mention must be made of secretary Bill Pitcher's good work and his example of continually asking questions on ringing matters and adding literature to the belfries' libraries.

Membership of these towers stands at 11 for St. Andrew's and 14 at St. Peter's Cathedral, and one of their aims for 1960 is particularly pleasing: 'the establishment and maintenance of consistently good striking whatever we ring.'

NEW SOUTH WALES

Now on to New South Wales where the bell-founder (or the donor) has been a little more generous! A feature of this State is its monthly publication for which Editor John Cummins is responsible. This valuable paper does much to unite Australian ringers.

It is said (forgetting Sydney's Harbour Bridge and Melbourne's River) that the latter gets the ringers whilst the former get the bells! Overlooking Melbourne's two lady ringers from abroad in the past two months Sydney have done it again with a new Taylor eight for St. Paul's, Burwood (a suburb), and the possibility of an eight or a ten at St. Andrew's Anglican Cathedral. Congratulations to all concerned: no doubt Melbourne will be asked to register Burwood's first peal but, in all fairness, should the method be Double Norwich we feel we should reserve the tenor for an acquaintance in Dorking and ask that A. P. Heywood supply the composition!

The Sydney towers, too, have made progress, specially through their young ringers under the capable guidance of Tom Goodyer. Twenty-seven quarters from Doubles to Major and two peals of Triples were scored resulting in ten firsts and three new conductors. Methods practised over the year included Cambridge and London Minor, Kent and Oxford Major and Erin and Stedman Triples. Besides travelling inter-State themselves the Sydney ringers were hosts to a Melbourne party and two other very welcome visitors were Messrs. Bray and Kerley from H.M.S. Centaur who scored their first peal whilst on leave.

The two outposts of N.S.W., Yass and Maitland, continue to keep the flag flying, Sunday services being a priority.

TASMANIA

Across now to the Isle of Mountains, beautiful Tasmania and down south to Hobart Town. Here the two octaves of St. David's Cathedral and Holy Trinity sound out over the picturesque harbour. These bands, who have been unfortunate in having very few 'imports,' make a valiant effort to ring Sunday by Sunday. Three Melbournians visited them last January and several Doubles methods and courses of Bob Triples were enjoyed. Their visit was repaid later in the year by Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Smith when Sid scored his first quarter of Triples. In traditional style the New Year was 'rung in' at Holy Trinity, the scene of two peals some 25 years ago during the Great Adventure.

QUEENSLAND AND WESTERN AUSTRALIA

The octave at Maryborough in Queensland (an outpost some 600 miles N.E. of Sydney) is rung regularly to call changes and St. George's Cathedral, Perth, where the tower is reputed unsafe, chime the Warner eight Sunday by Sunday.

VICTORIA

Finally, to Australia's smallest mainland State, Victoria. At Ballaarat things are fairly quiet, due to the sad lack of an experienced ringer. The fine eight at the City Hall are seldom rung whilst at St. Peter's the recast treble is awaited for the light six. However, at a joint meeting there in June when Adelaide and Melbourne ringers joined the locals some good change ringing was enjoyed and Alex Herrman proved an admirable host!

In the old gold-mining city of Bendigo hangs what must be the roughest eight in the world. No offence will be taken at this utterance for Warne Wilson, the tower captain, and his band who ring them, and well, too, twice a week, have every confidence that within a year or two their ring will rank with the best in Australia. High up in a very slender and tall brick tower there is much work to be done but things are on the move and if the writer may take this liberty may he appeal to all British ringers to support the Bendigo appeal when it is launched; these ringers deserve it.

And so to Melbourne (whose relative merits compared to Sydney's may be heard leaning against any old bar in either city!) possessor of the South's only twelve.

A year of contrasts for St. Paul's Cathedral; bursts of enthusiasm and then troughs of very average striking and the 'daily-round.' Nevertheless, a year of many events and enjoyable meetings. Our range of methods has included Double Norwich and Cambridge Major, Stedman Caters, Grandsire Cinques and Bob Maximus and Plain and Kent Royal. One of Melbourne's weaknesses is its striking, which must be improved in 1960, although a genuine excuse for part of this fault is the 'go' of the bells which have deteriorated in the past three years. Moves are afoot for a complete restoration and the Chapter, with much prodding from the belfry, are aware of its necessity.

Four peals were recorded, a drop on last year, but of higher standard. Kent and Bob Major were rung on tower bells and Kent Minor was scored on the six of St. Clement's, Yass, when a party made the journey to N.S.W. in November. Quarters included two of Bob Major with new conductors—Graeme Heyes and Hervey Bagot (Adelaide).

Our first 'event' was one of great value and pleasure—the visit of nine ringers from Adelaide in June. Journeying some 500 miles our friends gave themselves and us one of the best week-ends ever with ringing at the two Ballaarat towers and the two in Melbourne.

THE PIONEERS OF 1934

Then, to mark the 25th anniversary of the Great Adventure, we were able to arrange a meeting of the three States, N.S.W., S.A., and Victoria, in Melbourne. A very large gathering paid tribute to the pioneers of 1934 and touches not previously attempted in Australia broke new ground. The highlights were a quarter peal of Bob Maximus at the first attempt with ten firsts and a handbell peal of Bob Major. A quarter of the same was also scored and a peal attempt of Bob Royal came to grief after an hour and a half.

Graeme Heyes, the vice-captain at St. Paul's, earns thanks for his teaching beginners and if membership is any pointer then 1960 should be very successful.

At St. Patrick's R.C. Cathedral (Peter Richards now reclining at his Dartford, Kent, home after sterling work here) the new band are making good headway. Miss Barbara Beeson has taken over and with help from St. Paul's useful material is coming forward. This second eight when renovated will be of great value, for lack of competition has encouraged complacency in the past.

So that's the round for 1959; just one small point though! We are still hoping that Great Adventure II will eventually materialise and we can promise you all somethin' good—fair dinkum!



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ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY

The Society held its winter meeting in the heart of the 'Black Country' at Coseley on January 23rd. Once again adverse weather was encountered but in spite of this more than 60 ringers and friends made their way to this Midland town to enjoy the hospitality of the local ringers.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. D. Starkey) who welcomed the Society to Coseley after an absence of nearly ten years. After the service the members retired to the nearby church school where a bountiful tea had been provided. Our grateful thanks must go to the local band, their wives and friends who worked so hard to make this meeting such a success. D. J. T.

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WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

There was a good attendance at the annual District meeting of the Christchurch District, which was held at Christchurch on February 6th. The Guild service was held in the Priory Church and was conducted by the Vicar (Canon R. P. Price). The preacher was the Rev. R. R. ffolliott Powell, assistant priest at Milford-on-Sea.

At the commencement of the annual meeting the District chairman (Rear-Admiral D. H. Everett) welcomed visitors from Southampton and Abingdon. He then invited Canon Price to take the chair.

In his annual report the District chairman (Rear-Admiral Everett) stressed the importance of members visiting other towers on practice nights, in order to assist those needing help and also to advance their own ringing ability. The secretary (Mr. W. T. Godfrey), in his annual report, stated that membership was now 113, 13 more than in 1958 and the highest number since 1948. In November, Breamore, a new tower with four bells, was welcomed into the District. Breamore has a very enthusiastic band, under the captaincy of Mr. Jack Mussell. Reports from eight out of the 13 affiliated towers showed that steady progress was being maintained in most towers but, most important of all, regular Sunday service ringing was being carried out in all towers except one.

During the course of the meeting, 25 new ringing members were elected. Among those elected were the Rev. R. R. ffolliott Powell, who has recently moved to Milford from Dorset, where he was the Rector of Evershot, the Rev. F. O. Brackley (Rector of Breamore) and the Rev. Mr. Flather, curate at Fordingbridge.

District officers elected for the next three years were: Chairman, Mr. F. Price; vice-chairman, Rear-Admiral D. H. Everett; secretary and treasurer, Mr. W. T. Godfrey; secretary's proxy, Mr. L. Cobb; joint Ringing Masters, Mr. W. Cheater and Mr. R. Marlow; representative to the central committee, Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay; auditor, Mr. R. Hurst.

The following meetings for 1960 were proposed, subject to confirmation: Quarterly meetings—June 4th, Sopley and Ringwood; September 3rd, Fordingbridge and Breamore; December 3rd, St. Peter's, Bournemouth. Practice meetings—March 5th, Brockenhurst and Lyndhurst; May 7th, Bournemouth; July 2nd, Hordle and Milford-on-Sea; November 5th, Lymington.

The new District chairman (Mr. Fred Price) proposed an omnibus vote of thanks, on behalf of all members, to everyone who had helped to make the meeting a success. W. T. G.

SUNDAY SERVICE NEWS

RAINHAM, KENT

St. Margaret's, Rainham, report that of their 29 ringers, 17 are teenagers between 13 and 17 years. Their ringing, twice on Sundays and at Wednesday practices, consists of plain courses of Grandsire Triples and Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor, in which many of the young ringers take part. Practices are held regularly on Wednesdays, and the band would like to acknowledge the patient and conscientious work of the captain, Mr. F. J. Cheal.

ST. PETER'S, BOURNEMOUTH

Mr. Colin Conway (captain) reported at the annual meeting of St. Peter's, Bournemouth, on February 4th, that the bells had been rung three times every Sunday during 1959, also for special services and 12 weddings. The annual outing in September was to Romsey Abbey, Petworth and Chichester, and a happy week-end had been spent with friends at Selly Oak, Birmingham. Handbell ringers on Christmas Eve collected £13 8s. for the Church of England Children's Society. A broadcast service, two jumble sales and a peal of Yorkshire Surprise were other events of the year. The treasurer's report showed that a balance in hand of £1 13s. 8d. had been increased to £35 16s. 1d.

Colin Conway was re-elected captain, Eric Booth vice-captain and Doreen Dykes hon. treasurer. It was proposed to redecorate the belfry in 1960 and provide new linoleum for the floor. The annual outing was fixed for May 14th, the Isle of Wight being a possible destination.

OBITUARY

MR. FREDERICK SEAGER
A TRIBUTE FROM HIS NATIVE COUNTY

The greatest contribution to Minor ringing in Norfolk took place in the remote village of Tibenham, in the south of the county, during the first 13 years of this century. Fired by the enthusiasm of the Manser and Snelling families, a company of young men rose to great proficiency to become the most accomplished band of Minor ringers in the country.

One of these young men was Frederick Seager, who began to ring at the age of eight and was still a schoolboy when he rang the treble to his first peal on April 18th, 1906. In November, 1908, he rang his first peal 'inside' at Long Stratton and, a fortnight later, Tibenham tenor to a peal, the first of many occasions on which he was to ring this bell, generally considered to weigh a ton. In 1910 the local band accomplished a peal in 14 methods which was composed of half-extents, the idea of splicing into true extents being then acceptable only to a few advanced minds. A peal in seven Surprise methods was rung on January 18th, 1912, to be followed in March by one in 21 plain and Treble Bob methods, each method being represented by 240 changes. The local men were now also gaining proficiency on eight bells during their visits to Pulham. This band was also making great progress, and previously to ringing the first peal on the augmented eight at Salle, a band equally divided between the two towers scored a peal of Treble Bob Royal at Aylsham. Peals of Double Norwich, Oxford Treble Bob and one of Norfolk Surprise—the first by a resident band—were accomplished. A peal of 7,200 in ten Surprise Minor methods at Tibenham rounded off a memorable year.

But 1913 was to prove to be a year of great achievement, the year when the Norwich Association rang 291 peals (a record still unbeaten). On January 23rd a peal in 14 Surprise Minor in seven true extents was rung and claimed to be the first of its kind. Then followed at Pulham a peal of London Surprise, the first of six during the year. This was the first in the county by a resident band since the 1835 peal at St. Andrew's, Norwich. Then followed the first of Bristol in the county of Suffolk at Palgrave. More peals of seven Surprise Minor were rung, together with peals of New Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major.

After the first world war Mr. Seager went to Yorkshire to work and, marrying, made his permanent home there. But he often returned for a few days to his native county and was present at the recent opening of Great Yarmouth bells. Of his 111 peals for the Norwich Association, 53 were of Minor and 53 of Major. Of the peals of Minor, 40 were in seven methods, chiefly of Surprise, with a like number on Tibenham bells. The peals of Major were in 11 methods, while Mr. Seager rang also three peals of Royal and Mancroft tenor to a peal of Little Bob Maximus.

Mr. Seager's skill as a ringer was of a very high order, as the above sketch indicates, for he was ringing peals of Surprise Minor, London and Bristol Surprise Major when their performance was something of a rarity. He was always unperturbed, no matter how difficult the method. He was a natural tenor ringer and handled any weight with consummate ease. As a man he was a delight to know. He possessed a rich sense of humour, with never an unkind word for anyone. Above all, he had the great virtue of humility and was happy with beginner and expert alike. Our sympathy goes out to Mrs. Seager and her sons, for we know how much we shall miss him. He surely rests in peace. N. G.

MR. C. W. R. GRIMWOOD
AN APPRECIATION

A twinkle, a pipe and a stick.
That is how we shall remember Bob.

For the last 15 years he had been a most regular member of the Kingston-on-Thames band, and although he had to make a considerable journey, Bob was always there, despite fog, ice, snow and rain. Even a serious accident 18 months ago only incapacitated him temporarily. An injury which might have crippled him permanently was overcome by his determination to get back to his beloved bells.

Others can write with more authority of his feats in the past—he scarcely ever mentioned them to us. He was always ready to stand in for any elementary method for the sake of a learner.

We shall miss him sadly. We remember his words when we asked him if he would be there at the next ringing time: 'All being well.'

Alas, all was not well, and Bob died on February 8th after a short illness. God rest his soul. G. C. G.

An Augmentation Appeal From Kent

First mooted in 1954, a plan to restore the four old bells of St. Margaret's Church, Addington, Kent, and add two new ones had to be postponed owing to urgent restoration work on the fabric of the church. The bell fund now stands at £325. An appeal for £1,500 has been launched by this village of 500 souls. Cheques, payable to 'Addington Bell Fund,' should be sent to the Appeal Secretary, Miss Janet Lander, The Old Oast House, Aldon Farm, Addington, West Malling, Kent.

A North Eastern band met with poor luck in recent Grandsire Triples peal attempts, but success crowned their efforts at Morpeth Watch Tower on February 10th, thus enabling George S. Deas, the popular secretary of the Newcastle Cathedral Guild, to 'circle the tower.'

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PARSONS.—On February 18th, 1960, at Carshalton Memorial Hospital, to Gillian (nee Brittain) and Raymond Parsons, the gift of a daughter, Linda Margaret, a sister for Christopher. 5831

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COOPER.—From Monday, February 29th, the permanent address of Mr. John R. Cooper will be 8, Birling Road, Ashford, Kent. 5811

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Secretaries of affiliated Societies are reminded that subscriptions (ten shillings per representative) became due on January 1st.

E. A. BARNETT,
Hon. Secretary.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general committee meeting will be held at the Clarendon Press Institute, Walton Street, Oxford, at 2.30 p.m., on Saturday, March 19th. Names for tea before Wednesday, March 16th, to Mr. P. Walker, 66, Fairacres Road, Oxford. —M. R. Cross. 5800

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Committee meeting, St. Mary-le-Tower Belfry, Saturday, March 5th, 3 p.m. Business: Redrafting of rules.—J. W. Blythe, Gen. Sec. 5847

UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.—Summer tour, Whirlow Grange, Sheffield, August 6th to 13th (send 5s. by June 30th). Dinner, London, January 7th, 1961. Members without the recent circular with provisional programme should write to D. J. Roaf, Trinity College, Cambridge. 5820

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MEETINGS

CLAWTON OPEN RINGING DAY.—On our gift day, Saturday, Feb. 27th, all ringers will be welcome from 11 a.m. onwards. Buffet lunch and tea. Service 2 p.m. Sale and skittles competition in afternoon. A388, three miles S. Holsworthy. Proceeds for tower. 5774

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Annual dinner, Saturday, Feb. 27th. Ringing arrangements: St. Alkmund's (8), 2.30–3.30; Derby Cathedral (10), 3.30–5.30 p.m.—W. A. Morley.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Monthly practice. Iver (8), Saturday, Feb. 27th, 3.15 p.m. No tea (can be obtained in Uxbridge).—W. Butler, Hon. Sec. 5790

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM. Ringing arrangements for Johnson dinner (Feb. 27th): Friday—Bishop Latimer's (8), 7.30 p.m.; Erdington Abbey (8), 7.30 p.m. Saturday—St. Chad's R.C. Cathedral (8), 1.30 to 2.30; Aston (12), 2.45 to 3.45; St. Martin's (12), 3 to 4 p.m.; Cathedral (12), 4.30 to 5.30 p.m. 5795

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.—First ringing meeting of the year at St. Mary's, South Benfleet, Saturday, Feb. 27th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 5808

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Monthly practice at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Wednesday, March 2nd, 6.30 p.m. Visitors welcome. 5836

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting, The Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C., Saturday, March 5th, 6 p.m. —John Chilcott, Sec. 5825

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD.—Meeting, Brighouse (8), Saturday, March 5th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Teas for all, 5.15 p.m. (mod. charge). Remainder of annual business, accounts, election of officers. Bells again during evening. 5819

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Somerton (6), Saturday, March 5th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please.—R. J. Fox, 109, Middle Street, Yeovil. 5827

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—Meeting, Kempston, Saturday, March 5th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to me for tea, please.—R. L. Piron, Dis. Sec., 8, Bowhill, Bedford. (Tel. 61835.) 4817

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD — Annual dinner, Selwyn College, 8 p.m., Saturday, March 5th. Ringing: St. Benet's, 2 to 3 p.m.; St. Mary's, 3 to 4; St. Andrew's, 4 to 5; Catholic, 4.30 to 5.30 p.m.—J. R. Taylor, Sec. 5843

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chester Branch.—Meeting, Waverton, Saturday, March 5th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Number for tea before Tuesday, March 1st, please, to Mr. T. L. Jones, Aston House, Waverton.—R. C. H. Sibley, Hon. Sec. 5821

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Meeting, Saturday, March 5th, Wootten Wawen, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, organised by ringers, 5 p.m. Names to P. A. Oram, 15, Henley Road, Leamington Spa. All welcome. 5845

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Next meeting, Saturday, March 5th, Heath. Bells 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. Yeomans, Hillman, Mansfield Road, Heath, Chesterfield, Derbyshire. 5834

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Meeting, Sutton, Saturday, March 5th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. —D. F. Murfet, Dis. Sec. 5824

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — S.E. District.—Meeting, Goldhanger, Saturday, March 5th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury. 5746

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—A meeting will be held at Harlow Common on Saturday, March 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 5842

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—South Forest Branch.—Meeting, Littledean, Saturday, March 5th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Coombe, Oaklands Farm, Newnham, Glos. 5829

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION — Northern District.—Practice meeting at Great Wymondley, Saturday, March 5th, 5.30 p.m.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 5810

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting, Saturday, March 5th, Bushey (8), 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m.—G. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 5844

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midlands District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, March 5th, All Saints', Allesley, Warwickshire. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 to 6. Ringing from 6 to 8 p.m. Please notify for tea not later than first post on March 2nd to Miss R. Russell, 78, War Lane, Harborne, Birmingham, 17. 5796

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting on Saturday, March 5th, at Church Kirk. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Buses from Accrington 'on the hour,' or frequent service to Church.—John Pilkington, Sec. 5813

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch.—Meeting, St. John's, Blackpool, Saturday, March 5th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—J. F. Turner. 5828

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Half-yearly meeting, Hornby, Saturday, March 5th. Ringing 2.30 to 7.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. T. Fisher, 18, Main Street, Hornby. Meeting after tea.—P. Handley, Branch Sec. 5822

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION — Wigan Branch.—Meeting, Christ Church, Southport, Saturday, March 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Please make your own arrangements for tea. 5852

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY — Annual general meeting, Saturday, March 5th, Ranmoor. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea available. Names not necessary.—J. Seager, Sec. 5849

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Joint meeting with Syston District, Saturday, March 5th, at Evington and Thurnby. Ringing (Evington 2.30 p.m. Service 4.) Thurnby: Tea 5 p.m. in Church Hall, followed by meeting and ringing. Names for tea by Wednesday, March 2nd, please, to Mr. H. L. Wykes, 81, Main Street, Bushby, near Leicester. 5809

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Maids Moreton (6), Saturday, March 5th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Names for tea not later than March 2nd to G. W. Holland, 1, The Leys, Maids Moreton, Buckingham. — F. Vickers. 5799

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting, Ravensthorpe, Saturday, March 5th. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to E. Thresher, 22, Watson Road, Long Buckby, Rugby. 5841

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Practice meeting, Dinton, March 5th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30 p.m. for those who notify by March 1st Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 5785

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, March 5th, Shillingstone. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5.15 p.m. Visitors welcome. Names for tea by Wednesday, March 2nd, to Richard Longridge, Bourton Vicarage, Gillingham. 5818

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Monthly meeting, Potterne, Saturday, March 5th. Bells (6) 5.30 p.m. Service 6 p.m. No tea.—E. J. Hitchins, 136, Bradley Road, Trowbridge, Wilts. 5838

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual dinner, Saturday, March 5th. Ringing arrangements will be announced next week. 5837

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Radcliffe-on-Trent, Saturday, March 5th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Bring own food. Cups of tea only.—S. Adams, Dis. Sec. 4806

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Gorseinon, Saturday, March 5th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting.—J. T. Williams, Dis. Sec. 5778

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Christchurch District. — Practice meeting, Brockenhurst (6) and Lyndhurst (8), Saturday, March 5th. Bells available: Brockenhurst, 2.30 p.m.; Lyndhurst, 6. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to W. T. Godfrey, Pine Hurst, Shorefield Way, Milford-on-Sea, Lymington, Hants. 5815

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—Meeting, Claines, Saturday, March 5th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Practice method, Double Norwich C.B. Major. Names for tea by Tuesday, March 1st, to F. Hyde, 6, Winchester Avenue, St. John's, Worcester. 5798

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — S.E. District. — Dinner and social, Village Hall, Danbury, on Saturday, March 12th. 6.15 for 6.45 p.m. Tickets (5s. 6d.), before March 5th, from P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury. S.A.E., please. 5745

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will take place at Guildford on Saturday, March 12th. Full details next week.—S. T. A. Russell, Hon. Sec. 5830

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Northchurch on Saturday, March 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, March 8th, to Mr. R. Ashby, 110, High Street, Northchurch.—J. Good, Dis. Sec. 5823

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Hernhill (8), Saturday, March 12th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea (2s. per person) 5 p.m. Names, together with cash, please, by Tuesday, March 8th, to T. C. Phillimore, 47, St. Peter's Grove, Canterbury. 5772

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Bobbing, Saturday, March 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, near Sittingbourne. 5839

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting, Lenham, on Saturday, March 12th, combined with the Ladies' Guild. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, to J. Manktelow, The Square, Lenham.—R. L. Sills, Dec. Sec. 5835

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Welton, Saturday, March 12th. Names for tea by Monday previous to Mr. V. Kitchener, 18, Ashby Road, Welton, Daventry.—F. W. Hancock. 5840

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Meeting, Saturday, March 12th, Rougham (6), 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by March 9th to Mr. R. Rose, 3, Smithy Close, Rougham, Bury St. Edmunds.—A. T. Ballam, Dis. Sec. 5846

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Annual dinner and social, Saturday, March 26th, Humberstone Church Hall, 6 p.m. Bells 3.30 to 5.30 p.m. Tickets 5s. each from Mr. E. Bagworth, 36, Averil Road, Leicester. All spare tickets and cash must be sent in by March 21st. 5851

Record Length Attempt Notice

Dear Sir,—This is to give notice that another attempt will be made to ring 40,320 Plain Bob Major at the Loughborough Bell Foundry, by kind permission of Mr. P. L. Taylor, on Saturday, March 12th, starting at 7 a.m.

The composition to be attempted will be the same as used for the previous attempt, and the organiser is Mr. P. I. Chapman.—Yours faithfully,

STEPHEN IVIN.

Houghton Conquest, Beds.

100 PEALS OF SURPRISE MAJOR

Ringing his first peal of Surprise Major on January 4th, 1949, Mr. Brian D. Threlfall rang his 100th on January 16th this year. In all he has rung 213 peals. The list is as follows:

Bristol 16, London 12, Yorkshire 9, Cambridge 7 (conducted 2), Cornwall 4, Rutland 3 (1), Lincolnshire 2, Superlative 2, New Cambridge 2 (1).

One peal of the following first in the method: Byfleet, Derby, Edgware, Felstead, Hanbury, Harlesden, Kenninghall, Olney, Springfield, Twickenham, Ufford, Ventnor, Whitchurch, Wirral and Zennor.

One peal of Ashtead, Berkshire, Ealing, Kendal, New Gloucester, Norfolk, Premier, Pudsey (1), Queensland, Staffordshire (1), Sudbury, Verulam, Wembley and Whitwick.

Spliced: 2 methods 2, 4 methods 5, 5 methods 1, 6 methods 4, 7 methods 2.

LATE NEWS

Mr. W. C. Lampard, captain of the Cathedral ringers, Winchester, died in hospital on Sunday, aged 85. He met with an accident at his home at 2, Highcliffe Road, Winchester, on February 14th.

Another attempt at the 40,320 Plain Bob Major will take place at the Loughborough Bell Foundry on Saturday, March 12th, starting at 7 a.m. Mr. Stephen Ivin will conduct and the band will be the same as in the previous attempt last November.

Captain of the ringers at Hambledon, Hants, Mr. John Edward Turner died on February 7th, aged 58.

5,024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

By STEPHEN IVIN

23456	B	M	W	H	
52436			—	3	'A'
43526			—	—	
32465	X				
46325			—	—	
23564		—	—		
54326		'A'			
62345		—	—	—	
42356	X				'B'
34625			—	—	
52364		'B'			
36524			—	—	
23645	X			2	
42635			—	3	
23456	X				

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LETTERS—Continued

'BITTERNESS A GIGANTIC BLUFF!'

Dear Sir,—In 1913, when I went to live in Leicester, by what I had read and heard I thought I was entering a campanological battlefield. Living in the shadow of St. John-the-Divine's I naturally made my parish church my first choice. At that time three towers had regular bands—St. John's, St. Martin's and St. Margaret's. Roving members of these bands met at other towers for practice—St. Mark's, St. Mary's and St. Saviour's. I never met any bitterness but a good deal of merriment.

I never heard of any bloodshed. W. W.'s ideas had a lot of the alpha and omega about them. If roused to battle, whoever got in his sights had a blast. Maurice Atkins was a frequent visitor to our tower, but when the Cambridge mob produced Little Bob, Billy's friendship was sadly strained.

As regards W. Pye, before and after the 1914 war W. W. fixed his party up for towers. This led to some comment as W. W. managed to stand in several first Surprise peals on the bells. I recall that once they arrived in the strangest of vehicles—a bacon box on wheels. Several nights in the ensuing week all hands were called out to fetch them home.

After the war we only rang on alternate Sunday nights, except for special occasions. On the intervening Sunday W. W. gave a 'grandstand' performance of hymns and tunes. This led some residents to ask when we were ringing, 'What were we kicking up that rattle for?'.

One night I ventured up St. Martin's, expecting to be devoured. Instead I found some friends whom I shall never forget. When the ladies joined us in ringing peals all was quiet on the Leicester front. W. W. had a tough time in early life, and he hoped to improve the outlook for his family. He had his wish, and he then did not forget St. John-the-Divine's by giving two trebles to make the ten. That was the crowning moment of his life. Some nights after we were having half a pint together and I asked him why he did not now go into battle. His reply was: 'Well, Tom, when you get older you get mellower.' Had I said he had turned a good eight into an average te, he would have had his sword out.—Yours, etc.,

A. FLAT.

SURPRISE MAJOR METHODS

Dear Sir.—This is in reply to Mr. Pattison. (1) Cudham and Derwent appear in Corrigan's Collection (the first edition, at any rate) and are, as Mr. Pattison says, duplicates of the same method. The correct name for the method is Derwent; it has not been rung to a peal and so could be renamed. Derwent without 2nds is Chelsfield.

(2) Braunstone and Wye are different methods. They are as follows, using Corrigan's notation of letters for the lead-heads.

Braunstone: b-38-4-58-16-12-3.56.14.56.7.
Wye: b-38-4-58-16-12-3 — 14.56.7.

For completeness—

Biddenden: b-38-4-58-16-12-3.56.14 — 7.

The eighths place versions of these are:—
Braunstone—Frolesworth.
Wye—Donisthorpe.
Biddenden—Edmondthorpe.

(3) The other methods asked for are:—
Apsley: b-58-6-58-36-14-3-34-7.
Arnesby: New Cambridge without 2nds.
Evenlode: d-56-4-56-38-14-5-36-7.
Hale: This method is Belvedere; see 'R.W.' of November 26th, 1948.
Lyminge: c-36-4-56-38-34-5-36-1.
Northolt: f-58-6-12.58.36-12-5-36-7.
Queslett: c-58-458-58-38-14-5-16-5.

There is a misprint in the notation of this method where it appears in the 'R.W.' of July 29th, 1955.

If Mr. Pattison would like any more information he has only to write to my home address. —Yours faithfully,

JOHN R. MAYNE.

170, Headstone Lane,
Harrow, Middx.

5,120 TOTTENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

By DENNIS KNOX

23456	M	B	W	H
34256				2
46253	1			2
42563			1	2
23564	1			2
64352	2	—		2
45623		—		
24536		—		2
32465		—		2
26354		—		
53624	1	—		2
25346		—		2
26543	2			1
64235		—		
56342		—	2	2
62345	1			2
63425			1	2
35426	1			2
23456			1	

First rung August 27th, 1959, at Willesden, Middx, conducted by the composer.

5,088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

By I. M. HOLLAND

23456	B	M	W	H
24536			—	2
43265	(X)			
64235			(—)	
53246		(—)	—	—
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THE NATION'S FELICITATIONS

THE safe deliverance of Her Majesty the Queen of a second son on Friday, February 19th, was expressed, as it should be, by the ringing of church bells throughout the length and breadth of the country. The bells gave tonal beauty to the expression of the nation's felicitations, and also indicated the warmth and affection with which Her Majesty and her family are held.

This issue is an indication of the manner in which the ringers of Great Britain gladly fulfilled their duty in conveying the news. The record we publish is splendid, but in no sense complete; probably another two weeks will elapse before the true picture can be presented. So heavy have been the post bags arriving at 'The Ringing World' office that the performances recorded in this issue relate practically to reports received in the first three days and are confined to peals and quarter peals.

Most of the ringing recorded was by Sunday service bands. Three new methods were added to the long list, and two of them were very appropriately named—Edinburgh Delight and Sandringham Surprise Major. The third was Aspenden Surprise Major, named after the village in Hertfordshire where this method was rung for the first time.

There has been an exceptionally good press for the ringers. 'The Times' on the following day gave a picture of St. Paul's Cathedral bells being raised prior to ringing on Friday evening, and the bells of Westminster Abbey were mentioned in almost every national newspaper. Notoriety came to the little Wiltshire village of Broadchalke. They were ringing within three minutes 15 seconds of the wireless announcement. According to our records, the first peal for the baby prince was rung by Oxford University Society; they started within half an hour of the news being broadcast. The peal was rung on the heavy bells of the University Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin and took three hours and 32 minutes to accomplish. In view of the time taken there might be other peals that finished earlier.

The centuries old tradition of ringing bells for a royal occasion has, in our opinion, been fully maintained. The art of our forefathers is still practised with diligence and enthusiasm, and on such occasions as this gladly accepted by the populace at large.

This special occasion in the annals of British ringing has been marked by the publication of our first 24-page issue, and will serve as a memento for generations to come. Such a publication has only been possible through the generosity of the many bands who sent donations with their performances.

SOME BELLS OF ABERDEENSHIRE

MANY of our readers do not confine their interests to the practical side of bell-ringing. In most towers will be found one or two members with strong antiquarian interests: there is a celebrity who walked miles for the pleasure of measuring the tenor and duly recording the same. As regards the counties of England, the records of bells are almost completely covered, although most of these require revising to incorporate the constant recasting and additions to rings of bells to enable them to fulfil their mission to the community.

Much of Scotland, however, can be regarded as virgin territory. Mr. Ranald W. M. Clouston has with diligence surveyed and recorded the bells of Renfrewshire, Dumbartonshire and Stirlingshire. The late Dr. F. C. Eeles had collected a considerable amount of data on Scottish church bells which had not been published. The field work for this was undertaken between 1890 and 1913. The county where the survey was most near completion was Aberdeenshire. Mr. Clouston has steeped into the breach, checked wherever possible the date and provided missing links. The Society of Antiquaries of Scotland published this record in their Proceedings in 1956–57; these have been reprinted and the first part is now published by Mr. Clouston (price 3s. 6d. from the author, 1, Canons Close, Radlett, Herts).

Frequently in the news is Crathie Parish Church, because of its associations with the Royal Family. Here there is a chime of four bells, cast in Munich in 1894; they are hung 'dead' and are sounded by clock hammers. Dr. Eeles' comment is that the bells are very foreign in character, long in the waist, thin and angular, with four large canons each. There is an error in the inscription on the tenor:—

'We praise thee o Lord.
Presendet by Beatrice Princess Henry of Battenberg.'

Crathie Parish Church, however, has an example from an English foundry in a disused bell, thought to have been recast by Richard Phelps, of the Whitechapel Foundry, in 1736.

At Balmoral Castle there are three bells with a total weight of about 14¼ cwt., cast by John Warner and Sons in 1856. They are used for quarter chimes with the largest as an hour bell, which was made from the pattern for the fourth quarter bell with Big Ben in the Palace of Westminster, and exactly half the size. It is an octave above the Westminster bell, note B, and weighs 7¼ cwt.

There is a good sprinkling of Dutch bells in the survey and, as so frequently, a reported case of vandalism. At Dyce, the church now demolished contained a bell which came from an older church and was cast by Michael Burgerhuys, of Middleburg, Holland, in 1642. During the last war the bell was perforated by a rifle shot, and after the war the roofless building was acquired by the County Council so that an existing soundpit could be enlarged. At this time the bell was still in place, and it was considered too expensive to remove before demolition was commenced. The bell was completely lost when the fabric was blown up. This action is justly condemned by the author, but we have doubts if it will ever be conveyed to the official who perpetrated this outrage.

In the birdcage belfry at Daviot is a bell originally cast by John Mowat, the Aberdeen founder, in 1753, and recast by Warner's in 1924. The original bell was a gift to St. Colm's Church, Daviot, by Geo. Paul, and tradition says that the donor made it a condition of his gift that the bell should be tolled, free of all expense other than the ringer's fee, at the funerals of all persons bearing the name of Paul and born within the parish; and to this the following rhyme refers:—

For Paul's name
And Paul's bairns
And a' that lie
In Paul's arm.

In these days, when so many new churches are anxious for bells, it is noted that the chime of eight bells in the central tower of Dunecht House, the residence of Lord Cowdray, is now disused. This octave, with a tenor of about 12 cwt., was cast by John Warner and Sons in 1911 in commemoration of the coronation of George V.

Peals in Celebration of the Birth of a Second Son to Her Majesty the Queen

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Feb. 22, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.
A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 25 cwt.

*DIANA M. LAWLESS	*Treble*	*GEOFFREY M. BREWIN	7
WILLIAM A. LACEY	2	MICHAEL D. STANIFORTH	8
ALAN FROST	3	JOHN A. ACRES	9
†HERRICK B. BOWLEY	4	JOHN E. COOK	10
JACK P. KESTERTON	5	E. ALAN JACQUES	11
SHIRLEY BURTON	6	†WILLIAM J. ROOT	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERRICK B. BOWLEY.
* First peal of Maximus. † 100th peal together.

TEN BELL PEALS

DERBY
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 19, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 19 cwt. 1 lb. in D flat.

GORDON A. HALLS	*Treble*	CLIVE W. WALKLATE	6
MRS. PAT A. M. HALLS	2	HAROLD TAYLOR	7
ALBERT E. THOMPSON	3	ROY STEPHENSON	8
CHARLES W. WALKLATE	4	DENIS R. CARLISLE	9
*MICHAEL R. BLORE	5	SAMPSON WALKLATE	*Tenor*

Composed by G. FREEBREY. Conducted by HAROLD TAYLOR.
* 25th peal.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM
On Sat., Feb. 20, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

HARRY BOSWELL	*Treble*	GEORGE E. FEARN	6
MURIEL REAY	2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	7
RUTH M. BORDER	3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	8
JOHN PINFOLD	4	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	9
MICHAEL ELSON	5	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 20, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes.*
AT CHRIST CHURCH.
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3 version. Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

BERNARD F. L. GROVES	*Treble*	JOHN WORTH	6
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	EDWARD JENKINS	7
BASIL JONES	3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	8
WILLIAM H. DOWSE	4	ROBERT B. SMITH	9
C. KENNETH LEWIS	5	BRIAN HARRIS	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.
This composition, which contains 24 567890's and 15 657890's, is now rung for the first time.

SLOUGH, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 20, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 17¼ cwt. in E.

*PAMELA M. JERVIS	*Treble*	GLADYS E. BARKER	6
FREDERICK R. SCOTT	2	‡W. DAVID WARD	7
*LINDA J. KEW	3	†A. JAMES GLASS	8
JEFFERY C. BIRT	4	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	9
†JANET L. ADAMSON	5	WILLIAM HIBBERT	*Tenor*

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM.
* First peal of Plain Bob Royal. † First of Royal. ‡ First peal.

WORCESTER
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 20, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes.*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST AND THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 49 cwt. 2 qr. in B.

SUSAN JACKSON	*Treble*	REGINALD WOODYATT	6
*JOHN J. STANIER	2	DAVID BEACHAM	7
†IVOR GOULTIER	3	JOHN A. ANDERSON	8
R. GEORGE MORRIS	4	THOMAS W. LEWIS	9
ALLEN MORGAN	5	GEORGE E. EVENDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by DAVID BEACHAM.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † 50th peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

ALLESLEY, COVENTRY.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD
On Fri., Feb. 19, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

PERCY STONE	*Treble*	L. MICHAEL CALLOW	5
FRANK W. PERRENS	2	GEORGE GARDNER	6
JOHN W. T. TAYLOR	3	*HARRY V. SEAR	7
RUTH M. BORDER	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

BOURNEMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD
On Fri., Feb. 19, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor 20¼ cwt. in E.

HERBERT A. MITCHELL	*Treble*	COLIN CONWAY	5
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	2	FRANK L. HARRIS	6
DANIEL T. MAIKIN	3	MICHAEL J. E. BEST	7
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER	4	FRED PRICE	*Tenor*

Conducted by MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY.
The conductor's 600th peal.

DARESBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Feb. 19, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16¼ cwt.

JOHN RYDER	*Treble*	FRED JACKSON	5
JOHN E. BIBBY	2	OSWALD CLAYBROOK	6
HAROLD WORRALL	3	WALTER ALLMAN	7
WILLIAM E. ALLMAN	4	FRANCIS BIBBY	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD
On Fri., Feb. 19, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5120 WARWICKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.

*ROSEMARY FLEMING	*Treble*	†H. GEORGE HART	5
THOMAS J. LOCK	2	ALICK CUTLER	6
†ELSIE K. HART	3	‡G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	7
†JOAN M. WILCOCKSON	4	†JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
* First peal. † First in the method. ‡ First of Major in the method.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 19, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD THE CONFESSOR.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

LEWIS J. BATLEY	*Treble*	LIONEL S. WOODS	5
AIDAN ST. J. BOYACK	2	HARRY TURNER	6
*DENNIS A. HEWITT	3	CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON	7
JOHN ARMSTRONG	4	ALFRED I. HOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. WOOLLEY. Conducted by HARRY TURNER.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 15¼ cwt.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Feb. 19, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5120 SANDRINGHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN G. AMES	*Treble*	ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT	5
CHARLES McGUINESS	2	EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	6
JOHN E. ALLEN	3	CYRIL R. BURRELL	7
STANLEY E. BENNETT	4	RONALD C. NOON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.
First peal in the method by all.

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On Fri., Feb. 19, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr.

*JOHN PLADDYS (14)	*Treble*	*RUTH ANDERSON (17)	5
*JANET PAYNE (19)	2	PHILLIP DRAFFAN	6
*MARGARET MACHIN (15)	3	†JOHN WOODMAN	7
ROBERT WEBSTER	4	WILLIAM MAUGHAN	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WILLIAM MAUGHAN.
* First peal. † First of Major.

ROYAL PEALS—Continued

WINDSOR, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Feb. 19, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
At the Curfew Tower, Windsor Castle.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 26 cwt. in D.

James Brooks	*Treble*	Kenneth Buckingham	5
William Birmingham	2	Edward S. T. Farr	6
Frederick W. Goodfellow	3	Frank T. Blagrove	7
William Butler	4	Reginald L. Renn	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank T. Blagrove.

ASPENDEN, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 20, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5056 ASPENDEN SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

Claudia A. Critchley	*Treble*	Leonard B. Scoot	5
Eric Edmondson	2	Edwin G. Buck	6
Frederick W. Ellis	3	Colin A. S. Harwood	7
George A. Spencer	4	Jack S. Dear	*Tenor*

Conducted by Claudia A. Critchley.
First peal in the method.

CLEATOR MOOR, CUMBERLAND.
CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Feb. 20, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
At the Church of St. John,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb.

*Harold N. Tembey	*Treble*	Roger W. Daniels	5
Geoffrey Tembey	2	Graham McKay	6
*Vera C. Bell	3	Stanley Richardson	7
Harold Wilson	4	†Harold Borrowdale	*Tenor*

Conducted by Stanley Richardson.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal.

CRADLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 20, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 10 cwt. 11 lb. in G.

Florence L. Smith	*Treble*	Harold White	5
Albert G. Hall	2	Ernest Stitch	6
Llewellyn R. Hall	3	Molly Tromans	7
Raymond Smith	4	Harold J. Shuck	*Tenor*

Conducted by Ernest Stitch.
Mr. H. J. Shuck has now 'circled the tower.'

ECCLESFIELD, YORKSHIRE
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 20, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

Barry Holland	*Treble*	*Stewart Bould	5
William Holland	2	Ronald Birch	6
Leslie E. Smith	3	Dennis Holland	7
James Dunn	4	Tom W. Senior	*Tenor*

Composed by Barry Holland. Conducted by Tom W. Senior.
* First peal. First as conductor.

FARNWORTH-WITH-KEARSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 20, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist,
A PEAL OF 5056 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Heywood's. Tenor 12¼ cwt. in G.

Norman Tompkins	*Treble*	Geoffrey Fothergill	5
Roger Leigh	2	Peter Crook	6
Joseph Thornley	3	Arthur Tomlinson	7
*Alan Capstick	4	Nicholas Newby	*Tenor*

Conducted by Arthur Tomlinson.
* 75th peal for the Lancashire Association.

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GORING-ON-THAMES, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 20, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Thomas-of-Canterbury,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 21 lb. in A.

Arthur Sayers	*Treble*	‡Geoffrey K. Dodd	5
Reginald W. Rex	2	Frank W. Lewis	6
*Brian Mills	3	Ronald F. Diserens	7
†Ronald K. Russ	4	‡A. Patrick Cannon	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Ronald F. Diserens.
* First peal of Surprise. † First of Major. ‡ 50th peal together.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 20, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt.

Maurice T. Symonds	*Treble*	Frederick A. Poulson	5
Stedman H. Symonds	2	Wilfred Jarvis	6
*Richard Chambers	3	Frederick F. Mortlock	7
*Alan R. Knight	4	Leonard Pryke	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Howes. Conducted by Maurice T. Symonds.
* First peal in the method.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 20, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

Lionel S. Woods	*Treble*	A. St. John Boyack	5
Lewis J. Bailey	2	C. Ronald Smith	6
*Frederick Mills	3	Brian R. Downes	7
Charles A. Hughes	4	Charles E. Willmington	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Lionel S. Woods.
* First peal.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 20, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. Giles,
A PEAL OF 5056 BERKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

Peter A. Sharp	*Treble*	George H. Randles	5
Claire Dillamore	2	Louis Willders	6
Norah M. Randles	3	Geoffrey R. Parker	7
Margaret A. Swann	4	Jack L. Millhouse	*Tenor*

Composed by S. H. Wood. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
First peal in the method by all the band, and for the Guild.

MICKLETON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 20, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Lawrence,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in E.

*Jacqueline A. Roberts	*Treble*	†William B. Pomeroy	5
†Paul Cattermole	2	Martyn Hawkes	6
*Michael G. Selby	3	Gerald C. Hemming	7
‡Gordon T. Brown	4	Geoffrey J. Hemming	*Tenor*

Composed by Chas. Middleton. Conducted by Gerald C. Hemming.
* First peal on eight bells. † First of Surprise Major 'inside.'
‡ First of Cambridge Surprise Major.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 20, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Botolph,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16½ cwt.

*Ann George	*Treble*	Thomas E. Sone	5
Hilda Oakshett	2	Maxwell F. Oakshett	6
Edward J. Jenner	3	John W. Smith	7
Margaret A. Ladd	4	Ernest J. Ladd	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. Wilde. Conducted by Ernest J. Ladd.
* First peal in the method.

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ROYAL PEALS—Continued

ROLLESTON-ON-DOVE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 20, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation).
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in F sharp.

*Alfred E. Greening	*Treble*	*John K. Smith	5
John M. Jelley	2	Graham T. Ball	6
†Ben Topliss	3	Percival W. Grice	7
David W. Brunning	4	Joseph W. Cotton	*Tenor*

Conducted by David W. Brunning.
* First peal in the method. † First peal. First in the method as conductor.

TAMWORTH, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Feb. 20, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Editha,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in E flat.

Eileen Willson	*Treble*	J. Edward Cawser	5
Beryl E. Cawser	2	Paul W. Webb	6
Ann Barr	3	Norman W. Attaway	7
Alfred A. Rackham	4	George H. Peers, jun.	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Woolley. Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.

WESTBURY, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 20, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, being 1,312 Bristol, and 1,280 each of London, Superlative and Cambridge, with 113 changes of method. All the bells do all the work of each method. Tenor 35 cwt. 14 lb. in C.

Victor Griffin	*Treble*	Thomas J. Lock	5
Robin G. Leale	2	Philip Mehew	6
Frank L. Harris	3	Ronald N. Marlow	7
Brian Bladon	4	John R. Mayne	*Tenor*

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by John R. Mayne.

ROCHDALE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Feb. 21, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Chad.
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

Michael D. Fishwick	*Treble*	*Barry Wild	5
John P. Partington	2	Ivan Kay	6
James Taylor	3	Harold Hamer	7
Gordon Rothwell	4	*Colin S. Taylor	*Tenor*

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by Harold Hamer.
* First peal in the method.

BARROW-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Feb. 22, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
At the Church of The Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr.

*James Crowder	*Treble*	Stephen Bromfield	5
Jack Bray	2	Septimus Neeve	6
Arthur W. Hoodless	3	George W. Moody	7
Arthur Crowder	4	Michael Crowder	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Michael Crowder.
* First peal and first attempt. First as conductor.

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Feb. 22, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
A PEAL OF 5024 HINTON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

George Dawson	*Treble*	Edwin T. Chapman	5
John E. Allen	2	Albert W. A. Leggett	6
Stanley E. Bennett	3	Ronald C. Noon	7
J. Martin Thorley	4	Cyril R. Burrell	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Ronald C. Noon.
First peal in the method by all.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Feb. 22, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of The Holy Trinity.
A PEAL OF 5184 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

Anne C. Garnett	*Treble*	†David J. Tubbs	5
*Pamela A. Warren	2	G. Kenneth Williamson	6
*Janet E. Cleeve	3	Harold A. May	7
Stanley G. Ponting	4	Peter G. Smart	*Tenor*

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Harold A. May.
* First peal of Major 'inside.' † First in the method. First in the method as conductor.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Feb. 22, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Thomas,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb., in F.

*Stephen G. Williamson	*Treble*	Eileen Fearn	5
Sheila Wallace	2	Carol Fernley	6
John R. Gilden	3	Basil Jones	7
Mrs. L. Boumphrey	4	Leslie Boumphrey	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Basil Jones.
* First peal
Rung by the Sunday service band.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Feb. 23, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Mary and Lawrence,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

Cyril Wright	*Treble*	Joseph Saxton	5
*Michael J. Cooper	2	Dennis Cooper	6
Mrs. B. Holmes	3	Harold Wagstaffe	7
Mrs. G. Ashley	4	Arthur B. Cooper	*Tenor*

Composed by John E. Burton. Conducted by Cyril Wright.
* First peal.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Feb. 23, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of The Holy and Undivided Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor 21 cwt. 1 lb.

Albert M. Tyler	*Treble*	*Donald E. Cobb	5
John H. Gilbert	2	Sidney G. Riches	6
*Gillian M. Hussey	3	†D. John Hunt	7
*Clifford J. Richards	4	F. Cecil Mogford	*Tenor*

Conducted by D. John Hunt.
* First peal of Triples. † First of Grandsire Triples.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Feb. 23, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5184 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 28 lb.

*Harry Baldwin	*Treble*	Jack Bray	5
C. Aubrey Harrison	2	Michael Crowder	6
Ronald Chafer	3	Arthur Crowder	7
Stephen Bromfield	4	George W. Moody	*Tenor*

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Jack Bray.
* First peal in the method.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.
LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.
On Tues., Feb. 23, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
At the Church of Christ the Saviour,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor 13¼ cwt.

Jean Scrutton	*Treble*	Squire Croft	5
Wilfrid G. Wilson	2	Harold W. Rogers	6
James Tomsett	3	Leslie E. Everest	7
Geoffrey M. Harvey	4	Enid Palmer	*Tenor*

Conducted by Wilfrid G. Wilson.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

APSLEY END, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 19, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of London, Netherseale, Bourne, Primrose, Ipswich, Cambridge and Norwich. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

Gladys Manchip	*Treble*	Augustin V. Good	4
Joyce A. Good	2	Keith B. Good	5
Walter Ayre	3	William C. Hughes	*Tenor*

Conducted by Walter Ayre.

BUCKNALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 19, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents (two callings). Tenor 11 cwt. in A.

K. Peter Jones	*Treble*	Philip S. Mason	4
Norman Sherratt	2	Walter Sherratt	5
Charles A. S. Webb	3	Geoffrey Davies	*Tenor*

Conducted by Geoffrey Davies.
First peal in the method by all the band. First of Surprise as conductor.

ROYAL PEALS—Continued

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 19, 1960, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
At the Church of The Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being 720 each of Surfleet, Beverley, Cambridge, York, Durham, Wells and London. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in B flat.

Roland Park	*Treble*	Thomas Cooke	4
Doris M. Killingley	2	Kenneth Lawson	5
Richard Busby	3	W. Norman Park	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. Norman Park.
The 100th peal on the bells.

LUPPITT, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Fri., Feb. 19, 1960, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

*T. J. Thorne	*Treble*	*C. Churchill	4
A. J. Crabb	2	*L. Marker	5
†Miss M. P. Barnard	3	*J. Sage	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. Churchill.
* First peal at first attempt. † First peal. First as conductor. First peal by Luppitt band.

NASEBY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Feb. 19, 1960, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 six-scores of Grandsire.
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*Frank Lane	*Treble*	William C. Brown	3
†William C. Cropley	2	Derek E. Griffin	4
Arthur J. Millward	*Tenor*		

Conducted by Arthur J. Millward.
* First peal. † First 'inside.'

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Fri., Feb. 19, 1960, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,
At the University Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being five extents of London and two of Cambridge.
Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

Robin J. Elliott	*Treble*	Andrew N. Stubbs	4
Nicholas J. Martin	2	David T. Darby	5
John G. Pusey	3	James H. Pailing	*Tenor*

Conducted by James H. Pailing.

POTTERSPURY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Feb. 19, 1960, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 13 cwt., approx.

Robin H. Rogers	*Treble*	George W. Holland	4
*Charles Truman	2	George E. Green	5
James Linnell	3	William A. Yates	*Tenor*

Conducted by William A. Yates.
* First peal in the method.

BRENTFORD, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD
AND
THE ST. MATTHIAS, RICHMOND, GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 20, 1960, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Lawrence,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in three methods, viz.: (1) Plain Bob, (2) Kent Treble Bob, (3) Plain Bob, (4) St. Clement's and Plain Bob, (5) Plain Bob, (6) St. Clement's and Plain Bob and (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in G.

Margaret A. Westcott	*Treble*	Christopher M. Bloomer	4
Jill Barron	2	Gillian Neal Smith	5
Reginald Goodman	3	Dr. D. J. Neal Smith	*Tenor*

Conducted by Dr. D. J. Neal Smith.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 20, 1960, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Illtyd,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being two 240's and 38 six-scores. Tenor 16 cwt.

H. Donald Bryant	*Treble*	D. Walford Davies	4
Thomas E. Hiddins	2	Edwin M. Smith	5
William T. Petty	3	David L. Hughes	*Tenor*

Conducted by William T. Petty.

BRISTOL.
THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.
On Sat., Feb. 20, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael-on-the-Mount Without,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise and combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and five of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

Beryl W. Abbott	*Treble*	Angela Grainger	4
Jane K. A. Cook	2	Royston Blackler	5
Elisabeth A. G. Bowden	3	Michael J. Austin	*Tenor*

Conducted by Royston Blackler.

BROUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Preston Branch.)
On Sat., Feb. 20, 1960, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Single Oxford and two each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

*Mrs. M. Crossthwaite	*Treble*	*Donald Lawson	4
*Judy Moir	2	Cyril Crossthwaite	5
*Maryl R. Crossthwaite	3	*W. John Couperthwaite	*Tenor*

Conducted by Cyril Crossthwaite.
* First peal in four methods.

BURTON-IN-KENDAL, WESTMORLAND.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 20, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of St. Clement's and two each of Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

George E. Braithwaite	*Treble*	*William Wilson	4
*Tom F. Metcalfe	2	James Dickinson	5
Roland F. Eccles	3	Lawrence C. Clement	*Tenor*

Conducted by George E. Braithwaite.
* First peal in four methods.

CADOXTON-JUXTA-NEATH, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 20, 1960, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Catwg,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob.
Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

Derek G. Astridge	*Treble*	*Roy Throsby	4
Hazel Way	2	Edmund J. Morris	5
Trevor M. Roderick	3	Gwyn I. Lewis	*Tenor*

Conducted by Gwyn I. Lewis.
* First peal of Minor.

DAVENHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 20, 1960, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Wilfrid,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Consisting of two extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

Cynthia Moore	*Treble*	*Henry Parker	4
Victor Neal	2	Reginald W. Worrall	5
A. Gordon Lawrence	3	*Harry W. Howard	*Tenor*

Conducted by Harry W. Howard.
* 200th peal together.

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GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 20, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in A.

*Leslie Pask	*Treble*	Katherine Burchnall	4
Sydney Carnall	2	John Coates	5
Grace Burchnall	3	Harold Denman	*Tenor*

Conducted by Harold Denman.
* First peal and first attempt.

LEWANNICK, CORNWALL
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
(S.W. Branch.)
On Sat. Feb. 20, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Martin,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Tenor 10½ cwt.

*W. Manning	*Treble*	J. H. Benoy	4
J. Rich	2	W. C. Boucher	5
†D. Roy Bould	3	*L. Cundy	*Tenor*

Conducted by D. Roy Bould.
* First peal. † First of Doubles. First as conductor.

MOULTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 20, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 20 extents each of Grandsire and Plain Bob and one 240 of Grandsire (Morris's). Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

Mollie E. Simons	*Treble*	John M. Inns	4
John Knight	2	*Terry Deacon	5
Barry R. Care	3	*Richard Simons	*Tenor*

Conducted by Barry R. Care.
* First peal.

OLD MARSTON, OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 20, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Consisting of 720 each of Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob, April Day, Reverse St. Bartholomew and Grandsire. Tenor 6 cwt., approx.

*Noel D. Deam	*Treble*	David C. Woodward	3
Roy H. Jones	2	†Edward Venn	4
Clive Holloway	*Tenor*		

Conducted by Clive Holloway.
* First peal. † First in seven methods.

PUTTENHAM, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat, Feb. 20, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 25 lb. in A.

*Margaret A. Smith	*Treble*	Stanley G. Ponting	4
*G. Kenneth Williamson	2	Tom Page	5
William T. Bleson	3	Harold A. May	*Tenor*

Conducted by Harold A. May.
* First peal in seven methods.

RIPPINGALE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 20, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In 14 methods: (1) London, Wells; (2) Lightfoot, Wearmouth; (3) Hexham, Berwick; (4) Norfolk, Primrose; (5) York, Durham; (6) Beverley, Surfleet; (7) Ipswich, Cambridge. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

Cecil Wade	*Treble*	*Edwin T. Chapman	4
Stanley E. Bennett	2	Albert W. A. Leggett	5
Ronald C. Noon	3	†Cyril R. Burrell	*Tenor*

Conducted by Cecil Wade.
* 200th peal. † First of Spliced Surprise Minor 'inside.' The conductor has now 'circled the tower.'

SHIRLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Feb. 20, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James-the-Great,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 1,440 Plain Bob (four callings) and 3,600 Grandsire (ten callings). Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in B flat.

*Margaret Bragg	*Treble*	Colin D. Baugh	4
Judy Robinson	2	Vincent A. Hemming	5
James T. Clark	3	Victor H. Nash	*Tenor*

Jointly conducted: alternate extents called by the ringers of 2 and 5.
* First attempt for a peal (age 14).

SOUTH STOKE, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 20, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 720 each of Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. in A flat.

Reginald W. Rex	*Treble*	Konald F. Diserens	4
Frank W. Lewis	2	Geoffrey K. Dodd	5
Brian Mills	3	A. Patrick Cannon	*Tenor*

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.
First peal on the bells. First in seven methods as conductor.

SPRATTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 20, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob, five six-scores each of April Day and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, and 20 six-scores of Grandsire. Tenor 15 cwt.

James J. Griffin	*Treble*	Stanley A. Brown	3
William C. Brown	2	Arthur J. Millward	4
Derek E. Griffin	*Tenor*		

Conducted by Derek E. Griffin.

STEBBING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 20, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Double Court Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

Frank L. Harrington	*Treble*	George Saunders	4
*John Newman	2	Peter L. Wood	5
Alan R. Syder	3	Alfred H. Little	*Tenor*

Conducted by Peter L. Wood.
* First peal.

SULLY, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 20, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being eight extents each of Clifford's Pleasure Bob, April Day, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, and six extents and two 240's (Morris's) of Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt. in B flat.

*Alan G. Thompson	*Treble*	Roger G. Havard	3
Edmund J. R. Hartley	2	Adrian F. R. Hartley	4
Anthony M. Coombs	*Tenor*		

Conducted by Anthony M. Coombs.
* First peal. First on the bells.

WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Feb. 21, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 EDINBURGH DELIGHT MINOR
Being seven extents (C.C.C. 3.D No. 9). Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.

James T. Rooke	*Treble*	Herbert T. Rooke	4
Malcolm Foster	2	Frederick Flint	5
George Challans	3	Douglas H. Rooke	*Tenor*

Conducted by Herbert T. Rooke.
First peal in the method.

SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Feb. 22, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in F.

*J. Horace Hall	*Treble*	*Lewis E. Boam	4
A. Percival Knights	2	Dennis Holland	5
William Holland	3	Barry Holland	*Tenor*

Conducted by Barry Holland.
* First peal.

HANDBELL PEAL

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Feb. 19, 1960, *in* 1 *Hour and* 46 *Minutes.*
In the Belfry of the Church of the Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

J. Richard Perkins	1—2	B. Stedman Payne	3—4
Malcolm D. Barsby	5—6		

Conducted by B. Stedman Payne.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LONDON, E.C.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Feb. 13, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES, CRIPPLEGATE.
A PEAL OF 5050 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 34¼ cwt. in C sharp.

J. FRANK SMALLWOOD	*Treble*	DENNIS RANDELL	7
MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT	2	JACK A. WAUGH	8
MICHAEL P. MORETON	3	JAMES G. A. PRIOR	9
HAROLD N. PITSTOW	4	JOHN PHILLIPS	10
JAMES PHILLIPS	5	JOHN CHILCOTT	11
WILLIAM T. COOK	6	WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CHILCOTT.
A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hughes, who celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on January 26th, 1960.

TEN BELL PEALS

FELTHAM, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 6, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE.
A PEAL OF 5093 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 11¾ cwt. in F sharp.

TONY PRICE	*Treble*	SIDNEY J. WOODCOCK	6
FRANK C. PRICE	2	WILLIAM H. COLES	7
ELSIE K. HART	3	THOMAS J. LOCK	8
G. WILLIAM MORRIS	4	FRANK T. BLAGROVE	9
DR. D. J. NEAL SMITH	5	WILLIAM A. HUGHES	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by FRANK T. BLAGROVE.
First peal on the augmented ring.
Rung to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the completion of the augmentation, remembering especially the life and work of Arthur James Lewis.

DERBY.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Feb. 21, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in E.

*FRANCIS R. LOWE	*Treble*	CHARLES W. WALKLATE	6
DAVID K. WALKLATE	2	HAROLD TAYLOR	7
GORDON A. HALLS	3	CLIVE W. WALKLATE	8
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD	4	MICHAEL R. BLORE	9
MRS. PAT A. M. HALLS	5	SAMPSON WALKLATE	*Tenor*

Composed by G. FREEBREY. Conducted by HAROLD TAYLOR.
* Has 'circled the tower' to peals.
Rung as a farewell peal to the Vicar, the Rev. C. N. Lavender.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

MATLOCK, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Feb. 4, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

J. FRANK SMALLWOOD	*Treble*	*GEORGE H. PAULSON	5
MRS. PAT A. M. HALLS	2	CLIVE W. WALKLATE	6
RONALD H. BULLEN	3	GORDON A. HALLS	7
HERBERT E. TAYLOR	4	BURLEY P. MORRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by G. A. HALLS and D. R. CARLISLE.
Conducted by GORDON A. HALLS.
* First peal in the method.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 6, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5088 CORNWALL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

BRIAN SCHOFIELD	*Treble*	‡PETER SCHOLFIELD	5
*IVOR JENKINS	2	*ALEXANDER RICHARDSON	6
†SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN.	3	A. PETER WHITEHEAD	7
JOHN H. FIELDEN	4	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.
* First peal in the method. † First in the method 'inside.' ‡ 50th peal.

BILLINGBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Feb. 8, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5088 FORDHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb.

GEORGE DAWSON	*Treble*	EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	5
JOHN E. ALLEN	2	ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT	6
STANLEY E. BENNETT	3	RONALD C. NOON	7
J. MARTIN THORLEY	4	CYRIL R. BURRELL	*Tenor*

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY. Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.
First peal in the method by all except ringer of the third.

HOPE, DERBYSHIRE
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 6, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

MRS. PAT A. M. HALLS	*Treble*	CHARLES W. WALKLATE	5
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD	2	ROY STEPHENSON	6
WM. ARNOLD MORLEY	3	GORDON A. HALLS	7
CLIVE W. WALKLATE	4	MICHAEL BLORE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by GORDON A. HALLS.
Rung as a wedding compliment to H. David Holland and Pauline Eyre, who were married this day.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Feb. 8, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

G. RONALD EDWARDS	*Treble*	GORDON A. HALLS	5
JOSEPH W. COTTON	2	JOHN ACRES	6
MRS. PAT A. M. HALLS	3	ALAN E. HARTLEY	7
FRANCIS R. LOWE	4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by G. FREEBREY. Conducted by GORDON A. HALLS.

ARMLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Leeds and District Society.)
On Sat., Feb. 13, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt 14 lb.

T. W. STRANGEWAY (Pres.)	*Treble*	A. SMITH (ex R. Master)	5
C. F. SUTCLIFFE (Vice-Pres.)	2	W. DIXON (ex. R. Master)	6
D. THORP (Secretary)	3	J. W. GIBSON (ex R. M.)	7
L. DRAKE (ex R. Master)	4	I. SLACK (Ringing Master)	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by IRVIN SLACK.
Rung by past and present officers of the Leeds and District Amalgamated Society of Change Ringers in memory of Harry Lofthouse, for 30 years secretary of the Society, from 1923 to 1953.

CHEWTON MENDIP, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 13, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 29 lb. in D.

TOM CHAPMAN	*Treble*	‡R. ROGER SAVORY	5
*MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	2	*‡ROBERT C. KIPPIN	6
JOAN GRAY	3	PHILIP M. J. GRAY	7
†DON C. EXELL	4	JOHN H. GILBERT	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN H. GILBERT.
* 50th peal together. † First of Yorkshire. ‡ 50th peal together.

CHOBHAM, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 13, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10½ cwt.

*ELIZABETH LOVELAND	*Treble*	WILLIAM J. PARKER	5
*SALLIE BUCHANAN	2	*DENNIS BLOWES	6
G. KENNETH WILLIAMSON	3	ROY COLLINS	7
*JOAN SMITH	4	E. JOHN WELLS	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by E. JOHN WELLS.
* First peal in the method.
Rung as a farewell to the Rev. and Mrs. B. Thompson, who are leaving the parish.

THATCHAM, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 13, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 13 lb.

ERIC WOOLGROVE	*Treble*	REGINALD W. REX	5
*HAZEL WHITE	2	ARTHUR SAYERS	6
STELLA DAVIS	3	GEOFFREY K. DODD	7
DOROTHY PEARCE	4	REGINALD F. CROOK	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD
* First peal on eight bells.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the fifth ringer.

WHITTLE-LE-WOODS, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Preston Branch.)
On Sun., Feb. 14, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt.

SIDNEY TUSON	*Treble*	JOHN JACKSON	5
*MARYL R. CROSSTHWAITE	2	LAWRENCE WALMESLEY	6
KENNETH BONEHILL	3	CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE	7
JOHN CHARNOCK	4	FRANK STEAD	*Tenor*

Composed by F. NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE.
* First peal of Major.
Rung with bells half-muffled in memoriam the Rt. Rev. Walter H Baddeley, D.D., Bishop of Blackburn.

FULNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Feb. 15, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5024 GAINSBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

*GEORGE DAWSON	*Treble*	EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	5
*CHARLES MCGUINESS	2	*ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT	6
*JOHN E. ALLEN	3	*RONALD C. NOON	7
STANLEY E. BENNETT	4	*CYRIL R. BURRELL	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY (21). Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.
* First peal in the method.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Feb. 16, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9¼ cwt.

MARION H. MILLS	*Treble*	DAVID F. WEST	5
EDWARD B. SMITH	2	LEONARD E. SHARP	6
FRANK B. LUFKIN	3	URBAN W. WILDNEY	7
PERCY W. MILLS	4	MAURICE E. DOWNS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Helen Sharp.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Feb. 16, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.
A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

EILEEN M. FEARN	*Treble*	WILLIAM H. DOWSE	5
CAROL FERNLEY	2	†ROLAND F. ECCLES	6
BERNARD F. L. GROVES	3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	7
*BASIL JONES	4	BRIAN HARRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. S. WILDE. Conducted by BASIL JONES.
* 200th peal for the Guild. † First of Surprise.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Wed., Feb. 17, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT.
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 12 methods, comprising 960 London, 960 Rutland and 320 each of Wembley, Bristol, Uxbridge, Eastcote, Lindum, Pudsey, Lincolnshire, Superlative, Yorkshire and Cambridge, with 139 changes of method.
Tenor 6¼ cwt. in B flat.

MURIEL REAY	*Treble*	JOHN MCDONALD	5
RUTH M. BORDER	2	JOHN A. ANDERSON	6
BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	7
PETER BORDER	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.
First peal of 12-Spliced for the Guild, and by all the band except Peter Border.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Feb. 18, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lb. in E.

HAROLD TAYLOR	*Treble*	FRANCIS R. LOWE	5
GORDON A. HALLS	2	CLIVE W. WALKLATE	6
*VIVIEN CARLISLE	3	DENIS R. CARLISLE	7
BURLEY P. MORRIS	4	MICHAEL BLORE	*Tenor*

Composed by ROGER BALDWIN. Conducted by MICHAEL BLORE.
* First peal in the method. First of Surprise as conductor.

MARDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Feb. 22, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt. in F.

BERNARD V. COLLISON	*Treble*	FRANCIS R. LOWE	5
OLIVE D. COUCHMAN	2	CLIVE W. WALKLATE	6
THOMAS E. SONE	3	DENIS R. CARLISLE	7
ERNEST J. LADD	4	MICHAEL BLORE	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.
Rung to commemorate the completion of the conductor's 50 years' membership of the above Association (Marden, January 29th, 1910).

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Jan. 28, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.

ROBERT BARRATT	*Treble*	BRIAN SCHOFIELD	4
GEORGE FORRESTER	2	HAROLD LONYON	5
SYDNEY HOUGH	3	ERNEST PIMLOTT	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST PIMLOTT.
25th peal as conductor and his first of Minor; he has now 'circled the tower.'

STOW, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Feb. 3, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in three methods: (1) Plain Bob, (2) and (3) Kent Treble Bob, (4) and (5) Single Oxford, (6) and (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

*SHIRLEY GUYMER	*Treble*	JOHN B. NICHOLSON	4
GEORGE E. FEIRN	2	†DAVID CROSBY	5
*PAMELA COX	3	GEO. LESLIE A. LUNN	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEO. LESLIE A. LUNN.
* First peal. † First 'inside.'
Rung in memoriam Mrs. Nicholson, the Rector's mother, who died on the previous Monday.

BLAISDON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 6, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 8 cwt.

WILLIAM E. SPIERS	*Treble*	CHARLES PHILLIPS	4
PENELOPE J. WHITE	2	REGINALD G. POWELL	5
JOY SMITH	3	MICHAEL V. POWELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD G. POWELL.
Rung to commemorate the eighth anniversary of the Queen's accession to the throne.

PELSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Feb. 6, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In seven methods, viz.: Six extents each of St. Martin's, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place Bob, St. Simon's, Plain Bob (four callings), Reverse St. Bartholomew (three callings), and four extents and one Morris' 240 of Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in B flat.

*PETER ELLIS	*Treble*	†MICHAEL W. FAIREY	3
CLIVE M. SMITH	2	‡ANDREW J. STRATHDEE	4
BARNABAS G. KEY			*Tenor*

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.
* First peal away from the tenor. † First in seven methods. ‡ First in more than one method.
Rung after meeting short for Minor.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 12, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of St. Clement's, two each of Kent T.B., Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

A. EDWARD LEGGETT	*Treble*	BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD	4
URBAN W. WILDNEY	2	BARRY E. GIBBONS	5
DAVID E. CULHAM	3	FELIX H. ERITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

CLIFFORD, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 13, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being five extents each of St. Simon's and St. Martin's, and eight each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

L. CLIVE PROSSER	*Treble*	JOHN HOPE	4
JOHN NEWMAN	2	A. BRYAN ELLSMORE	5
ROBERT HATCHER	3	*DANZEY WATKINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. BRYAN ELLSMORE.
* First peal.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Canon G. W. L. Wynne (late Vicar) and Preb. H. C. Martin, a former Vicar and ringer of this church.

LOIS WEEDON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 13, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being one extent each of Hexham, Berwick, Primrose, Durham, York, Surfleet and Beverley. Tenor 6¼ cwt.

JAMES LINNELL	*Treble*	GEORGE W. HOLLAND	4
*CHARLES TRUMAN	2	ERNEST LINES	5
WILLIAM J. CHESTER	3	WILLIAM A. YATES	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. YATES.
* First peal of Minor.

LONG BUCKBY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 13, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being six 120's each of Stedman, New Bob, St. Simon's, St. Nicholas', Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire.
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in E.

EDWARD A. GAUTREY	*Treble*	JOHN E. GODDARD	3
EDWARD M. THRESHER	2	MARTIN J. BAILEY	4
ERNEST G. ORLAND			*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST G. ORLAND.
Rung by members of the St. Lawrence Society.

MERRIOTT, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 13, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

Raymond P. Selway ..	*Treble*	Sidney W. White	4
*Harold E. Turner	2	Alan W. Robinson	5
Alan W. Best..	3	William E. Turner	*Tenor*

Conducted by William E. Turner.
* First peal of Minor.

SUTTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Feb. 15, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

In seven methods: (1) Kent, (2) Cambridge, (3) Kingston, (4) Capel, (5) Sandal, (6) London Scholars' Pleasure, (7) Oxford. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*George Forrester.. ..	*Treble*	Ernest Pimlott	4
Brian Schofield	2	Sidney Hough, jun... ..	5
†Harold Lonyon	3	Denis Mottershead.. ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by Denis Mottershead.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First in seven methods.

CADOXTON-JUXTA-NEATH, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Feb. 16, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Catwg,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being three extents each of Reverse Canterbury, Clifford's Pleasure, Southrepps and Reverse St. Bartholomew, six of April Day, eight of Plain Bob and 16 of Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

*Judy-Ann Eshelby (16)	*Treble*	Trevor M. Roderick ..	4
*Rosemarie E. Jones ..	2	Gwyn I. Lewis..	5
†Michael Larcher	3	Edmund J. Morris	*Tenor*

Conducted by Gwyn I. Lewis.
* First peal. † First 'inside.'

BRENTFORD, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Feb. 17, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Lawrence,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Plain Bob, Cambridge, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in G.

Margaret A. Westcott ..	*Treble*	A. Patrick Cannon	4
Dr. D. J. Neal Smith ..	2	Alan E. Bagworth	5
Gillian A. Neal Smith ..	3	Robin G. Leale	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.

CROFTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Feb. 17, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

Douglas Barker	*Treble*	*Geoffrey Townend ..	4
Wilfrid F. Moreton ..	2	*Kenneth Park	5
*David Cubitt	3	Hubert Naylor	*Tenor*

Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.
* First peal of Doubles and has now rung Grandsire from Doubles to Cinques.

LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Feb. 17, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Paul.
A PEAL OF 5040 REDBOURN SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout. Tenor 8 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

Dennis Laud	*Treble*	Raymond G. Smith	4
Michael Hatchett	2	John R. Mayne	5
Frank C. Price..	3	Kenneth R. Dunstan ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by John R. Mayne.
First peal in the method.

STISTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Feb. 17, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720's as follows: (1) London and Wells Surprise, (2) York and Durham Surprise, (3) Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise, (4) London Bob and Double Court Bob, (5) St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Childwall and Thelwall Bob, (6) London Scholars', Oxford, Kingston, Sandal and Capel T.B., (7) Double and Plain Bob. Tenor 4 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

Marion H. Mills	*Treble*	Dennis A. S. Symonds ..	4
Alan R. Syder	2	Frank B. Lufkin	5
Joe E. G. Roast	3	Howard W. Egglestone..	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

REDBOURN SURPRISE MAJOR
36—36.14—12—1236—12—3
2nds place lead-end. 156342.

TIBENHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Feb. 17, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

T. Charles Browne.. ..	*Treble*	Wilfred G. Saunders ..	4
Frank Pearson	2	C Frank W. Phillippo ..	5
Harry B. Fuller	3	Frank C. J. Arnold ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. Frank W. Phillippo.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Frederick Seager, a native of Tibenham and a ringer there before moving to Yorkshire.

WICKWAR, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Feb. 17, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
At the Church of The Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (five callings). Tenor 12 cwt.

*Rachel Rose (14)	*Treble*	†Michael Morley	4
*Audrey Evans	2	Oliver Mills	5
Brian Cooper	3	*Paul Mills (13)	*Tenor*

Conducted by Oliver Mills.
* First peal. † First 'inside.' First as conductor.
Rung to the glory of God.

PURLEIGH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 20, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of London, Wells, York, Beverley, Surfleet, Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 12 cwt.

*Anne Edwards	*Treble*	*Ian R. Panton	4
Peter J. Eves..	2	*Richard J. Harrison ..	5
Howard W. Egglestone	3	Patrick W. Saltmarsh ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by Howard W. Egglestone.
* First peal of seven Surprise.
Rung as a welcome to the Rev. E. B. Archer, who was to be inducted as Rector of the parish on February 23rd.

ROCKWELL GREEN, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 20, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Ten callings. Tenor 11¼ cwt. in G.

Francis C. Taylor	*Treble*	*S. Gordon Hutchings ..	4
W. Ronald Trickey.. ..	2	Gordon Walford	5
Dennis A. Pike	3	Alan J. Cooke	*Tenor*

Conducted by Gordon Walford.
* First peal.
Rung for the 70th anniversary of the church, February 18th, 1960.

HANDBELL PEALS

WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Feb. 22, 1960, *in* 1 *Hour and* 58 *Minutes,*
At 37, Thornes Lane.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 77 methods: (1) Barham, Oswald, Berkeley, Kentish, Pembroke and Edinburgh Delight, Berwyn and Waterford Treble Bob, Morland, Bodenham, Kirkthorpe, Eardisley, Pencombe, Kippax, Felkirk and Crofton Alliance and Bastow Little Court; (2) College Exercise, Duke of Norfolk, Norbury, London Scholars', Sandal, Kingston, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Wainfleet, Gedney, Surfleet, Spalding, Pinchbeck, Gunby, Spilsby, Bicker, Sibsey and Normanton Alliance, Kent and Bastow Little Court; (3) Langton, Candlesby, Alford, Tattershall, Benington, Freiston, Frampton, Butterwick, Poynton, Chelford, Denton, Bigby, Elsham, Bassingham and Dunholme Alliance and Bastow Little Court; (4) Blaxhall, Mitcham, Stanhoe, Stratton, Stonehouse, Ringstead, Hayes, Sharnbrook, Ellacombe, Buxton, Iver, Wordsley, Lamberhurst, Harmondsworth and Bramfield Alliance and Little Bob; (5) Walsingham, Cromer, Olney, Tibenham, Lammas, Steventon, Fulmer, Chalfont Alliance and Little Bob; (6) Plain Bob; (7) Plain and Double Bob; with 134 changes of method. Tenor size 12 in F sharp.

Howard Scott	1—2	Wilfrid F. Moreton ..	3—4
W. Eric Critchley	5—6		

Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.
The first extent, by Mr. H. Chant, is rung in a peal for the first time.

WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Feb. 22, 1960, *in* 1 *Hour and* 57 *Minutes,*
At 37, Thornes Lane.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 87 methods, the extents being the same as in the previous peal, except for the 5th 720, which was: Walsingham, Cromer, Olney, Tibenham, Lammas, Steventon, Fulmer, Chalfont, Penshurst, Northaw, Allesley, Snodland, Calverleigh, Hever, Wrentham and Swanscombe Alliance, St. Lawrence Little Bob, Little Bob and Crayford Little Court; 174 changes of method.

Howard Scott	1—2	Wilfrid F. Moreton ..	3—4
W. Eric Critchley	5—6		

Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.

Quarter Peals in honour of the Birth of a Second Son to Her Majesty the Queen

HALF PEAL

BICKENHILL, WARWICKSHIRE.—On Feb. 20th, 2,520 Plain Bob Minor: Hilary Burrill 1, Pamela M. Turner 2, M. C. Hughes 3, J. K. Foot 4, C. J. A. Goy 5, R. E. Tallis jun. (cond.) 6.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Gwyneth R. Paine 1, D. H. Paine 2, Valerie Mepham 3, V. F. Gough 4, R. D. Brown (cond.) 5, D. Hibbett 6.

ARDLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Feb. 20th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Janet Semken 1, P. Brand (first 'inside') 2, F. Southgate 3, A. Semken 4, M. Bantick 5, F. Erith (cond.) 6.

ASHBY FOLVILLE, LEICS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire, 6-8 cover): D. Palmer 1, M. Riley 3, H. Stoneshouse 4, A. E. Hinman 5, Betty Smith 6, H. T. Bonshor (cond.) 7, Kathleen Gee 8.

BARCOMBE, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): M. Gearing 1, P. Tomsett 2, S. Brook 3, Mrs. W. Brook 4, B. Turner (cond.) 5, F. Smith 6.

BARCOMBE, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Newman (first quarter) 1, M. Gearing 2, S. Brook 3, B. Turner (cond.) 4, P. Tomsett 5, F. Smith 6.

BARKING, ESSEX.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Sherwood 1, J. Carrott 2, Miss J. Piper (first 'inside') 3, D. Mitchell 4, J. Fowler 5, F. V. Gant (cond.) 6, E. G. Cottis 7, A. R. Petchey 8.

BARKINGSIDE, ESSEX.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with two bells covering): Miss S. Wendon (first quarter) 1, L. Prior 2, J. E. Barrance 3, Miss J. Tyler (first quarter) 4, L. W. Bullock (cond.) 5, G. Lonsdale 6, Miss J. Vickers 8.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICS.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire): M. D. Barsby (first quarter) 1, J. R. Perkins 2, J. B. Lowe 3, F. K. Thompson 4, B. S. Payne (cond.) 5, M. Godwin 6.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICS.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. B. Lowe 1, D. Baker 2, D. M. Sawyer 3, J. S. C. Scott 4, B. S. Payne (cond.) 5, J. C. Lowe 6. Rung by members of the Humphrey Perkins School Campanological Society.

BATHWICK, BATH.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8, covering): Miss J. P. Crees (first quarter) 1, Mrs. P. Newman 2, Miss M. Vines (first quarter) 3, R. M. Stubbs 4, H. C. Newman (cond.) 5, L. C. Cooper 6, P. R. Stubbs 7, K. G. Harrison 8.

BENHILTON, SURREY.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Christine S. Rowland 1, M. Anne Burton 2, Patricia Collins 3, Emily Love 4, R. W. S. Richardson (cond.) 5, R. Moore 6.

BETHERSDEN, KENT.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Stewart (first quarter) 1, Elizabeth Marshall 2, P. Jarvis 3, J. R. Cooper 4, W. W. Ring (cond.) 5, H. Jarvis 6.

BEXHILL, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): D. George (first quarter) 1, Miss A. Eldridge 2, J. Carr 3, Miss D. Pankhurst 4, C. Verdon (cond.) 5, R. Vale (first quarter) 6, Miss J. Kenward 7, C. Pilbeam 8.

BIBURY, GLOS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire): A. Smith 1, J. Dowdeswell 2, P. W. Bartlett 3, M. Day 4, R. Wenban (cond.) 5, A. Bartlett 6.

BILLESDON, LEICS.— On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Minor (720 Oxford Bob, 540 Plain Bob): Miss P. M. Geary 1, H. Faulkner 2, J. G. Geary (cond.) 3, J. Wadkin 4, G. Allen 5, A. N. Geary 6, G. Lee 7.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Tumber 1, Jennifer Shields (first 'inside') 2, Mrs. Bridges 3, T. Milsted 4, H. Luck 5, A. Hinkley 6, J. Russell (cond.) 7, W. Bridges 8.

BISHOP'S CLEEVE, GLOS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Paton 1, Wendy Bird 2, L. Aston (cond.) 3, D. Field 4, P. Baker 5, P. Mustoe 6. First quarter 1 and 6.

BISHOPSTOKE, HANTS.—On Feb 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss V. Rowe (first quarter) 1, Mrs. D. E. Beamish 2, T. Chapman (cond.) 3 and 4, G. Pullinger 5, Miss C. Vibert (first quarter) 6, Miss M. E. L. Beamish 7, R. Burford 8.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. W. Dunsden 1, J. P. Blond 2, A. R. T. Greenough 3, E. J. Grace 4, H. L. Bishop 5, Claude Corderoy 6, R. B. Blond (cond.) 7, A. F. F. Samler 8.

BOLTON, LANCS.—At the Church of St. Mary, Deane, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: G. Fothergill 1, N. Tompkins 2, Elaine A. Richardson 3, J. Cunliffe 4, P. Crook (cond.) 5, A. Greenhalgh 6.

BOLSOVER, DERBYS.—On Feb. 20th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: C. Wright (cond.) 1, M. J. Cooper 2, Mrs. B. Holmes 3, Carolyn Collier 4, D. Cooper 5, K. Rutland 6, H. Wagstaffe 7, A. B. Cooper 8.

BOURNE, LINCS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Minor (720 Plain Bob, 504 Kent Treble Bob): C. Wade (cond.) 1, Eileen Walpole 2, Margaret Jepson 3, F. W. French 4, A. Wade 5, L. Blanchard 6.

BRAY-ON-THAMES, BERKS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Wendy Harris (first on treble) 1, Diana Harris (first quarter) 2, Sylvia Woods 3, Janet Adamson 4, Doreen Hague (cond.) 5, Joan Davey 6, D. Livingston 7, J. Norsworthy 8.

BROCKENHURST, HANTS.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Buchanan 1, Audrey J. Knight 2, Ronda M. Purkess (first 'inside') 3, Mavis P. Coffin 4, C. M. White (cond.) 5, M. D. G. Northway 6.

BURFORD, OXFORDSHIRE.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Brenda Hall 1, J. W. Dixon 2, M. F. C. Collett 3, W. J. Dixon 4, T. J. H. Prince 5, B. W. Hall 6, T. W. Timms 7, Mrs. C. Hall 8.

BURSTOW, SURREY.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: G. Charlton 1, T. Padbury 2, P. M. Booer 3, L. Penfold 4, A. J. Bull (cond.) 5, H. Padbury 6. Also the same evening, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. B. F. Russell 1, H. Parsons 2, D. Wilson 3, G. Charlton 4, W. F. Slaughter 5, A. J. Bull (cond.) 6.

CADOXTON, NEATH, GLAM.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Lewis 1, J. Mathews 2, D. J. Lewis 3, L. Jenkins 4, G. I. Lewis (cond.) 5, A. Thomas 6.

CALVERLEY, YORKS—On Feb. 19th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: P. M. Lumley 1, Ruth H. Appleby 2, Joan M. Dawson 3, R. A. Appleby 4, P. Wheatley 5, R. J. Lumley 6, P. M. Dawson 7, J. Rhodes (cond.) 8.

CANFORD MAGNA, DORSET.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (660 Grandsire, 660 Plain Bob): W. Shute 1, J. Foote 2, A. Woods 3, D. Read 4, H. Pitman (cond.) 5, G. Finnemore 6.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Sullivan 1, Jill Swanne 2, T. R. Sullivan 3, Evangeline Roberts 4, Rev. A. S. Roberts (cond.) 5, T. Sullivan 6. First quarter on the new front six.

CHAPEL ALLERTON, YORKS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Thorp (first quarter) 1, Susan R. Adams 2, L. E. Clark 3, Eileen B. Adams 4, J. D. Nixon 5, J. S. Clark (first as cond.) 6.

CHARLTON KINGS, CHELTENHAM.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Lynda Smart (14) 1, J. Tyler 2, Penny Tyler (15, first 'inside') 3, F. Waite 4, P. Oakley (15) 5, F. Stephens 6, G. Simmonds (first as cond.) 7, W. Drinkwater 8, first quarter 1 and 5.

CHESHUNT, HERTS.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Newnham 1, Miss B. Nicholls 2, Miss C. Farrington 3, E. Pickett 4, R. Durrant (cond.) 5, D. Billimore 6.

CHESHUNT, HERTS.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Campbell (first quarter) 1, Miss B. Nicholls (first 'inside') 2, W. Newnham 3, Miss C. Farrington 4, R. Durrant (cond.) 5, D. Billimore 6.

CHIGWELL ROW, ESSEX.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. M. Bibby 1, J. Carrott (cond.) 2, F. G. Richardson 3, A. Salisbury 4, J. Fowler 5, A. Gargrave 6, T. East 7, F. G. Harman (first quarter) 8.

CHISELDON, WILTS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss B. Cannings 1, C. Wilkins (first quarter) 2, Mrs. L. F. Love 3, A. R. Pocock 4, F. C. Cook 5, A. T. Collins (cond.) 6. First of Minor for 1, 3 and 4.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—At the Parish Church on Feb. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. J. Cox (R.A.F.) 1, F. J. Lewis 2, E. H. Jefferies 3, B. Wakefield 4, F. J. Lewis jun. (cond.) 5, P. Morgans 6, P. Wakefield 7, P. J. Lewis 8.

COMPTON DANDO, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob and 660 Grandsire): H. M. Swann 1, Mrs. A. G. Frith 2, R. W. Treasure 3, L. B. Coles 4, H. C. Mogford (cond.) 5, L. Batton 6.

CORSTON, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. Jewell (first of Triples) 1, Mrs. H. L. Parfrey 2, Mrs. M. J. de Jong 3, C. J. Brown 4, S. G. King 5, L. R. G. Taylor 6, H. L. Parfrey (cond.) 7, L. W. Jewell 8.

COWBRIDGE, GLAM.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire): C. Evans 1, H. Blick 2, R. E. Coles (cond.) 3, A. Thomas 4, J. Thomas 5, L. Groom 6, I. D. Davies 7, I. Paton 8. First in three methods for 2, 4 and 5. Rung with 6 and 7 covering alternately.

DEDDINGTON, OXON.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: E. Honour 1, W. H. Minnear 2, J. D. Cowley (first quarter) 3, W. Ivings 4, C. C. Clarke (cond.) 5, B. J. Sykes 6.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Margaret Bartram (first quarter) 1, W. Duffy 2, F. Brightman 3, C. Perkins 4, G. W. Bartram (first quarter) 5, F. Taylor (cond.) 6.

DEREHAM, NORFOLK.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. M. Farrow 1, P. J. Pease 2, J. Hindry 3, T. G. Pett 4, C. F. Harrold 5, S. Marshall 6, G. P. Adams (cond.) 7, D. Miles 8. First of Triples for 1, 2, 4. First in method for 1, 2, 3, 4.

DONCASTER, YORKS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. Bartram 1, Miss K. Mallender 2, F. A. Staveley 3, G. White 4, E. Dalingwater 5, H. Wagstaff 6, W. E. Critchley (cond.) 7, S. Boyes 8.

DONCASTER, YORKS.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Spliced Grandsire and St. Clement's Triples: W. E. Critchley (cond.) 1, Miss K. Mallender 2, E. Dalingwater 3, F. A. Staveley 4, H. Wagstaff 5, L. G. Webb 6, J. McCluskey 7, S. Boyes 8. For Matins.

EBBW VALE, MON.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Dunning (first on 8) 1, B. Werry 2, Mrs. D. Bruten 3, J. Alsop (cond.) 4, R. Stephens 5, D. Bruten 6, A. Evans 7, T. Stephens 8.

EGHAM, SURREY.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): D. Cooper 1, Mrs. L. Hiscock 2, Mrs. J. Knowles 3, Miss M. Gibson 4, W. Peck (cond.) 5, D. Froome 6, B. Bartlett 7, R. Tickner 8. First quarter 1, 7 and 8.

ELSTREE, HERTS.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss C. M. Axton 1, A. J. Leeming 2, B. B. Hullah 3, Miss R. S. Hawkes 4, R. E. Hardy (cond.) 5, R. Hyde 6. First quarter 1, 5 and 6.

ELY, CAMBS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Vale 1, P. I. Addison 2, E. G. Pipe 3, B. C. Bass 4, J. W. Pickett (cond.) 5, P. T. Hirst 6. First quarter 4 and 6.

EPSOM, SURREY.—At Christ Church on Feb. 20th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. Herschell 1, Adrienne Gibson 2, W. Parrott 3, Sylvia Marsh 4, F. Oakshott 5, E. G. L. Coward 6, D. J. F. Oakshott 7, A. E. Harman (cond.) 8. First of Major for 1 and 2.

EUSTON, NORFOLK.—On Feb. 21st, 1,320 Doubles (360 St. Martin's, 480 St. Simon's, 480 Plain Bob): J. Y. Parker 1, Mrs. H. Ivings 2, Miss D. M. Reeve 3, J. E. Ivings (cond.) 4, H. Ivings 5.

EWELL, SURREY.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Munday (aged 11, first quarter) 1, R. Spittle 2, Gladys Anderson 3, Maureen Candy 4, J. E. Beams 5, A. S. Besant 6, C. W. Munday (cond.) 7, P. Ford 8. Also on Feb. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs C. W. Munday (first quarter) 1, A. S. Besant 2, Gladys Anderson 3, J. E. Beams 4, Maureen Candy 5, R. Spittle 6, C. W. Munday (cond.) 7, P. Ford 8.

EXNING, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: T. Gentleman 1, A. Benstead 2, J. Gentleman 3, E. Jaggard 4, A. R. Mann (cond.) 5.

FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.—On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. E. Finch 1, R. H. Mills 2, Mrs. J. L. Joyce 3, W. W. Wright (cond.) 4, P. J. Joyce 5, G. S. G. Joyce 6. Rung to celebrate the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Mills.

FINCHINGFIELD, ESSEX.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. J. Roper 1, D. N. Jennings 2, F. W. J. Roper (cond.) 3, C. Hardy 4, E. Webb 5, A. Chapman 6.

GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE, CO. DURHAM.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Marion S. Ainsworth 1, C. N. Lea 2, J. A. Ainsworth (cond.) 3, R. F. Telford (first 'inside') 4, E. N. Harrison 5, G. S. Deas 6, B. Pattison 7, N. Errington 8.

GLOUCESTER.— At the Cathedral on Feb. 19th, 1,298 Grandsire Caters: L. Hewitt 1, J. Whiting (first of Caters) 2, W. Jones 3, G. Green (first of Caters) 4, J. Smart 5, L. Barry (cond.) 6, P. Clarkson 7, P. Allen (first of Caters) 8, L. Edwards 9, F. Blowen 10.

GRANTHAM, LINCS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. McCartney 1, D. A. Frith 2, T. W. Charity 3, P. A. Hill 4, J. W. Watson 5, J. M. Simpson (first of Triples as cond.) 6, H. R. Woods 7, J. R. Holmes 8. First of Triples for 1 and 3.

GRAFTON REGIS, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Hall 1, R. H. Rogers 2, F. Hall 3, C. Hall 4, C. Atkins (cond.) 5.

GREAT BROMLEY, ESSEX.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Joy Munson (first quarter) 1, P. Brand 2, A. Cole 3, J. Gould 4, T. Cole 5, F. Erith (cond.) 6.

GREAT MARLOW, BUCKS.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ann Cook 1, Jill Cook 2, E. G. Silvey 3, J. Young 4, L. J. Young 5, E. D. Poole (cond.) 6, Mrs. Evelyn Mead 7, R. E. Dean 8.

GREAT TEY, ESSEX.—On Feb. 21st, 1,120 Plain Bob Major: C. Blackwell 1, H. Webb 2, A. Dale 3, B. Webb 4, K. Smith 5, E. Piper 6, S. Piper 7, J. Dyer (cond.) 8.

HALESOWEN, BIRMINGHAM.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Pickering 1, J. H. Cox (cond.) 2, H. Shuck 3, L. Clissett 4, Miss W. Pretty 5, Miss M. Tromans 6, T. Greenhall 7, H. Shilvock 8.

ROYAL QUARTER PEALS—Cont.

HAMPSTEAD, LONDON.—At St. Stephen's Church on Feb. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. D. Z. Ogilvie (first of Triples) 1, Margaret E. Harte 2, T. Bevan 3, J. T. O'Dell 4, J. M. Payton 5, M. W. Lewis 6, A. W. J. Butler (cond.) 7, P. Herring (first quarter) 8.

HARLINGTON, MIDDLESEX.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss J. Wooders 1, Miss J. Hitchcock 2, D. Shaw 3, Miss W. Smith 4, D. C. Morgan (cond.) 5, C. Stevenson (first quarter) 6. First in two methods for all except third.

HARTEST, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (Winchendon Place, St. Simon's, Grandsire, Plain Bob): G. Garwood 1, M. Willoughby 2, F. Payne 3, H. Clarke 4, R. Seabrook (cond.) 5.

HARWELL, BERKS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Napper, jun., 1, D. Jordan 2, G. W. Bishop 3, A. H. Webb (cond.) 4, C. Garlick 5, M. Bishop 6, W. Corderoy 7, J. Napper 8.

HECKINGTON, LINCS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: C. Asher (first on the treble) 1, R. Trevitt 2, R. Asher 3, D. Brown 4, A. Bird 5, A. Dixon 6, R. Pocklington (cond.) 7, E. Cole 8.

HELMDON, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. T. Sommerton (15, first quarter) 1, Miss K. Humphrey (first of Minor 'inside') 2, W. J. Chester 3, M. Saunders 4, G. Shellard 5, B. Saunders (cond.) 6.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 19th, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: C. W. Pipe 1, F. Ruffles 2, J. Bennett, sen. 3, W. Ruffles 4, R. W. Steward 5, L. G. Brett (cond.) 6, C. W. Beecroft 8. Rung after meeting short for peal.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 21st, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: H. Hall 1, M. R. Page 2, L. G. Brett (cond.) 3, W. W. Miller 4, C. W. Beecroft 5, W. Ruffles 6, F. Ruffles 7, W. J. Button 8. For morning service.

HEREFORD.—On Feb. 19th at All Saints' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. J. Reed 1, Rosemary Jarrett 2, A. T. Wingate 3, A. W. Davis 4, J. C. Eisel 5, T. Wood 6, F. Reed (cond.) 7, M. Munn 8.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Bob Triples: D. George 1, Miss G. May 2, Mrs. P. Bird 3, Miss J. Smith 4, H. Colcombe 5, C. N. Chinnery 6, J. King (cond.) 7, S. Davis 8. First of Bob Triples for all.

HESTON, MIDDLESEX.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Turner 1, P. Ruch 2, R. Sumner 3, P. Bettridge 4, J. Sansom (cond.) 5, S. Porter (first quarter) 6.

HIGHCLERE, HANTS.—On Feb. 21st, 1,440 Surprise Minor (720 London, 720 Cambridge): B. Mills 1, Hazel White 2, Cherry White 3, R. W. Rex 4, R. F. Crook 5, G. K. Dodd (cond.) 6. First of Surprise Minor for 2 and 3.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Wendy Gladwin 1, Margaret Tilbury 2, Sheila Wallace 3, D. Francis 4, J. D. Kape 5, S. M. Bailey 6, G. Harrison 7, D. Knox (cond.) 8. First in the method for 1, 2 and 4.

HITCHAM, BUCKS.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Anne Secar 1, Jennifer Sceeney 2, Mary Carr 3, T. Evans 4, G. J. Berry 5, H. Oglesby (cond.) 6. First of Minor for 1, 2 and 3.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (7 and 8 covering): Miss M. Preece 1, Mrs. D. Mager 2, W. F. Todd 3, Mrs C. A. Agg 4, F. J. Plummer 5, A. R. Agg (cond.) 6, H. H. Starte 7, M. Trigg 8. First quarter 7 and 8.

HOLME HALE, NORFOLK.—On Feb. 20th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: B. H. Bennett 1, G. W. Heyhoe 2, S. H. Waterfield 3, W. J. Bailey 4, P. J. Woodcock (cond.) 5, R. R. Harmer 6.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Sue Meredith 1, Ruth Blackshaw 2, M. Hamson 3, F. Bradley 4, Doreen Armstrong (cond.) 5.

HONITON, DEVON.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 4, 6 and 8 behind): Janet Real 1, A. Hodge 2, G. Coombe 3, J. Real 4, O. Griffen 5, W. Baker 6, W. Webb (cond.) 7, T. Clouston 8.

HUCKNALL, NOTTS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles (with 7 6, 8 covering): K. Marriott 1, B. Hinchliffe 2, Mrs. P. Nix 3, H. Lewin 4, P. Nix (cond.) 5, Mrs. M. Gibson 6, Miss H. Butcher 7, H. Bramley 8. First quarter on bells and by a local band.

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The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Barton (first of Triples) 1, R. Biggs 2, Miss W. Hussey (first 'inside') 3, J. D. Kape 4, N. Cornwall 4, D. Cornwall (cond.) 6, A. Newton 7, P. Davis 8.

HURST, BERKS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D Gibbs 1, Miss S. A. Castle 2, C. W. Mortimer 3, R. J. Castle 4, R. K. Rivers 5, C. A. Eele 6, B. C. Castle (cond.) 7, W. Austin 8.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Joyce Walsh 1, J. R. Norris (first away from cover) 2, R. Brown 3, M. Wooldridge 4, H. W. Brown (cond.) 5, Penelope C. Clarke (first quarter) 6, A. Walsh 7, D. Robinson 8.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: L. C. Way 1, W. G. Wilson 2, Miss J. Creak 3, Miss P. J. Holborn 4, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 5, C. H. Rogers 6, Miss B. Humphrey 7, J. Perrett 8, J. Mudd 9, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 10. First of Royal for 1, 3, 4, 6, 7 and 8. Also for Evensong.

JESMOND, NEWCASTLE.—On Feb. 19th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Charlton 1, J. Scott 2, D. Ellisdon 3, K. Ward (first 'inside') 4, J. Thorley 5, N. D. J. Webb (cond.) 6.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Papworth 1, F. Whiterod 2, A. Hunwick (first quarter) 3, Miss W. Elliott 4, C. Burton 5, A. R. Elliott (cond.) 6.

KINGS LANGLEY, HERTS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: K. Waples 1, R. W. R. Picton 2, Miss G. E. Graney 3, Miss M. Erik 4, R. J. Picton 5, D. J. Goodman 6, B. M. Barker (cond.) 7, G. E. Hazlewood 8.

KINGSTONE, HEREFORDS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Colcombe 1, M. V. Powell 2, R. G. Powell (cond.) 3, L. H. Colcombe 4, I. G. Jones 5, F. Williams 6.

LANCASTER.—At St. Peter's R.C. Cathedral, on Feb. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Woods 1, R. Rainford 2, H. Rainford (cond.) 3, N. Cross 4, S. Jeffery 5, with J. E. Glen and John Pye covering.

LANE END, BUCKS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss C. Smith 1, C. Hagger 2, K. Seymour 3, S. Smith 4, R. Hazell (cond.) 5, Miss F. Harris 6.

LECHLADE, GLOS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Hayden 1, A. King 2, G. Milsom 3, E. Pear 4, P. Kirby (cond.) 5, J. Ryman 6.

LEICESTER.—On Feb. 19th, at All Saints' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. C. Mason 1, E. Bowley 2, Alan Cattell (cond.) 3, Arthur Cattell 4, J. E. Cook 5, Pauline L. Belcher 6.

LEIGH, LANCS.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 7, 8 covering): Ann Burns (first quarter) 1, Margaret E. Fort 2, Mrs. B. E. Eckersley 3, P. Crook (cond.) 4, Miss V. E. Watts 5, W. Davies (first quarter) 6, Rev. G. M. Ikin 7, C. A. Smith 8.

LELANT, CORNWALL.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: M. B. Bowers (first quarter) 1, H. Miles (cond.) 2, Marion L. Lidgey 3, L. B. P. Whatty 4, M. Peters 5, A. J. Willis 6. Also to welcome the new Vicar, Rev. P. S. Gagg, who was instituted and inducted on the previous day.

LONDON.—At Westminster Abbey, on February 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. W. Cecil 1, A. B. Peck 2, W. Rawlings 3, H. N. Pitstow (cond.) 4, M. P. Moreton 5, J. H. Crampion 6, J. Phillips 7, J. A. Waugh 8. Also at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on Feb. 21st, 1,263 Stedman Caters: W. Hewett (cond.) 1, M. Morton 2, Mrs. E. Bagworth 3, J. Euston 4, G. Parsons 5, B. Story 6, W. Rawlings 7, H. Clark 8, R. Landers 9, E. Peett 10. Also at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, (The Queen's Parish Church) on Feb. 19th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: Miss M. Prockson 1, Miss D. Deverell 2, Mrs. R. F. Deal 3, A. W. J. Butler 4, W. Prockson 5, A. R. Ling 6, B. F. Baker 7, T. H. Francis (cond.) 8, F. J. Matthews 9, D. A. Kirkby 10. Also on Feb. 21st, at St. James's, Clerkenwell, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss N. Hales 1, Miss M. Prockson 2, J. A. Hales 3, R. J. Trebilcock 4, G. A. Parsons 5, G. Pratt 6, D. E. Sibson (cond.) 7, M. Taylor 8.

LONGBRIDGE DEVERILL, WILTS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): B. Fear (first quarter) 1, D. R. Thorne (first quarter) 2, Mrs. B. Fear 3, Mrs. R. F. Jones 4, R. F. Jones 5, A. Maddock 6, W. A. Avery (cond.) 7, H. Trollope 8.

LUTON, BEDS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss J. Hobbs-Webber 1, B. Hulatt 2, J. G. Newman 3, A. J. Smith 4, N. Denson 5, G. Hawkins 6, L. A. Goodenough (cond.) 7, H. Wood 8, A. E. Rushton 9, J. S. Cheney 10.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: S. Brixton (first in the method) 1, E. L. Taylor 2, G. S. Morris (cond.) 3, Mrs. C. W. Powell 4, Canon C. C. Cox 5, H. G. Keeley 6, C. W. Powell 7, H. Smith 8.

ROYAL QUARTER PEALS—Cont.

MALMESBURY, WILTS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Pagington 1, J. Mace 2, R. Terry 3, J. E. Billings 4, L. G. Grey (first as cond.) 5, H. E. Blacker 6.

MANCHESTER.—On Feb. 19th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: R. Longden 1, Miss M. Walshaw 2, F. Barraclough 3, Mrs. M. Tonge 4, H. Reynolds 5, B. Walshaw 6, J. F. Nelson 7, G. Pye 8, D. Ogden (cond.) 9, F. W. Grocott 10.

MANSFIELD, NOTTS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. F. Adcock (first quarter) 1, S. W. Fossey (cond.) 2, F. Adcock 3, Miss D. Murfin 4, W. Thal (first quarter) 5, J. Robinson 6, B. Richards 7, C. Randall 8.

MILVERTON, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss F. M. Hartley (first quarter) 1, A. Gale (first 'inside') 2, H. V. Young 3, Mrs. E. S. Powell 4, W. J. Nurcombe 5, G. Sparkes 6, C. W. J. Tarr (cond.) 7, H. Taylor 8.

NEWTON NOTTAGE, GLAM.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Doubles in five methods: Doris Smith 1, M. Larcher 2, Rosemarie Jones 3, T. M. Roderick (cond.) 4, T. Davies 5, D. Mathlin 6. All except the conductor are teenagers.

NORTHAMPTON.—On Feb. 19th, at the Church of St. Edmund, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. R. E. Roome 1, V. A. Perry 2, P. Amos 3, Miss J. A. Downing 4, T. M. Haines 5, R. S. Roberts 6, E. Billings (cond.) 7, T. Wooding 8. Also on Feb. 20th, at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. R. E. Roome 1, V. A. Perry 2, J. C. Rainbow 3, Miss J. A. Downing 4, E. Billings 5, T. Jennings 6, G. F. Roome (cond.) 7, P. Amos 8.

NORTHIAM, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Plain Bob and Grandsire): J. Epps 1, Mrs. G. Reece 2, Joan V. Garnett 3, R. Seeley 4, W. Button (cond.) 5, F. Tedham 6.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. King 1, Ann Hancock 2, Janet Evans 3, L. Cordell (cond.) 4, M. McQuistan 5, C. Bingham 6.

OLD MARSTON, OXFORD.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire): N. D. Deam 1, R. H. Jones 2, Rev. H. Benson 3, D. C. Woodward 4, C. Holloway (cond.) 5.

OTTERY ST. MARY, DEVON.—On Feb. 19th, 1,386 Grandsire Triples: Alan Turner 1, E. J. Manley 2, L. Hine 3, J. Arbury 4, F. H. Marks 5, R. J. Quick 6, C. C. Turner (cond.) 7, C. W. Glanville 8.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKS.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Ingram 1, Ann Cook 2, D. Harrabin 3, D. Ingram 4, R. Tallis 5, M. Hall (cond.) 6.

PENARTH, GLAM.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. J. Goodfellow 1, E. J. R. Hartley 2, A. F. R. Hartley 3, R. G. Havard 4, J. W. Wallace (first of Minor) 5, A. M. Coombs (cond.) 6.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—At the Church of St. Mary on Feb. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Grandsire, 1,020 Plain Bob): B. Branston 1, Mrs. M. Parker 2, L. Brighton 3, M. Parker (cond.) 4, G. Cowlin 5, G. Davis 6.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—On Feb. 21st, at St. Andrew's Church, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: H. W. Milford 1, H. F. Myers 2, D. F. Wheeler 3, F. E. Day 4, R. Bould 5, W. G. Lavers 6, S. O'Shaughnessy 7, A. W. Myers 8, T. G. Myers (cond.) 9, W. H. Marks 10. First on ten for 5 and 10.

PLYMPTON, DEVON.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Gilley 1, D. R. Bould 2, D. F. Farnham 3, S. Hodge 4, Wm. G. Lavers (cond.) 5, M. Roberts 6.

PRESTON, LANCS.—On Feb. 21st, at the Church of St John, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Crossthwaite (cond.) 1, Miss E. Faunch 2, Miss M. R. Crossthwaite 3, Mrs. M. Crossthwaite 4, E. Cowperthwaite 5, G. A. Dimmock 6, W. J. Couperthwaite 7, A. Gardner 8. First of Grandsire for 2, 3, 4, 7.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: L. Stilwell 1, E. R. Rapley 2, B. Matthews 3, G. Francis 4, E. Treagus 5, W. L. Weller 6, R. P. Wood (cond.) 7, E. Win. Keys 8.

PUTNEY, S.W.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Martin 1, C. Carpenter (first of Grandsire Doubles) 2, A. Bishop 3, L. Allen 4, C. Mew (cond.) 5, R. Daw 6, A. Clayton 7, B. Bull 8. Rung with 7, 6, 8 covering.

RADSTOCK, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Hazel Young 1, Brenda Carter 2, D. Hoare 3, D. Eades 4, F. Carter (cond.) 5, R. Thatcher 6.

READING, BERKS.—On Feb. 21st, at St. Mary's Church, 1,280 London Surprise Major: R. K. Russ 1, K. Cotterell 2, Audrey B. Allaway 3, M. Thermott 4, A. Diserens 5, R. F. Diserens 6, J. N. Diserens 7, N. J. Diserens (cond.) 8.

REDHILL, SURREY.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Illman 1, Miss F. Hankey 2, Miss B. Saggers 3, W. Dunn 4, G. A. West 5, G. Olliver 6, A Streeter 7, H. Comber 8.

REIGATE, SURREY.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Hanning 1, Miss F. Hankey 2, Miss B. Saggers 3, G. West 4, A. T. Shelton 5, W. Inwood 6, A. Streeter (cond.) 7, K. Game 8.

ROCHESTER, KENT.—On Feb. 19th at the Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Wharton 1, W. A. J. Knight (cond.) 2, R. Norris 3, T. Beaumont 4, A. Wrigley 5, C. J. Gould 6, C. E. Norris 7, D. Norris 8.

ROMSEY, HANTS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss C. White 1, M. L. Northway (cond.) 2, Miss A. Knight 3, H. J. Page 4, J. Hartless 5, K. J. Jacobs 6, C. M. White 7, R. C. B. Smallman 8.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 19th, 504 Grandsire Triples: Miss G. Buncombe 1, Miss K. Apps 2, Mrs. F. I. Hairs 3, R. P. Bullen 4, G. Price 5, F. I. Hairs (cond.) 6, F. Hammond 7, J. Buncombe 8.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: J. Carson 1, Christine Rodgers 2, Mary Atkinson 3, Mrs. N. Chaddock 4, Mrs. M. Burns 5, Susan Chaddock 6, I. Tilling 7, P. Walker 8, P. Coote 9, N. Chaddock (cond.) 10.

ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Marion Greaves (12, first quarter) 1, June E. Wright (13, first 'inside') 2, M. Rose (16) 3, H. J. Sutton 4, R. Rose (cond.) 5, L. Wright 6.

RUDDINGTON, NOTTS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Barbara Dickens 1, R. A. Bartlam 2, G. Fisher 3, J. Butler 4, S. Adams (cond.) 5, T. Oliver 6, J. W. Horspool 7, R. Whitworth (first quarter) 8. 7, 6, 8 covering.

RUSHDEN, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Ruth Hodgkins (first quarter) 1, S. Hodgkins 2, H. Wooding 3, B. Whitworth 4, J. Clifton 5, A. L. Priestley (cond.) 6, W. Dickens 7, C. A. A. Whitworth 8. First 'inside' to Minor for 2, 4, 5, 6.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At St. Peter's on Feb. 19th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. J. Dodds 1, Miss C. Pullin 2, S. Darvill 3, K. Darvill 4, F. J. Spicer 5, A. E. Ewer 6, G. W. Debkenham 7, H. V. Frost (cond.) 8.

ST. CRANTOCK, CORNWALL.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Veale (first quarter) 1, D. Docking 2, J. Roberts 3, C. Stephens 4, A. H. Eplett (cond.) 5, L. Moss (first quarter) 6.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. H. Allcorn 1, E. T. Avery 2, H. Edwardes 3, A. H. Hoad 4, A. Smith 5, J. Harris 6, M. H. Hoad (cond.) 7, A. Hoad 8.

SANDON, ESSEX.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Judy Scales 1, R. Harrison 2, R. Kemp 3, I. Panton 4, M. Edwards 5, P. Saltmarsh (cond.) 6.

SAPCOTE, LEICS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Rosemary Stratford 1, Dorothy Page 2, Mrs. M. E. Brown 3, Rita M. Stratford 4, M. E. Brown (cond.) 5, A. Chapman 6.

SAXILBY, LINCS.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Minor (Kent and Plain Bob): Pamela Cox 1, D. G. Crosby 2, M. L. Mann 3, J. M. Blaikie 4, H. Dove 5, H. W. Cox (cond.) 6.

SCARBOROUGH, YORKS.—On Feb. 20th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor with tenor covering: J. A. Robertshaw 1, H. Spencer 2, W. Hudson 3, W. Fay 4, H. Parker 5, B. Sutton (cond.) 6, R. Wyatt 8, H. after meeting short for a peal attempt on the octave.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—At the Cathedral, on Feb. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: H. O. Chaddock 1, F. Ward 2, J. S. Rank 3, J. S. Seager 4, B. Balderson 5, R. S. Long 6, D. R. Armstrong 7, R. E. Price 8, C. K. Chaddock 9, B. Holland (cond.) 10.

SHEFFIELD.—On Feb. 21st, at the Cathedral, 1,296 Grandsire Caters: R. Birch 1, F. Ward 2, J. Rank 3, R. S. Long 4, B. Balderson 5, G. K. Chaddock 6, J. Seager 7, B. Holland 8, H. O. Chaddock (cond.) 9, R. Wildgoose 10.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Leeson 1, C. Dale 2, V. W. Rigg 3, R. Cann 4, T. Warner 5, E. C. Shepherd (cond.) 6, C. Bragg 7, J. K. Foot 8.

STAVELEY, DERBYS.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss R. Dickenson 1, L. Palmer 2, W. Dickenson 3, F. A. Adams 4, H. Paddison 5, J. Ford (cond.) 6.

ROYAL QUARTER PEALS—Cont.

STAFFORD.—On Feb. 19th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: F. R. Wiggin 1, F. Eley 2, C. Hone 3, R. Barlow 4, D. Harman 5, B. J. Wylde (composer and cond.) 6, R. K. Mowforth 7, A. E. Garbett 8. R. J. Warrilow 9, C. J. Sherwood 10.

STOKE, COVENTRY.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Simpson 1, W. A. Stote 2, R. Robinson 3, D. Ellender 4, R. Hart 5, H. Fowell 6, E. Sibley (cond.) 7, N. Haile 8. First of Grandsire Triples by 1, 3 and 5.

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON, WARWICKS.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. White (first quarter) 1, V. B. Hunt (cond.) 2, Shelagh Ingram (first 'inside') 3, J. A. Print 4, L. Hallett 5, G. Ingram 6, C. R. Steed 7, E. Smith 8.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Sangwin 1, B. Bissatt 2, H. Trewin 3, E. Nunn (first quarter) 4, H. Stacey 5, C. Taylor 6, J. Sangwin 7, S. Stacey 8.

STROUD, GLOS.—On Feb. 20th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: P. Clarkson 1, L. Hewitt 2, T. Pritchard 3, G. Goulding 4, L. Edwards 5, G. Green 6, P. Allen 7, T. Witts 8, L. Barry (cond.) 9, J. Smart 10.

SUTTON-ON-HULL, YORKS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Miss J. I. Porter 1, H. Rodmell 2, T. W. Thirkell (first of Cambridge Surprise) 3, C. R. Robinson 4, I. G. Glenton 5, R. Ducker (cond.) 6.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Katherine Burchnall 1, Lavina Mumford 2, D. Hough 3, Eleanor Rose 4, B. Hough 5, N. Moxon 6, Grace Burchnall (cond.) 7, R. Mumford 8.

TALGARTH, BRECON.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (720 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 540 Plain Bob): J. Griffiths 1, W. Chick 2, S. V. Edwards 3, D. H. Bennett (cond.) 4, W. G. Smith 5, J. Parry 5.

TANWORTH-IN-ARDEN, WARWICKS.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury): J. W. Jones 1, Pamela M. Turner 2, Helen M. Thacker 3, R. E. Tallis 4, R. E. Tallis jun., (cond.) 5, A. Collins 6. Also for Evensong.

TENDRING, ESSEX.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Brazier 1, Ann Collier 2, Mrs. V. Hales 3, Ann Pryke 4, P. W. Mills 5, E. E. Davey (cond.) 6.

TEWIN, HERTS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Grandsire, 780 Plain Bob): F. Garrod 1, D. M. Gambling 2, Miss A. M. Bailey 3, H. Shire 4, P. C. F. Wooster (cond.) 5, C. Geeves 6.

THAKEHAM, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. C. Herriman 1, C. B. Skinner 2, Miss M. Skinner 3, J. Maple 4, B. W. Farhall (cond.) 5, Canon H. T. Mogridge 6.

THAMES DITTON, SURREY.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Leach 1, Mrs. A. Smith 2, J. Tomsett 3, D. Lambert 4, R. Caporn 5, F. E. Hawthorne (cond.) 6.

THORNHILL, YORKS.—On Feb. 21st, a date touch of 1,960 changes (40 Plain Bob Doubles, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, 1,200 Oxford Treble Bob Minor): J. Lynch 1, H. Wood 2, D. Scargill (cond.) 3, F. Hewitt 4, O. Coulthard 5, Heb Wood 6.

THRYBERGH, YORKS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jean Green 1, Claire Green 2, Joyce Oakley 3, Margaret Gaskell 4, B. Hatch 5, F. Brunt (cond.) 6. First quarter 1, 4 and 5.

UXBRIDGE, MIDDLESEX.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Shechan 1, H. W. Impey (cond.) 2, E. R. Gotham 3, F. Bedford 4, J. Camp 5, G. E. Swift 6. Also the 6th anniversary of the induction of the Rev. H. Dunning, Vicar of Uxbridge.

WALLASEY, CHESHIRE.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jennifer Jones (first quarter) 1, P. R. Jones 2, Marjorie Webster 3, V. T. O. Boase 4, J. McCulloch 5, E. Jones (cond.) 6.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Diggins (first quarter) 1, H. Rumens 3, F. C. Maynard 4, M. Hayes 5, P. D. Chapman (first of Minor) 6, B. R. Downes (cond.) 7, F. C. Taylor 8.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On Feb. 21st, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: C. Diggins (aged 13, first of Caters) 1, F. W. Sykes 2, H. Rumens (72) 3, C. A. Hughes (73) 4, F. C. Maynard (73) 5, E. E. Holman (65) 6, D. A. Hewitt 7, T. Hawkings 8, B. R. Downes (cond. 9, P. D. Chapman 10.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. Green 1, D. R. Mitchell 2, J. M. Clements 3, K. Burchell 4, G. Francis (cond.) 5, G. Miskin 6. First quarter 1 and 6.

WEST BUCKLAND, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 19th, 1,280 Plain Bob Doubles: Dorothy G. Taylor 1, B. Jean Stevens 2, H. Garland (first quarter) 3, R. A. Craggs (first quarter) 4, C. J. Stevens (cond.) 5, Pamela M. Stevens 6. Rung by the Sunday Service ringers.

WESTERLEIGH, GLOS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. E. Monk 1, Mrs. W. M. Beese 2, J. Powell 3, J. Ferris 4, H. T. Ferris (cond.) 5, S. Clark 6.

WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 19th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Cynthia Shackel 1, Judith Tidey 2, Sheila Shackel 3, F. R. Verrall 4, E. R. Rapley 5, C. R. Longhurst (cond.) 6. First quarter for 1 and 2.

WEST STOW, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. H. Ivings 1, A. G. Ballam 2, W. F. Rickwood 3, A. F. Ballam (cond.) 4, H. Ivings 5, J. E. Ivings 6.

WILBURTON, CAMBS.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. Norfolk 1, H. Sharp 2, F. Yarrow 3, G. Markwell 4, G. Walker 5, A. Yarrow (first as cond.) 6. The ringers of 2 and 4 have rung together in this tower for over 60 years.

WILLOUGHBY, WARWICKS.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. L. Mitchell (first quarter) 1, G. H. Hancock (cond.) 2, S. G. Ivens 3, J. K. Gealy 4, R. G. Hancock 5, F. W. Hancock 6. First in method for 3, 4 and 5. First quarter of Minor by local band.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Hereward Bob Minor: Rita Gower 1, Rosemary Gower 2, R. J. Carlton 3, C. T. Hillis 4, L. C. Smith 5, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 6. For morning service.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Feb. 21st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Caroline Carpenter (first quarter of Major) 1, Susan Rawlings 2, Anne Garnett 3, A. S. Bishop 4, Susan Jacobs 5, P. Devenish 6, A. Bagworth 7, M. Sinden (cond.) 8.

WIVELISCOMBE, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Sparkes 1, W. Baker 2, H. Young 3, A. Turner 4, W. Hartnell 5, W. J. Nurcombe 6, F. Casely (cond.) 7, A. Gale 8.

YATTON, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. N. Price 1, T. A. Price 2, E. A. Price 3, D. E. Vowles 4, R. H. Brice 5, S. G. Smith 6, H. A. Price (cond.) 7, J. K. Baker 8.

YEOVIL, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. Margart Rooks (first of Stedman) 1, L. Parris (first of Stedman) 2, T. E. Marks 3, J. E. Looker 4, G. Gaylard 5, H. J. Gaylard (cond.) 6, T. G. Setter 7, H. Hebditch 8. Also on Feb. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. J. Setter 1, R. Moore 2, L. Parris 3, G. Gaylard (cond.) 4, R. J. Fox 5, J. E. Looker 6, H. J. Gaylard 7, H. Hebditch 8.

OTHER QUARTER PEALS

ALFORD, LINCS.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Maultby (12, first quarter) 1, Brenda Willoughby (first of Minor) 2, R. Willoughby (first quarter) 3, S. H. Sutton 4, G. Willoughby 5, J. I. Smith (cond.) 6. A farewell compliment to the Vicar (the Rev. P. E. Mann), who is shortly leaving to become Vicar of Sleaford.

ASTBURY, CHESHIRE.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,440 Spliced Surprise Minor (Wells, London, Durham, York and Cambridge): R. Challinor 1, F. E. Wilshaw (cond.) 2, N. Sherratt 3, W. Sherratt 4, C. A. S. Webb 5, G. Davies 6. First of Surprise for all except conductor.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Marion Eland 1, H. W. Dunsden 2, P. Corderoy 3, E. J. Grace 3, A. R. T. Greenough 4, J. P. Blond (cond.) 6, R. B. Blond 7, A. F. F. Samler 8.

BOSHAM, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 14th, 1,280 Grandsire Doubles: Susan M. Haddelsey 1, E. Ann Godfrey (first 'inside') 2, J. S. Still (first quarter) 3, R. Wake 4, C. R. C. Coussmaker (first as cond.) 5, P. J. M. Bright (first quarter) 6. For Evensong on the Feast of St. Valentine.

BRISTOL.—At Christ Church, on Feb. 17th, 1,253 Erin Caters: A. G. Tyler (cond.) 1, Monica Horseman 2, R. G. Hooper 3, B. Shackleton 4, D. G. Yeo 5, A. Lee 6, M. J. Horseman 7, J. Brain 8, L. Derrick 9, F. C. Mogford 10. First of Erin for 2, 4 and 6. First of Erin Caters for 3, 5, 7 and 8.

BUCKINGHAM.—On Jan. 19th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: C. East 1, W. A. Yates 2, R. A. Vickers 3, F. Vickers 4, C. Kinch 5, E. G. Jones 6, E. Smith 7, G. W. Holland (cond.) 8. First of Major 'inside' for 3 and 6.

BURFORD, OXON.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Brenda Hall 1, J. Dixon 2, J. Westmacott 3, T. Stratford 4, M. Collett 5, B. Hall 6, W. J. Dixon (cond.) 7, Mrs. W. Hall (first quarter) 8. Rung to commemorate the birth of a son to Mr. Jim Dixon and a grandson to Mr. W. J. Dixon (tower foreman).

DUNS TEW, OXON.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Doubles: M. Journeaux 1, D. C. Woodward 2, A. Gammon 3, R. H. Jones 4, C. Holloway (cond.) 5. A birthday compliment to Mr. H. F. Jones.

FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.—On Feb. 21st, 1,272 Treble Bob Minor: R. H. Mills 1, Miss M. A. Finch 2, W. W. Wright (cond.) 3, P. Treble 4, R. E. Finch 5, P. Joyce 6.

HAMBLEDON, HANTS.—On Feb. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. C. H. Turner 1, E. S. Lawrence 2, Mrs. F. Hall 3, R. J. Turner 4, C. H. Turner (cond.) 5, S. J. Harding 6. For morning service and half-muffled as a last tribute to Mr. J. E. Turner, for many years captain of the band.

HANLEY, STAFFS.—On Feb. 7th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: F. E. Wilshaw 1, A. Kelsall 2, D. Williams (first quarter) 3, D. Jones 4, K. P. Jones 5, N. Sargent 6, C. A. S. Webb 7, G. Davies (first in method as cond.) 8. First in method by all except 1 and 6. Rung by the Sunday service band.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.—On Feb. 7th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. Butler (first quarter) 1, D. F. West 2, Miss H. Sharp 3, E. B. Smith 4, W. A. Rouse 5, L. Sharp 6, D. E. West 7, U. W. Wildney (cond.) 8. For evening service and a 21st birthday compliment to Miss H. Sharp.

LEA, LINCS.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Roberts (first quarter) 1, Mrs. E. Gray 2, Pauline Bull 3, Delia E. Smith 4, O. H. Baker 5, A. R. Heppenstall 6. Conducted by Delia E. Smith and A. R. Heppenstall. Rung for the wedding of Miss Margaret Iredale, of Lea Grange, to Mr. H. Gonzales, of U.S.A.A.F.F.

LLANDUDNO, CAERNARVONS.—On Feb. 6th 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Fairlie 1, L. S. Griffiths (cond.) 2, W. Grinsell 3, C. Powell 4, L. J. Evans 5, D. R. Edwards 6. For the eighth anniversary of Queen Elizabeth II's accession to the throne. Average age of the band 76 years.

LUTON, BEDS.—On Feb. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. C. Mann 1, J. Newman 2, G. Hawkins 3, A. J. Smith 4, L. A. Goodenough 5, H. Wood 6, A. E. Rushton (cond.) 7, J. S. Cheney (first quarter) 8. Rung in honour of the consecration of St. Francis' Church this day by the Bishop of St. Albans; also a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. Mann.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKS.—On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: V. R. Tallis 1, R. E. Tallis (jun., cond.) 2, Pamela M. Turner 3, Helen M. Turner 4, J. K. Foot 5, M. C. Hughes 6. For Evensong. Also on Feb. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): V. H. Nash (first on working bell) 1, V. R. Tallis (first 'inside') 2, R. E. Tallis (jun., cond.) 3, Pamela M. Turner 4, M. C. Hughes 5, A. A. Platt 6. For Matins. Also on Feb. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: V. R. Tallis 1, Pamela M. Turner 2, J. K. Foot 3, J. Corbett 4, M. C. Hughes 5, R. E. Tallis (jun., cond.) 6. For Evensong.

PENARTH, GLAM.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Chiplin (first quarter) 1, W. J. Palmer 2, A. F. R. Hartley 3, J. B. Garrett 4, A. M. Coombs (cond.) 5, C. P. Bristow 6. For Evensong and as an 87th birthday compliment to Mrs. E. Edmunds, grandmother of the ringer of 3.

ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. Wright 1, Anthea M. Greaves 2, M. Rose (first 'inside') 3, L. Nice 4, R. Rose (cond.) 5, E. Nice 6. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to William A. Buckle, a ringer at Rougham for many years, interred this day.

THORNHILL, YORKS.—On Nov. 8th, 1,320 Minor (Kent and Oxford Treble Bob): J. Lynch 1, H. Wood 2, D. Scargill (cond.) 3, F. Shaw 4, O. Coulthard 5, Heb. Wood 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day service.

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BELFRY

College Youths honoured Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hughes on the occasion of their golden wedding anniversary with a peal at St. Giles', Cripplegate, on February 13th.

We deeply regret to learn that Mr. G. H. Myers, of Plymouth, is gravely ill. The latest news is that he has rallied and is much better.

St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham have scored their first peal of 12 Spliced Surprise Major.

The band who rang the peal at Merriott, Somerset, on February 13th would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Turner for their kind hospitality after the peal.

Past and present officers of the Leeds and District Amalgamated Society rang at Armley, Yorks, a peal to the memory of Mr. Harry Lofthouse, their secretary for 30 years.

Miss S. Hurst is the second Girl Guide from Great Horwood tower to gain her ringer's badge. Four more guides are making good progress.

Mr. Oliver Mills, in calling his first peal at Wickwar, Glos, on February 17th had his 13-year-old son Paul ringing his first peal on the tenor.

The Universities Association are holding their ringing week from August 6th to 13th. The tour will be based on Whirlow Grange, near Sheffield. An attractive list of towers has been arranged.

Dr. D. J. Neal Smith after eight years and numerous attempts has just succeeded in ringing a peal in his home tower—All Hallows', Twickenham. A week later he got his first in the tower in which he learnt to ring—St. Catherine's, Feltham.

Visitors to Hitchin will be pleased to note that the seventh clapper, which has broken three times in the last two years, two of the occasions being local annual meetings, has now been replaced. The local band achieved their first quarter for nearly two years to mark the Royal birth.

GOSSIP

Mr. Len Stilwell went to Pulborough, his birthplace and where he learnt to ring, to attempt a peal of New Cambridge Surprise Major for his 70th birthday on February 20th. Unfortunately this was unsuccessful and the company did honour to the day and the new Royal Prince with a quarter of Stedman Triples. After the ringing the Rector and churchwardens provided a birthday cake, suitably decorated, and other refreshments. To drink the toasts there were two bottles of champagne.

The peal at Harmondsworth (page 64) on January 6th was the first peal on the bells for 22 years.

Mr. H. Rumens, the veteran of the Walthamstow tower, informs us that he has taken every copy of 'The Ringing World' since its inception.

A number of branches of the Oxford Diocesan Guild are making grants to those members who will be attending the Guild's course at Radley.

Regarding the peal of Pudsey Surprise Major at the Loughborough Bell Foundry on January 30th, this was the 200th peal of Mr. John Underwood. The asterisk should not have been against the name of Mr. John M. Jelley.

Luton Parish Church ringers for the Royal event, according to the 'Luton Saturday Telegraph,' rang a quarter peal of '1,259 Change Grand Cicators.' Writes our correspondent: 'Something for the highbrows to get their teeth into.'

Canon Last, Rector of Great Horwood, Bucks, and chairman of the Central Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, took part in his first quarter 'inside' at Great Horwood on January 31st. When he came in 1958 he could only ring a plain course of Grandsire; now he has mastered four methods. He is the first Rector of Great Horwood to be a ringer and the first branch chairman to ring a quarter.

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The Royal Birth gave Ringers the opportunity to show their ability

THIS issue of 'The Ringing World' is being devoted very largely to the recording of the ringing which took place on Friday, February 19th, and subsequent days to express the happiness of the nation on the birth of a son to our gracious Queen, Elizabeth II.

The story we present is very different from that of the national or provincial Press. It is presented as viewed from the belfry, told to ringers and largely about ringers.

In the Metropolis on Friday evening there was ringing at St. Paul's Cathedral, Westminster Abbey and the Parish Church to Buckingham Palace, St. Martin-in-the-Fields. From the Curfew Tower of Windsor Castle on that evening Mr. F. T. Blagrove called a peal of Parker's Twelve-part of Grandsire Triples. For the conductor there was additional personal happiness, as 48 hours previously he became the father of his first child.

First Bells

In the village of Broadchalke, near Salisbury, the bells were being rung for the birth of the Prince three minutes and 15 seconds after the announcement was made on the wireless. The Broadchalke ringers (a new and very keen band, recently affiliated to the Salisbury Diocesan Guild) think they may have led the country in ringing.

This was certainly before the Westminster Abbey bells were ringing. As they were being raised a B.B.C. commentator gave over the wireless that he could hear four of the Abbey bells being rung to a peal. The royal quarter peal at the Abbey was not rung until the following day and, as is usual, the method was Stedman Triples.

Before leaving Westminster we must record an unusual happening at the neighbouring church of St. Margaret, where royal occasions are always faithfully observed. On the Sunday the ten bells were rung to a quarter peal, and the band included Brian Story, from Basingstoke, who was ringing his first quarter on ten. By a chance coincidence his brother Robin also rang his first quarter on ten on these bells, and this was also a royal occasion, on May 15th, 1954. Both these quarters were Stedman Caters and were conducted by Mr. W. Hewett, one of the famous London veterans.

First Peal

Oxford University Society can probably claim to have rung the first peal for the royal baby. A start was made about half-an-hour after the radio announcement at the University Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, and the peal of Surprise Minor was completed in 3 hours and 32 minutes. This was the first peal rung in full term on the bells since 1952, when a fully-muffled peal was rung for the death of King George VI by a band of undergraduates, as was the case in the present peal.

One of the early peals was at St. Mary's, Slough, and Plain Bob Royal was rung with double significance. The same day as the royal Prince was born, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Blundell, two members of the band, had the gift of twin sons.

New Methods

Worksop, Notts, ringers must have been inspired to essay Edinburgh Delight Minor for their peal attempt as a tribute to the most popular father in the land. They succeeded and have the honour of ringing the first peal in the method.

Another appropriate new method to be recorded is Sandringham Surprise Major. This was rung at Spalding on February 19th.

Mr. Jack L. Millhouse, at Lincoln, also had something new for the Lincoln Diocesan Guild with a peal of Berkshire Surprise Major, selected especially because Windsor Castle is situated in Berkshire.

In recent years the Hertford County Association have added extensively to the naming of Surprise methods. As their contribution to the royal occasion they presented Aspenden Surprise, named after the tower in which it was rung and conducted by the versatile Claudia A. Critchley.

Two Ladies With 600 Peals

This week we record that two ladies have rung their 600th peal — Mrs. J. Thomas, at Hinton-on-the-Green, on February 15th, and Mrs. F. J. Marshall-say, who conducted a peal of Grandsire Triples for the royal birth on February 19th in her home tower, St. Peter's, Bournemouth.

The record of the most peals rung by a lady was held by the late Mrs. Phyllis Poole, with 677. These two ladies have most peals by those of their sex now living.

'Jinxed' Bells

Perhaps the most notable Royal Baby peal was at Sully, Glamorgan. This ring was augmented to five in 1880 and hung in a poorly-built wooden frame. Between the bad design of the frame, the wear and tear and the death watch beetle, these bells are in none too happy a condition: indeed, Messrs. John Taylor and Co. have recommended that they be rung as little as possible.

However, the Rector felt that the ringers were justified in having what will probably be the final peal attempt. There have been many failures in the past on these 'jinxed' bells, and it was most gratifying that the first peal on them was brought round without a hitch.

Working on his bell, as in fact all the band had to, was Alan Thompson, who had never rung a peal or a quarter before. He made a notable start. An interested spectator was 12-year-old Keith Havard, who has started ringing. He sat in the ringing chamber throughout the peal without moving or speaking.

From Cumberland the greetings were given by the bells of Cleator Moor, where a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung. This was the first peal by local ringers of the Cumberland and Westmorland Association on the bells since 1935. The peal also marked the 50th anniversary of the recasting and augmenting of the bells.

Youngest Conductor

We think John S. Clark, of Chapel Allerton, Yorks, who celebrated his 14th birthday on February 19th, can claim to be the youngest to call a quarter peal for the arrival of the royal baby.

There are, however, other young ringers in the news. Twelve-year-old Marion Greaves, who has learnt to ring since her father came to Rougham, Suffolk, as rector last September, put up a very creditable performance in her first attempt for a quarter peal. Her companion, June Wright (13), also rang her first 'inside.' This was rung before they had had tea. They then went on 13 miles to ring at Preston St. Mary. We shall hear more about these young enthusiasts.

West Hartlepool had four teenagers ringing their first peal on the same day. It was a proud moment for Mr. W. Maughan, the tower captain, who conducted, when he said: 'And that is all.'

Pat's Contribution

Trust Mr. A. P. Cannon to find something unusual for the occasion. He rang two peals in Oxfordshire on the Saturday. The one at South Stoke, where four of the six bells date from 1633, was the first peal on the bells. Local appreciation was expressed to the ringers by Mr. Tozer, the churchwarden, entertaining the band at the village inn. Both he and the Vicar (Rev. R. E. Price) congratulated the band on their splendid striking.

The Evesham celebrities went to Mickleton, Gloucester, for the happy event. Here Mr. Gerald C. Hemming called Cambridge Surprise with a band that contributed five footnotes.

From Devon

In the little church at Luppitt, Devon, a meritorious performance has been submitted by the local band, who rang their first peal. It contained five first peals, including the conductor's (Mr. C. Churchill).

On February 20th a picked team of members of the South West Branch of the Devonshire Guild of Ringers visited the church of St. Martin, Lewannick, Cornwall, which has a lovely ring of six, the tower overlooking the Cornish Moors.

The team succeeded in ringing 5,040 Grandsire Doubles and throughout the peal some good striking was done. After the peal they were entertained by the captain and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Martin, and the team extend grateful thanks for their hospitality, which was very much appreciated.

The bells of Wiveliscombe, Somerset, were 'fired' in a royal salute prior to the ringing of a quarter peal on February 19th.

Another company to express their felicitations by a peal by their own band was that of St. James-the-Great, Shirley, Warwickshire.

Cathedral Peals

Cathedrals in which peals were rung were Birmingham, Bradford, Bristol, Chichester, Derby, Guildford, Leicester, Lichfield, Southwark and Worcester. Quarter peals were rung at Gloucester and Manchester, and for the Roman Catholic Church from Buckfast Abbey, where three of the monks took part.

The peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Guildford was a 'feather in her hat' for sixth former Janet Cleeve, who rang the third—probably the most difficult bell in the tower.

While on cathedrals, we note that a quarter was rung at Rochester Cathedral, where the bells have just been rededicated. It was conducted by Mr. W. A. J. Knight, who was celebrating his 65th birthday.

Writing about birthdays reminds us that the peal at Lavenham, Suffolk, on February 20th was conducted on his birthday by Mr. Maurice T. Symonds.

Theological College Students

Two members of Ely Theological College joined ringers of St. Mary's Parish Church, Ely, in a spontaneous quarter peal on February 19th. Other members of the College band in training had helped in the celebration by ringing in rounds and call-changes, and for them it was their first public ringing occasion.

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ROYAL BIRTH RINGING—Cont.

The St. Mary's band consists largely of teenagers who have been trained during the past two years by Mr. J. W. Pickett, Ringing Master, and who ring Grandsire regularly for Sunday services. Mr. Barry Bass was the teenage representative in the birthday quarter, and the band included two veterans, Mr. E. G. Pipe and Mr. George Vale. Mr. Vale, who started ringing in 1898, has an ambition to continue ringing until 1967, when he and his father between them will have completed 100 years' service in the same tower.

Ely Theological College has included ringing as an extra-curricula activity for the past two years, under the instruction of Mr. Pickett, Mr. John Warwick (College Ringing Master last year) and Mr. Peter Hirst (College Ringing Master). The Rev. John Vine, acting principal, granted two of the College ringers leave of absence from their evening's study in honour of the occasion.

The College's Congratulations

The College of Campanology sent the following telegram, signed by its president:—

'For your Gracious Majesty and H.R.H. the Prince Philip, on this most happy occasion of, and for, the birth of the new Prince, with their humble duty in loyal greeting, and with their offering of all best wishes, the Officers and Members of the College of Campanology take pleasure in the privilege of celebrating, with other ringers, this joyous event by the special ringing of church bells throughout the land.'

The following gracious reply from the Private Secretary has been received:—

'The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh sincerely thank the Officers and Members of the College of Campanology for their kind message of congratulations on the birth of a son to Her Majesty and His Royal Highness.'

Rang Two Bells

Mr. T. Chapman, who conducted the quarter of Grandsire Triples at Bishopstoke, Hants, on February 19th, rang two bells—the second and third.

At Stafford Mr. Brian Wylde composed a quarter of 1,259 Grandsire Caters for the royal occasion, which was successfully called by him.

At Burford, ringing in a quarter peal in honour of the event was Mrs. C. Hall and her daughter, Brenda, who started to learn the art in January, 1959. Her son, B. W. Hall, was also ringing.

Quick off the mark to announce the birth was Sapcote, Leicestershire. Within 17 minutes of the news being received by radio a band was collected, the flag hoisted, the bells raised, then 'fired,' followed by 120 Plain Bob Minor. A quarter peal was rung in the evening.

The quarter of Grandsire Triples at Charlton Kings, near Cheltenham, on February 19th was the first by a resident band for 23 years. Two young ringers were ringing their first quarter and another her first 'inside.'

Two peals were rung by the Richmond band at Brentford in the week of the arrival of the royal baby.

Also Thoughts On Football

Although the quarter peal rung at Sheffield Cathedral was to celebrate the birth of the new Prince, there were other celebrations among the Cutlers. The success of the Wednesday and the United in the fifth round for the F.A. Cup increased the urge to celebrate. There are football fans to be found in belfries.

Christ Church, Epsom, lost their peal attempt for the royal birth and had to be content with a quarter peal.

SERVANTS OF THE EXERCISE – No. 10



MR. A. C. HAZELDEN
Convener, C.C. Biographies Committee

Mr. A. C. Hazelden was born at Sevenoaks on May 24th, 1876 (Queen Victoria's birthday), in the days when little schooling and long hours of work were the lot of most youngsters. His parents used to jokingly say that the bells were being rung specially for *his* birthday, not Queen Victoria's! He left school seven weeks before his 12th birthday, and began a period of full-time work, which continued until his retirement in 1944.

He first learned to ring at Sundridge, but in 1987 his work took him to Seal Chart, where there was a change-ringing band taught by the late F. G. Newman. He obtained more experience in the art by attending practices at Westerham and Tonbridge, and rang his first peal at Seal Chart in 1900. This was in three Minor methods, conducted by the late Tom Groombridge.

In that year he moved to Guildford and was soon ringing with such men as Jim Hunt, A. H. Pulling and Charles Willshire. He rang many peals with them, including the first of Stedman Caters by a Guildford band, the first of London Surprise by the Winchester Guild and the first of Bristol Surprise in Surrey. He has no complete record of his peals, but they total about 200.

His work in Guildford was in motor engineering, and in 1919 he was put on the salaried staff of his firm, and subsequently handled valuable contracts for many English cities and other great cities all over the world.

In 1927 he helped J. S. Goldsmith to found the Guildford Diocesan Guild, and when in 1932 a Diocesan Guild library was commenced, he became its librarian and still holds that position. He was elected to the Central Council in 1930, and in 1939 was placed on the Biographies Committee, becoming its convener after the deaths of W. A. Cave and J. S. Goldsmith. Mr. Hazelden has a fund of amusing stories of the older generation, including one of the late Challis F. Winney, who called the first peal of Stedman at Ranmore Common. In 1902 he went to Ashtead to call Lates' One-part. After ringing three courses, Winney called 'Stand.' He then sat down and said: 'I shall have to learn this peal.' After a few minutes study the ringing recommenced, and a fine peal resulted! JAFUS.

MORE BELFRY GOSSIP

The Beds and Northants District of the Ladies' Guild have appointed Miss Kathleen Rivett as Secretary in the place of Mrs. Anne Stainsby, who recently left the district. Mrs. Mary Mann succeeded Miss Shelagh Collins as Vice-President.

The Calverley St. Wilfrid's (Yorks) tower looks as though it will soon have a team of 'Peters.' There is Peter Dawson the secretary, Peter Lumley, Peter Clayton (who two weeks ago rang his first 720 to qualify for membership of the Yorkshire Association) and a new recruit in Peter Walker who is at present learning bell control with rounds and call changes. But you should see the confusion when someone shouted, 'Lead, Peter.'

BARNSLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Five new members were elected at the monthly meeting of the Barnsley District, held at Earlsheaton, near Dewsbury, on February 13th. A warm welcome was extended by the Vicar (Rev. D. Baldwin), who presided, and at the conclusion of his first meeting with the Society, in responding to a vote of thanks to the excellent tea and local arrangements, hoped the Society would come again. He had just started to take up ringing. The next meeting will be at Crofton, near Wakefield, on March 2nd. During the meeting the members stood in silence in memory of Mr. Harry Roberts, of Kirkburton, who died on January 9th. A tribute was afterwards paid to him by Mr. J. W. Buxton.

Tips For Beginners—10

If in ringing Plain Bob Major you have acquired the knack of recognising your course bell and your after bell, you can apply this experience to Double Norwich. On the front or at the back you only meet your course bell, or your after bell, or the treble. As the treble never dodges you can always be certain when and with whom you dodge at the front or the back —your course bell before lying, your after bell after lying.

Rochester Cathedral Bells Rededicated

The rehung ten at Rochester Cathedral were rededicated and declared open by the Dean (Rt. Rev. W. Stannard) at the close of choral Evensong on February 20th. A company of nearly 50 was present at tea, when the Dean gave a welcome and said he hoped to meet the ringers on many future occasions.

The tower was open to all in the evening and about 60 ringers took advantage of this. Methods ranged from Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Plain Bob Royal to rounds for learners. The bells were voted a wonderful job, and the thanks of the Cathedral band were extended to John Taylor and Co. in the person of Mr. J. P. Fidler, who was largely responsible for the design.

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The purpose of this document, which is being sent to the Bishops, Archdeacons, and other leading Churchmen of England, is to draw attention to a great and honourable fraternity (mainly consisting of laymen and laywomen, within the Church), which has been serving for many centuries.

It could be giving far better service than it is today. Although it is well organised and well led, its leadership and its Church connection could be much improved. The compilers of this document would be grateful if you find it possible to co-operate with them in attaining such improvement.

The thousands of bells in our churches form one of our most valuable assets on the mere financial level. The ringers of England, numbering about 40,000, form an immense human potential. The sound of Church bells seems to touch the hearts of Church folk and of outsiders more than any other ecclesiastical voice. Are we using this great power as well as we might? Will you be good enough to help us to make better use of it?

THE BACKGROUND TO THE REPORT

It has been suggested that bellringing in this country is a dying art. This is not so, but there are still too many churches where the bells are not heard regularly, or where the standard of ringing is poor.

The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers recently set up a sub-committee to investigate, by means of a National Survey, the extent to which the bells in our churches are regularly rung for service on Sundays, to find what difficulties prevent regular ringing in some places, and to suggest possible methods of improving service ringing throughout the country.

The work was carried out through local Guilds and Associations, of which there are over 40 covering every diocese and county in Great Britain. Each co-operating Guild or Association reported on as many as possible of the towers in their area with five or more bells, giving information about the number of ringers, the regularity of ringing and any special factors which helped or hindered individual churches in maintaining bands of ringers and getting their bells rung on Sunday.

The results of the investigation were presented in a report to the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers at their annual meeting in 1959, and the Central Council agreed on a number of measures to try to improve the situation. They felt, however, that even the best they could do would be of little effect without the active support of all members of the Church, both clerical and lay. The main points have, therefore, been summarised in this leaflet.

The Survey indicates the tremendous value of the bells and their message, so at least ringers know that their efforts are worth while. But there is need for a positive and definite affirmation of why the bells are hung in towers, why they are rung for service and what part they play in the Church's life and witness. It does really matter that some bells are not rung on Sunday. Unless ringers, clergy and congregations all equally hold this conviction the driving force is lacking.

THE PRESENT POSITION

Total number of towers in British Isles with five or more bells ..	5,422
Number of towers about which information was obtained ..	2,719
Proportion of these towers where the bells are in such bad condition as to be unringable ..	14%
Proportion which are ringable, but not normally rung for Sunday services	18%
Proportion which are rung but are seriously undermanned, i.e., not enough ringers to ring all the bells	28%
Proportion where all the bells are rung regularly at least once on Sundays	40%
Proportion which find difficulty in recruiting ringers	46%
Estimated number of ringers in the British Isles	41,700

IMPORTANT ASPECT OF THE PROBLEM

The Bells

Bells which are difficult to ring, and poor belfry conditions, are very serious handicaps which are often difficult to overcome. They make it impossible to teach newcomers and thus prevent the formation of a band of ringers, or cause the slow loss of the existing band. In spite of the enthusiasm and efforts of the local ringers to maintain the bells in a ringable condition, the services of a bell hanger may be required. Local Association Officers and the appropriate Officers of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers are qualified and willing to give voluntary advice on these matters on request. The Secretary of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers will be pleased to answer any enquiries.

The Ringers

One of the most important points is obtaining a good leader for a band. He should be a good ringer, able to insist on high standards of ringing and conduct, and regular and punctual attendance. He should, if possible, be a good instructor and he should be a good churchman.

A flourishing band is usually one in which the regular recruitment and training of learners continues. In these days of frequent removals and National Service, and losses due to marriage, shiftwork, homework and night school, regular recruiting is essential, and bands which have no time for beginners, or no capable instructors, will soon break up. Though recruitment from within the Church is preferable, it should be remembered that many young people are brought into the Church via the belfry.

It is likely that local ringing associations can do more than they have done hitherto by helping in the teaching of beginners if they are asked to do so.

A flourishing band is also one which has a sense of belonging to the Church and parish. Friendly and close relations between ringers and incumbent and Church officers, and with the whole congregations are a tremendous encouragement to the ringers. One of the things often mentioned by ringers in the survey was the need to foster and sometimes improve these relations.

The Church

Encouragement and active help from incumbent, Church officers and congregation are needed by every band. On a larger scale, better contacts between Ringing Associations, Deaneries, Archdeaconries and Dioceses would enable help to be given to those towers where the bells are seldom or never rung. Publicity in Church newspapers, Diocesan magazines and parish magazines is invaluable.

WHAT THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS IS DOING NOW

(a) Preparing a booklet on belfry organisation, recruitment, relations with the rest of the parish, etc. This booklet will also offer advice on reliable and tried methods of establishing a band of ringers where none at present exists.

(b) Establishing contact with Theological Colleges through the local ringing Guilds and Associations to provide periodical lectures on bells and their care and use and, if desired, tuition in bell ringing for students at Theological Colleges.

(c) Offering advice to any individual or organisation who asks for guidance on any matter concerning Sunday service ringing.

(d) Investigating the possibility of obtaining the co-operation of Local Education Authorities in providing courses in bell ringing. Such courses could cover all aspects of Church bell ringing or be designed to suit local needs.

Your Help

If your require advice or assistance to start or improve ringing in your parish, get in touch with your local association of ringers. If you have any unusual or insuperable difficulties, or comments, or questions, please write either to your local association or direct to the Secretary of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers at the address below.

Any suggestions you can make to improve Sunday service ringing will be gratefully received.

Issued by the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, 1959.

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Frederick Sharpe, F.S.A., Derwen, Launton, Bicester, Oxon.

Secretary:
Edwin A. Barnett, 26, Iron Mill Lane, Crayford, Kent.

NOTE.—We have received many requests for copies of this report that was very widely circulated to bishops and other Church officials, including theological colleges, and as the supply of leaflets is exhausted the report is published for record and general interest.—*Ed.*

JOINT UNIVERSITY MEETING

There was a good attendance of members and visitors at the joint meeting of the Sheffield University and Leeds University Guilds held on February 20th. Ringing took place at Pontefract in the afternoon, when the eight bells of All Saints' were put to good use in a number of methods—Plain Bob, Grandsire, Little Bob, Kent, Stedman, Double Norwich and Cambridge—the highlight being a touch of Stedman, duly recorded for posterity by a member's tape-recorder.

After tea in Pontefract a move was made by car and bus (for the less fortunate) to Wragby. Much to everyone's amusement and the young conductress's obvious discomfort, one member, stating his destination, was charged half fare. It did not speak much for the beard he has taken great pains to cultivate these past few weeks!

Ringing took place on the pleasant six of St. Michael's, situated in the grounds of Nostell Priory, to the usual methods, plus touches of Double Oxford, Cambridge, St. Clement's and Merchants Return. Proceedings came to an abrupt end when Sir Rowland Winn, twelfth baron of Nostell and Lord-in-waiting to the Queen, entered the belfry, and assuming we were ringing for the royal birth, and no serious attempt being made to inform him otherwise, invited the Sheffield secretary to accompany him to the pub for a crate of ale as reward. John, remarking it was not every day he was invited to ride in a lordship's car, obediently complied.

Thanks are due to the people who met us and to the secretaries for excellent arrangements, and not the least to Sir Rowland! K. A.

The Rector and ringers of Ash, Surrey—knowing that the ringers of Aldershot had no bells—sent them the freedom of Ash tower on February 20th so that they could ring in honour of the Royal baby. The offer was gratefully accepted.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

NOISE ABATEMENT BILL

Dear Sir,—I read in 'The Guardian' last week that a Noise Abatement Bill was before Parliament and that it had received a second reading. There was a list of exempted noises but I did not see Church Bell Ringing on it. I wonder what the position will be if the Bill is passed in its present form? No doubt the Central Council is guarding our interests for it would be awful to wake up one morning and find that an Order in Council made under the Act prohibited all peal ringing for example. It could happen, you know.

At present we have a legal right to ring for reasonable periods, but it would be all too easy for these rights to be accidentally extinguished by later legislation. — Yours sincerely, WILLIAM PARROTT.

Epsom.

LLANBLETHIAN BELLS

Dear Sir,—I was most interested to read the letter forwarded by Mr. R. J. Lee, of Chester, concerning the bells of Llanblethian Church.

Mr. Lee was the driving force behind his very youthful band of workers, which did such excellent and efficient work on these bells and the tower, both inside and out, for which the church authorities were very grateful.

However, I must correct him when he says that, 'the church authorities state that they cannot afford the cost of six new bell ropes.' It is possible, that he was told by someone locally, words to that effect, but at no time during recent years has the question of six new bell ropes been discussed by the local church authority.

This church has at present one or two major problems on its hands, and until these have been dealt with, the authority concerned feels that it cannot for the time being embark upon anything further which will entail added expense.

The Rev. E. O. T. Lewis, Rector of Llanblethian and Vicar of Cowbridge, has read the correspondence about these bells, and has asked me to convey his sincere thanks to Messrs. Joseph Bryant, Ltd., of Bristol, for their very generous offer in an attempt to raise the necessary money for six new bell ropes. But he regrets that this offer and others he has received cannot be accepted at present.—Yours faithfully,

ROBERT E. COLES.

Llanblethian.

THE ROTHWELL PEAL

Dear Sir, — It is, of course, true that the band concerned did not travel to Rothwell purposely to honour the memory of any Bolshevik revolutionary. It is high time that this practice of thinking up a footnote for a peal report, usually after the peal has been rung, ceased. I do not wish to suggest that all commemorative footnotes originate in this way: obviously they don't, but if there must be a footnote, at least let it be one which does not offend in any way.

If this particular footnote was taken seriously, it would be nothing more or less than sacrilegious, the bells having been dedicated to God, to be rung to His Glory and for no other purpose. This footnote could be reasonably interpreted as an ascription to the Glory of Satan!

We are fortunate in having Canon Turner, the Vicar of Rothwell, as our Guild president. He is a priest who understands ringers and their ways better than most of his brethren, but he should not be expected to tolerate such behaviour as this. When, as in this case, the newspapers get hold of such stuff, nothing but harm is done to the Church and the cause of ringing.

Mr. Brian Austin criticises the band for not inviting the local ringers to take part in the peal. This criticism should be levelled at the organiser, if anyone, but I would not like members of other Guilds and Associations to think that we in the Peterborough Diocese will only welcome them for peals if we are included in the band!—Yours sincerely.

PATRICK I. CHAPMAN.

Master, Peterborough Diocesan Guild.

A READER'S QUESTIONS

Dear Sir,—I would be grateful if someone could tell when the last peal and last quarter peal were rung at St. Matthew's, Lightcliffe.

Also, could someone please tell me whether it is in order or not to ring bells muffled on a Sunday, and whether it is correct or not to fly the Union Jack on State occasions, in preference to the St. George's flag, from a church tower? I have heard arguments on both sides of both these questions.

For those who wish to keeep 'Dove's Guide' up to date, here are a few points about some local towers. I regret to say that for nearly a year there have been no bands at St. John's, Cleckheaton, and Christ Church, Liversedge (both listed as practising on Mondays). The bells of St. John's, Bradford, are unringable. On visiting Saltaire Congregational Chapel, I discovered, to my amazement, that the bells have disappeared. It appears that they were sold for scrap in about 1948. —Yours faithfully,

G. D. ARMITAGE.

Hipperholme, Halifax.

PEALS OF MAJOR AT WOOLTON

Dear Sir.—With regard to the note printed in 'Belfry Gossip' stating that the peal of 'Bob Major' rung at Woolton, Lancs., was the first of Major rung on the bells for 30 years.

I took part in a peal there of 'Oxford Treble Bob Major' on March 15th, 1947 this being my first pail of Major, I rang the 2nd.

The peal also included R. G. Edwards and was conducted by the late J. C. E. Simpson. It was, I believe, rung half muffed. —Yous sincerely.

E. Y. CARVELL.

(St. Saviour's, Oxton, Birkenhead)

Birkenhead.

RYME INTRINSECA

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Caple's letter ('R.W.', February 12th), the Dorset village of Ryme Intrinseca appears in the Batsford/Methuen 'Little Guide' of Dorset, which has the following to say of this little village:—

'It is one of the Manors of the Duchy of Cornwall and Court Hill, in the parish, is credited with having been at some time the site of a Royal residence. The church has an Early English (13th century) chancel; the rest is mainly early 17th cent. of late Gothic character with some 13th cent. details. There is a pleasing tower of local type, and the plain font has a cover dated 1637.'

The name appears first in the Salisbury Charters of 1160 as 'Rime,' and becomes 'Ryme' in 1293, and is derived from the Old English word 'Rima,' meaning border or rim. The place is on the slope of a ridge.

The suffix 'Intrinsica or -seca' was apparently applied to it as a contradistinction to a now-vanished 'Ryme Extrinseca.'—Yours sincerely,

Pangbourne, Berks. JOHN F. CARTER.

RE-ISSUE OF FAMOUS RECORD

Dear Sir.—I feel I must reply to Mr. Barnett's letter in your issue of February 19th, if only to say that I have never in my life been able to get to grips with the obvious ecstasy that encompasses the world of Campanology!

This record—'Spliced Surprise Major'—is, if my bellringing friends are not pulling my leg, a masterpiece of the art, and I must bow to their superior appreciation of this ancient and mystic rite: it fills their hearts with joy. The heart of the recording engineer must also be filled with joy in reading Mr. Barnett's valued words of appreciation. Believe me, it is.

I was the recording engineeer!—Yours faithfully, L. A. HOWLETT.

Pinner.

RINGERS AMONG STAFFORDSHIRE GIRL GUIDES



FEBRUARY 21st (Sunday) will be remembered with much pleasure by the people of Cannock, Staffs. For on this day the bells of St. Luke's Church were rung by a band of girls who are all members of the 1st Cannock Troop of Girl Guides. The only help given was by a member of the local band ringing the tenor.

The girls, before attending the service of Holy Eucharist, rang the bells in Rounds, Queens and Call Changes. They then rang again for Mattins, which was attended by about 500 Girl Guides and Boy Scouts. This parade was to celebrate the Jubilee of the Guides. (1910-1960)

Some of the girls started to learn bell ringing last September and the remainder joined them in November. All are now showing every promise for the future. Two are now able to ring Grandsire Doubles without any assistance. They all are now hoping to qualify for the Guide's Ringing Badge.

Those in the picture are (left to right) Susan Devy (12), Shelagh Guthrie (13), Judith Homeshaw (15), Jenny Wilkes (13), Marion Bird (13), Diane Allman (15), Margaret Guthrie (14), Christine Yapp (13), Ann Griffiths (13), Sandra Borley (11), and Mrs. P. Griffiths (Guide Captain). Also in the picture is G. Bradbury, captain of St. Luke's Ringers, who, together with Messrs. A. Armstrong and E. Borley, taught the girls.

RINGING AND COMPUTORS

Deor Sir, — Like Messrs. Tomlinson and Hughes, I have also played around with the use of an electronic romputor in connection with change ringing. In my case the computor concerned was yet another type, the Ferranti 'Mercury.' As an exercise for myself after attending a coding course for the machine, I outlined a general purpose programme to get the computor to print out any number of changes given certain basic data. These comprised the half-lead of the method given more or less in place notation, the places made at each half lead, and, if required, the composition of the touch and the method of making the bob single. Because of cost considerations, I have not had the opportunity of running the programme through the computor.

Although it proved to be a relatively simple matter to programme a computor to print out the changes in a touch, there is obviously little point in pursuing this aspect of ringing and computors, other than for personal interest among those with knowledge of ringing and computors.

Like Mr. G. A. Hughes, I then went on to consider using a computor for proving peals. Again this could easily be done, given time and money, but would probably be slow in terms of the rate the machine can work at if required. I feel, therefore that it would not be practical politics at this stage to consider using a computor to prove any peal submitted. This is really only using the computor's capabilities in a destructive sense, as if a composition fed into the machine proves false, this fact will just be indicated and nothing further done about it.

There are, I feel certain, other ringing problems in which a computor could be used with great advantage. The sort of thing I have in mind is the compilation of the complete list of Surprise Major methods in place notation, together with their false course ends. It should be possible to feed the computor with a programme that would enable this to be done purely automatically, including working out what place has to be made when the treble is lying in order to give Plain Bob lead ends. How useful would such a list be, even if it had to be restricted, say, to those methods that only contained places made 'right'? It might also be possible to use the computor to compose peals of a somewhat stereotyped kind, which woud be constrained to be true. This approach might have its uses with peals of Spliced Surprise by producing a number of simple peals on the London/Cambridge/London basis using different callings and methods.

Although the cost of computor time is usually very high, it may at times prove possible to obtain a limited amount of free time on one, if it is lightly loaded, and the owners feel that the particular use envisaged will bring them some prestige. I therefore feel that this matter should be considered carefully by some Central Council body, possibly the Methods Committee, to decide in what way the capabilities of a computor could be best used to further the progress of change ringing. Advice would be required on what could or could not be done by the machine, and I am sure that any of those who have contributed to this correspondence will be willing to assist in formulating a list of objectives. Once the most potentially rewarding problems have been decided, it would then be possible to make a firm approach to the owner of a computor to see if it would be possible to use it if it is free at any time. Then the real work of preparing the actual programme for the machine concened could start.—Yours faithfully,

Middlesbrough. P. W. B. SEMMENS.

Dear Sir,—I have followed with great interest the recent correspondence on 'Ringing and Computors' since, while learning to programme a Ferranti 'Mercury' computor, I wrote a change-ringing programme as an exercise. This provided facilities for printing and for 'ringing' the changes by the appropriate selection for control switches, and 'rang' rounds until a 'go' signal was given, coming to a halt when rounds again came up.

It is comparatively simple to programme methods in the same way as mary are published, i.e., by giving the places made at each change in a half-lead, and also compositions in the same notation as is normally used, with spliced compositions only being slightly more complex in programming.

On the question of proving compositions, however, the picture is rather more gloomy. Most of the large digital machines have memory stores large enough to 'memorise' every change in a peal as it is formed in the computor, but to compose each change with each of the preceding changes would require a prohibitive amount of time, since, for example, to prove a peal of 5,040 changes by this method, over twelve million comparisons would be required! Considerable simplification would be obtained, of course, by comparing each change only with changes commencing with the same bell, but, even so, the cost would be considerable. Comparison of lead-ends only would improve things considerably, since in this case the number of checks woud be a great deal smaller, and the computor need not work out each change, but could be programmed to 'prick' only lead-ends.

Unfortunately I must confess I know nothing of the systems of checking involving false course-ends, but I have no doubt these would reduce the time required considerably.

Incidentally, for those who may know the 'Mercury' computor, my trial programme used the 'Autocode' system for producing the changes, and conventional machine instructions in 'PIG 2' code for producing the musical tones on a loudspeaker, and I can assure Mr. Harris that it is quite simple to produce the 'very rude noise' he requests on this machine, as was discovered inadvertently by a friend (also a ringer) investigating the use of musical tones in showing the stage reached in a complicated computation, much to his discomfiture and the other programmers present when the error was discovered during a test run!—Yours sincerely,

S. A. SCOTT.

Abingdon, Berks.

Dear Sir,—Mr. A. Tomlinson is not alone in his application of changeringing to a computor. One of the engineers of International Computors and Tabulators Ltd., Mr. C. W. Gardiner, programmed one of the computors at Stevenage for Plain Bob and Grandsire. The programme was written to test the line-at-a-time printing machine which forms a part of the computor, consequently no effort was made to produce a musical note, although it would be possible to do so.

As there is no musical sound the process can hardly be described as ringing, but the programming is very intricate. At the lead end a duplicate row is printed alongside, and if a call has been made, the word Bob or Single is added. It is possible to insert calls of the appropriate type as and where they are wanted. I could go into greater detail if either the Editor or Mr. Tomlinson wish to know more about the programming techniques.

This was done partly for pleasure, but proved of practical use.

The Information Processing Division of Standard Telephones and Cables, Ltd. used a bell-ringing demonstration at the first Computer Exhibition in November, 1958. I did not see this, but a leaflet was brought back, from which I quote: 'This demonstration is intended to show that there is a strange connection between a number of problems being tackled on computors, though they have, at first sight, nothing in common...' The leaflet explained the essential rules, and showed Singles and Minimus, but the geometric figure on display was apparently showing Doubles by means of lights at the corners of this figure.

'To this problem of finding all possible routes are allied problems in seemingly unconnected fields... When we can say that the paper data tape being used to run the bell ringing programme has been prepared from a calculation within the computor then we shall have also solved part of a number of apparently unrelated problems.'

I wrote to Newport, asking for some additional information, but have never had a reply.

In the case of the I.C.T. computor the instructions were fed to a high speed memory drum, and tape was not used, the computor doing all the calculations and testing against the instructions.—Yours, etc.,

J. SANDERSON (Miss)

Letchworth, Herts.

TRIPLES FOR SUNDAY RINGING

Dear Sir,—Some years ago I wrote out the following touches of Double Grandsire (D.G.) and St. Clement's (S.C.). The use of Double Grandsire hastens the advent of Queens.

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234567 D.G.	234567 D.G.	234567 D.G.
S 762453 ,,	S 762453 ,,	S 762453 ,,
S 357246 ,,	— 537246 S.C.	— 537246 S.C.
	S 735246 ,,	— 375246 ,,
	— 357246 D.G.	S 573246 ,,
		— 735246 ,,
		— 357246 D.G.

Each to be twice repeated.

Yours, etc.,

E. H. LEWIS.

THE EVESHAM PEAL

Dear Sir.—There is no such rule operating at Evesham as Mr. Edwards suggests. There never has been. The words 'childish' and 'selfish' must be very familiar to him as no doubt he can recall one occasion when he did not offer to give up his rope in a tower in which he had rung quite a few peals to enable another ringer to ring a peal in the tower for the first time. What could be more childish or selfish than that. If he has forgotten the occasion I can refresh his memory by private letter.—Yours truly,

G. J. HEMMING.

Evesham.

AN ALDERSHOT APPEAL

Dear Sir.—The ringers of St. Michael's, Aldershot, have committed themselves to raise the money for the recasting of at least one of the bells. A ringer who was taught to ring at Aldershot has kindly sent a subscription and suggested that perhaps other ringers who were taught here might like to associate themselves with the work.

Also the two trebles are inscribed 'Soldiers' Bells' and were give originally by soldiers in memory of the fallen in the First World War. The military authorities are providing the money for the recasting of one of these bells: perhaps some of the soldiers or ex-soldiers who have enjoyed ringing with us during their term of service in Aldershot would like to contribute towards the other one.—Yours faithfully,

E. J. BRAGG.

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RINGING AT WAKEFIELD 1827-1850

By DAVID CUBITT

. . . . Oh how those evening and those morning bells
Resound most sweetly through those Wakefield dells!
And how enchanting are they now to me,
Those Wakefield bells which ring so charmingly!
They tell to me their tales of former days,
How can I then but sing their meed of praise? . . . .

John Hewitt—Impromptu Lines.

IN the years immediately following the opening of the fine Mears ring of ten bells in 1817, William Woodhead built up a band at the Parish Church of All Saints, Wakefield, pre-eminent at the time: but after 1826 his name disappears from the reports of peals in which Wakefield ringers took part, and, though others who had rung with him in the first peals of Cambridge Surprise Royal in 1822 and Superlative Surprise Royal in 1826 remained active ringers, the 'golden era' of ringing at Wakefield was over.

On January 20th, 1827, the day of the funeral of the Duke of York, the tenor bells of both All Saints' and St. John's Churches were tolled at intervals (for ringing the tenor at St. John's, Proctor Hewitt, father of the author of the lines at the head of this article, received 5s.). At 11 o'clock that night, the time of the actual interment, St. John's ringers began a muffled touch: and there was muffled ringing at both churches the following day.

The Mears eight at St. John's, however, required attention and the commissioners of the church—then actually a Chapel of Ease to the Parish Church—paid Messrs. Graham and Haigh £46 9s. 9d. for repairs to them. William Woodhead 16s. 'for altering the Bells' and reimbursed 'Mr. Ashton what he paid the Ringers of the Parish Church on Examining the Bells £1.-.-d.' The old St. John's ringers were discharged, being given £2 10s. 6d. 'for ringing 5 Sundays before another Set was fixed upon.' In August, 1827, Wakefield ringers competed unsuccessfully at Birstall in a prize ringing which lasted almost 24 hours: nor did they appear among the prize winners at a ten-bell contest at Halifax on April 8th, 1828.

Two peals were rung in 1829. The first was on Sunday, July 19th, the anniversary of George IV.'s coronation, when nine of the All Saints' Society with William Goodier, of Huddersfield, rang a peal of 5,000 Kent Treble Bob Royal in 3 hours and 17 minutes, composed and conducted by James Hewitt. The second was a peal of 5,112 Grandsire Caters, rung on August 17th in 3 hours and 12 minutes, by six All Saints' ringers, three from Leeds and Thomas Brook, of London, a member of the Senior College Youths, who conducted a composition of a Mr. Marshall, a Junior College Youth.

BELLS FOR ELECTIONEERING

Henry Brougham—later Lord Brougham and Vaux—engaged in canvassing the county prior to the 1830 election, employed the All Saints' Society to announce, early on the morning of his appearance in Wakefield, the time he would address the townspeople. As a local writer put it: 'The bells were rung before six o'clock in the morning: and the good people of Wakefield jumped out of their beds and assembled in large numbers in the Corn Market to listen to the thrilling speech which Henry Brougham delivered to them in his usual flowery and impressive style.'

Ringing on July 3rd, 1830, when the proclamation of William IV. was made in Wakefield, was followed on July 15th by muffled ringing for the funeral of George IV.—though he died unrespected, if not to say disliked. The name of a Wakefield ringer, Thomas Rafton, appears among the ringers of a muffled peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal at Leeds on July 15th.

George Milnes and William Pulleine joined six of the Dewsbury Society for a peal of 6,880 Kent Treble Bob Major at Dewsbury on January 16th, 1831.

There was continuous agitation in the autumn and winter of 1830-31 for parliamentary reform. Riots followed the rejection of the first and second Reform Bills. The Government resigned when the third Bill was in jeopardy; but the Grey Ministry was reinstated by the King with authority to create such a number of peers as would ensure the passing of the Bill. 'The Wakefield Journal' of Friday, May 8th, 1832, reported that 'When the news of the recall of Earl Grey arrived in Wakefield by the mail on Wednesday evening, the utmost joy was diffused; a band of music paraded the town; the worthy Vicar of Sandal ordered the bells of his church to ring a merry peal; the Vicar of Wakefield did not follow his example; this, however, did not signify . . .'

In the Lords, opposition to the Bill was withdrawn and it received the Royal Assent on June 7th. When the news reached Wakefield 'the bells of the churches in the town and neighbourhood immediately poured forth their melodious peals . . . The bells at Wakefield ceased their thankful chime somewhere about midnight; those of Sandal, however, determined not to be outdone, were ringing out through the night, and were sounding gaily several hours after daybreak on the following day.'—'Wakefield Journal.' (Sandal Magna, then a village a couple of miles south of Wakefield, is now within the Wakefield city boundary. A ring of six bells from the Whitechapel foundry was hung in Sandal Church in 1812.) Shortly after the passing of the Great Reform Bill, the local reformers held a festival in Wakefield and the bells were rung for the event: and when, on December 5th, Daniel Gaskell was returned unopposed as the first Parliamentary representative for the borough, they were heard throughout the day.

THE FUTURE QUEEN PASSES BY

The sound of bells greeted the Duchess of Kent and her daughter—the future Queen Victoria—when they passed through the town on September 14th, 1835, on their way south from Harewood House. Their coach was scheduled to stop for a change of horses at the White Hart Inn, where the local gentry were assembled; but to their chagrin it swept past them and out of town.

Joseph Tebbs died on February 14th, 1836, aged 68 years, and was buried in the graveyards of Leeds Parish Church. He was an outstanding ringer and composer in his day, sometime landlord of the Old George, Meadow Lane, Leeds, for many years sergeant-major in the Leeds Volunteers and Militia, and an old friend of Wakefield ringers in general and of William Woodhead in particular.

In 1837 there was ringing for the Princess Victoria's coming of age, for the death of the King, her uncle, on the day she was proclaimed Queen, and on the days of the borough and West Riding nomination meetings in connection with the General Election. A most serious riot broke out at the West Riding nomination meeting and resulted in loss of life.

COMPLAINTS OVER SERVICE RINGING

In a letter published in the 'Wakefield Journal' of May 4th, 1838, a church ratepayer complained thus of the service ringing at All Saints': 'I understand that the ringers at the old Church, engaged with the Wardens to ring as formerly (sic) on Sundays, for a certain salary—if so they are not entitled to be paid. There is an old book belonging to the Church, where is an agreement to ring the ten Bells and to commence at particular periods in the morning and afternoon, and the ringers themselves had rules, with certain penalties, against any absentee, even to the minute of the clock striking. What is the case now? Not a Sunday are the ten bells raised together, and very seldom more than six, sometimes 7 or 8, but these not till 5 or 10 minutes after the stated periods have elapsed, and then about 20 minutes after another and another bell raised. What follows? Why, they are jarring bell against bell for another 20 minutes, which is one of the greatest annoyances that can be . . .'

Worse was to follow, for on February 15th the following year a letter from 'Veritas' was printed lamenting 'the extraordinary period when the bells cease to be rung for the holy purpose of calling the parishioners to serve their Maker and be silent for three months at a time, only to be called into action by a chance wedding or bridal appearance, with the hope of a drunken swill with the money extracted'—but not for such had they been called into action on December 6th, 1838, for that evening muffled bells were rung in memory of John Wilson, a woolbuyer and member of the All Saints' Society, who had died three days earlier.

Wakefield ringers entered for a prize contest at Huddersfield on Sunday, October 27th, 1839, to commemorate the third anniversary of the opening of the Parish Church there after rebuilding. Ten teams entered and Manchester and Halifax were the winners.

ROYAL OCCASIONS

William Pulleine had now taken charge of the All Saints' Society and brought new life to it. The Queen's marriage to Prince Albert of Saxe-Coburg Gotha on February 10th, 1840, was marked by a date touch—1,840 Kent Treble Bob Royal—conducted by Pulleine. At Rothwell, near Leeds, on Sunday, May 3rd, 1840, two peals of Kent Treble Bob Major were brought round. The first consisted of 5,056 changes rung by the Wakefield All Saints' Society in 2 hours and 59 minutes, conducted by Pulleine; the second of 5,088 changes rung by a joint Rothwell and St. John's, Wakefield, band in 3 hours and 3 minutes, conducted by Benjamin Ely, of Rothwell. Queen Victoria's first child was born on November 21st, 1840. Two days later a peal of 5,000 Kent Treble Bob Royal was rung at Wakefield by the All Saints' Society. The peal was composed 'expressly in honour of the birth of the royal infant' by its conductor, William Pulleine; it was, however, a recomposition of a peal by W. D. Crofts. The christening of the child was celebrated with 'merry peals.'

LORD GRIMTHORPE

The two successful candidates for the West Riding in the election of 1841—one was Edward Beckett Denison, later Lord Grimthorpe—were chaired, as was then the custom, through Wakefield on the result of the poll being announced, and when the procession passed the Parish Church the ringers, as the local paper picturesquely put it, 'fired volleys of steeple shot.'

A peal of 8,000 Kent Treble Bob Major was rung at Rothwell in 1841 by three local ringers, three from Wakefield and one each from Leeds and Bradford. The composition was by Hugh Wright, of Leeds, and the conductor Benjamin Ely. The Wakefield paper of July 23rd reported: 'Many amateurs who were present on the occasion expressed their high approbation of the performance and declared it to be a peal worthy of remark in the annals of change ringing.' Both the 'Wakefield Journal' and the 'Leeds Mercury' gave the date of the performance as Monday, July 19th, but a peal board in the tower gives Sunday, July 18th.

Benjamin Ely and William Pulleine joined the Leeds ringers at Leeds Parish Church on May 1st, 1842, for the first peal of Cinques in Yorkshire, 5,148 Grandsire, composed and conducted by Samuel Smallpage, who was later presented with an inscribed snuffbox recording the event. One Leeds paper gave the time taken very exactly as 3 hours and 43 minutes and 9 seconds, adding, 'Numerous practitioners and lovers of this healthful exercise were in attendance from the surrounding country, all of whom expressed themselves highly delighted with the performance, and the musical and varied tones of this fine peal of bells.' The new 13 bells for St. Peter's had arrived in Leeds from Whitechapel on January 21st, 1841, but it was some months before they were officially opened.

(To be continued.)

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On February 20th, while London was still rejoicing at the news of the royal birth, the London County Association held its annual general meeting.

During the afternoon ringing took place at the Church of St. John, Waterloo Road, for those who preferred eight bells, but here the ringing was unfortunately curtailed by a broken rope; for those who wished to try a higher number and a greater weight Southwark Cathedral tower was also open. Here ringing ranged from rounds on 12 to touches of Kent Treble Bob Maximus and Stedman Cinques. Members and visitors then took part in the evening service at the Cathedral, which was sung by the choir of St. John's, Redhill.

A buffet tea was served in the dining hall of the Chapter House, and after this the meeting was held in an adjoining room. The chair was taken by the Master, Mr. T. H. Taffender. All existing officers were re-elected for the ensuing year except for the post of assistant secretary No. 2 which, being previously vacant, is now held by Miss M. Powell.

The accounts were presented by the auditors, Messrs. A. D. Barker and F. E. Hawthorne, who incidentally are treasurers of the Oxford Guild and the Cumberlands respectively. The meeting referred to the financial position of 'The Ringing World,' and it was agreed that a donation should be made from the funds.

In the Master's report, which was read by the general secretary (Mr. H. W. Rogers), it was stated that during the past year five peals had been rung—all on ten bells, 20 new members had been elected and five members were known to have died. Four general body meetings had been held, with ringing at eight churches, and the monthly practices had taken place at St. Mary's, Lambeth. The meeting then stood for 30 seconds' silence to the memory of the deceased members.

After various other business items, votes of thanks were expressed to the Provost of Southwark and to other clergy and steeple keepers concerned for the use of the bells. It appeared that handbell ringing is at a low ebb in the Association as the only entry for the Dawe handbell cup was from All Saints', Isleworth, who won it last year. As there were no other entries, this team decided to withdraw in the hope of being able to compete with some other teams next year.

After the meeting, ringing took place at the Church of St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, for about an hour-and-a-quarter before everyone departed in their various directions.

OBITUARY

MR. J. E. TURNER

Mr. John Edmund Turner, who died on February 7th, aged 58, had given very faithful service to his native village, Hambledon, Hants. Here he worked as a gardener in private service.

At the age of eight he was in the church choir, at 13 he was in the belfry, and then followed 35 years of regular Sunday service ringing for Matins and Evensong. As captain he taught many to ring, and it was with great regret that ill health necessitated his retirement both from ringing and work.

His other services to the village included membership of the P.C.C., and vicar's warden, secretary of Hambledon Cricket Club for 30 years, a founder member of the Hambledon Brass Band (1919–1933) and a special contable.

Of a quiet, unassuming temperament, coupled with a kindly and generous nature, he was well liked and respected, and bore his affliction with great fortitude.

The Vicar (Rev. S. Nason) conducted the funeral service, and he was buried in the churchyard near the church and bells he loved so well. On Sunday, February 14th, a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung to his memory, with the bells half-muffled, by the local band, comprising Mrs. C. H. Turner, E. S. Lawrence, Mrs. F. Hall, R. J. Turner, C. H. Turner and S. J. Harding.

WELSH VETERANS' TRIBUTE TO THE QUEEN



IN honour of the Queen's accession, six veteran ringers rang a quarter peal of 1,260 Grandsire Doubles at Holy Trinity Church, Llandudno, on February 13th. All the ringers had more than 60 years' experience, and were conducted by Mr. Lewis S. Griffith, of Llandudno. 'Everything went without a hitch; we could have gone on much longer,' said Mr. Griffith at the end of the 45 minutes.

In our picture, from left to right, standing, are L. S. Griffith (Llandudno), Charles Powell of Rhyl (83), L. John Evans, of Rhyl (74), D. R. Edwards, of Abergele (73); sitting: Alan Fairlie (78) and Walter Grinsell (75), both of Llandudno.

Asked what fascinated them about bell-ringing, Mr. Powell said: 'Can't really say—but we always turn up at the least excuse.' All said that they spent holidays at towns where there are bell towers.

The veterans, all members of the North Wales Association, regretted that fewer young people were interested in campanology. 'It is a satisfying hobby,' said Mr. Powell, 'but I suppose many young people think it would tie them down too much.'

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Ashford District

The fourteenth century, all-wooden tower of High Halden, with its fine ring of six bells, was the meeting place of some 35 members of the Ashford District on February 20th.

The service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. A. R. Gore-Brown. Prayers for the Queen's Majesty and the new royal baby were specially included in the service. Mrs. E. Knight was at the organ. An excellent tea was enjoyed at the Memorial Hall.

At the business part of the meeting eleven new members were elected to the Association.

Ringing was of a high standard, and was under the direction of Mr. S. R. Cooper, the Ringing Master. The highlight of the day was the touch of spliced London and Cambridge which eventually came round.

C. H. T.

THE LADIES' GUILD

Southern District

The annual meeting of the Southern District was held on February 13th at Chiddingfold, Surrey, when the adverse weather probably kept members away. At the business meeting Mrs. Hawthorne, of Thames Ditton, was elected as vice-president and Mrs. Christine Harbott (20, The Street, Ashtead) is to continue as secretary. Ringing ranged from Rounds to Cambridge and thanks are due to the Rector of Chiddingfold for conducting the Guild Service and for the use of his bells. Also to the Vicar of Witley, where ringing was enjoyed until 8 p.m.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT

An enthusiastic group from the Todmorden area attended the Sheffield and District Society meeting on February 6th at Ecclesfield, when a good standard of ringing was maintained in methods up to Yorkshire Surprise Major.

During a discussion about the Course to be held at Grantley Hall, Mr. D. N. Stables, who had attended other courses there, strongly recommended anyone interested to apply as early as possible as places on the Course were rapidly being filled.

The possibility of holding a ringing festival at Rotherham and district towers on August Bank Holiday was discussed. It was the unanimous wish of the meeting to send greetings to Mr. H. David Holland and Miss Pauline Eyre, two members of the Society, who were married that day at Handsworth, Sheffield.

LIGHTCLIFFE, YORKS

St. Matthew's, Lightcliffe, refute the allegation that ringing is a dying art, since their band was formed in September, 1958. Ringing takes place twice on Sundays and practices on Wednesday. Although the present repertoire is only rounds and call changes, the band of eight ringers and two probationers are hopeful of better things and are grateful to Mr. Harry Renshaw, of Brighouse, for his help on practice nights.

The first formal meeting of the company was held on February 17th at the Vicarage with the Vicar in the chair. Officers elected were: Ringing master, Tony Southgate; deputy ringing master, Carol Marsden; steeple-keeper, David Hooson; secretary, Geoffrey D. Armitage.

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BIRTHS

BLUNDELL.—On February 19th, 1960, at Cliveden Hospital, Taplow, to Angela and Clifford Blundell, daughters Ruth Elizabeth and Lynn Patricia. Present address: 72, Nursing Road, Taplow, Maidenhead, Berks. 5876

HUDSON.—On Sunday, Feb. 28th, 1960, to Eilcen (nee Westcott) and Philip James Hugh, a daughter, *Deo gratias*. 67, Belfield Lane, Rochdale. 5886

PERSONAL

'A TEACHER IS TAUGHT'

Sir,—As a beginner, may I, through the medium of your columns, show my appreciation and thanks for the tolerance and patience of the company of ringers at the Parish Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Mansfield, Notts, during the last two months; during the first fortnight to Mr. J. Robinson (captain), for personal tuition in his own time, and afterwards at the practice nights to ALL the members. I realise now I must have taken a considerable amount of their time, in which they would have used to practise methods it's apparently going to take me years to learn.—Yours sincerely,

SAMUEL E. DENBY,
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5882

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'ELEMENTARY CHANGE RINGING,' by F. F. Rigby: an exceptionally good introduction to the art of change-ringing: 3s. 6d.; postage 3d.—S.P.C.K., Holy Trinity Church, Marylebone Road, London, N.W.1. 5250

MISCELLANEOUS

ASH, SURREY.—There will be no practice held at St. Peter's on Wednesday, March 9th. 5816

BALDOCK, HERTS.—Practice night during Lent, Wednesday, 7 to 8 only.—E. G. Buck. 5877

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary notice. A.G.M. will be held at Bridgwater on Easter Monday. Lunch will be 6s. and tickets can be obtained (upon receipt of a S.A.E.) (send no money now) from: D. Hoare, 13, Coombend, Radstock. 5879

LEICESTER CATHEDRAL.—Practice during Lent will be on Mondays, 7 to 9 p.m., commencing March 7th. No practice March 28th. After Lent as usual on Thursdays.—Herrick B. Bowley. 5859

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general committee meeting will be held at the Clarendon Press Institute, Walton Street, Oxford, at 2.30 p.m., on Saturday, March 19th. Names for tea before Wednesday, March 16th, to Mr. P. Walker, 66, Fairacres Road, Oxford.—M. R. Cross. 5800

PORTSMOUTH.—Joint practices each month at 7.30 p.m.: First Thursday at the Cathedral, third Friday at St. Mary's: in other weeks normal arrangements. Apply to each tower. 5866

WONERSH, SURREY.—The practice night at Wonersh is now back to normal: Thursdays at 7.45.—W. E. Enticknap, Hon. Sec. 5883

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting, The Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C., Saturday, March 5th, 6 p.m.—John Chilcott, Sec. 5825

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting, Sutton, Saturday, March 5th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. F. Murfet, Dis. Sec. 5824

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. District.—Meeting, Goldhanger, Saturday, March 5th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury. 5746

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—A meeting will be held at Harlow Common on Saturday, March 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. 5842

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION—Northern District.—Practice meeting at Great Wymondley, Saturday, March 5th, 5.30 p.m.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 5810

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting, Saturday, March 5th, Bushey (8), 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m.—G. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 5844

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, March 5th, Ranmoor. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea available.—J. Seager, Sec. 5849

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual dinner, Saturday, March 5th, at Deacon's Restaurant, Walbrook, E.C.4. Ringing at St. Clement Danes, Strand, 2.30 to 3.30 p.m. St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, 4.5 p.m.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, March 7th, at 7 p.m. 5858

BARNSLEY DISTRICT—Meeting held at Crofton, nr Wakefield, Saturday, March 12th. Bells 2.30 p.m.. Cups of tea provided. Please bring food. 5862

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION—Biggleswade District.—On Saturday March 12th, the monthly meeting will be at Clifton. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 Tea 5 p.m. Special methods. Double Norwich and St. Clement's Triples.—A. Smith, Dis. Sec. 5874

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY—Monthly meeting, Sutton-on-Hull, Saturday, March 12th. Bells (6) 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, March 10th, to Mr. C. R. Robinson, 22, Lime Tree Avenue, Sutton-on-Hull. 5857

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION—Cambridge district.—Meeting at Trumpington on Saturday, March 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.—E. W. Bullman, Dis. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. District.—Dinner and social, Village Hall, Danbury, on Saturday, March 12th, 6.15 for 6.45 p.m. Tickets (5s. 6d.), before March 5th, from P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury. S.A.E., please. 5745

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting at Tendring, Saturday, March 12th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Followed by tea and business meeting. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, March 9th, please, to Miss A. Pryke, Montrose, Tendring, near Clacton-on-Sea. 5853

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting Saturday, March 12th at Guildford. Ringing: Holy Trinity 2.30 to 4.30, St. Mary's 2.30 to 4.15, Stoke 2.30 to 4. Service Holy Trinity 4.30. Tea (2s. 6d.) Harvey's Restaurant 5.20 p.m. Evening ringing announced at business meeting. Tea names by Tuesday, March 8th.—S. T. A. Russell, Orchard Cottage, Ash Hill Road, Aldershot. 5881

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Stratton St. Margaret (8), Saturday, Mar. 12th. Names for tea to R. Luton, 169, Cheney Manor Road, Swindon, Wilts. 5867

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Beckford (6), Saturday, March 12th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea by March 10th to Mr. E. T. Newbury, 2, Western Hill Road, Beckford.—N. N. A. Price, Branch Sec. 5873

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Northchurch on Saturday, March 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, March 8th, to Mr. R. Ashby, 110, High Street, Northchurch.—J. Good, Dis. Sec. 5823

HEREFORD GUILD.—Bromyard District.—Annual meeting Bromyard, 3 p.m. March 12th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea as soon as possible to R. L. Price, 18, New Road, Bromyard (2260). 5888

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Hernhill (8), Saturday, March 12th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea (2s. per person) 5 p.m. Names, together with cash, please, by Tuesday, March 8th, to T. C. Phillimore, 47, St. Peter's Grove, Canterbury. 5772

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Bobbing, Saturday, March 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, near Sittingbourne. 5839

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting, Lenham, on Saturday, March 12th, combined with the Ladies' Guild. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, to J. Manktelow, The Square, Lenham.—R. L. Sills, Dec. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Annual district meeting Saturday, March 12th, at Emmanuel Church, Clifton, Bristol. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Followed by meeting. Names for tea by Thursday, March 10th, B. Johnson, 10, Lancashire Road, Bristol, 7. 5865

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Tarleton, March 12th. Bring own food.—Walmsley. 5891

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at Our Lady and St. Nicholas, March 12th. Tower open to all at 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. as usual. Names for tea to Miss M. White, Mildmay Club, Blackburn Place, Liverpool (price 2s. 6d.) by Wednesday, March 9th. Please note alteration of time of tower opening.—T. E. Radcliffe, Sec. 5889

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting March 12th, St. Mark's, Glodwick (Oldham). Bells 3 p.m. Business 6 p.m. Cups of tea—Hudson, Sec. 5875

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Diseworth (6) Saturday, March 12th. Ringing 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Vicarage. Names by 9th. to Mr. J. W. Fletcher, 28, Hallgate, Diseworth, Derby.—C. W. Hall. 5856

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—N. & E. District.—There will be no meeting on Saturday, March 12th.—D. T. C. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5870

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Long Crendon (8), Saturday, March 12th. Bells 3.45 p.m. Tea 4.30. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous.—D. G. Wheeler, 47, Whaddon Chase, Aylesbury, Bucks. 5871

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — City Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Beckley, Saturday, March 12th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, March 9th, to Mr. R. Jones, 118, Oxford Road, Old Marston, Oxford. 5895

ST. DAVID'S GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Burry Port on Saturday, March 12th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m Tea and meeting to follow.—C. H. Hawkins, 1, Amanwy, Trallwm, Llwynhendy, Llanelly, Carms. 5863

SALISBURY GUILD.—Calne Branch.—meeting Yatesbury (5), March 12th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea, J. Goddard, 19, Yatesbury, Calne, Wilts.—W. Hacker, Hon. Sec. 5880

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Wareham, Saturday, March 12th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea for those who notify by March 9th I. Davis, 13, Sandbanks Road, Parkstone, Poole. 5869

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Prees (6), Saturday, March 12th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Further ringing 6.15 p.m. onwards. Names for tea to Mr. T. Hinks, 5, Havern Gardens, Prees, near Whitchurch, Salop. — F. Cattell, Hon. Sec. 5890

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Meeting, Saturday, March 12th, Rougham (6), 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by March 9th to Mr. R. Rose, 3, Smithy Close, Rougham, Bury St. Edmunds.—A. T. Ballam, Dis. Sec. 5846

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Annual general meeting, Crawley (8), Saturday, March 12th. Bells available 4 p.m. Tea 5. Service 6. Meeting and election of officers 6.30, followed by ringing until 8 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to Miss A. Miles, 34, Meadowlands, West Green, Crawley. 5866

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting, Walberton (6), Saturday, March 12th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to E. W. Keys, Greystones, Salthill Road, Fishbourne, Chichester. 5872

DEVON GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Paignton, Saturday, March 19th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Names for tea to D. Roberts, 84, Westhill Road, Torquay. Torre bells available in evening. 5854

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting, Saturday, March 19th, Black Notley. Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Names for tea, please, to H. A. Pratt, 6, Council Houses, Black Notley. Braintree bells (8) also available from 3.30 to 4.30 p.m. only. 5860

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Fulbeck (6), Saturday, March 19th. Tea for those who notify me by Tuesday previous. — C. Brown, 3, Altham Terrace, Lincoln. 5885

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting, Alrewas, Saturday, March 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, March 16th, to Mr. R. A. Wealthy, 5, Church Road, Alrewas, Burton-on-Trent. 5887

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting, Saturday, March 19th, Winthorpe. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to Mr. R. Wing, Winthorpe, Newark.—W. L. Exton, Hon. Sec. 5861

SUFFOLK GUILD.—S.W. District.—Practice meeting, Long Melford (8), Saturday, Mar. 19th. Bells 6.30 to 9 p.m. 5893

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting, Kingswood (6), Saturday, Mar. 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing continues till 9 p.m. Names for tea by previous Thursday to Mr. G. Clark, 1, Copley Way, Tadworth.—G. A. West, Hon. Sec. 5878

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BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

A year of continued progress was reported at the annual meeting of the Beverley and District Ringing Society, held at St. Mary's Church, Cottingham, on February 13th. The adverse weather conditions affected the attendance, but 27 ringers were present.

The eight bells were rung to a wide variety of methods during the afternoon and evening, under the guidance of the Ringing Master, Mr. J. M. Harrop. A short service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. Mark Green), who warmly welcomed the Society. Tea was served in King Street Rooms, and was followed by the annual business meeting, at which the president (Mr. A. E. Sellers) took the chair.

The paid-up membership of the Society has now reached the century mark, representing 24 towers. Thirteen new members joined the Society during the year, and there has been an improvement in the financial position, a greatly increased balance being carried forward to 1960. Mr. Harrop was congratulated on the constructive criticism of his Ringing Master's report, which called for an improved standard of striking and suggested how this could be achieved.

Officers elected were: President, Mr. A. E. Sellers (Beverley Minster): vice-president, Mr. H. Parker (Bridlington): Ringing Master, Mr. J. M. Harrop (Howden); assistant Ringing Master, Mr. D. Johnson (Kirk Ella): secretary and treasurer, Mr. K. Kirk (Kirk Ella): assistant secretary, Mr. I. Goldthorpe (Kirk Ella); committee, Messrs. F. Dale (Hessle), R. Ducker (Sutton-on-Hull), J. Parker (Bridlington), C. Robinson (Sutton-on-Hull) and A. Taylor (St. Mary's, Beverley).

Thanks were accorded to Mr. F. Wilkinson (Pocklington), who retired from the committee after 12 years' service.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Southern Branch

The annual meeting of the Southern Branch at Diss on February 6th was attended by over 50 members and friends from Norfolk and Suffolk. The Rector, the Rev. L. O. Kenyon, conducted the service. Dr. P. Jonason reading the lesson and Rev. Ivan Bailey, formerly a ringer at Diss, gave the address.

Dr. P. H. A. Jonason presided at the meeting, supported by Revs. L. O. Kenyon and Ivan Bailey, Mr. W. Love (general secretary) and Mr. H. W. Barrett (Association Ringing Master).

In his review of the year Dr. Jonason spoke of the need to recruit more members, and also hoped that ringing to celebrate the royal birth would take place in as many towers as possible. The Ringing Master and Secretary also gave reports on the year's activities.

The officers elected for 1960 were: Chairman, Dr. P. H. A. Jonason: Ringing Master, Mr. W. G. Saunders: secretary, Mr. C. F. W. Phillippo: Standing Committee, Messrs. F. C. Arnold and H. Fuller: Branch Committee, Miss B. Syrett and Messrs. H. Moss, L. Last, F. Roper and C. R. Catchpole.

The meeting closed with votes of thanks to the Rector, to Rev. I. Bailey and Mr. A. G. Harrison for arranging the meeting.

Ringing ranged from rounds to Yorkshire Surprise and continued till 9 p.m. Next meeting Pulham St. Mary on April 23rd.

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'ALL YE PARTIES WERE WOOLCOMBERS'

By ERNEST MORRIS

THE record of a peal of St. Blaise Doubles to mark the Festival of St. Blaise (p. 117) is interesting and worthy of more than a passing notice. St. Blaise or Blasius (died A.D. 316) was Saint, Bishop and Martyr. According to legend he was Bishop of Sebaste, Cappadocia, and suffered martyrdom under Licinius by being torn with an iron comb and then beheaded. He thus became the patron saint of weavers and woolcombers, and in Western art appears in the vestments of a Bishop, and his peculiar emblem is an iron comb, such as used by woolcombers. Three churches in England are dedicated to him, and his name appears in the calendar of the Book of Common Prayer. He is specially honoured in Yorkshire, and in Bradford his festival (February 3rd) was high-day with processions and pageants.

In the old Leicester Scholars' peal records it is stated that on April 4th, 1807, Annable's peal of 5,040 Bob Major was rung at St. Margaret's, Leicester, conducted by Thomas Sibson, and 'all ye parties were woolcombers.' One wonders if, after the peal, they adjourned to the 'Woolcomber's Arms,' which still carries on its business and is only about a hundred yards from St. Margaret's Church.

Our old friend Woolley and others, by name Woolford, Woolman and the like, doubtless are descendants of those who followed this staple trade. Its importance is shown in the presentation by Edward III. to the Chancellor of the Exchequer as a reminder that the seat of England's greatness and future prosperity was to be found in the wool trade. In those early days wool was exported in sufficient quantities as to be taxed to produce 74 per cent. of the country's revenue.

Certain churches are called 'wool churches,' and the reason is that they were either built or restored by the wealthy merchants of the wool trade. In the Cotswold, for instance, the famous churches of Cirencester, Northleach, Chipping Campden, Fairford and others all owe their glory to the wealth created by the trade. Thus the Grevels rebuilt Chipping Campden; the Fforteys, Northleach; the Tames, Fairford; while the noble church of Cirencester, with its tall embattled tower and three-storey porch, owes much of its glory to the woolstaplers, whose memorials in brass and stone may be seen in nave and chancel.

The famous church of Lavenham commemorates on its tower the Spring family of woolstaplers, who did so much for the church and charities, and many other instances might be noted, such as the Burton chapel in All Saints', Loughborough, and the Wyggeston hospital, schools and charities in Leicester.

THE PRACTICE

READING 'Country Neighbours,' a book by David Green, I found an interesting description and conversation concerning an unnamed belfry in north-west Oxfordshire (writes Miss Marilyn Bell) which I thought might interest ringers. The excerpt is originally from 'The Countryman.'

The quotation is as follows:—

...'And so back to the ringing room, where all five ringers have arrived and are ready for practice. "Is it get up and go through or get up and stop?" Captain asks them. "Get up and stop." pipes Treble, a small man, nervous. "Get up and stop it is, then," agrees Captain, "we're all out of practice," and spitting on his hands he seizes the striped sally and takes his stance, one unlaced boot a little before the other. (Captain is tall and lean, about fifty, with an air of knowing what he's about. The others tense: he is relaxed.)

'There is a great clash and then another and another as all five heave on the ropes to peal the bells and get them up, so that for a minute discord flies out over the quiet fields. This is the bells' time and for a while the ringers give them their heads. Yet underlying the clamour you hear Tenor (Captain's bell) steadying, calling them to order, and sure enough in a little while a steady rhythm sets in.

'But just as all seems well and the ringers in stride there is a sudden "Stand" from Captain and the sound falls off and dies. "Right through now?" he asks. "Ah, but what if I mistake?" demurs Treble. "Follow your table and you can't go wrong," Captain tells him, pointing to the columns of figures on the wall," but keep orf the red numbers, them's mine." So sallies are grasped again and serious work begins.

'Number Three, a young blacksmith, looks cheerfully confident now, as who would not with biceps rising to hillocks beneath the snowline of rolled sleeves as he strains on the rope. But for style we look to Captain, erect, manifestly at ease, his sally shooting through the ceiling with a convulsive wriggle to vanish completely, as does none of the others, at every alternate stroke. I have to watch it.

'Again the bells cease, and "Where's young Bob?" someone asks. "Dunno," says another; "he'll come if he hears us though." And swift on his cue Bob enters, slipping in quietly from the spiral stair. He is sixteen, fair, bronzed, aglow with health. But ah no, he couldn't take a rope, not up to it, he says. (Nonsense, we can all see you're itching to.) Five voices insist and at last, still protesting he'll never do it, he is persuaded. "You'll do it," says Captain, "you've done it afore, now haven't you?" "Ah," agrees Bob doubtfully as he takes over Treble, "but I forgets, see?"

'For the third time the bells ring out and for a round or two all goes well. For Bob, though, you can see it's fearful concentration, with arms strained, lips parted and every now and then a wild glance over the shoulder as though he sees Time overtaking him... Looks are exchanged. Bob's bell is out of control now, the ringing in chaos. "Stand!" roars Captain and then, "What's the matter, Bob?" Bob is confused. "Shoulda' rung that bit twice, eh?" "Ah, that you should." "I needs more practice see?" "Come, try again then"....

'At last all goes sweetly and one pictures some ancient campanologist in a distant village nodding approval. On a morning if it isn't the barnyard cockerel it is often a bell that wakes us.....'

Peals rung in honour of the birth of a second son to Her Majesty the Queen, on Feb. 19th, 1960

TWELVE BELL PEALS

LONDON, S.E.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Feb. 20, 1960, *in* 4 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK.
A PEAL OF 5280 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 48 cwt.

MICHAEL P. MORETON	*Treble*	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM	7
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	2	STEWART F. KIMBER	8
FRANK E. DARBY	3	BRIAN D. THRELFALL	9
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	4	JAMES G. A. PRIOR	10
J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE	5	CECIL W. PIPE	11
JOHN D. ROCK	6	JOHN H. CRAMPION	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK E. DARBY.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Feb. 25, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes.*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

RUTH M. BORDER	*Treble*	MICHAEL ELSON	7
JOHN A. ANDERSON	2	PETER BORDER	8
BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	9
RODERICK W. PIPE	4	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	10
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Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Feb. 25, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes.*
IN ST. HUGH'S TOWER AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.
A PEAL OF 5017 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in D.

*CLAIRE VILLAMORE	*Treble*	*LOUIS WILLDERS	7
JOHN FREEMAN	2	JOHN WALDEN	8
NORAH M. RANDLES	3	GEORGE H. RANDLES	9
MARGARET A. SWANN	4	JAMES W. RAITHBY	10
PETER A. SHARP	5	GEOFFREY R. PARKER	11
GEORGE E. FEIRN	6	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.
* First 12-bell peal.

TEN BELL PEALS

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Feb. 22, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 25¼ cwt.

S. BARRY SCHOFIELD	*Treble*	†JOHN RHODES	6
*HAROLD B. SCHOFIELD	2	‡PETER SCHOLFIELD	7
B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD	3	ALEX. E. MARSH	8
RITA M. JOWETT	4	FREDERICK A. MUNDAY	9
MRS. H. B. SCHOFIELD	5	ROY BETTLEY-COOKE	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE W. DEBENHAM.
Conducted by ROY BETTLEY-COOKE.
* 50th peal. † First on ten bells. ‡ First of Bob Royal.

CHELTENHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Feb. 25, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in E flat.

WILFRED NEWMAN	*Treble*	IVOR GOULTER	6
VALERIE WILLARD	2	THOMAS BOREHAM	7
SHIRLEY M. PARSONS	3	*CYRIL A. WRATTEN	8
CHARLES T. BURRIDGE	4	DAVID BEACHAM	9
E. TREVOR NEWBURY	5	WILLIAM A. FARMER	*Tenor*

Composed by CLEMENT GLENN. Conducted by CYRIL A. WRATTEN.
* 150th tower-bell peal.

BELFAST, NORTHERN IRELAND.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 27, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK, DUNDELA.
A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*GERALD D. BROWN	*Treble*	‡JOHN T. DUNWOODY	6
†‡JEAN STEWART	2	‡WILLIAM A. PATTERSON	7
‡REV. JOHN J. FIELDING	3	HARRY BROWN	8
PHILIP H. WHITAKER	4	*RODNEY STRINGER	9
*JONATHAN S. N. PORTER	5	‡FRED E. DUKES	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by HARRY BROWN.
* First peal of Royal (first attempt). † 50th peal. ‡ First of Kent Royal (first attempt). First as conductor.
Rung also for the engagement of H.R.H. Princess Margaret to Mr. Antony Armstrong-Jones.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 27, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 25¼ cwt. in D flat.

W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	*Treble*	LEONARD STILWELL	6
ALBERT W. BOND	2	FREDERICK PAGE	7
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	3	HERBERT W. WOOLVEN	8
JUNE M. CLEMENTS	4	FRANK H. HICKS	9
RAYMOND P. WOOD	5	GEORGE FRANCIS	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. HALEY. Conducted by W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON.
Rung also to mark the engagement of H.R.H. Princess Margaret to Mr. Antony Charles Robert Armstrong-Jones.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 27, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5040 HILLINGDON SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in E flat.

FREDK. W. GOODFELLOW	*Treble*	MICHAEL J. PALMER	6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	2	JOHN R. MAYNE	7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	3	JOHN HILL	8
THOMAS J. LOCK	4	FRANK C. PRICE	9
DENNIS KNOX	5	PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

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A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 31 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in D.

*ANN BARR	*Treble*	‡BERNARD J. TOWNSEND	5
*BERYL E. CAWSER	2	§MICHAEL ELSON	6
†JILL V. MORGAN	3	JOHN MCDONALD	7
PAUL WEBB	4	JEFFREY B. WEBB	*Tenor*

Conducted by MICHAEL ELSON.
* First peal of Major in the method. † First on eight bells. ‡ First of Major. § First in the method 'inside.' First in the method on the bells.

ALTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Feb. 20, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 23 lb. in E flat.

*JILL V. MORGAN	*Treble*	BRIAN J. WYLDE	5
BARNABAS G. KEY	2	DAVID W. FRIEND	6
JEFFREY B. WEBB	3	JOHN MCDONALD	7
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BOTTESFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 20, 1960, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
A PEAL OF 5120 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in D.

Brian M. Smith	*Treble*	Alan E. Hartley	5
Patricia A. Wardle	2	Ernest W. Rawson	6
Brian G. Warwick	3	Russell S. Morris	7
Ernest Morris	4	G. Ronald Edwards	*Tenor*

Composed by Ernest W. Tipler (No. B.53).
Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.

GRAPPENHALL, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 20, 1960, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Wilfrid.
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb.

Frank Taylor	*Treble*	†Roy Foster	5
John C. Breeze	2	John Ryder	6
*Clifford W. Shaw	3	Harold Worrall	7
†Michael Thompson	4	Denis Maddock	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Nicholl. Conducted by Harold Worrall.
* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major. † First in the method.

PULHAM ST. MARY, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 20, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

*Pauline Adcock	*Treble*	Harry B. Fuller	5
Ernest Whiting	2	Leonard J. Minns	6
E. Austin Head	3	†George Filby	7
Charles R. Catchpole	4	L. Edward Etheridge	*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. Trollope. Conducted by Ernest Whiting.
* First peal on eight bells. † First in the method.

SEVENOAKS, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Feb. 21, 1960, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's transposition. Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in E flat.

Richard V. Fuller	*Treble*	Walter H. Dobbie	5
Sheila M. Dobbie	2	Ernest J. Ladd	6
Margaret A. Ladd	3	Philip A. Corby	7
Doris E. Colgate	4	*William J. Manning	*Tenor*

Conducted by Philip A. Corby.
* First peal.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Feb. 21, 1960, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
At the Abbey Church of SS. Mary and Thomas of Canterbury.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 25¼ cwt. in D.

William Clover	*Treble*	Thomas E. Spight	5
H. William Barrett	2	*Bevan W. Willgress	6
A. William Bird	3	*Geoffrey R. Drew	7
Henry Tooke	4	Peter Adcock	*Tenor*

Composed by B. Annable. Conducted by Geoffrey R. Drew.
* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Feb. 22, 1960, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's transposition. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

*Vivien Barnes	*Treble*	Joseph E. Newman	5
Joseph D. Johnson	2	Patrick Harris	6
Mrs. J. Thomas	3	Ralph Harris	7
†William J. Newman	4	‡Richard Newman	*Tenor*

Conducted by Joseph D. Johnson.
* First peal of Stedman on tower bells. †First of Stedman 'inside.' ‡First peal.

OVERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Mon., Feb. 22, 1960, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Matthew.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
F. H. Dexter's variation of Thurstans' Four-part.
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in A flat.

Russell S. Morris	*Treble*	William F. Woodward	5
Brian G. Warwick	2	*Ernest Morris	6
Alan E. Hartley	3	Joseph W. Cotton	7
Richard J. Clifton	4	Percival W. Grice	*Tenor*

Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.
* 1,900th peal.

MARDEN, KENT. (Correction.)
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Feb. 22, 1960, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

Bernard V. Collison	*Treble*	Reginald E. Lambert	5
Olive D. Couchman	2	Robert T. Lambert	6
Thomas E. Sone	3	Edwin Bromley	7
Ernest J. Ladd	4	Trevor A. Cross	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Thomas E. Sone.
Rung to commemorate the completion of the conductor's 50 years' membership of the above Association (Marden, January 29th, 1910).

STOKE POGES, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Feb. 22, 1960, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Giles.
A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in F sharp.

*David Wight	*Treble*	Wilfrid G. Wilson	5
*Sylvia E. Aikins	2	William H. Coles	6
Mrs. Arthur D. Barker	3	*Robert Hartley	7
Frank C. Price	4	Arthur D. Barker	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Arthur D. Barker.
* First peal of Surprise.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Feb. 22, 1960, in 3 Hours.
At the Church of St. Lawrence.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

Charles McGuiness	*Treble*	Bernard B. Tyrrell	5
John W. Carter	2	Harold Barsley	6
Frank Taylor	3	William A. Holmes	7
Leonard C. Blanchard	4	C. Harold Whitton	*Tenor*

Composed by F. Bennett. Conducted by C. Harold Whitton.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Feb. 23, 1960, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter, Mancroft.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
On the 'Gabriel' eight. Tenor 19 cwt. 55 lb. in F

A. Spencer Brothers	*Treble*	Peter M. Adcock	5
Arthur G. Bason	2	William Love	6
Stanley W. Gall	3	George P. Adams	7
Edward Howes	4	H. William Barrett	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by H. William Barrett.
Also rung in honour of the enthronement of Dr. Launcelot Fleming as Lord Bishop of Norwich on January 28th.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Feb. 23, 1960, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Thomas.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.

*David J. Bodicoat	*Treble*	Ernest Morris	5
†Brian G. Warwick	2	†John A. Acres	6
†Mrs. B. G. Warwick	3	†G. Harry Bray	7
†‡Brian M. Smith	4	†Albert J. Cooke	*Tenor*

Composed by Benjamin Annable. Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.
* First peal. † First of Plain Bob Triples. ‡ First of Plain Bob 'inside.' The conductor has now called 50 peals on these bells.

CHICHESTER, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Feb. 24, 1960, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.
At the Campanile of the Cathedral Church of the Holy and Indivisible Trinity.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 21¼ cwt.

*John S. Still	*Treble*	Brian D. Price	5
†Alan A. J. Buswell	2	Raymond P. Wood	6
‡C. R. Chad Coussmaker	3	E. Winifred Keys	7
Richard J. Wilson	4	Robert Wake	*Tenor*

Conducted by Raymond P. Wood.
* First peal. † First 'inside' and first of Triples. ‡ First 'inside' on eight bells.

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Wed., Feb. 24, 1960, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Bartholomew.
A PEAL OF 5152 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 14 lb. in A flat.

Muriel Reay	*Treble*	John Pinfold	5
Ruth M. Border	2	George E. Fearn	6
Edgar C. Shepherd	3	Brian J. Woodruffe	7
Peter Border	4	John A. Anderson	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Peter Border.

ROYAL PEALS—Continued

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX,
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Feb. 25, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5024 SWANSEA SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

Claudia A. Critchley	*Treble*	John Hill	5
Joan Beresford	2	G. William Critchley	6
Alick Cutler	3	Thomas J. Lock	7
Alfred J. House	4	John R. Mayne	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Severn. Conducted by John R. Mayne.
First peal in the method (Corrigan: No. 307).

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 26, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Margaret-of-Antioch,
A PEAL OF 5008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in F sharp.

*S. John Withey	*Treble*	Brian Bladon	5
†H. Jean Sutton	2	§Anthony R. Peake	6
Eric Sutton	3	Charles G. Jones	7
‡A. Terry Collins	4	Victor Griffin	*Tenor*

Composed by F. Nolan Golden. Conducted by Victor Griffin.
* First peal of Major. † First on an 'inside' bell. ‡ First on eight bells. § 100th peal. First on eight bells as conductor.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 27, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Edward P. Duffield	*Treble*	Frank G. Oliver	5
*Doreen Fairhead	2	Edward E. Davey	6
†William J. Brunt	3	Harry J. Millatt	7
Bernard W. Fairhead	4	Urban W. Wildney	*Tenor*

Composed by Edwin Barnett, sen. Conducted by Harry J. Millatt.
* First peal of Major. † First in the method. Tenor 21¼ cwt.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Fri., Feb. 19, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor 9 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

*E. Peter W. Ellis	*Treble*	Andrew J. Strathdee	4
†Michael J. Hill	2	David W. Barr	5
Michael W. Fairey	3	†John Paxton	*Tenor*

Conducted by Andrew J. Strathdee.
* First peal in the method. † First peal, first attempt. First as conductor.

DEENE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 20, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob and five different extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10¼ cwt. in G.

Aubrey B. Clarke	*Treble*	David C. Urquhart	4
Ronald Russell	2	Roy W. Spencer	5
Percy D. Baldock	3	Richard A. Webster	*Tenor*

Conducted by Roy W. Spencer.

MAVESYN RIDWARE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Feb. 20, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven differently-called extents. Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

*Margaret A. Turner	*Treble*	Bernard J. Townsend	4
Clive M. Smith	2	Michael W. Fairey	5
Andrew J. Strathdee	3	John McDonald	*Tenor*

* First peal. Conducted by John McDonald.

STAVERTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 20, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in G.

*G. Bonsor	*Treble*	Gillian Tavener	4
*Elisabeth A. Negus	2	Hugh M. Johnson	5
Jane F. Johnson	3	David J. Marshall	*Tenor*

Conducted by David J. Marshall.
* First peal. First as conductor (aged 14). Average age of band 16.

WENHASTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., Feb. 22, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different 720's. Tenor 12 cwt. 6 lb.

Reginald C. Pearce	*Treble*	C. Jack Gibson	4
Jack Pilgrim	2	H. William Barrett	5
James M. Bailey	3	John W. Blythe	*Tenor*

Conducted by John W. Blythe.

WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Feb. 22, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. George,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven extents (two callings). Tenor 8 cwt. 7 lb.

*D. Judith Tidey	*Treble*	‡David J. Barber	4
†F. Richard Verrall	2	Edgar R. Rapley	5
‡Sheila A. Shackell	3	Cecil R. Longhurst	*Tenor*

Conducted by Edgar R. Rapley.
* First peal. † First of Treble Bob 'inside.' ‡ First of Treble Bob.

GOSBERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Feb. 23, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
C.C.C. Nos. 28, 29, 34, 50, 51, 52 and 54. Tenor 17¼ cwt.

C. Harold Whitton	*Treble*	William E. Clarke	4
Leslie H. Taylor	2	J. Martin Thorley	5
Joseph W. Bailey	3	Harold Barsley	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

STISTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Feb. 23, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of Cambridge Surprise, one each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

Albert Saunders	*Treble*	Andrew T. Beckwith	4
Mrs. H. W. Moore	2	Cecil J. Barker	5
John A. Warner	3	Alan R. Syder	*Tenor*

Conducted by Alan R. Syder.

SARRATT, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Feb. 24, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
At the Church of the Holy Cross,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In two methods, being 30 six-scores of Grandsire (ten callings) and 12 of Plain Bob (four callings). Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.

*June N. E. Chilton	*Treble*	‡Augustin V. Good	3
†Walter Ayre	2	†D. Joseph Goodman	4
§Brian M. Barker	*Tenor*		

Conducted by Walter Ayre.
* First peal, first local ringer to ring a peal. † First on five bells. ‡ First in two Doubles methods. § First of Doubles. First on the bells, recently augmented from three to five by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

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ROYAL PEALS—Continued

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Feb. 25, 1960, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Single Court and two each of Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

JOHN F. WRIGHT	*Treble*	WALTER WESTON	4
WILLIAM R. MARSH	2	FREDERICK DERRY	5
HENRY P. COLLIN	3	JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

SHELLEY, HUDDERSFIELD.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Barnsley and District Society.)
On Sat., Feb. 27, 1960, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF EMMANUEL.
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

In ten methods: (1) College Exercise; (2) London Scholars', Sandal, Kingston, Oxford; (3) College Pleasure; (4) Snowdrop; (5) Duke of York; (6) Woodbine; (7) Kent. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

*DOUGLAS N. STABLES	*Treble*	*ERIC STAINROD	4
*TREVOR TARBATT	2	HERMAN RUSBY	5
FRED COWLING	3	NOEL F. MOXON	*Tenor*

Conducted by NOEL F. MOXON.

* First peal in ten methods. First as conductor in ten methods.

SHIPLEY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 27, 1960, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents (each called differently). Tenor 9¼ cwt.

*JOHN S. STILL	*Treble*	S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT	4
BERNARD E. MATTHEWS	2	E. WINIFRED KEYS	5
C. R. CHAD COUSSMAKER	3	ROBERT WAKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. WINIFRED KEYS.

* First peal on six bells.

Also rung for the engagement of H.R.H. Princess Margaret and Mr. Antony Armstrong-Jones.

WHISTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Feb. 28, 1960, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, Old Bob, Grandsire and Reverse St. Bartholomew. Tenor 15 cwt. 4 lb.

*BRIAN E. JEFFERY	*Treble*	GEORGE F. ROOME	3
VICTOR A. PERRY	2	PERCY AMOS	4
JIM C. RAINBOW	*Tenor*		

Conducted by GEORGE F. ROOME.

* First peal of Doubles. The ringer of the fourth has now 'circled the tower.'

WHIXLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Selby and District Society.)
On Sat., Feb. 27, 1960, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Kent T.B., Oxford T.B. and St. Clement's, and four different extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt.

MRS. J. RENDER	*Treble*	JOHN POTTS	4
IRIS LE MARE	2	ALAN EVANS	5
ALAN SHEPPARD	3	KENNETH B. SISSONS	*Tenor*

Conducted by KENNETH B. SISSONS.

HANDBELL PEAL

BEVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Feb. 23, 1960, in 1 Hour and 50 Minutes,
AT 36, EASTGATE.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Oxford Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob.

FRANCES FAIRBANK	1—2	CHARLES BARKER	3—4
MALCOLM LINCOLN	5—6		

Conducted by CHARLES BARKER.

OTHER PEALS—

TWELVE BELL PEAL

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Feb. 27, 1960, in 3 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER.
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 32 cwt.

GEORGE E. SYMONDS	*Treble*	CECIL W. PIPE	7
DAVID E. PARSONS	2	JOHN CHILCOTT	8
J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE	3	JOHN D. ROCK	9
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY	4	JOHN H. CRAMPION	10
JOHN ARMSTRONG	5	MICHAEL P. MORETON	11
STEWART F. KIMBER	6	MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by DAVID E. PARSONS.

TEN BELL PEALS

NOTTINGHAM.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 6, 1960, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5081 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 35 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in C sharp.

CHARLES McGUINESS	*Treble*	WALTER TOMLINSON	6
DENIS R. CARLISLE	2	FRANCIS R. LOWE	7
*JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM	3	JOHN WALDEN	8
JOHN FREEMAN	4	HAROLD TAYLOR	9
STANLEY E. BENNETT	5	RICHARD E. PRICE	*Tenor*

Composed by CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

GRANTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 27, 1960, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WULFRAM,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 32 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in C sharp.

TERRY PAGE (Downing)	*Treble*	PETER LANGTON (Trinity)	6
FRANCES SECKER (Girton)	2	DAVID KIRBY (Selwyn)	7
JOHN SCHOFIELD (King's)	3	JAMES TAYLOR (St. Cath.'s)	8
DERMOT ROAF (Trinity)	4	ROBIN HEPPENSTALL (Sel.)	9
STAN HOOD (Trin. Hall)	5	CHRIS. JOHNSON (Selwyn)	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY TUCKER. Conducted by ROBIN HEPPENSTALL.

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 27, 1960, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5000 LITTLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 23 cwt.

C. F. SAYER, Librarian	*Treble*	W. AYRE, C.C. Rep.	6
*E. EDMONDSON, C.C. Rep.	2	R. G. BELL, C.C. Rep.	7
F. J. PLUMMER, Treasurer	3	*S. HUCKLE, Sec., St. Albans	8
H. V. FROST, Gen. Sec.	4	T. J. SOUTHAM, Sec., E. Dis.	9
†E. G. BUCK, Sec., N. Dist.	5	G. W. DEBENHAM, Pres.	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE W. DEBENHAM.

* First peal in the method. † First of Royal.

Rung by officers of the Hertford County Association.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

HORNBY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 21, 1959, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt.

DOROTHY NELSON	*Treble*	†PETER HANDLEY	5
JAMES DICKINSON	2	†THOMAS E. METCALFE	6
HERBERT RAINFORD	3	GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE	7
*WILLIAM G. WILSON	4	ALAN CAPSTICK	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE.

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

MORECAMBE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 28, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

*GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE	*Treble*	†‡DOROTHY ECCLES	5
ALAN CAPSTICK	2	ROLAND F. ECCLES	6
JOHN BAGNALL	3	†NICHOLAS M. NEWBY	7
†JAMES E. BURLES	4	LAWRENCE E. CLEMENT	*Tenor*

Composed by D. PRENTICE. Conducted by GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE.

* 100th peal. † First in the method. ‡ 25th peal. First in the method on the bells.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Feb. 15, 1960, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRAUNSTONE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

G. RONALD EDWARDS	*Treble*	ERNEST MORRIS	5
RICHARD J. CLIFTON	2	‡JOHN A. ACRES	6
*JOSEPH W. COTTON	3	§BRIAN G. WARWICK	7
†ALAN E. HARTLEY	4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER (No. B.48).
Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* 700th peal. † First in the method. ‡ 600th peal. § 300th peal of Surprise.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

RAVENINGHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Jan. 21, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OE 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each of Plain, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas', Grandsire and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure.
Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

JAMES W. FORDER	*Treble*	TREVOR N. J. BAILEY ..	3
MICHAEL J. STOKES	2	GODFREY G. WALPOLE ..	4
H. WILLIAM BARRETT ..	*Tenor*		

Conducted by H. WILLIAM BARRETT.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Wed., Feb. 3, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 7½ cwt. in B.

RODERICK W. PIPE	*Treble*	†ALAN J. COLLINGS	4
R. ANN BARR	2	†J. DAVID ATKINSON ..	5
*ELIZABETH C. OAKESHETT	3	PAUL W. WEBB..	*Tenor*

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

* First peal in the method. † First peal, first attempt.
A birthday compliment to Alan J. Collings.

BROUGHTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 13, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Single Court, Double Court, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 11½ cwt.

GEORGE E. FEIRN	*Treble*	W. ALLEN RICHARDSON ..	4
*VIVIEN RICHARDSON ..	2	JACK BRAY	5
C. AUBREY HARRISON ..	3	A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

* First peal 'inside.'

MULBARTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Feb. 14, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge, Norwich, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., St. Clement's, Double Court and Double Oxford. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO..	*Treble*	PETER ADCOCK	4
WILLIAM CLOVER	2	THOMAS E. SPIGHT	5
*GEOFFREY R. DREW ..	3	HENRY TOOKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HENRY TOOKE.

* 50th peal.
Rung as a farewell to the Rev. and Mrs. Mosby. Also a welcome to the Rev. Sanderson (the new Rector) and Mrs. Sanderson.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Feb. 15, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, COLEGATE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's College Bob and three of Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.

BARBARA PAYNE	*Treble*	WILLIAM LOVE	4
MIRIAM A. HIGDON	2	GODFREY G. WALPOLE ..	5
BRIDGET H. MUTIMER ..	3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by H. WILLIAM BARRETT.

Rung in honour of the enthronement of Dr. Launcelot Fleming as Lord Bishop of Norwich on January 28th.

EAST HARLING, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 20, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 11 cwt.

*LEONARD J. KING	*Treble*	LEONARD W. KING	4
DR. PAUL H. A. JONASON	2	WILFRED G. SAUNDERS ..	5
FRANK C. J. ARNOLD ..	3	C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO.

* First peal.
Rung as a welcome to the recently-instituted Rector, the Rev. K. Wilkinson Riddle.

John Taylor & Co.

LOUGHBOROUGH

The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

HALF PEAL

HINTON BLEWITT, SOMERSET.— On Feb. 20th, 2,520 Grandsire Doubles (10 callings): F. H. Andrews 1, Mary Funnell 2, P. Gay 3, D. Uphill 4, Roger Gay (cond.) 5. The first half peal by all.

DATE TOUCHES

CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.—At the Priory, on Feb. 22nd, 1,960 Grandsire Triples: R. Broadest 1, H. Harrison 2, R. Kiddle 3, M. Stone 4, K. Derham 5, A. V. Davis 6, L. Stone (cond.) 7, R. Edwards 8. First quarter by 1 and 4.

TENBY, PEMBS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,960 Grandsire Triples: T. Osbourne 1, Stella Lewis 2, E. Williams 3, J. Webb 4, A. R. Price 5, G. Thomas 6, H. Jenkins (cond.) 7, T. Griffiths 8.

WINCHESTER, HANTS.—On Feb. 22nd, at St. Mary's College, Winchester, 1,960 Grandsire Doubles: P. H. Harris 1, C. A. Morris (first 'inside') 2, A. R. Crawford 3, I. M. Smith 4, J. E. Spice (cond.) 5, R. M. Hillary 6. First touch for 1, 4 and 6. First date touch for any of the band and on the bells.

AMBERLEY, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: E. Sopp 1, F. Storey 2, J. Reeves 3, S. Hamilton 4, J. Newell (cond.) 5. First quarter peal on the bells since rechanging by a local band.

ASHBOURNE, DERBYSHIRE.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Bull 1, H. Sherratt 2, M. Blore 3, R. Pocklington 4, C. Walklate 5, E. Johnson 6, B. P. Morris (cond.) 7, F. W. Haycock (first quarter) 8.

ASHCOTT, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Salmon 1, V. Roberts 2, Marjorie Legg 3, G. Prescott 4, S. Smith 5, K. Prime (cond.) 6.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 28th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. J. Prentice 1, R. W. Steward 2, H. A. Mitson 3, C. Snowden 4, R. E. Lester (cond.) 5, E. A. Cracknell 6.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Wingrove (cond.) 1, Gwen Reeves 2, Dorothy Fletcher 3, Ann Shiels 4, R. Broadley 5, D. Lamb 6, A. Bridges 7, S. Hatfield 8.

BIGGLESWADE, BUCKS.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: A. H. Smith 1, Mrs S. I. Smith 2, F. Briscoe 3, P. G. Smith 4, A. S. Smith (cond.) 5. First quarter in method by all and on the bells.

BRIDLINGTON, YORKS.—On Feb. 27th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: H. Spencer 1, W. Fay 2, W. Hudson 3, J. A. Robertshaw 4, H. Parker 5, D. S. Johnson (first of Major) 6, B. Sutton (cond.) 7, R. Ducker 8.

BUCKLEBURY, BERKS.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Joan Carr 1, Alice Talbot 2, Joan Marshall 3, Stella Davis 4, Dorothy Pearce 5, A. Hawkins 6, G. Stocker (cond.) 7, T. Goddard 8.

CAWTHORNE, BARNSLEY.—On Feb. 20th, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (Duke of Leeds, Duke of York): J. W. Buxton 1, T. Tarbatt 2, F. Cowling 3, D. N. Stables 4, H. Rusby 5, N. F. Moxon (cond.) 6.

EXETER, DEVON.—At the Cathedral, on Feb. 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples, on the Thomas eight: G. S. Morris (cond.) 1, F. Mack 2, H. G. Keeley 3, J. L. Glanvill 4, H. C. Spencer 5, H. Gaylard 6, N. Mallett 7, F. Wreford 8.

FINCHAMPSTEAD, BERKS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. C. Begrie 1, Mrs. W. M. White 2, M. W. Mason 3, P. J. Mason 4, R. H. Begrie (cond.) 5, F. G. Begrie (first quarter) 6.

GNOSALL, STAFFS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Dyke (first on a working bell) 1, K. Walker (first quarter) 2, Mrs. E. M. Key 3, B. G. Key 4, D. W. Friend (cond.) 5, T. Edwards (first quarter) 6.

GREAT TEW, OXON.—On Feb. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Clifton 1, B. Morley 2, L. Larner 3, B. Cross 4, R. Taplin 5, A. Leach 6, I. Harris (cond.) 7, T. Clifton 8. Also for the engagement of Princess Margaret.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. W. Bishop 1, H. K. White 2, M. Bishop 3, J. H. Napper 4, C. J. Garlick 5, W. Corderoy 6, A. H. Webb (cond.) 7, L. F. Cox 8. First in method for 4, 5 and 6.

HANDSWORTH, YORKS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. E. D. Kelly 1, W. H. Taylor 2, Christine Fox 3, Eileen J. Osborne 4, F. Cardwell 5, J. J. L. Gilbert (cond.) 6, J. Chettleburgh (covering) 7.

HEYWOOD, LANCS.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. D. Fishwick 1, J. P. Partington 2, Christine B Clayton 3, G. Rothwell 4, F. J. Nelson 5, G. S. Mills 6, D. Ogden (cond.) 7, D. Butterworth 8.

Quarter peals rung in honour of the birth of a second son to H.M. the Queen, born Feb. 19th, 1960

HIGH LITTLETON, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): Valerie Orman (first quarter) 1, Mrs. E. Ford 2, W. J. Gait (cond.) 3, J. Brooks 4, Mrs. T. W. Kimber 5, J. Naish 6.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and All Saints): N. Davies 1, C. E. Hill 2, W. G. Wright 3, W. T. Hill (cond.) 4, R. G. Jones 5.

INGRAVE, ESSEX.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Bulford 1, A. Duggan 2, E. Potter 3, P. Bedford (cond.) 4, F. Wood 5. First quarter by all except 5.

KILBURN, LONDON.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. C. Birkenshaw 1, M. Bland 2, Ruth How 3, W. Skidwell 4, M. F. Amos 5, J. Perrett 6, R. B. Meadows (cond.) 7, Christine Bradburn 8.

LLANBADARN FAWR, CARDS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob): Miss U. Hopkins 1, M. Hughes (first quarter) 2, P. F. T. Smith 3, E. Lloyd 4, N. Bennett (cond.) 5, G. J. Harris 6. Also on Feb. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Osmund's, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Grandsire): M. Hughes 1, G. Harris 2, E. Lloyd 3, P. F. T. Smith 4, N. Bennett (cond.) 5, G. J. Harris 6.

MARK, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Maud Boley (first quarter) 1, Pat Popham 2, J. Coleman 3, I. J. Burrough 4, H. Petheram (first 'inside') 5, F. B. Comer (cond.) 6, P. Ham 7, R. Fisher (first quarter) 8.

MONKEN HADLEY, MIDDLESEX.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Price (first quarter) 1, R. Harrison 2, C. King 3, R. Fraser 4, C. Ward 5, W. J. Bradbrook 6, T. Pink 7, W. Langley 8.

MORETON-IN-MARSH, GLOS.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 4, 6, 8, covering): D. Evans 1, J. Hartley 2, J. Eden 3, C. Eden 4, F. Jones 5, N. Bryan 6, F. G. Wilton (cond.) 7, G. Kench 8. First quarter 1, 2, 4 and 8. First quarter on the bells since recasting and rehanging.

NORTH SHIELDS, NORTHUMBERLAND.—On Feb. 21st, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Margaret E. Sim (first quarter) 1, Elizabeth B. Scott 2, J. Scott 3, R. Turner 4, E. White 5, S. Hewitt 6, M. B. Liversey 7, Jack Scott (cond.) 8.

OUNDLE, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Tessa Lovell 1, W. L. Ferrar 2, A. B. Clarke 3, R. Gardner 4, R. W. Spencer (cond.) 5, A. Wills 6, C. Page 7, A. Pywell 8.

OVERTON, HANTS.—1,260 Grandside Doubles: M. Holbrook (first quarter) 1, Miss C. Hassell 2, P. G. Holmes 3, Rev. F. A. Sanders 4, B. Garrett (cond.) 5, R. Hassell 6.

PETERSFIELD, HANTS.—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: H. De Combe (first quarter) 1, R. Walker (first 'inside') 2, Mrs. R. T. Jones 3, K Sansom 4, R. T. Jones (cond.) 5, B. Kercher (first of Bob Doubles) 6.

PRESTON (WEYMOUTH), DORSET.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Cornick 1, Sylvia Watson 2, Mrs. A. J. Slade 3, G. Cornick 4, Miss B. Marsh 5, A. J. Slade (cond.) 6.

QUEDGELEY, GLOS.—On Feb. 21st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Winter , A. Wixey 2, G. P. Green 3, S. J. Pugh 4, F. E. T. Tranter 5, P. T. Hurcombe (cond.) 6.

ST. MELLONS, MONS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss D. I. Hulbert 1, G. Monk (86) 2, W. H. Williams 3, L. I. Hulbert 4, R. H. Addis (cond.) 5, A. Wheeler (first quarter) 6.

SHARNBROOK, BEDS.—On Feb. 19th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, 540 Plain Bob Minor: T. Bragg 1, Miss B. Parsons 2, Miss B. Lovell 3, F. Gudgeons 4, P. Steer 5, B. Makeham (cond.) 6.

SIBBERTOFT, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Pamela Dexter 1, W. Loake (first 'inside') 2, N. Spencer (first quarter) 3, R. Loake 4, D. Williams (first as cond.) 5. Also for the 25th anniversary of Mr. C. Hawkins joining the choir.

SOUTH CERNEY, GLOS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Wakefield 1, Anne Stephens 2, B. Wakefield (cond.) 3, M. J. Cook 4, R. Fenton 5, R. J. Smith 6.

SOUTHWELL, NOTTS.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Delia Wright 1, G. E. Foster (cond.) 2, A. R. Fowkes 3, F. Pickard 4, J. R. Pratchett 5, F. L. Hemstock 6.

SOUTHMINSTER, ESSEX.—On Feb. 19th, 1,360 Grandsire Doubles: C. Robinson 1, S. W. Bigmore 2, A. Perry 3, E. Potter 4, D. V. Robinson (cond.) 5, S. F. Ward 6.

SOUTH SHIELDS, CO. DURHAM.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. L. Smith (first quarter) 1, Mrs. C. N. Lea 2, Miss M. A. Softley 3, Miss E. Softley 4, Miss J. B. Softley 5, C. N. Lea (cond.) 6.

STAMFORD, LINCS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 St. Clement's, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob: E. Tyers 1, J. R. Nicholls 2, P. D. Baldock 3, C. Matthews 4, R. H. Knight 5, J. H. Bluff (cond.) 6.

STONE, STAFFS.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Meryl Purslow (first quarter) 1, Sheila Hodson 2, Glenda Rowley 3, W. Buckley 4, E. Young (cond.) 5, C. Dobson (first quarter) 6.

TUDDENHAM ST. MARTIN, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 19th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: R. E. Lester (cond.) 1, J. E. Ivings 2, H. A. Mitson 3, R. G. Crooks 4, J. J. Prentice 5, R. F. Taylor 6.

WEST TARRING, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. C. Neal 1, M. J. Newth 2, S. Howard 3, D. A. Smith 4, J. W. Parslow (cond.) 5, A. M. Horn 6.

WHITBY, YORKS.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Lamerton 1, June Mallinson 2, A. V. Coates 3, J. Waller 4, G. White 5, H. Waters 6, S. Elwick (cond.) 7, G. Lamerton 8.

WOOD GREEN, N.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss M. West 1, Miss W. Whitaker (first of Doubles, and first 'inside') 2, Miss A. Aldridge 3, C. Aldridge 4, A. Spreadbury (cond.) 5, Rev. N. Haigh 6.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.—On Feb. 20th, 1,440 Minor (720 Oxford Treble Bob, 720 St. Clement's Bob): A. E. Leggett 1, Evelyn Cansdale 2, P. J. Perkins 3, D. E. Culham 4, A. W. Cansdale (cond.) 5, B. E. Gibbons 6.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Feb. 27th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Caroline Carpenter 1, Anne Garnett 2, Dorothy Robinson 3, Susan Rawlings 4, A. Bagworth 5, Susan Jacobs 6, C. Mew 7, A. Bishop (cond.) 8. Also for engagement of Princess Margaret.

WOLVEY, WARWICKS.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: A. D. O'Donnell (13, first quarter) 1, T. W. Thorpe 2, J. H. Beale (cond.) 3, H. M. Windsor 4, B. Taylor 5, L. C. Beck 6.

Quarter peals rung for the engagement of Princess Margaret and Mr. Antony Armstrong-Jones

BRAYWOOD, BERKS.—On Feb. 28th, 1,360 Plain Bob Doubles: Linda J. Kew 1, Pamela M. Jervis 2, W. D. Ward 3, J. K. Ward (first as cond.) 4, F. R. Scott 5.

COMPTON DANDO, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. M. Swann 1, Mrs. A. J. Frith 2, R. W. Treasure 3, C. Allward 4, F. C. Mogford (cond.) 5, L. B. Coles 6.

NORTHIAM, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Helen Barnes (12) (first quarter) 1, Mrs. G. Reece 2, Valerie Mepham 3, R. Seeley 4, W. Button (cond.) 5, F. Tedham 6.

YATTON, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 28th, 1,260 Grandsre Triples: Miss N. Baker (first quarter) 1, P. H. Marshall 2, T. Price 3, E. A. Price 4, S. Smith 5, R. Brice 6, H. A. Price (cond.) 7, J. Baker 8.

YORKTOWN, SURREY.—On Feb. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss G. Lias (first quarter) 1, Miss G. Marshall (first 'inside') 2, R. Bath (cond.) 3, R. Clist 4, H. Noakes 5, G. Gilder 6.

QUARTER PEALS

ECCLESTON, LANCS.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Minor (Oxford, Kent, Plain Bob): J. Nelson (cond.) 1, Miss D. Crook 2, J. Owens 3, R. Crowe 4, J. E. Sumner 5, H. Hunter 6. A compliment to Mr. W. W. Hunter (father of 6) on the completion of 50 years' service as ringer.

GLOUCESTER.—At St. Mary de Crypt, on Feb. 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. Allen 1, P. Clarkson 2, W. Jones 3, L. Edwards 4, T. Boreham 5, J. J. Webb 6, L. Barry (cond.) 6, F. Blowen 8. First of Stedman for 1, 2, 4, and 8. Also on Feb. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Blowen 1, W. Jones 2, L. Hewitt 3, P. Allen 4, J. Smart 5, L. Edwards 6, L. Barry (cond.) 7, H. Newman 8. An 80th birthday compliment to H. Newman.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. G. M. Atkins writes that 'A Flat' was quite wrong in suggesting that his friendship with W.W. was ever strained. W.W. called his first 8-bell peal, and Mr. Atkins well remembers making a special journey to see him during his last illness.

Mr. J. P. Blond has 'completed the circle' of Blewbury tower.

Mr. John R. Mayne was the most successful conductor in 1959 with 55 peals, and not Mr. Peter Border, as was inadvertently published.

Mr. David Lamb, of the Beaconsfield tower, is leaving for Hong Kong for three years. A farewell quarter was rung on February 21st.

The peal for the Royal birth at Stratton St. Margaret was also associated with the 82nd birthday of Mr. T. Moulden, a local ringer.

By ringing the treble at Gosberton to a peal of Bob Minor on February 23rd, C. Harold Whitton 'completed the circle.'

Will the sender of the peal at Blaisdon, Glos, on February 6th, please forward his name and address for the extra copies ordered.

When our Oundle correspondent sent in a report to a local newspaper of a quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor it appeared in print as 'Bob Junior.'

Mr. Wilfrid F. Moreton informs us that the Alliance methods Snodland and Swanscombe were mistakenly named by his band Adwick and Scawthorpe on November 3rd, 1955.

In the peal of 5,040 Doubles rung at Nassington (see page 118) there were 14 different methods rung, not extents as was inadvertently written.

The ringer of the third in the peal of Yorkshire S. Major at Cheadle on February 10th (page 131) was Miss Margaret Ross and not as printed. The conductor sends his apologies.

Before leaving to take up a new appointment as Rector of Melton, the Rev. L. R. Manthorp is anxious to clear the debt of £100 on Wenhaston, Suffolk, bells, which were rehung about three years ago. He appeals to all people interested in Wenhaston or in bell-ringing to help.

Mr. Ernest Morris has only 100 peals to go for his 2,000th. His 1,900th was rung on February 22nd at Overseale. Ringing landmarks have been passed by Mr. Joseph W. Cotton's 700th and Mr. John A. Acres' 600th.

Bromsgrove bells were rung at 4.30 p.m. on February 19th by a band consisting entirely of pupils of Bromsgrove County High School.

The peal of Edinburgh Delight was rung at Warsop, as stated in our peal columns, and not Worksop, as mentioned on page 159.

At Luppitt, Devon, the Vicar was asked by the parishioners if they got their quarter peal of 'Bob Martin's.' Shades of 'Grand Cicators'!

By ringing the sixth at Sevenoaks to a peal of Stedman Triples for the Royal birth, Mr. E. J. Ladd, of Tunbridge Wells, has 'completed the circle.'

Jafus apologises to Mrs. E. K. Fletcher for saying that she rang the tenor at Chew Magna. This should have read 'Wedmore, 35 cwt.' Memory plays some peculiar tricks!

A coat and scarf were left behind after the meeting at Iver on February 27th. Will owner contact Vicarage, Iver, or A. D. Barker, Slough 23260.

All Saints' Church, Braywood, Slough, where a quarter peal was rung in honour of Princess Margaret's engagement, is shortly to be pulled down. We understand that several applications have been made to purchase the bells.

It is not very often that Frank Smallwood is lost for words, but the Derby folks recently took him so completely by surprise in conferring their order of 'Capita Magnissimus' that it left him completely speechless.

Mr. Norman Chaddock, of 17, Herringthorpe Grove, Broom, Rotherham, would welcome information regarding the Sunday Service Survey that appears in diocesan, deanery or parish magazines, in order that his committee can assess its impact. Duplicated copies can be obtained from him if a stamped addressed envelope is enclosed.

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Preliminary Notice

THE first session of the 24th Council (63rd annual meeting) will be held on Whitsun Tuesday, June 7th, 1960, in the Town Hall, Folkestone.

Committee Reports (Rule 11 (i)). Conveners of committees are reminded that reports must be made in writing to the Secretary by March 31st, 1960.

Nominations for office (Rule 9). Nominations for the offices of President, Vice-President, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Librarian, signed by two members of the Council, must be received by the Secretary by April 7th, 1960.

Notices of Motion (Rule 13). Notices of motion, signed by two members of the Council, must be received by the Secretary by April 26th, 1960.

Representative Members (Rule 4 (iv)). Names and addresses of Representative Members must be forwarded to the Secretary by May 9th, 1960.

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7, Clifton Crescent	17/6	25/-
Edgecliffe,		
Cheriton Place	18/- to 25/-	22/6 to 30/-
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E. A. BARNETT.
Hon. Secretary.

26 Iron Mill Lane,
Crayford, Kent.

MORE BELFRY GOSSIP

Weston Favell, Northants, bells are to be rehung. Probably the last quarter on the bells before this is done was rung on February 29th to the memory of the Rev. R. B. Disney, one time assistant priest in the parish.

The band who rang the peal of Plain Bob Minor at Tewin, Herts, on February 27th, wish to associate the name of Miss Audrey M. Bailey, who unfortunately had to stand down at the last moment through illness. Thanks are due to Mr. T. J. Lock, who kindly took her place at short notice.

Members of the University of Bristol Society who rang a peal for the wedding of Miss Audrey Flower, daughter of the tower captain of Timsbury, would like to thank her parents for their hospitality after the peal and to wish Mr. and Mrs. Hawkins every happiness.

Apart from being a peal of Royal congratulations to the Queen and Princess Margaret, the 5,007 Stedman Caters rung at St. Peter's, Brighton, on February 27th, was a farewell to Canon David H. Booth on his appointment as Archdeacon of Lewes.

The band of St. Mary's, Cheltenham, would like to associate with their Royal peal for the Queen's second son the names of Susan Elizabeth Marshall, born to David and Sheila Marshall (both members of the band) on February 15th, and Julie Mary Beard, daughter of David and Sally Beard, of Northampton, born on February 14th. Prior to his marriage and subsequent move from the district, David Beard was a regular member of the St. Mary's Sunday service band.

SERVANTS OF THE EXERCISE – No. 11



MR. R. F. B. SPEED, B.A.
(Hon. Assistant Librarian of Central Council)

Although a comparative new-comer to our art, Richard F. B. Speed has distinguished himself by his brilliant performances and there is little doubt that we shall witness a good deal of his great ability in the not too distant future.

Born at Surbiton, Surrey, in 1926, he was educated at Eastbourne College and at Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge. By profession he is an Electronics expert, and is in control of the Electronics Laboratory at the G.E.C. Telephone Works, Coventry. In 1952 he married Miss Anne B. Stockdale, and they now have a family of two boys and one girl.

He learned to ring at Radley in 1943 under the tuition of Miss Marie Cross, and rang his first peal (Grandsire Triples) at Epsom in 1945. He became associated with the famous Willesden band, and whilst with them he rang and conducted many Surprise Major peals including one in 1956 which was Pitman's peal of Spliced Surprise in nine methods, in which all the bells do all the work of each method. This was only six days after publication of the figures and was the first such performance. He has rung peals in no less than 90 Surprise Major methods, and has also composed peals in a wide range of methods, including the record length of Cambridge Surprise Major (with Singles). Another very fine performance in which he took part was the then record peal of Spliced Surprise Major in 25 methods conducted by Walter F. Judge. His peals total to date is 390, of which he has conducted 169.

Mr. Speed was elected Master of the Cambridge University Guild 1946-1947, and he represented the Middlesex Association on the Central Council 1954-1957. In 1958 he was elected an Honorary Member, and has assisted the Council's Librarian, Mr. F. W. Perrens, with the distribution of the Council's publications.

JAFUS.

Record Length Attempt Notice

Dear Sir,—This is to give notice to the Exercise that, by kind permission of the Vicar of Kirby-le-Soken (Rev. J. W. Thomas), an attempt will be made to ring 22,400 changes of Plain Bob Major at the Church of St. Michael, Kirby-le-Soken, on Saturday, April 9th, starting at 8 a.m.

The composition is the 13,440 by J. A. Trollope, No. 191 in C.C. Collection, with the tenor called three times 5th in each course of the first four parts.—Yours truly,

FRANK B. LUFKIN.

Tips For Beginners—11

Court places as in Double Court Minor or Double Norwich are a significant feature in change-ringing. You make the further place first and step back to the nearer place. This lesson well learned will help later in Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire and numerous other Surprise methods.

First In The Country

Inner story of how Broadchalke, near Salisbury, came to be the first tower to ring for the Royal Birth tells of careful planning by Mr. David Hitchings (31), poultry farmer, who is tower secretary.

He had a radio set installed in the brooder house. Two of his young employes—Royston Jenkins (19) and Raymond Chalk (16)—are also ringers.

Immediately the news was received they rushed out of the hen house, jumped into Mr. Hitchings' car, and on the way picked up Robert Fry and Mr. Chalk, the postman. There were also other reserves in the village.

Three minutes 15 seconds after the announcement they were ringing, and continued for 30 minutes. In the evening the bells were also rung for an hour.

MR. CHADDOCK'S REPLY TO B.B.C.

Mr. Norman Chaddock sent the following reply to the B.B.C. regarding the criticism of the Christmas Day Broadcast:—

Dear Mr. Riddell,—Mr. White, the Editor of 'The Ringing World,' has passed on to me your letter and enclosures about the 'Christmas Bells' broadcast commenting on a letter of mine which appeared in 'The Ringing World' on January 8th last.

On the whole, my letter expressed appreciation for an enjoyable programme and, in particular, complimented the ringers and sound engineers for the excellent broadcast from St. Donard's, Dublin.

One part of my letter did refer to an error in that particular broadcast. I also had in mind other similar broadcasts when I used the phrase 'casual way.' Perusal of your enclosures impels me to admit that I was perhaps a little unjust in using this phrase. I do not wish it to be thought that I am unappreciative of the technical difficulties involved in such broadcasts and would like to say that but for the error you mention, I personally think that this last 'Christmas Bells' broadcast, as far as the B.B.C. is concerned, was an improvement. For instance, increasing the time 'on the air' to two minutes for each tower is a welcome step in the right direction.

An improvement in the quality of bell broadcasts could be obtained if there was more consultation with those responsible for the ringing of the bells to be broadcast. The position of the microphone is of paramount importance as sometimes particular bells in the ring being broadcast have been almost inaudible, or in other cases too loud, this completely spoiling the effect. Echo effects from surrounding buildings may also impair the quality of a broadcast. Tests should be made before every bell broadcast to ensure that every bell in the ring is clearly audible. The services of a competent ringer are needed for such tests. From correspondence in 'The Ringing World' subsequent to my letter, you will see that some ringers themselves are not able to agree on the selection of towers, though most responsible people consider that there should be some safeguard that the quality of the bells, rhythm, and striking, should be good.

The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers' Committee on Television and Broadcasting (of which I myself am a member) are anxious to help the B.B.C. on any matters concerning Bell Broadcasts and would like to see increased co-operation in this respect.

I am sorry that my letter appeared overcritical and trust that a better understanding may result from the exchanges of views.—Yours sincerely,

(Signed) N. CHADDOCK.

Derbyshire Association Honour Mr. J. Frank Smallwood

THE only safe thing to predict about the Derbyshire Dinner is anything may happen! and it generally does. Formality is thrown to the winds—and the impression your reporter gathered was that those two arch-conspirators, Gordon Halls and Denis Carlisle, spend the whole of the time between one dinner and the next plotting and scheming who the next victim for their good natured banter and leg-pulling shall be.

Only one serious note was struck during the evening, when Mr. Norman Chaddock (who had been warned that if he exceeded his allotted time, he would be shot down in flames) proposed the toast of 'The Memory of the late Sir Arthur Heywood.' He reminded his audience that it was their parent organisation—the old Midland Counties Association—that gave the Exercise this fine ringer and gentleman, who was responsible for setting up the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, and much of the progress which had been made in Derbyshire was largely due to the good work done by Sir Arthur. Peal ringing activity was not always a true measure of the state of Sunday Service ringing in a particular area, but there was ample evidence that this most important sphere of our activity was not being neglected, and he was glad to note the valuable contributions made by the Derbyshire Association to the recent survey of Sunday Service inging. He felt that Sir Arthur would have welcomed this Survey, and the efforts to foster closer relations with the clergy. He stressed the need for toleration for beginners and the less able type of ringer, and to make them feel that they were wanted. It was not so much what they rang as how they rang. The toast was honoured in silence.

This serious business having been disposed of, fun and games were then the order of the day. Competitions of extraordinary variety took place—and one in particular convulsed everyone present. The competitors were all male, and their orders were to turn their coats inside out and roll up their trousers. They then had to balance a waiter's tray on their heads, keep a tennis ball between their knees, and then traverse the length of the room at speed holding a lighted candle. It is not certain who won—but whoever he was he was a hero! Then the Derbyshire Association Choir went into action—this time with a competent conductor, the brother of Denis Carlisle, who last year did everything but conduct.

CAPITA MAGNISSIMUS

The great moment of the evening came with the conferring of the insignia of the Most Noble Order of Capita Magnissimus to the most worthy belfryman of the year in the Derbyshire Association. The honour was accorded Mr. J. Frank Smallwood, and the citation read:—

'In conferring this award upon you, we have borne in mind the excellent example which you have at all times displayed before ringers of all ages.

'We admire particularly that ritual which you carry out before starting a peal. First you take a pinch of snuff, and after administering a pound or two to each nostril you liberally scatter the remainder over your waistcoat and over any unfortunate ringer who strays within your orbit.

'Next you gently anoint your hands with your own preparation of glycerine and senna pods—this ensures easy and regular movement throughout the peal. Finally, without a hair out of place, you fling some last-minute insult at the conductor, catch hold of your rope and condescend to ring with the waiting band.

'Your reliability in peal-ringing is beyond question. If you are calling a peal the band has every confidence that, with a clear and audible voice, you will call all the bobs except the last one. If the peal looks like being successful, you can always be relied on to set your bell as opening time approaches.

'You will recall one incident last year during a peal at Matlock. It was necessary to ring by candlelight at this primitive tower. Your fellow ringers thought you unusually bright on this occasion until they realised your trousers had caught fire from an overturned candle. There was a most warming experience for you.

'You are very proud that you have recently completed 50 years of married life. However, the committee can give you no credit for this—on the contrary, they consider your hard-working, long-suffering wife, to whom they offer their deepest sympathy, is far more deserving of a medal.

'Your recent endeavours on behalf of "The Ringing World." which culminated in a popular price increase of 25 per cent., have, in the opinion of the selection committee, done more than anything else to secure you the award of the medal. They have also ensured that the year of your golden weding is really a golden one.'

The 'insignia' of this 'most noble order' was then placed round the victim's neck, and it is a point of honour that all those who have received this honour shall wear it at every Derbyshire dinner. It is a circular cardboard plate with a humorous drawing of the recipient. This year it depicts a Scrooge-like figure sitting at a table counting up pennies!

About a hundred guests took part in this happy evening, and they enjoyed excellent fare, beautifully cooked and served, and an evening brimful of good healthy fun. To those two arch-villains, Halls and Carlisle, our hearty congratulations and thanks.

50 YEARS' PEAL RINGING WITH KENT COUNTY

During Mr. T. E. Sones' 50 years' membership of the Kent County Association, he has rung 487 peals and conducted 305 for this Association; a further 153 peals (conducted 48) have been rung for 16 other Associations, making the total 640 and 352 conducted.

He sends his compliments to all who have taken part in these peals, and especially to his very old friends whose names do not now appear in the peal columns of 'The Ringing World'—Mr. H. Baker (197), Mrs. H. Baker (140), Tom Saunders (125), Luther Honess (101), A. Relfe (85) and Mr. F. S. Macey, who stood in his first peal in 1911.

INSTRUCTORS' COURSES INITIATED

Following on the successful pioneer course in ringing at Dillington House last year, and its decisions on courses generally as reached at its last-held convention, the College of Campanology is launching its No. 3 type course—Instructors' One-day—on Saturday next at Bristol, at Christ Church (City) belfry.

With local arrangements made by the Bristol University Society, the latter becomes the first University Society to have such a course. Its president, Professor R. J. Brocklehurst, who will be in the chair for the opening, is also an honorary tutor of the College. City ringers are invited.

Applications for courses to be arranged are invited and welcomed and should be made to the Registrar, 40, Parkstone Avenue, Southsea.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Sonning Deanery Branch

The ringers of the Sonning Deanery met at St. Paul's, Wokingham, on February 20th, for their annual meeting. After an hour's ringing the service was conducted by the Branch chairman (Ven. H. T. Shaw) and the sermon was preached by the Rev. Harcourt Trevor, Vicar of Warfield. Tea was served in the Church Room and the chairman presided over the business meeting, at which about 60 members were present, together with both the Master and deputy Master of the Guild.

The Branch Secretary reported a slight decrease in membership but that with one exception all towers had a good Sunday service band and most practised regularly each week. Combined practices each month were well attended, and thanks were due to the Ringing Masters for their work during the year. It was also reported that Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, had dismantled the six bells of Arborfield prior to rehanging, and £20 was voted from Branch funds towards the cost.

The Master (Rev. C. E. Wigg) urged all young ringers to put duty to their tower and church before pleasure, and spoke of the forthcoming week-end course to be held at Radley. The deputy Master (Mr. F. Sharpe) mentioned that on his visits to the Sonning Deanery he had, on the last three occasions, inspected one of the towers and reported on the condition of the bells and fittings, and asked ringers to do their share in bell maintenance with oil can and spanner, and so save the church many pounds for repairs.

The bells of both St. Paul's and All Saints' churches were open for ringing during the evening, and many young ringers from Arborfield and Sandhurst had their first experience of 8-bell ringing.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

A meeting of the West Lindsey Branch, held at Kirton Lindsey on February 20th, attracted some 50 ringers, including visitors from Branston, Dunholme, Burton Stather and Scunthorpe. The service in church was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. W. D. Davies).

At the business meeting, presided over by the vice-president (Mr. C. H. Baker), five new members were elected. These included three from Hibaldstow, where plans are in hand to augment the existing three bells to a ring of six.

On the suggestion of the secretary (Mr. G. L. A. Lunn), it was agreed that a telegram conveying loyal and affectionate greetings should be sent to H.M. the Queen, following the good news from Buckingham Palace the day before.

Further ringing followed in the evening, ranging from rounds to Surprise methods.

SOCIETY OF ROVING RINGERS

A party of nearly 40 met at Birmingham on February 12th for the 12th reunion. Ringing took place at King's Norton, Northfield, Selly Oak, Aston, Erdington (where local ringers kindly provided tea) and St. Martin's.

Dinner was held at the Market Hotel. At the meeting which followed, the following officers were elected: President, Bill Kingcott; life vice-president, T. Mark White; Master, Cyril Lewington; joint secretaries, Audrey Bailey and Michael C. Austin; treasurer, Bernard Ongley; recorder, C. Lewington.

It was unanimously agreed that the summer tour be held in the Lincolnshire, Rutland, Leicestershire area.

On Sunday, ringing took place at the Cathedral, St. Martin's, Edgbaston and Bishop Latimer's Church.

Sincere thanks are extended to the incumbents and ringers of Birmingham for their warm welcome.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FATHERS' AND SONS' PEALS FOR WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Dear Sir.—The peal of Plain Bob Major rung at Salford Priors, Warwickshire, on January 30th by four fathers and sons was not the first father and son peal for the Worcestershire Association. A peal of Plain Bob Major, at St. John-the-Baptist, Worcester, on November 16th, 1946, was rung by four fathers and sons as follows:—

John Morris, treble, Edward Large 2, James Woodyatt 3, William Lewis 4, Denis R. Morris 5, George E. Large (cond.) 6, Reginald Woodyatt 7, Thomas W. Lewis, tenor.

The four fathers rang 1, 2, 3, 4, and their sons 5, 6, 7, 8.

This peal was not claimed as a first. I believe a father and son peal was rung on the six bells of Kempsey, near Worcester, some years before.—Yours faithfully,

R. WOODYATT.

Claines, Worcester.

THE LATE JOHN CARTER

Dear Sir.—In order to complete the material required for an illustrated pamphlet about the Carter Ringing Machine, I am anxious to obtain a good original photograph of the late John Carter with his machine in front of him. Such a picture appears in Mr. Ernest Morris' 'History and Art of Change-Ringing' and was also published in 'The Model Engineer' in March, 1925, but neither Mr. Morris nor Messrs. Percival Marshall are able to help.

If any reader has such a photograph, I would be very grateful for his help.—Yours faithfully, DOUGLAS HUGHES.

12, Orpin Road, Merstham, Surrey.

BELLS AND ST. CECILIA

Dear Sir, — Whilst reading some correspondence on 'The Patron Saint of Gardeners' which appeared in recent issues of a gardening periodical the thought came to me, 'Is there a patron saint of bellringers?'

St. Cecilia, I know is the patroness of musicians and good bells rung by experts produce good music but it would be interesting to know if any association or band of ringers has, in the past, adopted St. Cecilia or any one of the other saints as the patron of our art. Maybe one of the lesser known saints was in some way associated with, or interested in bells or bell-music (though not in modern change-ringing of course). Perhaps Mr. Ernest Morris or one of your clergy-readers would be kind enough to give me some enlightenment on the subject. — Yours truly, F. MORRIS.

Burghill, Herefordshire.

THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

Dear Sir.—Though no fault of the compilers of 'The Ringers' Notebook and Diary 1960' the details of the Stafford Archdeaconry Society, (page 14) are incorrect. Please read as under:- Ringing Master, E. Malin: Deputy, J. B. Dinenage: Secretaries, Rev. C. Holroyd Barker, The Vicarage, Swindon, nr. Dudley; D. J. Tranter, 36, Seven Acres, Aldridge, nr. Walsall. Assistant, C. M. Smith, 'Fosseway,' Talbot Avenue, Streetley, Sutton Coldfield, Warwicks.

In addition may I take this opportunity of saying that I shall be happy to assist any ringer(s) intending to visit this area in the future, for peals or outings, and point out that our scenery is not all 'Black' or industrial, and that we have some excellent peals of bells on which to ring.—Yours sincerely,

Lichfield, Staffs. CLIVE M. SMITH.

CORNISH RINGING

Dear Sir,—I thank the Rev. J. G. M. Scott for his interesting front page article (February 19th). It appears I was wrong in saying the competition bands of the South West cause their bells all to begin to double-clapper on the same round in a rise. I think I got this idea from an incident that occurred to me about 11 years ago.

I had recently come out of hospital after an operation and was sitting by the fire one afternoon, feeling weary and depressed. I turned on the radio, hoping for something cheerful. Now it so happened that a programme depicting life in a Cornish village was being broadcast: nearly every aspect of village life was portrayed, and of course they had to have the bells. It seemed to be a ground floor pull for I could hear the ringers walking about the quarry floor (one or two had hobnails) and talking among themselves.

After a few words by the announcer, I imagined the ringers swayed their bells slightly, for when the captain stamped his foot they all struck round in a perfect 'pitch.' This was followed by about four rounds of clappering on one side only. Then the captain shouted 'Go' in a loud voice, and immediately all six bells commenced to double-clapper on the same round without fail, and away they went in a perfect rise till the bells were well above frame height, when they were faded out. I do not remember the name of the village. I would say the tenor was round about 12 cwt. in G or F sharp.—Yours sincerely,

E. V. RODENHURST.

Whitchurch, Salop.

PEAL AT ST. MARY'S, TORQUAY

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Donald Roberts re the peal on May 30th, 1887, I hope the following information will help him. All the band were known to me and six of them were from Exeter: Mr. W. W. Gifford came from Salisbury and Mr. Frederick W. Batchelor hailed from Plymouth. Messrs. James Moss, William Munday and Thomas J. Lake were well-known ringers in Exeter, but Mr. Munday moved to Birmingham shortly after the Torquay peal.

Mr. Gifford was a bank manager in Salisbury and for many years gave splendid service to our art in various ways. Mr. Batchelor had two titles in ringing circles: Sir, verbally, and Esq. in print; but his name seemed to fade rather quickly in Devon Guild circles in the late '80's.

A few details of the three brothers Shepherd are: Ferris (my father), born April 30th, 1857, died April 22nd, 1921, aged 64; Alfred (my uncle), born 1860, died February 25th, 1902, aged 41; Edwin (my uncle), born July 11th, 1862, died July 22nd, 1946, aged 84.

It would take many columns of our paper to acquaint Mr. Roberts with many other items of interest concerning the band, who did a lot of spade-work in Devon, but if he would like to write me direct I shall be pleased to supply further particulars.—Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

22, Chapel Grove,
Addlestone, Surrey.

CHARGE FOR ROPES

Dear Sir,—I would welcome Mr. F. W. Perrens' suggestion in 'The Ringing World' of January 29th of a small charge for ropes. All vicars saddled with a ring of bells should impose a charge of 2s. per rope for all peals attempted, the money to go towards the cost of new ropes. Ropes are dear, and after all, peal ringing for pleasure or otherwise is dirt cheap. —Yours, etc.,

G. S. LEE.

Rotherham.

BETJEMAN AND BELLS

Dear Sir,—Mr. Denson's recommendation in your issue of February 26th, of 'Altar and Pew,' edited by John Betjeman, prompts me to draw the attention of ringers to John Betjeman's 'Collected Poems,' published by John Murray (15s.).

'Collected Poems' abounds in references to bells, change-ringing and ringers. If John Betjeman is known as the poet of suburbia, the Church of England and Oxford, he is equally entitled to be known as the poet of the Exercise.

In his poem, 'Bristol,' for instance, he writes:—

> Ringers in an oil-lit belfry — Bitton? Kelston? who shall say?—
> Smoothly practising a plain course, caverned out the dying day
> As their melancholy music flooded up and ebbed away.

And later on:—

> . . . over leagues of hills and dells
> Was the mathematic pattern of a plain course on the bells.

Again, in 'Myfanwy at Oxford':—

> *Her* Myfanwy? *My* Myfanwy.
> Bicycle bells in a Boar's Hill Pine.
> Stedman Triples from All Saints' steeple.
> Tom and his hundred and one at nine.
> Bells of Butterfield, caught in Keble,
> Sally and backstroke answer 'Mine!'

'Church of England Thoughts' contains this stanza:—

> In country churches old and pale
> I hear the changes smoothly rung
> And watch the coloured sallies fly
> From rugged hands to rafters high
> As round and back the bells are swung.

The opening lines of 'The Dear Old Village' illustrate John Betjeman's acute observation of ringers and their foibles:—

> The dear old village! *Lin-lan-lone* the bells
> (Which should be six) ring over hills and dells,
> But since the row about the ringers' tea
> It's *lin-lan-lone*. They're only ringing three.

There are many other campanological references in 'Collected Poems,' and ringers will find the reading of it both rewarding and entertaining.—Yours faithfully,

R. N. PITTMAN.

Cheadle Hulme, Cheshire.

5,024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir.—In the composition of 5,024 Yorkshire Surprise Major, by Stephen Ivin (page 143), the figures and calling of the two courses of the 'B' block have been inverted.—Yours sincerely, H. TURNER.

Shenfield.

A TRANSPOSITION

Dear Sir,—The composition of Romford Surprise Major on page 128 of 'The Ringing World' is a transposition of a peal of London by H. Law James, given on page 59 of 'Surprise Methods.'

Inadvertent acts of piracy of this type can often be avoided if the peal for an 8ths place method is transposed so as to give the corresponding peal for 2nds place methods, in which form they are usually more easily recognised. This is especially true of peals on a simple plan, such as this, which bears more than a family resemblance to Middleton's!—Yours sincerely,

RICHARD F. B. SPEED

Stretton-on-Dunsmore, Rugby.

5,008 DOUBLE NORWICH C.B. MAJOR (p. 96)

Dear Sir.—The footnote is correct: I fear Mr. Gobey has misread it. The 'fourth and last repetitions' are, in fact, the sixth and twelfth parts: of course the singles may be made on any two bells—Yours, etc.,

Norwich. NOLAN GOLDEN.

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LADY PEAL RINGERS OF ST. MARTIN'S HONOURED — BISHOP LATIMER'S BELLS — VICAR TOURS PUBLIC HOUSES FOR REACTION TO PEAL RINGING

RINGERS from as far distant as Newcastle-upon-Tyne came to Birmingham on Feb. 27th to honour the memory of Henry Johnson, to join in the excellent ringing arrangements and to take part in the 72nd Commemoration Dinner. In the chair was Mr. Rodney B. Meadows, and his epigrammatic wit knit together a long toast list. In a reference to 'The Servants of the Exercise,' which 'Jafus' is writing, he said, 'So far we have had the civil servants. I am looking forward to the time when we shall read of those who have rendered political service.'

THE COMPANY

The chairman was supported by the Master and Mrs. Edgar C. Shepherd, the honorary secretary and Mrs. George E. Fearn, Ald. A. Paddon Smith, Lt.-Col. Donald Paddon Smith and Mrs. Paddon Smith, Canon and Mrs. F. F. Guy Worman, the Rev. C. H. Smyth, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Walker.

The company included: Mr. and Mrs. V. W. Rigg, Mr. C. Dale, Mrs. H. Shepherd and Mr. T. Warner (Solihull); Messrs G. J. and G. C. Hemming and Mr. R. Savory (Evesham), Mr. M. Elson (Lichfield); Mr. L. J. and Miss B. Millhouse, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Randles, Miss G. Rusby, Mr. and Mrs. G. Bloomfield (Lincoln).

Messrs. Wilfred Williams, T. Edwards, W. Cook and R. J. Leale (London), P. Mehew (Bedford), B. C. Ashford (Stourbridge), P. L. Taylor (Loughborough), Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Collins, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Perrens, Mr. and Mrs. P. Border, Mr. and Mrs. Garner Hayward (Coventry), Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Cannon (Dorking), Miss E. Fearn, Mr. J. Worth and Mr. B. Jones (Cheshire), Mr. and Mrs. A. Ainsworth, Mr. J. E. Anderson and Mr. E. Harrison (Newcastle upon Tyne).

Mr. and Mrs. B. D. A. Woolley, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Edwards, Messrs. H. H. Fearn, P. J. Rigby, A. Ager, J. Anderson, R. J. Lees, H. J. Turner, A. J. Collings, J. McDonald, J. Pinfold, N. J. Goodman, T. W. White, the Misses M. Reay, V. M. Horton, E. M. Yardley and M. Turner.

Apologies were received from the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Birmingham, the Bishop of Birmingham, the Provost, Canon B. Green (who is abroad), Mr. and Mrs. McGuiness, Mr. and Mrs. Walden, of Lincoln, Mr. Morris J. Morris (who is in his 82nd year) and Miss M. Cross (Oxford Diocesan Guild).

TURNING COURSE OF STEDMAN CINQUES

Proposing the toast of 'The Memory of the late Henry Johnson,' Ald. A. Paddon Smith said while he never knew Henry Johnson personally, he had the pleasure of talking and ringing with many men of the older generation who knew and rang with him. He was a very good ringer—a good man at the end of a rope, but his fame was as a composer. His peals were beautiful musically. He was the first man to come forward with the idea of putting the turning course in the middle of a peal instead of towards the end as was common until then. Many peals were lost because of that. Men had become accustomed to ringing in the Tittums position and then when they were tired the change into handstroke position caused the peal to be lost.

He was a wonderful man and on his 72nd birthday rang in the then record length of 9,238 Stedman Cinques on February 28th, 1881. It took six hours and 48 minutes to ring. In that peal were Amos Cresser treble, Job Joynes 2, Henry Johnson jun.. 3, C. H. Hattersley 4, S. Reeves 5, Henry Johnson 6, John Dunn 7, John Buffery 8, John James 9, F. H. James 10, William Hollsworth (cond.) 11, T. Reynolds tenor. Reynolds then weighed 22 stone and he weighed 18 stone when he died.

Johnson's tombstone was in Aston Churchyard and by the goodwill of the Vicar of Aston it was one of the very few remaining upright. It had this inscription:

'This stone is erected by the ringers of England in grateful memory of Henry Johnson to whose ability and perseverance the art of change ringing is greatly indebted. Born at Lichfield 1809, died at Aston, 1890.

'"Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with all thy might".'

The toast was drunk in silence.

CONTINUITY

The toast 'Continued prosperity to the St. Martin's Guild' was proposed by Canon F. F. Guy Warman, Vicar of Aston, who quoted George Elliot's words that appeared on the toast list:

'You must remember, it is not only laying hold of the rope

You must go on pulling.'

The Canon said he was a curate of the church George Elliot wrote about—Shepperton Church. Tied up with continued prosperity was continuity. The point about continuity was that it was not exactly the same as ever before. There was a famous Greek philosopher who said, 'You can't step in the same river twice.' Continued prosperity did not mean the same prosperity of 20, 30 or 50 years. With continued prosperity there must come change, because if there was no change it would be merely static—something with no life.

In the Ringing Exercise there was a very ordered continuity. If the continuity was not continuous the peal came to an end. In the St. Martin's Guild there was a continuity of personnel. Each year at that dinner they met those who had been in the business many years, and some just starting.

The most important was the continuity of service and for many years in Birmingham and its neighbouring churches there had been the continuity of service by the bell-ringers, and as a clergyman he would like to say how much they were in their debt. 'There was nothing so pathetic,' said the Canon with emphasis, 'as old ringers trying to bring back the former glory on five bells, and then later we hear eight, ten or twelve.'

It was this continuity of service they desired in wishing prosperity to the Guild.

CATHEDRAL BELLS COMPLAINT

The Master, Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd, in reply, said they were losing one tower—the old church of Bishop Ryder and its bells but at the same time they were gaining one with eight at Bishop Latimer's church.

During the past year the Cathedral bells had come back into action after being silent for many months. About the middle of the year they suddenly began to ring peals on them and one of those peals was Stedman Cinques conducted by their old friend Albert Walker. He was very much impressed by his control; he did not use an easy composition but one with a complicated turning course. Ringing in that peal was a great privilege. They also rang during the year four peals of London Surprise Royal.

Sad to relate there had been a complaint about the Cathedral bells. In the 'Birmingham Post' of the previous day there was a serious complaint headed 'Silent bells.' A gentleman who lived in his borough of Solihull had written complaining that the Cathedral bells were not rung for the birth of the Royal Prince and stated, 'It is high time Birmingham stopped lagging behind the rest of the country.' Commented Mr. Shepherd: 'We must really ask Mr. Fearn to take notice of this complaint and ring more peals at the Cathedral.'

There was one thing he would like to mention—how much the Guild owed to their very talented lady members. Miss Elizabeth Yardley rang her first peal of Stedman Cinques in an excellent way and they all knew what an accomplished ringer was Miss Diana Perrens. Then there was Mrs. Ruth Border who came the 20 miles from Coventry on the back of her husband's motor cycle to ring with them, and finally there was Miss Muriel Reay, who had now completed over 500 peals of which more than 75 were on 12 bells. (Applause.)

There were two things which he as Master of the Guild was particularly proud of. St Paul wrote, 'If it be possible, as much as lies in you be at peace with all men.' St. Paul was a practical man and he knew that times would arise when hard words would be said. They in that Guild did not quarrel among themselves and he was very proud that they lived at peace with one another.

The second was the very hearty welcome they gave to visitors at the Bull Ring and it was a great joy to hear the Ringing Master, Mr. John Pinfold, in his courtly manner say, 'What would you like to ring,' to the visitor. 'You can ring anything you like.' It was very nice to offer anything from Grandsire to Spliced Surprise.'

THE VISITORS

Mr. Ralph G. Edwards, who proposed the toast of 'The Visitors,' had something complimentary to say to the many guests present. In a reference to the chairman he recalled Mr. Meadows' speech at the Henry Johnson dinner of 1951 when the Lord Mayor was present and he referred to the smoke of Birmingham as 'Dante's Inferno.'

Speaking of Mr. John Worth he mentioned the record peal of 21,600 changes of Bristol Surprise rung at Over 'on real bells,' a quip at the next extent of Major attempt at Loughborough. In a welcome to Mr. Alan Ainsworth and the Newcastle contingent, he called Mr. Ainsworth 'an accomplished conductor who had done what very few had in calling Carter's Odd-bob peal of Stedman Triples. There were words of welcome to the Lincoln ringers and a special reference to the marriage peal of Desford Surprise Major for Mr. and Mrs. George Randles—Desford was Mr. Randles' birthplace.

Speaking of Mr. Paul L. Taylor, Mr. Edwards said, 'We are sorry he has come to Birmingham and taken away a modern Taylor ring but we hope he will be in a position to bring it back into the city.' Of his friend Mr. Pat Cannon, the speaker said, 'There is not a tower in the country you can go into in which Mr. Cannon is not known for some reason or another. "Jafus" told me one day he is a second Jimmy George with a difference—Cannon has a sense of humour.'

To Mr. Wilfred Williams, past master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, there was this compliment. 'During this year as Master he brought the standard of ringing in the Society to the highest level it had attained.' Another London ringer, Mr. Robin Leale, was congratulated on ringing a peal of Scientific Triples while Mr. Philip Mehew was referred to as 'the glamour boy' of the Exercise after the chairman.

The Rev. Cecil H. Smyth, of Bishop Latimer's Church, in reply mentioned the completion of the raising of the £2,000 for the bells of his church, despite certain opposition from the Diocesan authorities. On the night of the peal on the bells for the birth of the Prince he was out in the parish and called at various public houses. There was not a word of opposition to the ringing of the bells. He hoped that those who rang for service at his church would not be those who rang and went away but would stay for what they were ringing for.

SUBSCRIBERS PLEASE— NOT BORROWERS

The toast of 'The Ringing World' was proposed by Mr. F. E. Collins. He appealed strongly to narrow the gap between the 20,000 ringers who were members of affiliated bodies and the 5,600 who were subscribers to the journal. There were too many people borrowing 'The Ringing World' he said.

The Editor in reply said despite the increase in price the circulation was still in a better position than a year ago. The past week had

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HURSTPIERPOINT'S SERVANTS OF THE EXERCISE

On February 13th a social evening and entertainment was held at the Parish Room, Hurstpierpoint, Sussex, in honour of long service by four members of the local band.

The local ringers made all arrangements and invited their clergy, members of the Parochial Church Council, officers of the Sussex County Association, representatives of 14 neighbouring towers and representatives of other church organisations in the parish.

Four bronze plaques had been cast specially from a design by a ringer. The centre-piece is a bell with three interlocked circles to represent the Holy Trinity to which Hurstpierpoint Church is dedicated. Around the bell are raised letters, reading: 'Hurstpierpoint Ringers,' and underneath: 'Faithful Service.' The lower part consists of a raised and polished oblong, engraved with the words: 'Presented to G. H. Richardson with grateful thanks, 1898–1960.' The other three were similar but with the names G. S. Mansbridge, 1911–1960, C. W. Diplock, 1898–1959, J. C. V. Dearlove, 1935–1955. (Mr. Dearlove also rang for many years before coming to Hurstpierpoint in 1935.) Each plaque was mounted on a polished oak base by one of the local ringers.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of these plaques by the Rector (Rev. T. R. Franklin), supported by the Rector's Warden (Mr. J. Denman) and a vice-president of the County Association, Mr. S. E. Armstrong. All three, together with others speaking from the floor of the hall, paid tribute to the wonderful service given to their church by these four gentlemen over such a long period of time. Mr. J. Denman also presented signed copies of 'Coronation Chimes,' a book on the history of the local bells, printed when they were rehung for the Coronation. These books were from the Rector and churchwardens.

The presentation was followed by refreshments arranged by the ladies.

A very fine spirit prevailed throughout the evening as the more active played games, and later all were entertained by handbell tunes rung by the local band, excellent change-ringing by the band from St. Peter's Church, Brighton, Mr. Jack Markwick, a comedian from Crawley, songs by Mr. George Austin, from Hove, 'Farmer Giles' by Mr. Bernard Cornish, from Portslade, and a twins act by the local joint captains.

It was good to see ringers from many towers mixing with the local churchpeople to honour such a fine record of service by four 'servants of the Exercise.'

Henry Johnson Dinner—Cont.

for him been particularly strenuous. Two mornings that week he had had over 100 letters to deal with. It was revelation to him of the place the paper held in the affection of ringers of England.

From time to time there had been criticism of the "gratefully acknowledged" column. Through the generosity of those who had sent donations with their peals and quarter peals, they were planning to give in the next issue one of 24 pages, the largest number of pages ever given. That issue would present an amazing picture of how the ringers of these islands honoured the birth of a second son to Her Majesty the Queen. They did what the people of this country expected of them.

The concluding toast of 'The Chairman' was submitted by Mr. Paul L. Taylor. The chairman in his acknowledgment thanked the Guild for the privilege of presiding over such a distinguished gathering. He thanked Mr. D. S. Anderson for his songs and his accompanist, Miss Margaret Bunn.

During the evening there was handbell ringing of touches of Stedman Caters and Grandsire Caters.

MORE ABOUT THE HERTS ASSOCIATION GRIEVANCE

Dear Sir.—I acknowledge the helpful replies to my letter in 'The Ringing World' of February 12th from Messrs. Painter, Castledine and Frost. As Mr. Bartholomew was once a member of our band at St. Mary's, Rickmansworth, but left under unfortunate circumstances, I am unable to acknowledge the contents of much of his letter. If he would care to furnish me with his address, or come and see me, I will give him an adequate answer.

If the Hertford County Association is content to arrange nothing more than haphazard monthly meetings on a 'first-come, first-served' basis, when anyone can ring precisely what he likes, then my previous letter was in very bad taste and I apologise to all concerned. But is this the sole function of a ringing Society? I certainly do not think so.

The points raised in the letters referred to above are three—the interpretation of the words GUILD and ASSOCIATION: the rules or aims of a particular Association: and the fact that I have not paid any subscription as a resident ringing member.

Firstly, it was pointed out that I used the word Guild when I should have used Association, in reference to the Hertford County Association. This was done deliberately, because I understand the word Association to mean a group of people combined together with a common aim, whereas I understand the word Guild to mean a fellowship of people with express desires to create and maintain certain religious and secular beliefs. In this respect the word Guild is much more suited for describing groups of ringers gathered together, whether or not it is the official title of the organisation referred to.

Secondly, that I misrepresented Object II of the Association by quoting in part only. To enlarge on the fourth paragraph of my previous letter, I maintain that a Guild or 'Association' visits different towers to enable the local ringers to gain marked benefits from the touches arranged. For two consecutive years our own ringers rang nothing more than rounds, and therefore they lost what interest they had in the Association concerned. Strong criticism was also made because we had abandoned Grandsire as a useful method, but when Plain Bob Triples or Caters were requested, this was denied.

Thirdly, that I have not paid a resident ringer's subscription. When I first came to the county and found that relationships between local ringers and the Association were non-existent, I decided to wait until someone took sufficient interest in us before consenting to annual subscription. As Mr. Frost has now become interested in us, this fault will be rectified.

I shall have no grievances to put forward at the Association annual meeting, but rather suggestions which I think will improve relationships.

We have been criticised for taking more out of ringing than we put in. This I deny. We arranged during 1959 a full programme of events, which culminated in a dinner in January. Other than our own ringers, one person only from the Hertford County Association was present, although we have good support from other ringing fraternities. During 1960 we are going to arrange even more attractions, including a tower open day, a trip to the Whitechapel Foundry and various social gatherings. Is anyone from the Association going to be interested this time?—Yours faithfully,

M. HATCHETT.

Rickmansworth, Herts.

THE LADIES' GUILD

The annual meeting of the Midland District was held on February 20th at All Saints' Church, Leicester. All the Guild officers were re-elected, Miss I. B. Thompson once again being the vice-president for the ensuing year. About 30 members and friends were present, and the bells were put to good use during the afternoon and evening. One new member was elected. The next meeting will be held at Melton on April 30th.

OBITUARY

MR. C. W. R. GRIMWOOD

AN APPRECIATION

So dear old Bob has gone, and it was with deep regret that my wife and I read of his death on February 8th. Bob joined the Kingston-upon-Thames company during the time I was secretary of that tower, and he remained a staunch and regular member of the band until I left to return to Norfolk. In spite of his long journey from Hersham, he seldom failed to attend for Sunday service ringing or on practice nights. He was equally at home with the proficient or the most raw recruit and always gave of his best. He was delighted when invited to call a 'touch,' but above all was a first-rate tower member.

I spent many happy hours in his company, and many times he related to me his experiences and the 'dodges' he got up to so that he could ring with W. Pye and company, in London, when he should have been at work.

I shall remember always with gratitude his help to the Kingston company and myself, and as has already been said, he was a good and faithful ringer and friend. May he rest in peace.

H. W. BARRETT.
Ringing Master,
Norwich Diocesan Association.

MR. KEN SHERMAN

Mr. Ken Sherman, for 35 years a member of the Newbury Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild and of the Brightwalton tower, died suddenly on February 25th. Ken was known to a wide circle of friends, as he often drove coaches for Oxfordshire ringers' outings.

The funeral service was at Brightwalton on February 29th, and in the evening five members of his tower, with Mr. C. J. Hibbert, rang a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles with the bells half-muffled. The band was: P. J. Sayers 1, Cyril J. Hibbert 2, Gordon Hedges 3, John Bracey 4, Arthur Sayers (conductor) 5, W. J. Sayers 6.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Thirty-three ringers attended the quarterly meeting of the West Dorset branch at Burton Bradstock on February 20th. The fifteenth century church was much admired. The Guild service was conducted by Canon C. C. Cox, and Canon A. R. Dittmer, the Rector, gave the address. The organ was played by Mrs. Pope, one of the visiting ringers.

Mr. C. W. Powell, the branch vice-chairman, presided at the business meeting. Canon Cox gave a brief account of the formation and running of the Guild Library. The secretary announced that the Guild Festival would be held at Wimborne on May 14th. It was decided to run a coach and to make it a branch outing. The next quarterly meeting is to be at Whitchurch Canonicorum on April 23rd and the method Double Norwich.

In the absence of Mr. D. Bishop, who was indisposed, Mr. H. Keeley was in charge of the ringing, which included London Minor. A warm welcome was extended to the visitors from the North Dorset and Wimborne branches, with a special word for Mr. W. Shute.

NEW TOWER AT HIBALDSTOW

There can be few parishes of comparable size able to match the recent achivements of the Lincolnshire village of Hibaldstow.

Under the energetic leadership of the present Vicar (Rev. F. Insull), a new tower has been added to the church, at a cost of over £4,000, replacing one which fell down in 1875. Fortunately, the three bells survived undamaged and these have now been installed in the new tower, with space for a further three bells. It is hoped to complete the ring of six in the not too distant future.

Although the official opening and dedication of the new tower does not take place until March 26th, the bells were rung for the first time on Sunday, February 7th, by a team of ringers from Brigg. A few days before this, when the last of the bells was being rehung, a film of the ceremony was made by the B.B.C. and shown on the Northern news T.V. programme.

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'ELEMENTARY CHANGE RINGING,' by F. E. Rigby: an exceptionally good introduction to the art of change-ringing: 3s. 6d.; postage 3d.—S.P.C.K., Holy Trinity Church, Marylebone Road, London, N.W.1. 5250

MISCELLANEOUS

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—There will be no practice on Friday, March 11th, owing to a dramatic performance in church. 5899

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general committee meeting will be held at the Clarendon Press Institute, Walton Street, Oxford, at 2.30 p.m., on Saturday, March 19th. Names for tea before Wednesday, March 16th, to Mr. P. Walker, 66, Fairacres Road, Oxford. —M. R. Cross. 5800

CHARLES W. BLAKEY MEMORIAL FUND.—Memorial plaque or table to be placed in Rishton belfry. Those wishing to join in this tribute please send donations to John Pilkington, 407, Whalley Road, Clayton-le-Moors, Accrington, Lancs. 5929

WOULD any ringers with the Christian name of Geoffrey, interested in a name peal attempt, probably in the Midlands, please write to Geoff. M. Brewin, 5, Cossington Lane, Rothley, Leics.

MONDAY, the 14th, is the second Monday in the month, so come to ASH for Surprise Minor practice, 7.30 to 9 p.m. Methods, Beverley, Bourne, London, Norwich, Surfleet, York. 5927

RINGERS interested in touring (no peals) North England and Scotland between July 30th and August 13th inclusive (or part) are invited to write, stating brief ringing qualifications and personal details. Travelling is by private car and accommodation at reasonably-priced b. and b's. Apply Box No. 5919, 'The Ringing World' Office, Onslow Street, Guildford. 5919

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MEETINGS

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Barlborough, Saturday, March 12th, 3 p.m. Tea provided.—A. B. Cooper. 5902

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge district.—Meeting at Trumpington on Saturday, March 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.—E. W. Bullman, Dis. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting at Tendring, Saturday, March 12th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Followed by tea and business meeting. 5853

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting Saturday, March 12th at Guildford. Ringing: Holy Trinity 2.30 to 4.30, St. Mary's 2.30 to 4.15, Stoke 2.30 to 4. Service Holy Trinity 4.30. Tea (2s. 6d.) Harvey's Restaurant 5.20 p.m. Evening ringing announced at business meeting. 5881

HEREFORD GUILD.—Bromyard District.—Annual meeting Bromyard, 3 p.m. March 12th. Service 4.30 p.m. 5888

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Bobbing, Saturday, March 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 5839

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting, Lenham, on Saturday, March 12th, combined with the Ladies' Guild. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. —R. L. Sills, Dis. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Meeting, Saturday, March 12th, St. Mary's, Ealing, 3.30 p.m. Tea, own arrangements. Business and further ringing 6.30 p.m., at Christ Church, Ealing.—M. Powell. 5911

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Prees (6), Saturday, March 12th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, Tea 5 o'clock. Further ringing 6.15 p.m. onwards.—F. Cattell, Hon. Sec. 5890

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Annual general meeting, Crawley (8), Saturday, March 12th. Bells available 4 p.m. Tea 5, Service 6. Meeting and election of officers 6.30, followed by ringing until 8 p.m. 5866

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting, Walberton (6), Saturday, March 12th, 3 p.m. 5872

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Practice meeting, Portbury (6), Saturday, March 19th. Bells 5 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 5605

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Crewkerne Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Barrington, Saturday, March 19th. Usual arrangements. Notify for tea.—T. J. Locke, Local Hon. Sec. 5916

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Taunton Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Halse, on Saturday, March 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please.—A. H. Reed, Mimosa, George Street, Taunton. 5923

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Meeting, Leighton Buzzard, Saturday, March 19th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Short service 4.30. Tea (about 2s. 6d.) 5 p.m. Names to Mr. J. M. Stephens, 33, Poplar Close, Leighton Buzzard. No name, no tea.—K. G. Spavins, Dis. Sec. 5912

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Meeting, Eastham, Saturday, March 19th. Bells (6) 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea *free* for those notifying by Wednesday previous.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 5930

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Saltburn, Saturday, March 19th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by *Wednesday, March 16th*, to P. W. B. Semmens, Hon. Sec., 52, Belle Vue Grove, Middlesbrough. 5931

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Monthly meeting, Bulkington, on Saturday, March 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. *Please note*: Draw for television set will be made at this meeting. All counterfoils, unsold tickets and cash should be sent in not later than Wednesday, March 16th, to J. L. Garner-Hayward, 8, Orchard Crescent, Coventry. 5913

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Peak District.—Meeting, Chapel-en-le-Frith, Saturday, March 19th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided. All welcome.—H. E. Taylor, Dis. Sec. 5898

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Western District. — Meeting, Saturday, March 19th, Winlaton St. Paul, 3 p.m. Names to Mr. T. Bullerwell, South Farm, Barlow, Winlaton, Blaydon-on-Tyne. 5896

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Annual at Coleman's Hatch, Saturday, March 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Hall, followed by business. Names essential to John Ryman, Vicarage Cottage, Coleman's Hatch, Hartfield, Sussex.—C. A. Bassett. 5921

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. —Meeting, Saturday, March 19th, Black Notley. Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Names for tea, please, to H. A. Pratt, 6, Council Houses, Black Notley. Braintree bells (8) also available from 3.30 to 4.30 p.m. only. 5860

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting, Eynesbury, Saturday, March 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 4914

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—Grittleton (6), Saturday, March 19th, 3 p.m. Service and tea. Names to H. Heath, 89, London Road, Chippenham. 5920

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Windrush, Saturday, March 19th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. No name, no tea. Sherborne (if available) 6.30 p.m.—R. Wenban, 21, Aldsworth Road, Bibury, Cirencester, Glos. 5907

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. —Wotton Branch.— Monthly meeting, Chipping Sodbury (6), Saturday, Mar. 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea.—B. Cooper, 14, Coombe Road, Wotton. 5892

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Annual meeting at Ulverston, Saturday, March 19th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names to N. M. Newby, 45, Oakwood Drive, Ulverston. 5928

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—Meeting, Newchurch, Saturday, March 19th. Bells from 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m., meeting to follow.—J. Porter. 5906

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch. — Ringing meeting, Saturday, March 19th, at St. Michael's, Ashton-under-Lyne. Bells (13) available 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—G. D. Fearnehough, Sec. 5935

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Medbourne, on Saturday, March 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., Horse and Trumpet.—L. A. Allen, High Street, Great Glenn. 5915

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Fulbeck (6), Saturday, March 19th. Tea for those who notify me by Tuesday previous. — C. Brown, 3, Altham Terrace, Lincoln. 5885

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Meeting at Twickenham, Saturday, March 19th. Arrangements: Ringing at St. Mary's, 3 to 4.30 p.m., followed by service and tea. Further ringing at All Hallows', 6.30 to 8 p.m. Names for tea not later than March 15th to Mrs. J. Turner, 90, Bridge Way, Whitton, Middx.—E. R. Gotham, Hon. Sec. 5933

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Leek, Saturday, March 19th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. in the Maud Institute. Names for tea by Wednesday, 16th, to Mr. E. Sharrett, 13, Lowther Place, Leek. Please note: New Association badges will be on sale at Leek.—J. G. Burton, Hon. Sec. 5884

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, March 19th, Collingbourne Kingston. Names for tea to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 5924

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Carlton-juxta-Snaith, Saturday, March 19th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please provide own food—cups of tea only available.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 5909

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting, Alrewas, Saturday, March 19th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, March 16th, to Mr. R. A. Wealthy, 5, Church Road, Alrewas, Burton-on-Trent. 5887

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting, Saturday, March 19th, Winthorpe. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to Mr. R. Wing, Winthorpe, Newark.—W. L. Exton, Hon. Sec. 5861

SUFFOLK GUILD.—S.W. District.—Practice meeting, Long Melford (8), Saturday, Mar. 19th. Bells 6.30 to 9 p.m. 5893

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting, Kingswood (6), Saturday, Mar. 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing continues till 9 p.m. Names for tea by previous Thursday to Mr. G. Clark, 1, Copley Way, Tadworth.—G. A. West, Hon. Sec. 5878

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Shoreham (8), Saturday, March 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Please notify numbers by Tuesday, March 15th.—Geo. North, 11, Richmond Terrace, Brighton. 5903

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—Practice meeting, Saturday, March 19th. St. Paul's, Hounslow Heath (8), 1.45 to 2.45; St. Mary's, Ealing (8), 3.30 to 4.30; St. Stephen's, West Ealing (8) 5 to 6 p.m. 5901

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Southampton District. — Quarterly meeting, Fawley, Saturday, March 19th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Hall. Names for tea by March 17th, please, to Mr. L. V. Smith, Trevelyn, Springfield Grove, Fawley. 5910

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Meeting, Idle, Saturday, March 19th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea by Wednesday, 16th, to Mr. T. Hill, 5, Leyton Crescent, Idle, near Bradford.—A. E. Marsh, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5864

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester and North Forest Branches.—Joint meeting, Barnwood (8), Saturday, March 26th, 2.45 p.m. Names for tea by March 23rd from either Branch to Green, 30, Malvern Road, Gloucester. 5932

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Meeting, Rothersthorpe, Saturday, March 26th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to E. Billings, 61, Melville Street, Northampton. 5900

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Helmdon, Saturday, March 26th. Names for tea by Tuesday previous.—W. A. Yates, 4, Bannerlands, Dadford, Buckingham. 5922

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Bromley, Easter Monday, April 18th. Service 12 noon. Lunch 1 p.m., Bell Hotel (members 5s., others 7s. 6d.). Tickets, with details of ringing and business, from Mr. B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, Bobbing, Sittingbourne, Kent. Applications, and nominations for Central Council representatives, 1960–3, by April 12th.—Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Hon. Sec. 5905

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting will be at Swindon on Saturday, April 23rd, at 2.15 p.m.; details later. Nominations for Master by March 25th to Charles Rouse, Brookfield Lawn, Churchdown, Glos. 5925

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QUARTER PEALS

KELLY, DEVON.—On Feb. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Judith Whitford 1, J. Boucher (first 'inside') 2, D. R. Bould (cond.) 3, J. H. Bunoy 4, W. C. Boucher 5, L. Cundy 6.

LANCASTER.—At St. Mary's Church, on Feb. 6th, 1,296 Plain Bob Major: Irene Bradshaw (first quarter) 1, Judy Moir (first of Major) 2, R. Dennison 3, D. Lawson (first of Major) 4, J. Dickenson 5, T. Metcalfe 6, G. Braithwaite (cond.) 7, R. F. Eccles 8.

LONDON, S.E.—At St. John's, Waterloo Road, on Jan. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original): W. D. Grainger (cond.) 1, T. H. Taffender 2, Miss M. E. Powell 3, Miss D. A. Deverell 4, C. M. Meyer 5, F. A. Ranson 6, C. W. Ottley 7, J. McPhail 8.

MANGOTSFIELD, GLOS.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Brown 1, C. E. Jefferies 2, O. H. Taysom 3, M. J. Jefferies (first as cond.) 4, W. Ritchings 5, J. W. Jefferies 6, J. G. Jefferies 7, E. Cooksley 8. A wedding compliment to Colin Beakes, local ringer.

MORECAMBE, LANCS.—On Nov. 13th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Dorothy Nelson 1, G. Braithwaite 2, W. Gerrard 3, T. Metcalfe 4, P. Handley 5, Dorothy Eccles 6, Anne Batty (first quarter) 7, R. F. Eccles (cond.) 8.

NORTH SHIELDS, NORTHUMBERLAND.—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Margaret E. Sim (first quarter) 1, Elizabeth B. Scott 2, James Scott (first in method) 3, R. Turner 4, E. White (first in method) 5, S. Hewitt 6, Jack Scott (cond.) 7, Matthew B. Livesley 8. Also on Feb. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret E. Sim (first in method) 1, Elizabeth B. Scott 2, R. Turner 3, J. Scott 4, E. White 5, S. Hewitt 6, J. Scott (cond.) 7, M. B. Livesley 8.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: H. King 1, Ann Hancock 2, M. McQuistan 3, L. Cordell 4, J. McPhail 5, W. Wedlock (cond.) 6.

ROMSEY, HANTS.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. J. Pointer 1, Miss A. Knight 2, C. M. White 3, M. L. Northway (cond.) 4, D. Greenlaw 5, K. J. Jacobs 6, H. J. Page 7, R. C. B. Smallman 8. Rung half muffled in memoriam Countess Mountbatten of Burma.

SOUTH CERNEY, GLOS.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Anne Legg (first quarter) 1, Anne Stephens 2, M. J. Cook 3, B. Wakefield (cond.) 4, R. J. Smith 5, R. Wakefield (first quarter) 6. Rung half muffled in memoriam Capt. J. E. Fenton, a churchwarden.

STOGURSEY, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. A. Ford 1, M. Baker 2, R. I. Ford 3, E. J. Ford (cond.) 4, W. Webber 5, J. J. Ford 6.

WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 17th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: A. H. Reed (cond.) 1, I. G. Hughes (first of Major 'inside') 2, B. M. W. Dobbie (first of Major) 3, Mrs. E. S. Powell 4, C. Tarr 5, D. T. North 6, H. V. Young 7, H. G. Sparks 8.

ST. PETER MANCROFT

Members of St. Peter Mancroft Ringers' Guild at the annual meeting on February 17th elected the assistant curate, in the absence of the Vicar, as acting president. Mr. A. G. Bason and Mr. F. N. Golden were re-elected ringing and deputy ringing master respectively. Mr. C. Bird secretarry and treasurer, and Messrs. W. Mayers and W. Barber steeplekeepers. The balance sheet had a balance of £30 16s. 3d. The acting president expressed his concern about the shortage of ringers in Norwich and said he would like to see more young people take an interest in the art of ringing. Mr. S. Gaul was elected a member. The society was pleased to learn that Mr. Golden had left hospital and all wished him a speedy return to ringing.

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Crofton Alliance		16		12		16	34		14	5	6

QUARTER PEALS

BEAMINSTER, DORSET.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): Rev. J. S. Arthur (first quarter) 1, E. P. Bailey 2, T. Gunning 3, A. Winters 4, J. T. Barrett (cond.) 5, E. A. Pannell 6, W. C. Poole 7, A. Meech 8. A compliment to E. P. Bailey who has been a ringer for 51 years, people's warden for 34 years, and until his retirement this year was for 41 years secretary and treasurer of the Ringers' Guild.

BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: V. J. C. Dale 1, W. R. Chandler 2, Miss M. Witney (first quarter) 3, Miss B. Fisher 4, R. J. Brown (cond.) 5. For Evensong.

CASTLE ASHBY, NORTHAMPTON.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Ann Fowler 1, S. Elliott 2, T. Wooding 3, H. Wooding (cond.) 4, Allan Jones 5. Rung half muffled in memoriam Mr. Chamberlain, churchwarden for 27 years.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On Feb. 7th, at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. J. Cox, R.A.F. (first quarter) 1, F. J. Lewis 2, H. L. Cooke 3, E. H. Jefferies 4, P. J. Lewis 5, P. Morgans 6, F. J. Lewis jun. (cond.) 7, M. J. Cook (first on eight) 8. For evening service.

CLAVERLEY, SALOP.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Courtman 1, J. Marsh 2, W. Francis 3, E. Drew (cond.) 4, G. Goodson 5, F. Bennett 6, A. V. Pearson 7, A. Nurse 8. Rung half muffled as a tribute of respect to Mr. G. Jones, father of Mr. C. Jones, of the local band.

DURBAN, SOUTH AFRICA.—On Jan. 29th, at St. Paul's Church, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Margaret Brinkworth 1, P. Cahill 2, W. Gardiner 3, J. Chambers 4, C. Chambers 5, E. Bishop (first of Bob Minor as cond.) 6. First of Bob Minor by all the band and probably first quarter on the bells.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: S. Abbs 1, G. Howlett 2, A. Crowe 3, M. Solley 4, A. Coleman 5, R. Brown (first quarter) 6, M. Parker (first quarter) 7, P. Kindred (cond.) 8.

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THEY ALSO SERVE . . .

THE back page of 'The Ringing World' may be said to resemble in some respects the front door of the house in which we dwell. For the front door is the first object to catch our eye as we return home, and the back page gives us our first glimpse of our journal as we take it from the postman on Thursday morning. And as our portal opens to present us with domestic comfort and refreshment, so the back page leads us to the experiences and reflections of the columns of the paper. And to carry the analogy a little further, it may be reasonable to suggest that the back page becomes as familiar to us as the front door, so that unless some startling change takes place or some novel feature is added, we may spend less time in the contemplation of this part of the structure than we do on the matter within.

Yet however little we may be urged to sit and gaze thoughtfully at our own front door, there are moments of reflection when, perhaps, we have exhausted the interior of our paper, and we find that the back page presents itself in a new way and with new trains of thought. Among such trains of thought there is one arising from the familiar list of ringing publications advertised week by week. These valuable works are, as we all fully realise, gifts provided for us by devoted and unselfish lovers of the art, and the public presentation and distribution of these books and pamphlets must be carried out by another unseen and even less rewarded band of workers. Among these one cannot fail to notice the ladies.

Three distinct sets of ringing publications present themselves on the back page of 'The Ringing World.' These are the Central Council publications, 'The Ringers' Handbook' and the Snowdon series; and each of these groups serves to remind us of the arduous labours and consistent devotion of a number of talented ladies, some of whom do not appear in the forefront of the Exercise's weekly pageant. It is impossible to look down the list of Council publications without some thought of the difficult and delicate task of providing a beginner's handbook, and of the part played by Miss Marie Cross in the completion of the job. Here, too, although there is no hint of it on the page, is a silent tribute to the monumental labours of Mrs. G. W. Fletcher. Who can compute her hours of typing, of checking, of proof reading, of collating, that have attached to her unseen work on publications and the business of the Council? Innumerable folk might bear witness to the many fields in which her help has been sought, but perhaps only Mr. George Fletcher could adequately estimate the immense value of the services his wife has rendered to the Exercise.

The name of Mrs. E. S. Powell and the notice of 'The Ringers' Handbook' turn our minds to this accomplished lady ringer and to her husband and his valuable work on the Central Council. And surely his text book, a reflection of his own integrity and good sense, is among the most attractive of all our rich store of writings. Its matter is sound, its progression logical, and there is a brightness about its setting, both in words and figures, that makes one eager to turn the pages.

The Snowdon books have for long been associated with our lady friends. From the time of her husband's death in 1915 until 1941, Mrs. Laura Snowdon kept alive the publication of the famous works of her brother-in-law Jasper, and her daughter, Miss Margaret Snowdon, has from 1941 until recently not only guaranteed continuity of the existing books but has also published revised editions of 'Stedman' and 'Grandsire.' In a letter to a correspondent in January, 1956, Miss Snowdon paid affectionate tribute to the memory of her Uncle Jasper, whom she was just too young to remember. The kindly nature of this gracious lady is reflected in the intimate short preface she wrote for 'Grandsire'; from her to Armiger Trollope's great friend and colleague, Ernest Turner, is a natural transition, and the remembrance of the genius of Ernest Turner is continually before us through the name of his wife, who holds the Snowdon publications in her care.

These random thoughts, arising from the contemplation of the back page, serve to remind us of that great cloud of unseen witnesses behind the activities of the Exercise. The flame that Edith Parker kindled at Cubitt Town in 1912 has become a great glowing light, in which our ladies of the ringing family shine both before the public eye in their practical deeds and in the back-stage green rooms and workrooms, where at times they may seem only to stand and wait.

E. C. S.

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Peals rung in honour of the birth of a second son to Her Majesty the Queen, on Feb. 19th, 1960

EIGHT BELL PEALS

ERITH, KENT.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Fri., Feb. 19, 1960, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 PREMIER SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	*Treble*	*IAN H. ORAM	5
JOAN BERESFORD	2	†DENNIS BERESFORD	6
ARTHUR G. MASON	3	†PETER BERESFORD	7
GEORGE J. BUTCHER	4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.
* 75th peal of Surprise Major. † First in the method. First in the method as conductor.

BARNET, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 20, 1960, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23¾ cwt.

MRS. T. J. LOCK	*Treble*	PETER BERESFORD	5
JOAN BERESFORD	2	*ANTHONY AGER	6
ALICK CUTLER	3	FRANK C. PRICE	7
THOMAS H. FRANCIS	4	DENNIS BERSFORD	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by DENNIS BERESFORD.
* First peal of Bristol Surprise Major.

HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING, COUNTY DURHAM.
THE DURHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Sat., Feb. 20, 1960, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

*KEITH WARD (King's)	*Treble*	JOHN THORLEY (King's)	5
C. J. HERBERT (St. John's)	2	BRUCE PIPER (St. John's)	6
*JAMES SCOTT (King's)	3	NICHOLAS WEBB (King's)	7
*DENNIS ELLISDON (King's)	4	BRYAN PATTISON (Bcde)	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.
* First peal.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 20, 1960, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN K. SMITH	*Treble*	GRAHAM T. BALL	5
DEREK P. JONES	2	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	6
DAVID W. BRUNNING	3	JOSEPH W. COTTON	7
*WILLIAM F. WOODWARD	4	JOHN M. JELLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
* First peal of Yorkshire 'inside.'

OLD GLOSSOP, DERBYSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 20, 1960, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt.

FRANK OSBALDISTON	*Treble*	*ALEX. RICHARDSON	5
*SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN.	2	BARRIE HENDRY	6
IVOR JENKINS	3	DEREK TAYLOR	7
*FREDERICK SHALLCROSS	4	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.
* First peal in the method 'inside.'

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Feb. 24, 1960, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr.

*JOHN OULTRAM	*Treble*	FRED JACKSON	5
JOHN R. BIBBY	2	OSWALD CLAYBROOK	6
JOHN F. BIBBY	3	CYRIL VALENTINE	7
WILLIAM G. BIBBY	4	FRANCIS BIBBY	*Tenor*

Composed by T. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.
* First peal.

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 27, 1960, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's transposition. Tenor 13 cwt.

ERIC J. HITCHINS	*Treble*	PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING	5
*NORMAN KNEE	2	FREDERICK ROSS	6
ROGER KEELEY	3	FREDERICK S. SLATFORD	7
GILBERT H. HARDING	4	LAURENCE E. HITCHINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK S. SLATFORD.
* First peal of Stedman. First of Stedman as conductor.
Rung also for the engagement of Princess Margaret to Mr. A. Armstrong-Jones.

READING, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 27, 1960, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

*KENNETH COTTERELL	*Treble*	ERNEST J. MUNDAY	5
ALBERT DISERENS	2	FRANK W. LEWIS	6
†RONALD K. RUSS	3	RONALD F. DISERENS	7
MAURICE J. THERMOTT	4	NOEL J. DISERENS	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN J. IVIN. Conducted by NOEL J. DISERENS.
* First peal of Major. † First of Yorkshire.

WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 27, 1960, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's variation of Thurstans'. Tenor 35¼ cwt.

HOWARD SCOTT	*Treble*	DAVID CUBITT	5
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	2	*GEOFFREY TOWNEND	6
*PETER WOODWARD	3	*KENNETH PARK	7
*PETER F. WINDLEY	4	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
* First peal of Stedman Triples. First of Triples on this eight.
Also rung for the engagement of Princess Margaret to Mr. A. Armstrong-Jones.

WARWICK.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 27, 1960, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in F.

JAMES L. GARNER-HAYWARD	*Treble*	WILLIAM T. COOK	5
RUTH M. BORDER	2	ROBIN G. LEALE	6
WILFRED WILLIAMS	3	PETER BORDER	7
TUDOR P. EDWARDS	4	PHILIP MEHEW	*Tenor*

Composed by H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.
Also rung for the engagement of H.R.H. Princess Margaret to Mr. A. Armstrong-Jones.

DAVENTRY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sun., Feb. 28, 1960, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS.
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In ten methods, containing 1,280 each of Rutland and London, and 320 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Lindum, Pudsey, Superlative, Wembley and Yorkshire, with 139 changes of method.
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in E flat.

ROBIN G. LEALE	*Treble*	WILLIAM T. COOK	5
RUTH M. BORDER	2	PHILIP MEHEW	6
TUDOR P. EDWARDS	3	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	7
PETER BORDER	4	WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
Also rung for the engagement of H.R.H. Princess Margaret and Mr. A. Armstrong-Jones.

SCORTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 5, 1960, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Thurstans' Five-part. Tenor 18½ cwt.

WILLIAM G. WILSON	*Treble*	JOHN BAGNALL	5
NICHOLAS M. NEWBY	2	PETER CROOK	6
JAMES E. BURLES	3	STANLEY ANDERTON	7
*LAWRENCE CLEMENT	4	*ALAN CAPSTICK	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER CROOK.
* 25th peal together.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

ESHER, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 19, 1960, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.
AT CHRIST CHURCH.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents (five different callings). Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

*SUSAN RAWLINGS	*Treble*	†CATHERINE M. POWELL	4
CHRISTINE M. HARBOTT	2	†REV. C. J. B. MARSHALL	5
†JOHN F. M. MAYBREY	3	FRANK OAKSHOTT	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK OAKSHOTT.
* First peal. † First of Minor. First as conductor, and on six bells.

ROYAL PEALS—Continued

SOHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 19, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*Derek G. Taylor	*Treble*	C. Rea Waller	4
Michael J. Tester	2	Roger J. Palmer	5
R. Oliver Fyson	3	Richard J. W. Housden	*Tenor*

Conducted by Roger J. Palmer.

* First peal.

SWAFFHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 20, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Cyriac and Juletta,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 11 cwt.

J. York Parker	*Treble*	Charles F. Sargeant	4
*Michael J. Lawrence	2	Roger J. Palmer	5
*Derek G. Taylor	3	Richard J. W. Housden	*Tenor*

Conducted by Richard J. W. Housden.

* First peal 'inside.'

BURWELL, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Feb. 22, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 13 cwt.

Derek G. Taylor	*Treble*	Albert G. Fuller	4
Charles F. Sargeant	2	Richard J. W. Housden	5
Michael J. Tester	3	Roger J. Palmer	*Tenor*

Conducted by Richard J. W. Housden.

EAST BRIDGFORD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 20, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12¼ cwt. in F.

Ruth Blackshaw	*Treble*	Maurice W. Harrison	4
*John Higgs	2	John Meredith	5
F. William Midwinter	3	William L. Exton	*Tenor*

Conducted by William L. Exton.

* First peal at first attempt.

SOUTH CERNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 26, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Hallows,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 11 cwt.

Ronald J. Smith	*Treble*	Raymond W. G. Fenton	4
*Anne Stephens	2	Bruce Wakefield	5
†Michael J. Cook	3	Peter Wakefield	*Tenor*

Conducted by Bruce Wakefield.

* First peal. † First 'inside.'

LLANOVER, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 26, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Bartholomew.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In two methods, being 12 extents of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire.
Tenor 5½ cwt.

Reginald C. Jones	*Treble*	William Saunders	3
*Phillip Saunders	2	Rev. I. J. Richards	4
George Ward	*Tenor*		

Conducted by George Ward.

* First peal 'inside.'

Also rung to mark the engagement of H.R.H. Princess Margaret to Mr. Antony Armstrong-Jones.

ASH, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 27, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Cambridge Surprise, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*Charles J. Harwood	*Treble*	Stanley T. A. Russell	4
Audrey E. Goodchild	2	Edward J. Bragg	5
Peter G. Sherwood	3	Tom Page	*Tenor*

Conducted by Tom Page.

* First peal.

BUCKERELL, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., Feb. 27, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Mary and Giles,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 16 240's and ten 120's. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

Janet Real	*Treble*	Edward Summers	4
William Sparkes	2	William Webb	5
Francis Parr	3	Thomas Clouston	*Tenor*

Conducted by William Webb.

Also rung for the engagement of Princess Margaret and Mr. Antony Armstrong-Jones.

MIDDLE LITTLETON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Feb. 29, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas.
A PEAL OF 5040 WESTMINSTER SURPRISE MINOR

Being one 720 and two 2,160's, composed of C.C.C. Nos. 28, 34 and 35.
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb. in G.

Jacqueline A. Roberts	*Treble*	Gordon T. Brown	4
Michael G. Selby	2	William B. Pomeroy	5
Geoffrey J. Hemming	3	Gerald C. Hemming	*Tenor*

Conducted by Gerald C. Hemming.

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

NUNBURNHOLME, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Selby and District Society.)
On Sat., March 5, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise and two different extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt., approx.

James Thorley	*Treble*	Keith Goldthorpe	4
David S. Johnson	2	A. H. Hawcroft	5
John S. Rank	3	Leslie M. Woodhead	*Tenor*

Conducted by Leslie M. Woodhead.

OTHER PEALS—

TWELVE BELL PEALS

TROWBRIDGE, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 13, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 26 cwt.

*Jane K. A. Cook	*Treble*	*D. John Hunt	7
Lawrence E. Hitchins	2	†Patrick J. Bird	8
†Mary H. Hall	3	Roger Keeley	9
‡Eric J. Hitchins	4	Gilbert H. Harding	10
Albert M. Tyler	5	Tudor P. Edwards	11
†Elisabeth A. G. Bowden	6	Richard J. Bowden	*Tenor*

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Albert M. Tyler.

* First peal on 12 bells. † First of Stedman Cinques. ‡ First of Cinques.

Arranged and rung in memoriam Samuel J. Hector.

SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 5, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.

Patricia M. Bourn	*Treble*	Arthur G. Mason	7
G. William Critchley	2	Ernest W. Pye	8
Claudia A. Critchley	3	Thomas J. Lock	9
Alfred J. House	4	John F. Crampion	10
Stewart F. Kimber	5	Frederick E. Collins	11
J. Richard Castledine	6	Edward P. Duffield	*Tenor*

Composed by Leslie W. G. Morris.
Conducted by G. William Critchley.

In memoriam William Pye, who died March 8th, 1935.

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TEN BELL PEAL

LEEDS, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 5, 1960, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3 version. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

*JOHN O. WELLER	*Treble*	*DORIS E. COLGATE	6
*ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ..	2	*STANLEY JENNER	7
*IAN H. ORAM	3	*JOHN R. COOPER	8
JOAN BERESFORD	4	*THOMAS CULLINGWORTH ..	9
RALPH BIRD	5	*PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
* First peal of London Royal. First of London Royal in the county, and for the Association.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

MOULTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Feb. 25, 1960, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in F.

*JOHN W. HALL	*Treble*	VICTOR A. PERRY	5
PERCY AMOS	2	*ROBERT S. ROBERTS	6
*TIMOTHY A. WOODING ..	3	ERIC BILLINGS	7
B. ERIC FROST	4	GEORGE F. ROOME	*Tenor*

Composed by W. SHIPWAY. Conducted by GEORGE F. ROOME.
* First peal of Major. First in the method on the bells for the band, and for the Guild.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 26, 1960, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In five methods, being 2,080 Bristol, 1,920 London, 384 Cambridge, 384 Yorkshire and 288 Superlative, with 118 changes of method.
Tenor 25¼ cwt.

RITA M. JOWETT	*Treble*	VERNON BOTTOMLEY	5
M. VIVIEN COPPING ..	2	FREDERICK A. MUNDAY ..	6
*ROY BETTLEY-COOKE ..	3	GORDON BENFIELD	7
*B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD ..	4	WILFRID F. MORETON ..	*Tenor*

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise.

BLEWBURY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 27, 1960, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's transposition. Tenor 19½ cwt.

ALEX. R. WOODLEY	*Treble*	*A. ROY WOOD	5
HENRY L. BISHOP	2	†CLAUDE CORDEROY	6
JAMES P. BLOND	3	ROBERT B. BLOND	7
ALFRED R. T. GREENOUGH	4	DOUGLAS R. BOSLEY ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT B. BLOND.
* First peal of Stedman. † 25th peal on the bells.
Rung to celebrate the engagement of Princess Margaret and Mr. Antony Armstrong-Jones.

DARESBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 27, 1960, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16¼ cwt.

*ROY FOSTER	*Treble*	*JOHN RYDER	5
*MRS. D. LOWE	2	HARRY W. HOWARD	6
*MICHAEL THOMPSON ..	3	*DOUGLAS LOWE	7
REGINALD W. WORRALL ..	4	HAROLD WORRALL	*Tenor*

Composed by J. NICHOLL. Conducted by HAROLD WORRALL.
* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.
Rung as a birthday compliment to ringer of the sixth, the father of ringer of the fourth, and to Kenneth Parker, of Northwich.

FORDINGBRIDGE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 27, 1960, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Washbrook's variation. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

*CHRISTOPHER REDWOOD ..	*Treble*	†ALEC W. FRY	5
*RAYMOND HAINES	2	MICHAEL J. BEST	6
†ANN ABRAHAMS	3	RONALD N. MARLOW ..	7
HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS ..	4	†JAMES LEWIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by RONALD N. MARLOW.
* First peal. † First of Stedman.
A compliment to Princess Margaret and Mr. A. Armstrong-Jones on their engagement.

LYTHAM, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Preston Branch.)
On Sat., Feb. 27, 1960, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT.
A PEAL OF 5056 KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Ilkeston variation. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

THOMAS BARKER	*Treble*	FRANK STEAD	5
LAWRENCE WALMESLEY ..	2	*ARTHUR RIGBY	6
*JOHN JACKSON	3	CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE ..	7
*W. JOHN COUPERTHWAITE	4	STANLEY WALMESLEY ..	*Tenor*

Composed by EDWIN TIMBRELL. Conducted by CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE.
* First peal in this variation.
Rung to mark the induction of the Ven. C. H. Lambert, M.A. (Archdeacon of Lancaster), as Vicar of Lytham.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 27, 1960, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14½ cwt.

DAWN V. ELSON	*Treble*	JOHN W. T. TAYLOR	5
HUBERT G. SUMMERS ..	2	PERCY STONE	6
PHILIP G. K. DAVIES ..	3	ARTHUR H. BEAMISH	7
*ROGER HARRIS	4	LEONARD TREVOR	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by LEONARD TREVOR.
* First peal in the method.
To mark the engagement of Princess Margaret and Mr. Antony Armstrong-Jones.

OAKHAM, RUTLAND.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 27, 1960, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in E flat.

*JEAN HOY	*Treble*	*MICHAEL E. STRACEY ..	5
BRIAN BUSWELL	2	J. DAVID CLARKE	6
†PAMELA CLARKE	3	JOHN MEREDITH	7
J. FREDK. HUBBARD	4	RONALD J. HILL	*Tenor*

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by BRIAN BUSWELL.
* First peal on eight. † First of Major. First of Major as conductor.
A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Jean Hoy.

OVER, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 27, 1960, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15¼ cwt. in F.

HAROLD J. F. MUNCEY ..	*Treble*	ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT ..	5
GEORGE E. CRISP	2	GEORGE E. THODAY	6
JOHN G. GIPSON	3	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS	7
DONALD F. MURFET	4	MANSFIELD GINN	*Tenor*

Composed by BENJAMIN ANNABLE. Conducted by MANSFIELD GINN.
A wedding compliment to John Shepperson and Ann Woodward, married this day at Swavesey.

THAXTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 27, 1960, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST, OUR LADY AND ST. LAWRENCE.
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

ROBERT C. HEAZEL	*Treble*	STANLEY CLARK	5
JOHN H. SITCH	2	*LAURENCE H. TURNER ..	6
*REGINALD H. G. HAYDEN	3	BERTRAM C. HINES	7
H. WALTER SMITH	4	HARRY TURNER	*Tenor*

Composed by A. F. LEWRY. Conducted by HARRY TURNER.
* First peal of Double Norwich.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. J. H. Sitch, on reaching his 70th birthday.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Feb. 28, 1960, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in F.

TESSA P. KEMP	*Treble*	HERBERT E. TAYLOR	5
MICHAEL H. PAULSON ..	2	IAN M. HOLLAND	6
GEORGE H. PAULSON	3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN ..	7
JOHN R. KENNETT	4	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE ..	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. BARKER. Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sun., Feb. 28, 1960, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.
A PEAL OF 5056 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in E.

LESLIE G. BRETT	*Treble*	WALTER W. MILLER	5
ERNEST S. BAILEY	2	WALTER RUFFLES	6
JACK PILGRIM	3	ALAN R. BRIDGES	7
JAMES M. BAILEY	4	WILLIAM J. BUTTON	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY (No. 3).
Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.
Rung for Evensong. A tribute to the Rev. W. C. Harling, on his retirement after 40 years in the Ministry.

SIX BELL PEALS

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
(The Newark Parish Church Society of Ringers.)
On Sat., Feb. 13, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Wilfrid,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

William L. Exton	*Treble*	Frederick G. Hooper	4
*James W. Raithby	2	†F. William Midwinter	5
Clarence F. Briggs	3	‡Bernard J. Plummer	*Tenor*

Conducted by William L. Exton.
* First peal of Doubles. † 125th peal (all for Southwell Diocesan Guild). ‡ First peal, first attempt. First as conductor in the method.

WIGTOFT, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Feb. 18, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven 720's. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

*Joan Gilbert	*Treble*	Joseph W. Bailey	4
Leslie H. Taylor	2	†Albert H. Willis	5
John P. Morris	3	William E. Clarke	*Tenor*

Conducted by William E. Clarke.
* First peal. † First of Minor.

HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Feb. 21, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F sharp.

*Michael J. Fellows	*Treble*	*Alma M. Greaves	4
*Martin D. Fellows	2	Maurice C. Hughes	5
Linda M. Hughes	3	Brian J. Woodruffe	*Tenor*

Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
* First peal of Plain Bob Minor.

SWEPSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Tues., Feb. 23, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5040 MARPLE DELIGHT MINOR
Being two 2,160's and an extent (C.C.C. Nos. 95 to 101).
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in G.

William F. Woodward	*Treble*	Arthur E. Rowley	4
Richard J. Clifton	2	Joseph W. Cotton	5
John A. Underwood	3	Derek P. Jones	*Tenor*

Conducted by Derek P. Jones.
First peal in the method (C.C.C. 4D. 11).

WORLE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Feb. 23, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Martin.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being ten six-scores of Reverse Canterbury and 16 each of Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 13 cwt.

*William Lovell	*Treble*	Marjorie Legg	4
*Martin Worrall	2	*Ronald Ballam	5
†George Prescott	3	*Wilfred Kingsbury	*Tenor*

Conducted by George Prescott.
* First peal in three methods. † 150th peal for the Association.
Rung for Mr. and Mrs. W. Ballam, parents of Ronald, on the occasion of their silver wedding.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Feb. 24, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob, and one of St. Clement's. Tenor 10 cwt.

T. Charles Browne	*Treble*	Frank Pearson	4
Frank C. J. Arnold	2	H. William Barrett	5
Wilfred G. Saunders	3	C. Frank W. Phillippo	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. Frank W. Phillippo.
Rung on the 75th anniversary of the opening of the bells after rehanging.

STRETTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Feb. 24, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Matthew,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

Denis Maddock	*Treble*	Cecil Raddon	4
*John Hayes	2	Harold Worrall	5
John Ryder	3	Walter Allman	*Tenor*

Conducted by Denis Maddock.
* First peal in three methods 'inside.' First in three methods as conductor.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Feb. 26, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being one 2,160 and four extents. Tenor 6½ cwt.

Charles Perkins	*Treble*	Frank Taylor	4
John G. Ames	2	C. Harold Whitton	5
Fred Brightman	3	J. Martin Thorley	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Countess Mountbatten.

STARSTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 26, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Margaret,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.

Pauline Adcock	*Treble*	Leonard J. Minns	4
E. Austin Head	2	Ernest Whiting	5
Anthony H. Roberts	3	Harry B. Fuller	*Tenor*

Conducted by Ernest Whiting.

BRENTFORD, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 27, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Lawrence,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in G.

Christine M. Harbott	*Treble*	Christopher E. Hayter	4
*Marilyn J. A. Gibbs	2	Martyn W. Harbott	5
Gerald Penney	3	Alan E. Bagworth	*Tenor*

Conducted by Gerald Penney.
* First peal at first attempt.
Rung in honour of the engagement of H.R.H. Princess Margaret to Mr. Antony Armstrong-Jones.

FLOOKBURGH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 27, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two 720's Oxford Treble Bob, four 720's Kent Treble Bob and one 720 Plain Bob. Tenor 17¼ cwt.

Lawrence D. Clement	*Treble*	Thomas F. Metcalfe	4
Donald Lawson	2	James Dickinson	5
William G. Wilson	3	George E. Braithwaite	*Tenor*

Conducted by George E. Braithwaite.
A birthday compliment to Alex. Edgar, chief ringer at the above church.

NORTHBOURNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 27, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Augustine.
A PEAL OF 5040 BEVERLEY SURPRISE MINOR
Being one 2,160 and four different extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout. Tenor 9 cwt.

*Ralph Bird	*Treble*	*†Ian H. Oram	4
*Trevor A. Cross	2	*Crawford T. Hillis	5
*Andrew M. Macve	3	†Thomas Cullingworth	*Tenor*

Conducted by Ian H. Oram.
* First peal in the method. † 25th peal together. First of Surprise on the bells.

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RINGWOULD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 27, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being an extent each of London, York, Beverley, Annable's London, Norwich, Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in B flat.

*CRAWFORD T. HILLIS	*Treble*	*ANDREW M. MACVE	4
*TREVOR A. CROSS	2	RALPH BIRD	5
IAN H. ORAM	3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.
* First peal in seven Surprise methods. First of Surprise, and in seven methods on the bells.

ROCHDALE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 27, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, HAMER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

*SYLVIA LORD	*Treble*	†GEOFFREY DYSON	4
*MARGARET A. BUCKLEY	2	JAMES TAYLOR	5
MARJORIE HANSON	3	KEITH ABBOTT	*Tenor*

Conducted by KEITH ABBOTT.
* First peal. † First of Minor.
Rung for the engagement of H.R.H. Princess Margaret to Mr. A. Armstrong-Jones, and as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Sylvia Lord.

ST. BRIDE'S MAJOR, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 27, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

*ROGER G. HAVARD	*Treble*	*ADRIAN F. R. HARTLEY	4
*EDMUND J. R. HARTLEY	2	*BRYNLEY TAYLOR	5
DAVID J. LLEWELLYN	3	*ANTHONY M. COOMBS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ANTHONY M. COOMBS.
* First peal of Minor.
Rung as an 87th birthday compliment to Mrs. E. Edmunds, grandmother of the ringers of 2nd and 4th bells.

NEWBURN-ON-TYNE, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Feb. 29, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being one extent each of Bamborough, Warkworth, Surfleet, Wells, Durham, York and London. Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN E. ANDERSON	*Treble*	J. ALAN AINSWORTH	4
GEORGE S. DEAS	2	KENNETH ARTHUR	5
ERIC N. HARRISON	3	BRYAN PATTISON	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.

HANDBELL PEALS

KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Feb. 10, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5280 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 22 240's (396 singles and 66 bobs). Tenor size 16½ in B flat.

*ALMA M. GREAVES	1—2	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	3—4
		*ROGER J. GAY	5—6

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.
* First peal on handbells.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Selby and District Society.)
On Sun., Feb. 14, 1960, *in* 1 *Hour and* 43 *Minutes,*
IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents.

ALAN SHEPPARD	1—2	EDWARD M. BRADLEY	3—4
		KENNETH B. SISSONS	5—6

Conducted by KENNETH B. SISSONS.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Feb. 15, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT No. 29.
A PEAL OF 5093 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor size 14 in D.

*VIVIEN BARNES	1—2	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	5—6
†MRS. J. THOMAS	3—4	‡WILLIAM J. NEWMAN	7—8
		MRS. P. HARRIS	9—10

Composed and Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.
* First peal of Caters away from the tenor. † 600th peal. ‡ First 'in hand' and first of Caters.

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Quarter peals rung in honour of the birth of a second son to H.M. the Queen, born Feb. 19th, 1960

HALF PEAL

MANCETTER, WARWICKS.—On Feb. 21st, 2,520 Grandsire Doubles: H. Lapworth (first attempt) 1, J. Wilson 2, J. Parish 3, R. Burgess 4, R. Bacon (cond.) 5.

ABERGAVENNY, MON.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): W. Horsington 1, G. Ward (cond.) 2, Miss Temlett 3, G. Lewis 4, P. Saunders 5, R. Jones 6, N. Ward 7, M. Roberts 8.

AMERSHAM, BUCKS.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (660 Rev. Canterbury, 600 Plain Bob): Margaret Roberts (first quarter) 1, Rosalind Hicks, 2, D. C. Lawson 3, J. E. Camp (cond.) 4, A. K. Fortin 5, R. I. Rothwell 6.

BLO-NORTON, NORFOLK.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. A. Foreman 1, R. Foreman 2, Miss D. M. Reeve 3, H. Fuller 4, A. Foreman 5, J. Paul (cond.) 6.

BRAFIELD-ON-THE-GREEN, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss Y. A. Tilley 1, C. Longland 2, F. J. Attewell 3, R. Jones 4, P. Jones 5, A. R. Jones (cond.) 6.

BUCKFAST ABBEY, DEVON.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Rev. B. Conlon 1, Rev. P. Angold 2, Rev. O. Mowan 3, E. M. Atkins (cond.) 4, Rev. P. Dowling 5, W. G. Lavers 6. First quarter of Minor by 1, 2, 3 and 5, who belong to the Abbey community. Rung on the back 6 of the front octave.

BULWELL, NOTTINGHAM.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Hughes 1, P. Pickering 2, Maureen Boden 3, B. Mozley 4, D. R. Boden (first as cond.) 5, H. Turner 6. First quarter by 1, 2, 4, and 6.

BURGESS HILL, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. C. Evans (first quarter) 1, Susan J. Beresford 2, G. C. Rix 3, D. S. Anderson 4, K. C. Knight (cond.) 5, A. Brown 6.

BUSHLEY, WORCS.—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Doubles: A. Hawkes 1, F. Hawkes 2, M. Hawkes (cond.) 3, A. Halling 4, E. W. Penn 5, J. Firkins 6. First in method for all except 3 and 5.

CHALFONT ST. PETER, BUCKS.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (780 Grandsire, 480 Plain Bob): Mrs. M. Alderman 1, Miss L. Badcock 2, Mrs. E. G. Swift 3, E. G. Swift 4, P. G. Badcock 5, E. J. Briden 6. Conducted by 4 and 5.

CHURCH GRESLEY, DERBYS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (240 All Saints', 360 Reverse Canterbury, 360 Grandsire, 300 Plain Bob): D. Eames (14) 1, Joan Cotton 2, D. P. Jones (cond.) 3, J. W. Cotton 4, P. W. Grice 5.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—At the Church of St. Leonard-at-the-Hythe, on Feb. 20th, 1,440 Minor (Single Court and Single Oxford Bob): Rachael Newstead 1, D. W. Whent 2, F. G. Oliver 3, W. J. Brunt 4, G. W. Barnes 5, B. W. Fairhead (cond.) 6.

COMPTON ABBAS, DORSET.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. O. B. Fanner 1, Lottie Rideout 2, Ivy Fanner 3, T. Norris 4, D. Pike (cond.) 5. Believed to be the first quarter on the bells by Sunday Service band.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYS.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. D. Taylor 1, R. H. Bullen 2, D. A. Mellor 3, M. H. Paulson 4, G. H. Paulson 5, D. S. Gregory 6, H. E. Taylor (cond.) 7, E. Paulson 8.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (10 callings): E. C. Leigh 1, B. E. Jeffrey 2, D. E. Leigh 3, E. J. Jenner 4, S. Jenner (cond.) 5, W. A. Leigh 6.

GAYTON, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Double Oxford Bob Minor: H. A. Cashmore 1, A. W. Mansfield 2, C. Truman 3, J. Linnell 4, W. A. Yates 5, W. F. Eyden (cond.) 6.

HENLOW, BEDS.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Thompson 1, P. Rogers 2, A. Gentle 3, M. Major 4, R. Fuller 5, L. H. Bywater (cond.) 6.

HORSELL, SURREY.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): B. Priestley 1, C. Chinnery 2, J. Martin 3, G. Oliver (cond.) 4, J. King 5, E. R. Tyndale-Biscoe 6.

KINGSWINFORD, STAFFS.—On Feb. 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. E. Morgan 1, D. Downing (age 12) (first in method) 2, Mrs. M. Layton 3, C. Peakman (first in method) 4, R. A. Peakman 5, C. F. Jakes 6, D. Layton (cond.) 7, F. E. Jakes 8. Also for engagement of Princess Margaret.

LECKHAMPTON, GLOS.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Newman 1, A. Pendlebury 2, I. Homfray 3, L. Sheesby 4, W. Farmer (cond.) 5, C. Richings 6, T. Boreham 7, H. Harrison 8.

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA.—At St. Paul's Cathedral, on Feb. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (on the back eight): Florence Brown 1, Brenda L. Sheppard 2, Barbara J. Beeson 3, G. W. Pipe 4, C. H. Pearson 5, A. H. Fisher (cond.) 6, J. J. Roper 7, P. Carwardine 8.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—At the Cathedral, on Feb. 19th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: W. Robson 1, J. E. Anderson 2, G. S. Deas 3, K. W. Cheeseman 4, E. N. Harrison 5, J. Hedley 6, J. A. Ainsworth 7, E. P. Crowdy (cond.) 8.

NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS, LANCS.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (April Day, Grandsire and Plain Bob): J. Mawdesley 1, K. Edwards 2, D. Burgess 3, G. Lloyd 4, J. Ashcroft (cond.) 5, R. Lloyd 6. By Sunday Service band.

NUNEATON, WARWICKS.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. G. E. Beebe 1, R. A. Bales 2, Miss K. Greenway 3, W. R. Beebe 4, T. E. Wilson (cond.) 5, M. J. Newcombe 6.

QUEENBOROUGH, KENT.—On Feb. 25th, 1,260 Canterbury, Grandsire, Plain Bob, St. Bart's (Doubles): P. Negus (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Wallace 2, W. A. Wood (cond.) 3, S. Rayfield 4, H. Blacketh 5, Miss S. Kimmings 6.

ROADE, NORTHAMPTON.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. Whitlock 1, W. Richardson 2, Miss F. Curtis 3, H. Curtis 4, A. C. Cozens (cond.) 5.

ROTHERHITHE, LONDON.—At St. Mary's on Feb. 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss E. J. Langton 1, Miss J. A. Harding 2, J. M. Lakin 3, R. G. W. Robertson 4, R. J. Trebilcock 5, G. Pratt 6, D. E. Sibson (cond.) 7, M. Taylor 8.

SILVERTON, DEVON.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. G. Selley 1, P. J. Hart 2, Helen Sharland 3, J. R. Hutchings 4, T. Furbear 5, J. Furbear (cond.) 6, W. E. Richards 7, F. Down 8.

STALYBRIDGE, CHESHIRE.—At St. Paul's, on March 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Thompson 1, D. K. Malloch 2, F. Howard (first of Triples) 3, D. F. C. Malloch 4, S. Hodgson 5, K. Hall 6, R. M. Edwards (cond.) 7, J. Clegg 8.

STORRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Charman 1, J. Maple 2, Ann Dovey 3, Jean Horton 4, B. J. Farhall (cond.) 5, J. Chacksfield 6.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Feb. 20th, at Christ Church, 1,299 Stedman Caters: Miss M. Wright 1, Mrs. P. Minchin 2, Dr. C. G. Roworth 3, Mrs. E. Sutton 4, W. W. T. Daniell 5, C. G. Jones 6, W. B. Kynaston 7, A. G. Wells 8, E. Sutton (cond.) 9, P. Minchin 10.

TEWKESBURY, GLOS.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,344 Grandsire Triples: Ann Broxton 1, M. T. Sprackling 2, Nadine Price 3, J. Firkins 4, N. E. Sprackling 5, E. W. Penn 6, M. Hawkes (cond.) 7, E. Leach 8.

THORNHILL, YORKS.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Brown (first on treble) 1, Grace M. Beardow (first 'inside') 2, A. Carter 3, W. R. Reed 4, F. K. Williamson (first as cond.) 5, K. Goldthorpe 6. Also for the engagement of Princess Margaret and Mr. A. Armstrong-Jones. Rung by Leeds University Campanological Society.

UPPER CLAPTON, LONDON.—At the Church of St. Matthew, on Feb. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss N. Hales 1, R. K. C. Wilkings 2, Mrs. R. K. C. Wilkings 3, J. A. Hales 4, J. M. Steele 5, D. W. Gray 6, D. Neal (cond.) 7, C. F. Neal 8.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. R. J. Chapman 1, D. Hawkins 2, Miss J. Whitcher 3, M. C. Austin 4, H. Duncan 5, P. Laws 6, R. J. Chapman (cond.) 7, T. Pearson.

WYCHBOLD, WORCS.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 April Day (4 callings): Heather Pullon 1, J. E. Pullon 2, M. D. Fellows 3, M. J. Fellows 4, P. Cattermole (cond.) 5, J. E. A. Pullon 6. First of April Day by all.

For the Engagement of Princess Margaret and Mr. A. Armstrong-Jones

CONGLETON, CHESHIRE.—On Feb. 27th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: F. G. Forrester 1, B. Schofield 2, D. Henshaw 3, F. Morton 4, H. C. Lonyon (cond.) 5, R. Worrall 6.

DROITWICH SPA, WORCS.—At St. Peter-de-Witton, on Feb. 27th, 1,259 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Heather Pullon 1, J. E. Pullon 2, P. Cattermole 3, M. J. Fellows 4, M. D. Fellows (cond.) 5, J. E. A. Pullon 6.

OTHER QUARTER PEALS

BIRTHDAY TOUCH

DUNDRY, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 18th, 2,100 changes (720 Beverley S. Minor, 720 Mixed Kent and Oxford T.B. Minor, 540 Plain Bob Minor, 120 Stedman Doubles): J. C. Baldwin 1, B. Shackleton 2, D. J. Hunt 3, R. G. Hooper 4, P. J. Bird (cond.) 5, F. C. Mogford 6. First of Minor and Doubles by all. A 21st birthday compliment to Bryn Shackleton.

A DATE TOUCH

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,960 Doubles (360 Rev. St. Bartholemew, 480 Plain Bob, 1,120 Grandsire): T. Norbury 1, G. Forrester 2, R. Barratt 3, H. Callwood 4, E. Pimlott (cond.) 5, N. Ryder 6.

ABBOTSBURY, DORSET.—On Feb. 28th, 1,440 Doubles (April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire): J. H. Wood 1, J. H. Hayne 2, J. W. Rose 3, N. J. Hayne 4, H. J. Ford (cond.) 5, D. J. Wood 6. A wedding compliment to Mr. M. W. Ford (tower captain) and Mrs. P. J. Fussard.

ABBOTT'S LEIGH, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 29th, 1,320 Single Minor (600 Oxford Bob, 720 Court): R. G. Hooper 1, B. A. Shackleton 2, J. Brain 3, D. J. Hunt 4, D. E. Cobb 5, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 6. No 'bobs.' Rung by six bachelors (average age 25).

ASH PRIORS, SOMERSET.—On March 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Ford 1, M. Baker 2, H. Cavill 3, S. Parish 4, J. J. Ford (cond.) 5, W. Webber 6.

BACKWELL, SOMERSET.—On March 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. H. Gilbert 1, Monica Horseman 2, T. G. Phillips 3, W. P. Blake 4, J. Brain 5, M. J. Horseman (cond.) 6. An 80th birthday compliment to Mr. W. H. Brain.

BURSTOW, SURREY.—On Feb. 28th, 1,260 Canterbury and Plain Bob Minor: D. Wilson 1, T. Padbury 2, H. Parsons 3, G. Charlton 4, W. Slaughter 5, A. J. Bull (cond.) 6. Rung for Matins, and a welcome return to the Rectory of Mrs. Bingley after a very long indisposition.

LONDON.—At St. James's, Clerkenwell, on Feb. 21st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss N. Hales 1, Miss M. Prockson 2, J. A. Hales 3, R. J. Trebilcock 4, G. A. Parsons 5, W. D. Prockson 6, D. E. Sibson (cond.) 7, J. Euston 8.

CRANFORD, MIDDLESEX.—On March 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Susan Goodfellow 1, June Richardson 2, P. Woodgyer 3, D. Fowles 4, G. Francis (cond.) 5, J. Goodfellow 6. For the wedding of Valerie Ann Williamson to Rex Francis.

CROMER, NORFOLK.—On March 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Gloria Lamonte 1, J. R. Smith (cond.) 2, E. C. Wilson 3, P. J. L. Purslow 4, R. W. Balls 5, W. H. Holdom 6. Rung with the best wishes of the band to the Rev. D. T. Dick, Vicar of Cromer, on his retirement.

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Feb. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss R. Russell 1, Mrs. E. Bowen (cond.) 2, Miss M. Funnell 3, Miss L. Hughes 4, Miss S. Funnell 5, Mrs. M. Barron 6. Miss J. Morgan 7, Miss A. Greaves 8. Rung by West Midland District, Ladies' Guild.

HORSELL, SURREY.—On Feb. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Drury 1, Miss P. Drury 2, J. Martin 3, G. Oliver 4, B. Prestley (cond.) 5, V. Neil 6. For Evensong.

HUISH CHAMPFLOWER, SOMERSET.—On March 5th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: W. J. Nurcombe 1, S. Smith 2, F. Casley 3, C. W. J. Tarr 4, G. Sparks 5, E. Quicke (cond.) 6. First in method 1 and 3. A compliment to the Rev. M. M. K. and Mrs. Warren on their wedding.

KING'S SOMBORNE, HANTS.—On March 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. J. Pointer 1, Audrey J. Knight (cond.) 2, Gladys D. Kitcher (first 'inside') 3, M. D. G. Northway 4, M. L. Northway 5, R. Buchanan 6.

LAKENHEATH, SUFFOLK.—On March 6th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Mrs. E. M. Peachey 1, H. Fuller 2, Miss D. Reeve 3, R. Rose 4, J. W. Paul (cond.) 5, G. Miller 6. Rung half muffled as a token of respect to Sir Charlton Briscoe, Bart., of Lakenheath Hall, who died on February 28th.

LEYLAND, LANCS.—On Feb. 28th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Wane (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Moir 2, Miss D. Crook 3, D. Lawson 4, Miss M. Ross 5, J. H. Owens 6, L. Walmsley 7, S. Walmsley (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

WEST BAGBOROUGH, SOMERSET.—On March 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Ford 1, J. Ford 2, H. Cavill 3, S. Parish 4, E. J. Ford (cond.) 5, W. Webber 6. Believed to be the first quarter on the bells.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Members of the Selby and District Society had an unusual experience when they went to Nunburnholme in the heart of the Yorkshire Wolds to ring a peal in honour of the Royal birth. Upon oiling the bells they found the stays on the treble and second broken and the electric light out of order. The bells were rung up in peal and immediately went into changes for the peal of Minor. Upon completion, the bells were at once lowered in peal and the word 'stand' was not used. Compliments to the ringers of the treble and second.

In ringing in the peal at Brant Broughton, Lincs, on January 23rd, Mr. W. L. Exton rang his 100th peal for the Southwell Diocesan Guild.

Mr. Frank Oakshott, who has been ringing for 50 years, has now conducted his first peal and rung his first peal on six bells (at Esher).

A recording was taken of part of the quarter peal rung at Quedgeley, Glos, on February 21st, to be taken by Mr. F. Winter, father of the treble ringer, when he sails for Australia.

In connection with the Mission to Radstock, Somerset, the bells are being broadcast from the Parish Church on Palm Sunday before the service at 7.45. Although there is a resident Surprise Minor company, the method to be broadcast will be Grandsire Doubles.

Change-ringing at Buckfast Abbey took another step forward when four of the monks took part in a quarter of Bob Minor to celebrate the Royal birth. It is hoped that the monks will be able to ring a full peal to celebrate the golden jubilee of the bells, which occurs in the autumn this year.

The band which rang the peal of Plain Bob Major at Lichfield Cathedral on the occasion of the recent Royal birth would like to associate Messrs. Edmund Malin and Francis A. Sedgwick with it. Having 'stood by' all the week, they were unable to make 'the night.' In contrast, Clive M. Smith apologises for their meeting one short through lack of news of the event until too late—'To think I missed 3½ hours of that Taylor masterpiece,' he writes.

Mr. David J. Marshall, who was 14 last April, was the youngest conductor, according to records we have received, to call a peal for the birth of a second son to H.M. the Queen. The peal was rung at Staverton by Daventry ringers.

The peal at South Cerney, Gloucestershire, on February 26th, was the first by a local band.

The peal rung at Dinton, Buckingham, on March 5th, which Mr. A. P. Cannon claims as a first on the bells, was on a left-handed ring with the back five dating from 1682. The treble was added in 1897.

Six single men rang a 'Leap Year Day' quarter at Abbot's Leigh, in which every call was a single. The tower, too, has celibate associations. There is uncertainty about a repeat performance in 1964.

Mr. Gerald C. Hemming's band had been practising Westminster Surprise Minor for several weeks with the leap year date in mind. By a happy coincidence they were able to ring this method at Middle Littleton on February 29th in honour of the Royal birth.

The peal at East Bridgford, Notts, on February 20th, had originally been fixed as a compliment to Mr. A. V. Dent, the local tower captain, upon his retirement from a lifetime of ringing. However, the arrival of the Royal baby the day before altered things, and it is hoped to ring a peal for Mr. Dent before long. Members of the band learnt with regret that Mr. Dent was ill in hospital at the time, and wished him a speedy recovery.

The peal at North Muskham, Notts, on February 13th, was rung by members of the Newark Parish Church Society, and was the first to be recorded by the Society, founded 1898. In this peal the Master of the Newark ringers (Mr. J. W. Raithby) rang his first peal of Doubles, and has now rung Stedman from Doubles to Cinques. Another feature of this peal was that Mr. Bernard Plummer rang his first peal on the bell he helped to collect money towards when the bells were augmented to six in 1935. Mr. Plummer started ringing again in 1958 after a lapse of nearly 20 years.

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UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY AT DINNER

On January 30th a cold, wintry day greeted the 56 members and guests who made their annual pilgrimage to London for the University of London Society's Dinner. During the afternoon, ringing was enjoyed at St. John's, Deptford, and at St. Mary's, Lewisham.

The dinner was held at the Mitre Tavern, Chancery Lane, and after proposing the loyal toast the President, Mr. Philip Gray, welcomed the guests, amongst whom were the Masters of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and of the Oxford, Cambridge and Bristol University Societies.

Mr. Roger Keeley took advantage of his last opportunity to propose 'The Church.' He welcomed the Rev. Maurice Dean, the new Rector of St. Olave's, Hart Street, congratulating the Bishop on his excellent choice.

Replying, the Rector confessed that this was his first after-dinner speech, but his experience in the pulpit seemed to stand him in good stead. He thanked the Society for ringing the bells of St. Olave's regularly, and recounted some amusing stories at the expense of various colleagues. In a more serious vein, he expressed his pleasure at the signs of revival in the Church of England, and indicated the part the Universities could play in this.

The Master of the Society, Mr. Michael Lakin, proposed the health of the guests. After a brief summary of the Society's activities during the year, he spoke about the smaller University Societies, which were, in his opinion, sadly neglected by the 'big four.' Although the Universities' Association could do a lot to remedy this, much could be gained by discussion at annual dinners, with representaives of the smaller societies attending.

The response was made by Mr. Jim Prior, the Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

The toast 'The Society' was proposed by Mr. Peter Langton, Master of the Cambridge University Guild. He spoke about the important part played by the University Societies in training future leaders of the Exercise. Such societies should endeavour to give their members a sense of proportion between peals and Sunday Service ringing.

At this point Mr. Alan Thirst learnt that he was to respond, and so fortified by the greater part of a bottle of Beaujolais he thanked Mr. Langton for his good wishes and those who attended for their support.

The secretary, Mr. Marcus Barton, gave details of the Whitsun and summer tours (to be organised by Peter and Denis Layton respectively).

The company then adjourned to the lounge, where many happy memories were revived, to the background of the newly acquired set of handbells. Thanks go to the organisers, Messrs. Marcus Barton and Michael Rose, for a most enjoyable day.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Leatherhead District

The annual meeting of the Leatherhead District on February 6th was the introduction to such a gathering of the new Vicar (the Rev. Kenneth Ball). He gave the address at the service, which was conducted by the Rev. C. Marshall.

Tea and business followed in St. Nicholas' Hall, Leatherhead, youth being well represented in a company of 60. Mr. F. Oakshott is the new Ringing Master in place of Mr. H. V. Young, now residing in Somerset, and Mr. D. May filled the vacancy on the general executive committee. Several new members were elected.

A suggestion was made that the Alf Pulling memorial should take the form of a bell or bells in the ring for the new Cathedral, and a collection for them realised £1 10s. 6d.

Speaking in reply to the usual votes of thanks, the Vicar said how much he had enjoyed his first meeting, and he hoped to be meeting the ringers again soon. A. H. S.

SERVANTS OF THE EXERCISE – No. 12



MR. EDGAR C. SHEPHERD, M.M., Master of St. Martin's Guild.

The teaching profession has provided the Exercise with many brilliant minds, but none more so than that of Edgar Shepherd, of Solihull. His splendidly written articles in this journal have met with universal admiration, and he is held in high regard by ringers everywhere. Mr. Shepherd has made valuable contributions to every department of ringing. He is a first class ringer, and a reliable conductor. His compositions, especially of Grandsire Caters, are well known, and his literary work is outstanding.

Born in Birmingham in 1898, he was educated at Solihull School and Springfield Training College, Moseley. He served in the Cheshire Regiment in France during the 1914-1918 war, was twice wounded, received the Military Medal, and was discharged disabled in 1918. He learned to ring at Solihull in 1914 but his war injuries prevented him from taking part in tower-bell ringing until 1921. His first peal was Grandsire Doubles on handbells in 1918, by a self-taught band. He moved on to advanced ringing under the late James E. Groves and Albert Walker and rang his first peal of Stedman Cinques at the Bull Ring in 1923. He commenced teaching in that year at Long Eaton, Derbyshire, and joined the ringing band at Beeston, Notts, ringing in the first peal of London in the city of Nottingham, and the first in the county by a local band.

In 1926 he returned to teach in Birmingham, and in 1932 was appointed Headmaster of Shirley School. In 1935 he was appointed Headmaster of Sharman's Cross Junior School when it was opened, and has served in that capacity for 25 years. He has been actively connected with Solihull Parish Church for 53 years as a chorister and ringer. He was deputy ringing master for 20 years and ringing master for 7 years. Most of his peal-ringing has centred in and around Birmingham, his advent being at the time when there was tremendous handbell activity in that city. He took part in peals with many of the famous Birmingham men such as Tom Miller, Tom Russam, J. E. Groves, etc., and with some like Albert Walker, still living.

The end of World War II saw a great revival of peal ringing in Surprise Methods in Birmingham under the energetic leadership of George E. Fearn, and in this Mr. Shepherd played an active part, particularly in Surprise Royal and Maximus methods. One peal of which he is particularly proud was a handbell peal of Stedman Cinques rung in the Lord Mayor's Parlour at Birmingham with the Lord Mayor (Alderman A. Paddon Smith) taking part. In all he has rung 546 peals, of which 170 have been on twelve bells. Mr. Shepherd has served the St. Martin's Guild in various capacities, being elected Master in 1949, Vice-President in 1951, Librarian in 1952 and Trustee in 1957. He was elected an Hon. Member of the Central Council in 1951 and was made Convener of the Literature and Press Committee in 1954.

In 1944 he married Frances Joyce Finley, a member of an old Solihull family, and they have one daughter Mary, who is at present reading English at Bedford College, London University. Amongst his many contributions to this journal are Grandsire Caters, history of the Method; Double Norwich Caters, proof; St. Martin's Youths; History of the Tower and Bells of Solihull; a handbook on Grandsire Caters, etc., etc. JAFUS.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD

The quarterly meeting of the Southern District at Gorseinon on March 5th was one of the best for a long time, when there were over 40 present. Vitality in the District was shown by the election of four new members from Gorseinon, five from Porthcawl, four from Cadoxton and one from Sketty. Visitors included two from Gloucester and Roy Thorsby, of the R.A.F.

The Vicar and the ladies were thanked by Mr. Derek Astridge for providing such an excellent tea. The Vicar (Canon Sydney Morris, R.D.) not only gave the address but presided at the business meeting.

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS

A fine, sunny day brought visitors from Lichfield and Wolverhampton to join the Society of Sherwood Youths at their meeting at Heanor Parish Church on February 27th. After a short address by the Vicar, ladies of the church prepared a very nice meat tea, which was much appreciated.

Among the methods rung were Cambridge Surprise and Cambridge Surprise Major spliced with Oxford T.B. Major. Ringing was under the supervision of Mr. Fred Salter, chairman of the Society.

'Caput Magnisimum' writes: 'If we must have Latin in "The Ringing World" please let us have it quoted correctly and not neuter plural nouns qualified by masculine singular adjectives.'

UNIVERSITY TOURS

Bristol.—Youth hostelling, June 18th to 23rd: Glos, Worcs and Warwick.

Cambridge.—August 20th to 27th, Cambridgeshire.

London.—June 3rd to 6th: Westerham, Kent; August 20th to 27th: Birmingham.

Manchester.—July 27th to August 9th: Norfolk Broads (one week afloat).

Oxford.—April 16th to 22nd: Heathfield, Sussex.

Reading and Southampton.—July 2nd to 9th: Kent (cycling).

Tips For Beginners—12

A common difficulty is to learn not to continue staring at the rope you have already 'found.' As soon as you have found the bell you have to strike over this time, start looking immediately for the one you have to strike next.

5,088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE

Dear Sir,—I should like to make known a slight error in the composition of 5,088 Yorkshire S. Major, contributed by myself, which appeared on page 144. The second bob 'Before' should not be bracketed, but is included in both parts.—Yours faithfully,

I. M. HOLLAND.

Sheffield.

CUMBERLAND YOUTHS AT DINNER

The Master's Optimistic Note

THE postponed annual dinner of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths held at Deacon's Restaurant, London, on March 5th, was a very successful function. The new Master, Mr. Dennis Beresford, was a witty chairman and struck an optimistic note in his speech of the great opportunities in front of the Cumberlands today and the encouraging attendances at their practices. Mr. Frank Matthews was the secretary to the dinner committee.

Supporting the Master and Mrs. D. Beresford were the Rev. G. Blacktop, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. and Miss Barnett, Mr. J. Prior (Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths) and Mrs. Prior, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Matthews, Mr. W. Winterton, Mr. and Mrs. F. Hawthorne, Mr. I. Oram, the Rev. Fraser, Mr. and Mrs. H. Audsley, Mr. and Mrs. F. Cullum, Mr. and Mrs. H. Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. P. Humphries, Mr. and Mrs. A. Kirkby, Mr. and Mrs. M. Baxter, Mr. and Mrs. J. Raithby, Mr. and Mrs. W. Exton, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Francis, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Deal, Mr. W. and Miss M. Prockson, Mr. and Mrs. J. Witherington, Mr. and Mrs. T. Bevan, Mrs. and Miss J. Beresford, Mr. and Mrs. G. Blewer.

Mesdames F. Collins, A. Mason, D. Sakah, E. B. Lewis, Misses D. Deverell, V. Hestor, A. Hull, J. Cox, H. Talbot, Nolan, P. Miller, A. George, I. Roe.

Messrs. A. Butler, P. N. Bond, P. Beresford, N. Steere, R. Ling, J. Cooper, A. Cutler, E. Furbank, J. Hawkins, I. Zass-Ogilvie, M. Lewis, B. Jeffery, C. Dennett, J. Warner, S. Jenner, B. Baker, R. Capron, D. Leach, B. Brockington and T. W. White.

The loyal toast was followed by that of 'The Church' proposed by Mr. E. A. Barnett, who said he could never get enthusiastic about the sin of divided Christendom. The Rev. G. Blacktop, Vicar of St. Nicholas', Thames Ditton, expressed the hope, to the enjoyment of the company, that Mr. Barnett would never get enthusiastic about any sin.

A CHURCH ACTIVITY

Mr. Blacktop said the most happy position about bellringing was that people rang bells not merely to practise their skill but as members of their church and it was one of the church's activities. While that remained there was no fear of the tools of their craft not being regarded as the accepted equipment of the Church to be provided and maintained by the Church. He thanked the ringers for their work in the life of the Church.

Mr. Ian H. Oram in proposing 'The Society' said the Society, like many others, had a chequered history in its early days. Before 1746 they were known as the London Scholars and Trollope, years later, expressed doubt that the bells of Shoreditch were rung to welcome the Duke of Cumberland as he did not enter London by that route. The 18th century was a period when the Cumberlands held the record lengths of Stedman Caters and Cinques and Treble Bob Maximus.

In 1872 the Society elected Henry Dains as secretary, a composer of great merit whose compositions were still popular today. One of the most popular of the members was Jack Goldsmith, the founder of 'The Ringing World.'

Dealing with recent times Mr. Oram mentioned that the Society's joint meetings with the Middlesex Association were very happy occasions. He hoped that it would not be long before they had a second meeting with the College Youths. The prospects of the Society in 1960 were very good. They had elected Mr. Dennis Beresford as Master: the Beresford family had been prominent ringers for many years and it was a great privilege to have one of them as Master.



MR. DENNIS BERESFORD

The Master in reply said he had some diffidence in occupying the chair especially when one considered the calibre of previous Masters in the post-war period such as George Cross, Herbert Audsley, who had rung over 1,000 peals, Fred Cullum, with over 300 peals rung at Erith, and Peter Bond with his great height. It was perhaps appropriate that he as a graduate of London University should be Master of their Society which started as the London Scholars.

It was well to remember the achievements of the Society and to note the rivalry between the Cumberlands and College Youths. Such rivalry was an excellent thing provided it was not accompanied by personal animosity.

THEIR DEBT

Remembering their 200 years of existence and the famous names associated with the Cumberlands, he was sure they felt, as he did, that it was a great responsibility to maintain the traditions of the Society. People who had learned their ringing through the Society should remember what a debt of gratitude they owed to the Society. They should put back into the Society what they had learnt and in doing so their Society would flourish. He thought at the present time they had one of the best opportunities they had ever had for building up the Society as they would like to see it. They were having excellent attendances at their practices and if they had equally good attendances at their meetings he was sure they would succeed.

Proposing the toast of 'The Visitors' Mr. F. J. Cullum had a special word of welcome for the Master of the College Youths and also Mr. Hawkins. It was also a great delight to have with them year by year their friends from Newark.

Reminiscing, Mr. Cullum said when he started to ring he used to walk to Crayford to ring Grandsire Doubles and he was pleased to ring it! It was to those old ringers that they owed their success and he remembered in particular the late Mr. Barnett, the grandfather of the secretary of the Central Council.

Mr. J. G. Prior in reply said their dinner clashed with a meeting of the College Youths. He had attended the start of the meeting but when he mentioned that he had been invited to the Cumberlands' dinner they said, 'Of course, you must go.' He thought it was a very good thing that the Master of the College Youths and the Cumberlands attended each other's dinners. It was not so many years ago when such a thing would not have been thought of. Their dinner would be on November 5th but he promised them that there would be no 'fireworks.' He brought from the College Youths best wishes for continued prosperity.

NEARLY A CUMBERLAND

He owed a debt to the Cumberlands. It was Frank Matthews' grandfather who made him ring his first touch of Stedman Cinques. It was with great trepidation that he stood in as previously he had only rung Stedman Doubles. With the many members of their Society that he knew in those days, it was a surprise that he did not become a Cumberland.

Mr. T. W. White also replied.

The concluding toast, that of 'The Master,' was proposed by Mr. Frank Hawthorne.

During the evening the beautiful singing of a quartette from St. Martin's Singers was much appreciated. A course of Stedman Caters was rung by E. A. Barnett 1-2, P. Beresford 3-4, D. Beresford 5-6, Miss Joan Beresford 7-8, and P. N. Bond 9-10.

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY'S RECORD HANDBELL GIMMICK

The time was 7.55 a.m. on February 29th. A group of furtive figures could be seen in Piccadilly Gardens, Manchester. Placards were being erected. 'What's going on?' thought the citizens as, peacefully, they made their way to work. Some stopped to read the posters: 'World Record, 12 Hours Non-stop.' At last the mystery was solved. Three students from Manchester College of Science and Technology were about to embark upon a marathon handbell-ringing session with a view to facilitating the extraction of money, by their colleagues, from the innocent bystanders, thereby augmenting the University Rag collections for local charities.

At 8 a.m. the ringing started, the sun came out, and people stared. During the morning several extents of Bob Minor were rung and several were lost; then came the first great spectacle of the day. Not being professional ringing record-breakers, the three tintinnabulators had decided to partake of meals at the normal times, suitably assisted by their keepers, whilst still ringing rounds. This really drew the crowds, and there was a great increase in the activity of photographers.

The weather was less kind in the afternoon, and frequent trips to the shelter of the bus station (still ringing, of course) helped to relieve the monotony, as did short periods of rounds, call-changes and Grandsire. As darkness descended, so did more rain, and the choice between getting soaked or ringing in the bus station, where the bells could not be heard above the noise of engines, eventually resulted in an agreement to stop ringing after 11 hours instead of 12.

What were the rewards of this great performance? A world record (if anyone denies this we can probably restate the facts in such a way that it is!), six severe cases of 'Bell-ringers' Elbow,' and plenty of money in the boxes for Manchester charities.

The thanks of the organisers go to the ringers (C. J. Moretti 1-2, T. Taylor 3-4, J. Pilkington 5-6), their guardians and feeders (Alf, Barry, Vasit, Jean, Rosemary), Manchester Corporation, for the use of their garden, and the Police, for turning a blind eye.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

NOISE ABATEMENT BILL

Dear Sir.—Mr. William Parrott's letter is timely and very much to the point. Once before, in 1925, bellringing was similarly threatened by a society calling itself 'The Society for the Prevention of Public Nuisances,' who sought to introduce a Bill into Parliament having for its object the suppression of church bellringing. The then Editor of 'The Ringing World,' the late J. S. Goldsmith, in his leading article on October 30th, 1925, commented:

'The anti-this and anti-that people, even though they be few in numbers, can very easily make a big noise . . . and hope to persuade Members of Parliament that, in the case of their Society, the clamour of the few represents the views of the many. . . . At the same time it is well that the Exercise should prepare for eventualities. There is always the risk that by backdoor methods, and without those chiefly concerned having any knowledge of what is happening until it is too late, some clause or Bill may be smuggled through Parliament which would jeopardise the right of the Church to the use of and control over its bells. Not only is it necessary, therefore, that the Central Council should, especially under the present threat, keep an extremely vigilant look out for any Parliamentary attempt to suppress the ringing of church bells, but should get into order and ready for immediate action an efficiently organised counter attack.'

Sound advice then, and equally so now, being well summed up in the title words over the article quoted from—VIGILANCE AND ACTION NEEDED.—Yours truly,

L. W. G. MORRIS.

Heaton, Bradford

NEW METHODS FOR ROYAL BIRTH

Dear Sir.—For the benefit of those who like to keep precise records, the peal of Edinburgh Delight Minor rung at Warsop, Nottinghamshire, for the Royal birth was not the first in the method. This was rung at Cuddington, Buckinghamshire, on May 4th, 1957.

Sandringham Surprise Major was first rung at Warfield, Berkshire, on May 27th, 1936, and so your leader is not correct in suggesting that the peal at Spalding was the first in this method.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN R. MAYNE.

Harrow.

CHARLES W. BLAKEY MEMORIAL

Dear Sir.—I shall be grateful if, through your columns I may draw the attention of ringers to the Charles W. Blakey Memorial Fund. Mr. Blakey will be remembered with affection by many ringers throughout the country, and the members of the Blackburn Branch of the Lancashire Association, of which he was secretary until his death in October last, feel that there are many who would like to join with them in providing a lasting tribute to him.

The intention is to place in the belfry at Rishton, where Mr. Blakey learned to ring, either a marble plaque or a table bearing an inscribed brass plaque to his memory. Anyone wishing to join in this appreciation should send donations to me.

JOHN PILKINGTON,
(Blackburn Branch Secretary)

407, Whalley Road,
Clayton-le-Moors,
Accrington, Lancs.

THE ROTHWELL PEAL

Dear Sir.—It amazes me that Mr. Chapman should profess ignorance of the intended footnote to the Rothwell peal when the organiser informed me of the intention at least a month before the peal, and I was not in the least connected with it. If his principles are so high he should have stood down from the peal.

In looking back through the pages of 'The Ringing World' we see many 'secular' peals, including those commemorating Oliver Cromwell, Julius Caesar, and this week, the Royal Birth. If one of our fraternity, obviously of great literary knowledge, should wish to commemorate a great literary master by ringing a peal I see no reason why not when considering the other footnotes. In fact it is a lot better than peals rung merely to allow a man to 'circle a tower' 10 times, etc. Peals are by far the best way of practising a method and striking, and so the more we ring the better is our standard likely to become. The best of luck to everyone who attempts peals, whatever their reason.

The criticism Mr. Austin introduces is a parallel to the other correspondence we are reading concerning Evesham. The choice of band is entirely up to the conductor or organiser, and the permission for the bells is the incumbent's prerogative, so any conditions laid down by the local ringers are purely selfish.

Incidentally, one cannot connect Dostoyevski with the policy of atheism pursued by the U.S.S.R.—Sincerely,

R. J. JOHNSTON.

Manchester University.

RINGING AND COMPUTORS

Dear Sir,—About two years ago it fell to my lot to deal with a large switching circuit employing electro magnetic relays. Inevitably, I considered the application of such circuits to the composition of peals. Since there is no likelihood of the device being built, I confined myself to specifying the necessary behaviour in terms of Boolean algebra. At the rate of four multi-contact relays per calling position per course, composition of one-part peals in T.B. Major methods with tenors together would require 960 relays; auxiliary circuits for displaying the results, restricting the output to peals with desired qualities or of desired length, and so on, would increase the number to 1,200 or more. This estimate assumed that adjustments to cater for the order of leads, fourth or sixth place bob, and internal falseness, would be pre-set manually. I sketched another circuit for working out false course leads from the first-half lead of a method, the rows being fed into the device manually, a pair at a time.

There is no doubt that special computors can be readily devised to solve particular ringing problems. The difficulties mentioned in recent correspondence suggest that general purpose computors, though versatile, are inherently clumsy.—Yours sincerely,

MAURICE HODGSON.

Harrow, Middlesex.

PEALS AT ST. MARY'S, TORQUAY

Dear Sir.—With further reference to Mr. Donald Roberts' inquiry, there is a memorial tablet in marble to Mr. W. W. Gifford in the ringing room at St. Martin's, Salisbury, recording his services to that belfry; if I remember rightly, it says that he died at Blackford in Somerset.—Yours faithfully,

E. G. CAPLE.

Clevedon, Somerset.

FAULTS IN COMPETITION RINGING

Dear Sir,—Recently reference was made in the correspondence columns of 'The Ringing World' to a peal being rung 'at about 40 faults per 720,' and much has appeared recently about making 'The Ringing World' appeal to the Sunday Service ringers.

Every ringer I have addressed hereabouts, many of considerable peal experience, about the scoring of faults in competition ringing have pleaded absolute ignorance. If you were to commission an article, or series of articles, on the scoring in competition, whilst it may not further the cause of competition ringing, would it not give peal ringers and service ringers alike a system of assessing the value of a touch or peal? Most of us, I am sure, are striving for better striking, and whilst I believe that the rules demand closed leads surely they must be adaptable to open-lead ringing.

If you feel an article would not command sufficient interest I, personally, would be grateful to be put in touch with someone who could explain the system to me.—Yours faithfully, R. J. CARLTON.

Willesborough, Kent.

POINTS ABOUT CHURCH FLAG AND MUFFLED RINGING

Dear Sir,—I read with interest the letter by C. D. Armitage concerning the correct flag to be flown from a church tower. I was informed many years ago on good authority that the St. George's Cross is the most correct to be flown from a church tower, and this I think is generally accepted. The Union Jack, however, is not incorrect, and particularly for State occasions, such as a Royal Birthday, Her Majesty's Accession, etc., this has been our practice here for many years.

At regards muffled ringing on Sundays, this I think is generally accepted as being very much out of place. The late Rev. H. Law James, at one time Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, expressed opinion on this subject and reminded us that every Sunday was a perpetual Commemoration of the Resurrection: therefore open bells on Sunday please!—Yours faithfully,

C. T. H. BRADLEY.

Folkingham, Lincs.

FIRST PEAL AT SOUTH STOKE

Dear Sir.—I regret having to bring news of what will be a disappointment to Mr. A. P. Cannon. I took part in the first peal at South Stoke, Oxon, in the early twenties. I have not kept a record of my peals so cannot give full particulars. I think it was my second peal and was Minor in three methods, my first peal having been on October 20th, 1920, five days after my 17th birthday.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild Peal Book should have the record. I well remember the local ringers looking at us with some amazement with their heads peeping round the curtains during the later part of the peal.—Yours faithfully. W. SIMMONDS.

Torquay.

CAPTAIN'S IN CONTROL

Dear Sir.—The Evesham Hemmings need have no fear of being accused of being childish. We have a tower in this area where no peals are allowed unless the local captain conducts. It is a very rare tower where few peals are rung.

I only wish they would move to this district and bring their Evesham bells with them, we could do with ringers of their enthusiasm in these parts to add a little life to those already here.—Yours sincerely,

GEOFFREY K. DODD.

Woolton Hill, Hants.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

MINUTES OF THE SOUTHPORT MEETING, 1959

MINUTES of the third session of the twenty-third Council (62nd Annual Meeting), held in the Palace Hotel, Southport, on Whitsun Tuesday, May 9th, 1959.

A welcome was extended to the Council by the Lord Bishop of Liverpool, Dr. C. Martin, the Mayor of Southport, Councillor R. Wood, and the President of the Lancashire Association, the Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith. The President read a letter from Mr. E. H. Lewis thanking the Council on behalf of his wife and himself for a telegram of congratulations and good wishes on the occasion of their golden wedding, on April 29th, 1959. Mr. Lewis then presented to the President a gavel for use at the Council's meetings. Mr. Sharpe thanked Mr. Lewis on behalf of the members.

PRESENT:—

Life members: Messrs. F. Sharpe, E. A. Barnett, F. W. Perrens, E. H. Lewis, G. W. Fletcher and Mrs. G. W. Fletcher.

Honorary members: Mrs. E. A. Barnett, Messrs. J. P. Fidler, F. I. Hairs, D. Hughes, C. K. Lewis, Mrs. C. C. Marshall, Messrs. W. A. Osborn, A. J. Pitman, A. H. Pulling, E. C. Shepherd, R. F. B. Speed, P. L. Taylor and T. W. White.

Ancient Society of College Youths: Wing Commander J. S. Mason, Messrs. J. F. Smallwood and W. Willliams.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association: Messrs. D. Hoare, H. J. Sanger and Miss N. G. Williams.

Bedfordshire Association: Mr. S. Foskett.

Cambridge University Guild: Mr. B. D. Threlfall.

Chester Diocesan Guild: Messrs. W. Allman, J. W. Clarke and A. J. Martin.

Coventry Diocesan Guild: Mrs. D. E. Beamish and Mr. H. Windsor.

Cumberland and North Westmorland Association: Mr. G. McKay.

Derbyshire Association: Messrs. A. Mould and W. L. Robinson.

Devon Guild: Mr. J. L. S. Glanvill and the Rev. J. G. M. Scott.

Dudley and District Guild: Mr. H. J. Shuck.

Ely Diocesan Association: Messrs. P. Border, J. G. Gipson, F. W. Lack and H. S. Peacock.

Essex Association: Messrs. J. H. Crampion, F. B. Lufkin L. S. Woods and Miss H. G. Snowden.

Gloucester and Bristol Association: Messrs. A. L. Barry, T. Boreham, W. B. Kynaston and F. Skidmore.

Guildford Diocesan Guild: Messrs. A. C. Hazelden, G. S. Joyce, H. N. Pitstow and W. H. Viggers.

Hereford Diocesan Guild: Messrs. C. J. Lewis and W. F. Moreton.

Hertford County Association: Messrs. W. Ayre, R. G. Bell, G. W. Critchley and E. Edmondson.

Irish Association: Messrs. F. E. Dukes and J. T. Dunwoody and Miss J. Stewart.

Kent County Association: Messrs. J. R. Cooper, T. Cullingworth, Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher and Mr. T. E. Sone.

Ladies' Guild: Miss D. E. Colgate, Mrs. A. Richardson and Mrs. P. J. Staniforth.

Lancashire Association: Messrs. P. Crook, F. Dunkerley, J. Ridyard and the Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith.

Leicester Diocesan Guild: Messrs. S. Burton, P. A. Corby, A. E Rowley and P. J. Staniforth.

Lincoln Diocesan Guild: Messrs. G. E. Feirn, J. Freeman and J. A. Freeman.

Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association: Mrs. D. J. King and Mr. T. M. Roderick.

London County Association: Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Rogers and Mr. W. G. Wilson.

Middlesex County Association: Messrs. F. T. Blagrove and T. J. Lock.

Midland Counties Guild: Mr. J. W. Cotton.

National Police Guild: Mr. E. C. Birkett.

New South Wales Association: Mr. P. M. J. Gray.

North Staffordshire Association: Mr. R. S. Anderson.

North Wales Association: Mr. D. H. B. Millward.

Norwich Diocesan Association: Messrs. H. W. Barrett, N. V. Harding and the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow.

Oxford Diocesan Guild: Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barker and Mr. A. E. Lock.

Oxford University Society: Mr. R. B. Meadows.

Peterborough Diocesan Guild: Messrs. P. I. Chapman, G. W. Jeffs, E. Nobles and E. G. Orland.

St. David's Diocesan Guild: Mr. C. H. Hawkins.

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham: Messrs. G. E. Fearn and F. E. Haynes.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild: Messrs. G. H. Harding and G. S. Morris.

Sheffield and District Society: Mr. N. Chaddock.

Shropshire Association: Mr. F. H. Bennett.

Society of Royal Cumberland Youths: Messrs. P. N. Bond and F. E. Hawthorne.

Southwell Diocesan Guild: Messrs. B. M. Buswell, J. D. Clarke and J. Segar.

Stafford Archdeaconry Society: Messrs. B. G. Key and G. W. Hughes.

Suffolk Guild: Messrs. J. W. Blythe, L. G. Brett and C. W. Pipe.

Surrey Association: Messrs. A. P. Cannon, F. E. Collins and W. F. Oatway.

Sussex County Association: Messrs R. G. Blackman, F. H. Dallaway and H. Stalham.

Swansea and Brecon Guild: Mr. G. I. Lewis.

Truro Diocesan Guild: Messrs. W. C. Boucher, D. Burnett and H. Miles.

Universities Association: Miss M. R. Cross.

University of London Society: Dr. D. N. Layton.

Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild: The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, Messrs. C. H. Kippin, G. Pullinger and F. W. Rogers.

Worcestershire and Districts Association: Messrs. B. C Ashford, D. Beacham and W. B. Cartwright.

Yorkshire Association: Messrs. G. Benfield, W. E. Critchley and L. W. G. Morris.

SUMMARY:—

	Assoc.	Members Present	Absent
Wholly represented ..	32	75	—
Partially represented ..	20	49	23
Not represented	5	—	6
	57	124	29
Life Members		6	1
Hon. Members		13	8
		143	38

REPORT AS TO MEMBERSHIP

The hon. secretary reported that 55 Associations were affiliated to the Council, entitled to 153 members. The rules provided for 24 honorary members and there were seven life members, making a total membership of 184. There were two vacancies among representative members and three among honorary members. All subscriptions had been paid.

APPLICATIONS TO AFFILIATE

Application from the Cumberland and North Westmorland and the North Wales Association were agreed on the proposition of Mr. L. W. G. Morris, seconded by Mr. J. P. Fidler.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Messrs. F. Ainsley, C. A. Bassett, J. Bray, W. Butler, S. G. Coles, G. H. Cross, F. J. Cullum, J. T. Dyke, N. Golden, F. W. Goodfellow, J. E. Hobbs, A. A. Hughes, J. R. Mayne, T. G. Myers, Dr. D. H. Niblett, R. Overy, W. N. Park, Rev. A. S. Roberts, C. W. Roberts, Miss M. E. Snowdon, Mrs. P. J. Steeples, L. Stilwell, T. H. Taffender, A. Walker, W. C. West, J. Willis and R. St. C. Wilson.

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS TO THE PRESIDENT

The following were presented: Messrs. J. W. Blythe (Suffolk Guild), J. L. S. Glanvill (Devon Guild), C. H. Hawkins (St. David's Guild), D. Hoare (Bath and Wells), G. McKay (Cumberland and North Westmorland), D. H. B. Millward (North Wales), H. Windsor (Coventry Guild, and L. S. Woods (Essex Association).

ELECTION TO HONORARY MEMBERS

The retiring members, Mrs. O. D. Barnett and Messrs. F. I. Hairs, C. K. Lewis, W. A. Osborn and A. J. Pitman were re-elected on the proposition of Mr. A. D. Barker, seconded by Mr. R. G. Blackman. Mr. H. L. Roper was elected on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett on behalf of the Standing Committee, seconded by Mr. W. F. Moreton.

ELECTION OF HONORARY AUDITOR

Mr. H. N. Pitstow was elected to the vacancy caused by the election of Mr. F. W. Perrens as Librarian, on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. F. W. Perrens.

LOSS OF MEMBERS THROUGH DEATH

The President reported the death of the following members and former members of the Council, the assembly standing in silence: Messrs. W. Bedwell (Kent), E. J. Butler (Essex), H. Dew (Chester), Rev. J. B. Frith (N. Staffs), S. J. Hughes (Dudley and District), P. J. Johnson (Leeds and District, and Yorkshire), H. Knight (Stafford Archdeaconry), J. L. Morris (Royal Cumberland Youths), H. H. Palairet and A. Smith (Salisbury) and R. Stredwick (Sussex).

Tributes were paid to the memory of Messrs. Butler, Dew, Johnson, Knight and Morris and the Rev. J. B. Frith.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes as published in 'The Ringing World' of March 13th, 1959, and circulated to members were adopted on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett seconded by Mr. W. Ayre.

REPORTS

These have been published in 'The Ringing World' as shown:—

HON. SECRETARY AND TREASURER

(May 29th, 1959, page 350)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs.

HON. LIBRARIAN

(May 29th, 1959, page 351)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. F. W. Perrens, seconded by Mr. W. F. Oatway. It was agreed that the Librarian be given power to dispose of copies in excess of two of books in the Library printed since 1850. Thanks were expressed to Mr. Perrens and Mr. and Mrs. R. F. B. Speed for their work during the year.

BALANCE SHEET AND ACCOUNTS

(June 5th, 1959, page 368)

Adopted subject to audit on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. J. F. Smallwood.

TRUSTEES OF THE CARTER RINGING MACHINE

(May 29th, 1959, page 350)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mrs P. J. Staniforth.

STANDING COMMITTEE

(Report on Co-option)

(May 29th, 1959, page 352)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. W. B. Cartwright

'THE RINGING WORLD' COMMITTEE

(June 5th, 1959, pages 367-8)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. J. F. Smallwood, seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs.

BROADCASTING AND TELEVISION COMMITTEE

(May 29th, 1959, page 351)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. H. J. Sanger, seconded by the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow.

BIOGRAPHIES COMMITTEE

(June 5th, 1959, page 371)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. A. C. Hazelden, seconded by Mr. W. H. Viggers. Authority was given for the expenditure of £15 on a cover to contain completed biographical sheets. Tribute was paid to the work of Mr. J. Willis in writing up biographies.

BEGINNERS' HANDBOOK COMMITTEE
(June 5th, 1959, page 369)

After an amendment proposed on behalf of the Standing Committee by Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. G. W. Fletcher, that the committee remain in being to revise the book as necessary had been lost, the report was adopted on the proposition of Miss M. R. Cross, seconded by Mr. W. G. Wilson, and the disbandment of the committee agreed to.

SUNDAY SERVICE RINGING COMMITTEE
(June 12th, 1959, pages 385-8)

Section I.—General. Adopted on the proposition of Mr. N. Chaddock, seconded by Mr. R. S. Anderson.

Section II.—Theological Colleges. Adopted on the proposition of Mr. N. Chaddock, seconded by Mr. P. M. J. Gray.

Section III.—Suggestions for possible future lines of action by the Committee.

(1) Agreed on the proposition of Mr. J. L. S. Glanvill, seconded by Mr. J. T. Dunwoody, that an edited version of the report be printed and circulated to church authorities.

(2) Agreed on the proposition of Mr. N. Chaddock, seconded by Mr. J. H. Crampion, that a draft leaflet be prepared embodying information and ideas included in the Survey.

(3) Agreed on the proposition of Mr. N. Chaddock, seconded by Mr. W. Ayre, that continuous contact be maintained with Theological Colleges through Associations and Guilds.

(4) Agreed on the proposition of Mr. N. Chaddock, seconded by Mr. J. H. Crampion, that the Committee consider and make further suggestions in 1960 on ways to bring about an improvement.

(5) Agreed on the proposition of Mr. N. Chaddock, seconded by the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, that guidance regarding Sunday Service ringing be given on request.

(6) Agreed on the proposition of Mr. N. Chaddock, seconded by Mr. F. B. Lufkin, to investigate means of getting more propaganda into Church publications.

(7) Agreed on the proposition of Mr. N. Chaddock, seconded by the Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith, that the Committee facilitate the carrying out of suggestions from Associations arising from their study of the report, which should be submitted by Council representatives to each affiliated association's general meeting for discussion.

It was agreed on the proposition of Mr. P. M. J. Gray, seconded by Mr. N. Chaddock, to add Mr. W. F. Moreton and Dr. D. N. Layton to the Committee. A vote of thanks to the Committee was proposed by Mr. H. W. Rogers, seconded by Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher.

METHODS COMMITTEE
(June 5th, 1959, page 370)

Adopted on the proposition of the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, seconded by Mr. F. Dunkerley.

PEALS ANALYSIS COMMITTEE
(June 5th, 1959, page 370)

Adopted, subject to deletion of the reference to a peal of Double Grandsire Doubles, on the proposition of Mr. W. Ayre, seconded by Mr. H. Miles. It was agreed that a peal in which the clappers were tied and the sound came from electrically-operated handbells should not be accepted. Mr. H. L. Roper was added to the Committee.

PEAL BOARDS COMMITTEE
(June 5th, 1959, page 368)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. J. W. Clarke, seconded by Mr. W. Ayre. The terms of reference of the Committee were amended to extend its activities to 1881 on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. B. G. Key.

PEAL COLLECTION COMMITTEE
(June 5th, 1959, page 371)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. W. E. Critchley, seconded by Mr. C. K. Lewis. It was agreed that the collection of peals of Stedman Caters and Cinques should be proceeded with that Mr. C. W. Roberts be asked to forward such compositions as he has collected to Mr. Critchley.



'Well, it is caused either by young Hemming trying to raise the tenor "right" or that fast peal they talk so much about.'

[With apologies to Evesham bell tower.

RECORDS COMMITTEE
(June 5th, 1959, page 370)

Adopted on the proposition of Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, seconded by Mrs. C. C. Marshall.

TOWERS AND BELFRIES COMMITTEE
(June 5th, 1959, page 371)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. E. H. Lewis, seconded by Mr. F. E. Collins. Mr. J. H. Crampion paid tribute to the work of the Committee.

ALTERATION OF RULES

On the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by M. A. D. Baker, Rule 11(i) was amended by deleting all after the words 'Honorary Secretary' in line 9 and substituting 'by not later than 31st March before the meeting.

MOTIONS

(a) Proposed by Mr. W. F. Moreton, seconded by Mr. H. Miles:—

'That this Council considers the organisation of courses which would cater, possibly by means of simultaneous lectures, for the needs both of more experienced and less experienced ringers, and if in favour of such courses, begins to hold them as soon as possible.'

An amendment proposed by Mr. F. W. Perrens, seconded by Mr. G. McKay, to delete all after 'begins' and substitute 'to organise such courses as soon as possible, provided no expense to the Council is incurred,' was carried.

The motion as amended, was carried and it was agreed that the matter be left to the Sunday Service Committee.

(b) Proposed by Mr. A. J. Pitman, seconded by Mr. G. I. Lewis, and carried:—

'That although true six-scores of Double Grandsire Doubles cannot be obtained without calls when the treble is behind as well as when it is on the front, in view of the fact that twelve-scores on the same principle as Pitman's twelve-scores of Grandsire Doubles have been obtained, Double Grandsire Doubles consisting of such twelve-scores shall be recognised by the Council.'

(c) Proposed by Mr. J. W. Clarke, seconded by Mr. A. J. Martin—

'That in any record attempt the bells shall be clearly audible outside the tower or other building in which they are contained and that during such an attempt neither food nor drink shall be partaken of by any member of the band.'

The motion, as amended, was carried.

An amendment proposed by Mr. F. Dunkerley, seconded by the Rev. J. G. M. Scott, to insert the words 'on tower bells' after 'record attempt' and delete all after the word 'contained' was carried.

PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Invitations had been received from the North Staffordshire and Kent County Associations. The latter was accepted, the venue to be as decided by the Association.

VOTES OF THANKS

On the motion of the President, the thanks of the Council were expressed to the Mayor of Southport, the Lord Bishop of Liverpool and the President of the Lancashire Association for their welcome: to the Vicar of Christ Church, Southport, for the use of his church for Holy Communion and to the Lord Bishop for officiating; to the Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith, Mr. F. Dunkerley and other members of the Lancashire Association for local arrangements; to the Lancashire Association for its hospitality and to local incumbents and tower-keepers for the use of their bells.

After the meeting the members were the guests of the Mayor and Corporation of Southport at tea.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION

The fine weather on February 27th brought an attendance of 66 members to the annual meeting of the Llandaff Branch, held at Newcastle Church, Bridgend, where there is a fine ring of bells.

The Vicar (Rev. T. Jones) conducted the service and presided at the business meeting. Tea was provided by the Mothers' Union, who were thanked by Mr. Gwyn I. Lewis.

Mr. A. Hannington was elected Branch Ringing Master, Mr. T. M. Roderick representative to the Central Council, and Mr. R. E. Coles hon. secretary and treasurer. Ten new members were elected and life membership conferred on Mr. Royston Crosby. The next meeting will be at Aberavon.

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PUBLICATIONS

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MISCELLANEOUS

TEWKESBURY ABBEY.—Choral and instrumental concert in aid of the restoration of the Abbey bells, on Saturday, March 26th, at 7.30 p.m. (ringing beforehand from 6.30 p.m.). Admission by programme 2s. 6d.—A. E. Leach, Hon. Sec., Tewkesbury Abbey Guild of Ringers. 5960

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Halse, on Saturday, March 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please.—A. H. Reed, Mimosa, George Street, Taunton. 5923

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Meeting, Chapel-en-le-Frith, Saturday, March 19th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided. All welcome.—H. E. Taylor, Dis. Sec. 5898

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting, Saturday, March 19th, Black Notley. Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Braintree bells (8) also available from 3.30 to 4.30 p.m. only. 5860

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting, Eynesbury, Saturday, March 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 4914

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Meeting at Twickenham, Saturday, March 19th. Arrangements: Ringing at St. Mary's, 3 to 4.30 p.m., followed by service and tea. Further ringing at All Hallows', 6.30 to 8 p.m.—E. R. Gotham, Hon. Sec. 5933

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting, Saturday, March 19th, Winthorpe. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—W. L. Exton, Hon. Sec. 5861

SUFFOLK GUILD.—S.W. District.—Practice meeting, Long Melford (8), Saturday, Mar. 19th. Bells 6.30 to 9 p.m. 5893

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Shoreham (8), Saturday, March 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. 5903

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice, Monday, March 21st, 7.45 p.m., St. Mary's, Battersea. Special Method: Yorkshire Surprise Major. Please note tower change. Everyone welcome.—Rogers. 5945

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—Practice meeting at Shipham, Saturday, March 26th. Bells (6) 5 p.m.—David H. White. 5937

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Aston-on-Trent, Saturday, March 26th, 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—W. A. Morley, Dis. Sec. 5955

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Misson, Saturday, March 26th. Bell (6) 3 p.m. Please bring own food.—R. J. Sanderson. 5952

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting March 26th, 3.15 p.m. Darlington (St. John). Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by March 24th to Mr. F. W. Cooke, 10, Limehurst Road, Darlington. 5961

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Next meeting on Saturday, March 26th, at South Normanton. Bells 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. Doughty, Downing Street, South Normanton, Derbyshire.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 5953

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Upwell, Saturday, March 26th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m., Service 4.30. Names for tea by 25th.—J. Fox, Walpole Marsh, Wisbech.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester and North Forest Branches.—Joint meeting, Barnwood (8), Saturday, March 26th, 2.45 p.m. Names for tea by March 23rd from either Branch to Green, 30, Malvern Road, Gloucester. 5932

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Quarterly meeting, St. Ambrose (8), Bristol, March 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service, tea, and meeting to follow.—F. Hussey, 39, Gordon Avenue, Whitehall, Bristol 5. 5958

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Badgeworth (6), March 26th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by March 22nd.—Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Cheltenham. 5957

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Walkden, Saturday, March 26th. Bells 2.30. Business follows tea. Tea 5. Look up Cambridge. Cups of tea only.—Thornley, Sec. 5964

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting (Nomination) will be at Hunslet Parish Church (8) on Saturday, March 26th, at 3.30 p.m. Names for tea on or before March 23rd, to Miss I. Green, 33, Arthington Place, Leeds 10. 5936

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Sharnford, March 26th. Bells (6) 3 p.m., Service 4.30, Tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea please by the Wednesday previous to Mr. H. Wood, 68, Leicester Road, Sharnford, Nr. Hinckley, Leicester.—M. Vernon, Dis. Sec. 5939

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton Mowbray District.—Meeting at Somerby, Saturday, March 26th. Bells 3 p.m., Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at Somerby Vicarage. Names for tea please by Wednesday, March 23rd to Mr. Cyril Tyler, No. 1, West View, Somerby, Leicestershire. 5941

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—West Wycombe, March 26th, 3.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify me by 21st.—W. Butler, 10, The Avenue, Old Windsor. 5949

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice at Binfield on March 26th at 6 p.m. Special method for practice, Oxford T.B. Minor.—B. C. Castle. 5954

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Helmdon, Saturday, March 26th. Names for tea by Tuesday previous.—W. A. Yates, 4, Bannerlands, Dadford, Buckingham. 5922

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Mansfield District.—Meeting, Farnsfield, Saturday, March 26th (note change of venue). Bells (5) 3 p.m., Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. for those notifying, by Thursday, March 24th, Miss I. Roe, Brickyard Lane, Farnsfield, Newark.—D. H. Rooke, Dis. Sec. 5855

SUFFOLK GUILD.—W.C. District.—Evening meeting, Walsham-le-Willows (6), Saturday, March 26th. Bells 7 to 9 p.m. 5943

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Surprise practice at Ewell, Saturday, March 26th, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Special method. Ashtead.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 5944

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting at Rye on March 26th. Ringing from 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing possibly at Iden after tea. Tea notifications to F. Beeney (secretary), Hillbrae, Carters Corner, Hailsham. 5940

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C., Saturday, April 2nd, 6 p.m. Ringing at St. James', Clerkenwell, 4 p.m. Advance Notice. Meeting at Derby, Saturday, April 30th. Full details of ringing and luncheon arrangements later. The 323rd Anniversary Dinner will be held at The Bridge House Restaurant, London Bridge, S.E.1, on Saturday, November 5th, 1960.—John Chilcott, Hon. Sec. 5946

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Quarterly meeting Penshurst on Saturday, April 2nd. Bells 3 p.m., Service 4.15, Tea 5 p.m. (2s. 6d.). Names for tea, with cash please, by Tuesday, March 29th to Miss D. Colgate, 30, Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks. 5926

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting Saturday, April 2nd, Norton-in-the-Moors. Bells 3 p.m., Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, March 30th, to Mr. C. S. Ryles, Four Winds, Lancaster Drive, Norton.—J. G. Burton, Hon. Sec. 5959

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North-East District.—Meeting at Bungay (8). On Saturday, April 2nd. Bells 3 p.m., Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please order tea by sending names by the previous Wednesday to A. R. Bridges, Dis. Sec., 28, Waterloo Avenue, Leiston. 5942

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting at St. Peter's, Glasbury-on-Wye, on Saturday, April 2nd, at 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. followed by tea.—G. Davies. 5956

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Bromley, Easter Monday, April 18th. Service 12 noon. Lunch 1 p.m., Bell Hotel (members 5s., others 7s. 6d.). Tickets, with details of ringing and business, from Mr. B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, Bobbing, Sittingbourne, Kent. Applications, and nominations for Central Council representatives, 1960-3, by April 12th.—Dr. F. S. J. Hatcher, Hon. Sec. 5905

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5908

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS.—Preliminary Notice.—Annual general meeting at Morecambe, April 30th, 1960. 5948

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

The Elloe Deaneries Branch elected new officers at their annual meeting at Spalding on February 27th. The Rev. R. W. H. Nind, who conducted the service, is leaving after Easter to take up a mission post in Jamaica, and in his place the Rev. G. Jakeman was elected president. Mr. M. Bennett asked to be relieved of his post as secretary and treasurer, and Mr. B. B. Tyrell was elected to fill the position. The accounts showed that the Branch was in a healthy position. Quarterly meetings were arranged for Crowland, Quadring, Lutton and Donington.

SUNDAY SERVICE NEWS

WYCHBOLD

At the beginning of 1959 the St. Mary-de-Wyche, Wychbold, company was practically non-existent, there being only five regular members for six bells. In February and March 14 youngsters were taught to handle a bell, and ten are still in the company.

Under the captaincy of Mr. Arthur D. Cook, steady progress has been made. On September 27th two of the beginners rang in a local quarter for harvest festival. Since that date eight local quarters have been rung and five beginners have scored their 'first.' Members of the choir (which includes ten ringers) have also rung a quarter. By invitation, a quarter has been rung at St. Peter-de-Witton, Droitwich Spa, the first on the bells for several years.

Two of the young ringers rang their first peal on November 14th, and on December 16th, to mark the 70th anniversary of the casting of Wychbold bells, a peal of Grandsire was rung by a band of an average age of 15¼ years, which included four local ringers. The target for 1960 is a peal of Minor by a local band.

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OBITUARY

MR. WILLIAM C. LAMPARD

In the death of Mr. William C. Lampard on February 21st, the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild lost one of its oldest and most faithful members. Mr. Lampard, who was aged 85, was one of the members of the first change-ringing band to ring regularly at Winchester Cathedral under the late Mr. W. H. George. At the time of his death, Mr. Lampard was captain of the ringers, and in his 70th year of service as a ringer at Winchester Cathedral. Under his able tuition, many of the boys attending Winchester College learnt their early ringing. Mr. Lampard was also for a time the honorary secretary of the Winchester District of the Guild.

The funeral service, held in Winchester Cathedral on February 25th, was attended by many civic dignitaries of the city of Winchester, including the Mayor. Prior to the service the bells of the Cathedral were rung half muffled by a representative band of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild. At the graveside handbells were rung by members of the Cathedral band.

A memorial quarter peal of Grandsire Cinques was rung by members of the Guild on March 2nd at the Cathedral.—R. R. S.

APPRECIATIONS

Winchester Cathedral has lost a very dear friend in Mr. William Charles Lampard, captain of the ringers, and associated with them for 69 years. He died at the age of 85 on February 21st as a result of a fall.

On the previous Sunday he was hale and vigorous; his ropesight was keen and his mental alertness was unimpaired as he called the changes. His innate dignity and courtesy, blending with a natural instinct for service and kindliness, made him a beloved leader and a delightful companion. As a boy from 1884 to 1890 he was educated with the Quiristers at Winchester College. He excelled in his youth at cricket, football, and swimming: and his love of healthy exercise strengthened his fondness for change-ringing, in which he instructed countless newcomers with patience and cheery encouragement.

He was a first-rate creative craftsman as a woodcarver; and many churches were adorned with screens and stalls, which he had made. His regularity and punctuality were of the highest standard: and the 119 worn steps leading to the ringers' chamber in the 12th century Norman tower bear the impress of his long years of faithful service.

Among the many ringers who have learnt with sorrow of the recent death of Mr. Lampard are those Wykehamists who learnt to ring at Winchester Cathedral while the College bells were out of action. During the years when Wilfred Andrews was in charge at the Cathedral, Mr. Lampard, then his deputy, was always ready with help and advice to us learners; and latterly during his own term of office he had taught many more himself.

In his young days he had been a 'Quirister,' or College choirboy, and fortunately for us remembered that time with great pleasure. He rang on the College bells on the few occasions that they were rung this century before their recent rehanging, and had helped frequently since then: and the recent peal there would have been impossible without his teaching and encouragement.

Unfortunately, most of us learnt of his death too late to do more than send flowers to his funeral; but we shall all feel that we have lost a very good friend. B. D. T. and D. J. R.

MR. J. HURRELL

We record with regret the death of Mr. Jim Hurrell, of Eltham, Kent, at the age of 82. For many months past he had been in indifferent health, and had just recently been admitted to Farnborough Hospital.

Jim Hurrell commenced ringing on the old six at Eltham, and helped maintain the band when the bells were increased to eight in 1924. He was very keen on ringing quarter peals for services, and always gave a warm welcome to visitors at practices or on Sundays. His son, Frederick J. Hurrell, soon acquired his father's interest in ringing, and has held the position of captain for several years past.

Though primarily a Sunday service ringer, Jim had rung some 56 peals, all in the Lewisham district. His first was Holt's Original at Deptford in May, 1913, and the last—the same composition—at Eltham in January of last year. The list includes Grandsire (which makes up half the total), Plain Bob, Stedman and Treble Bob. Over 20 of his peals were rung on Eltham bells.

The funeral was held on February 18th at the Eltham Crematorium and was attended by relatives, friends and ringers from several neighbouring towers. A half-muffled quarter peal was unfortunately unsuccessful. Sympathy is extended to his wife, daughter, and son Frederick.

May he rest in peace.

THE VEN. ELLIS NORMAN GOWING

AN APPRECIATION

The Vicar of Prittlewell made a very rich contribution to the work of God in Essex. He was a native of Australia, where he was ordained, and came to the 'Old Country,' as he called us, in 1909 or 1910, and served for some time as curate at St. James-the-Less', Bethnal Green. When the vicar of that church (John Edwin Watts-Ditchfield) became the first Bishop of Chelmsford in 1914, he became the Bishop's chaplain, and in 1917 became the Vicar of Prittlewell. Remaining so until his death on March 2nd, he served the Church in Essex as Canon, Rural Dean and Archdeacon of Southend, and undoubtedly his influence was felt in every department of Church work in Essex and did much to establish the new-formed diocese of Chelmsford.

He took an active interest in bell-ringers and the belfry. He was elected an honorary member of the Essex Association in 1920; later vice-president and life vice-president. When in 1929 the ringing at Prittlewell fell to a low state, he led the new recruits by learning to ring himself, and was very proud of his one and only performance, that of a quarter peal of Plain Bob Major, rung on March 14th, 1929, at Prittlewell. Many ringers will remember his words of wisdom when asked to preach at annual meetings, his interest in the ringers and the belfry on his visitations as Archdeacon and visits as Rural Dean. The belfry to him was an important part of the church.

He was a man of simple faith, a friend to every man and woman with whom he came in contact, a man of great tenacity, perseverance, sometimes impatient of procrastination and bureaucracy in high places, and yet listening to the advice of the humblest man in whatever council he found himself.

He leaves a memorial in the Parish Church of Prittlewell, which he has been instrumental in restoring wholly, including the tower and belfry and the furnishing thereof, the church schools adjoining, and the daughter churches of Southend and District, which he founded.

Sadness fills our hearts in not having his earthly presence, but gladness and thanksgiving to God for his friendship and all his work for the Church in Essex. May we try to follow his example. F. B. L.

MR. ALLAN LUKE TOWNEND

Allan Townend passed away at his home suddenly on Sunday, February 28th, after ringing for morning service at his own beloved Parish Church of St. Michael, Mottram. The funeral service and burial took place on March 3rd and was attended by a large congregation. His bells, which he loved so dearly, were rung half-muffled before the service by the local band and friends, under the leadership of Mr. John Heap, who had been a particular friend of Allan's. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells over the grave by Dorothy M. Heap 1-2, Frank Osbaldiston 3-4, Trevor Taylor 5-6, John Heap 7-8.

It was fitting that in the afternoon a half-muffled peal of Bob Major was rung by a band consisting mainly of students of the University of Manchester, where Allan himself graduated

QUARTER PEALS

ABBOTT'S LEIGH, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. D. Bowles 1, F. W. E. Carter (first 'inside') 2, H. N. Evans 3, P. E. Parry 4, P. J. Bird (cond.) 5, I. Buckland 6. First quarter by pupils and staff of Bristol Cathedral School.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On Feb. 27th, 1,280 Spliced Surprise Major (320 each of Cambridge, Yorkshire, New Cambridge and Superlative): L. Hughes 1, J. I. Dear 2, D. Sutcliffe 3, L. Scoot 4, R. Castledine (cond.) 5, C. Harwood 6, E. Buck 7, J. S. Dear 8. First of Spliced by all except the conductor and by a Sunday Service band.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Apps 1, Miss R. A. Stevens 2, R. V. Johnson 3, R. Simpson 4, J. Jeffery 5, G. Packham 6, F. Godsmark (cond.) 7, E. Brett 8. Rung half muffled in memoriam Harriet Crick, mother of the Master of the Sussex Association, Reg. V. Johnson.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Feb. 24th, at St. Mark's Church, 1,280 New Cambridge Surprise Major: V. Griffin 1, P. Wakefield 2, C. G. Jones 3, E. Sutton 4, A. T. Collins 5, W. H. Trueman 6, A. R. Peake 7, B. Bladon (first in method as cond.) 8. First in method by all the band except the conductor. A welcome to Paul Trueman, grandson of the 6th ringer.

SYDNEY, NEW SOUTH WALES.—On Jan. 31st at St. Mary's Basilica, 1,272 Minor (720 Kent and Oxford, 552 Kent): Audrey E. Peters 1, J. H. Fryer 2, W. D. Watson 3, Robert J. Klima 4, J. C. Sheehy 5, T. W. Goodyer (cond.) 6. First of Kent and Oxford for 1, 2, 3, and 4. Rung half muffled in memoriam Tom Howell (77) member of N.S.W. Association since its inception and a ringer for 55 years.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On Feb. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: C. Diggins (first Triples) 1, H. Rumens 2, F. C. Maynard 3, P. D. Chapman 4, F. W. Sykes 5, D. A. Hewitt 6, T. Hawkings (cond.) 7, F. C. Taylor 8. For Evensong.

YATTON, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Vowles 1, Mrs. G. Bishop (first 'inside') 2, A. H. T. Parker 3, P. H. Marshall 4, R. Brice 5, C. Bishop 6, H. Knight (cond.) 7, T. Baker (first of Triples) 8. Rung in honour of the wedding of Judith Price and Dr. D. I. D. Hodge. Also the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. Winsor, sister of the ringer of the 3rd, and godmother of the bride.

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TRUE OR FALSE?

A Questionnaire by Professor Dodge

(With a foreword by his amanuensis)

I HAVE great pleasure in presenting another series of searching, and edifying, questions given by the Professor. I have persuaded him to include some that will be of interest to the not-too-advanced, and hope that his answers will be perused with the attention which he devoted to compiling them. As in a questionnaire of this kind one can be only right or wrong, I leave it to the reader's own conscience as to whether his answer is right or wrong because of a wild guess or a shrewd surmise!

(1) It is possible to be conducting a peal of T.B. Major, make a miscall, and still under certain circumstances ring through without falseness.

(2) The first 720 of Plain Bob Minor was published in 1702.

(3) It is not possible to call a peal of T.B. Major without first knowing the calling.

(4) A Bob in Plain Bob alters the lead-ends from +ve (In-course) to −ve (out-of-course).

(5) There is no Roman Catholic church in the British Isles which contains a ring of 12 (ringable) bells.

(6) The first published 5,040 of Grandsire Triples turned out to be false.

(7) All methods rung today are symmetrical between lead-heads and lead ends.

(8) At one time a 'single' in Stedman Doubles was made on the front.

(9) Unless turned from the lead by the treble, the bells one leads from (or off) in Plain Bob Minor and Major are, respectively, the 2nd and 3rd, and 3rd and 4th bells which will be met when hunting up.

(10) There have been only two peals of Original Minor rung.

(11) One of the greatest heavy-bell ringers of all time went to a ringing meeting on his first birthday, where the meeting meeting rose and sang, 'Happy Birthday.'

(12) The first published regular Surprise method was 'Primrose.'

(13) There is a system whereby Cambridge Surprise may be rung from Minor to Maximus without knowing the 'blue line.'

(14) Two only of the following bells are hung for ringing in peal: 'Great Tom,' 'Great John,' 'Grandison,' 'Great Peter,' 'S. Dunstan,' 'Major,' and 'Litle John.'

(15) Working from memory is, unfortunately, the only way to write down the lead head of any lead in the plain course of a regular method, given the bell on the front with the treble.

(16) It is only necessary to write out half a lead of a method to discover whether it is 'regular' or otherwise.

(17) The method 'Crown Bob,' which appears on some old peal boards is false.

(18) The system of proving by 'course-ends' was invented by Jasper Snowdon.

(19) That it is impossible to have a 5,040 of Grandsire Triples without a 'single' was first proved by a non-ringer.

(20) When ringing a heavy bell it is necessary to strike more closely to the small bells.

ANSWERS

(1) True. George Lewis was once conducting a peal of T.B. Major and made a miscall about two-thirds of the way through the peal. He informed the rest of the team as they were ringing and offered to insert the alternative calling for the course and run the risk of ringing a false peal. The team agreed to carry on and after the peal was finished George sat down in the belfry to prove it. The peal turned out to be true although, of course, the length was different from the original!

(2) False. Stedman in 'Tintinnalogia' (1688) gives an '18-score' which he doubles by 'singles,' although these are made in 2 56 as opposed to the 'single' used today which is made in 2 34.

(3) False. If the calling consists of Bobs W. B. M. H., then it is possible to call the peal by memorising the course-ends (heads), provided that it is known which courses contain a 'before.'

(4) False. Only a 'single' does this.

(5) False. Buckfast Abbey contains a ring of 12 bells.

(6) True. In the first edition of 'Campanalogia' a 2,520 is given which the authors state will run to 5,040 when doubled by singles. Unfortunately when this is done the composition is false.

(7) False. e.g. 'Grandsire.'

(8) True.

(9) True. (The Professor apologises if he has impinged on 'Tips for beginners.')

(10) False. There has never been a peal of Original Minor rung.

(11) True. This happened at the February meeting (this year) of the Barnsley and District Society, at Earlsheaton, when Adrian M. Moreton was one year old.

(12) False. Cambridge Surprise (Minor) was the first. Although Primrose Surprise appeared in the same publication, ('Campanalogia'), it was the 'irregular' version which was, however, recognised as the standard version until comparatively recently when a 'regular' method filched its name.

(13) True. It works quite well for Minor and Major, is less efficient as the number of bells increases and is precarious in Maximus where the treble is liable to be missed owing to the welter of ropes—and sounds.

(14) False. Only 'Grandison' (Exeter Cathedral) is a 'ringers' bell. All the others are hung 'dead.'

(15) False. Write down the coursing circle (e.g. in Major 2 4 6 8 7 5 3), clockwise, and starting from the required bell, zigzag across the circle beginning anti-clockwise. (There are other ways.)

(16) True. Using the coursing circle of the previous answer, select the half-lead pivot bell (i.e. the bell making the place at the same time that the treble lies behind), and if the method is 'regular,' the bells that are crossing at this juncture should make a series of parallel lines on the coursing circle.

(17) True. This early attempt at 'splicing' consists of consecutive leads of Oxford T.B., College Pleasure T.B. and College T.B. It appeared in the first edition of 'Campanalogia' and thereafter disappeared.

(18) False. Snowdon clarified it in his 'Ropesight,' but it was given earlier by Sir Arthur Heywood in 'Duffield,' a book on the method of his own invention.

(19) True This was W. H. Thompson in his famous treatise on 'Grandsire' (The Thompson Papers), who also introduced the term 'Q-sets,' by means of which he carried out his proof.

(20) False. The interval of striking is the same for all bells; the interval of pulling varies.

MARKING SCHEME

18 — 20. Very Good.
12 — 18. Good.
10 — 12. Fair.
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Peals rung in honour of the birth of a second son to Her Majesty the Queen, on Feb. 19th, 1960

EIGHT BELL PEALS

MELBOURNE, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA.
THE ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.
On Tues., Feb. 23, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Paul,
A PEAL OF 5184 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. in G sharp.

*Cecil H. Pearson	*Treble*	George W. Pipe	5
Kenneth J. Minchinton	2	Diana M. Pipe	6
*Brenda L. Sheppard	3	Arthur H. Fisher	7
Graeme W. Heyes	4	John J. F. Roper	*Tenor*

Composed by Thomas B. Worsley. Conducted by George W. Pipe.
* First peal of Treble Bob Major.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Fri., Feb. 26, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
At Bishop Latimer's Church,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation. Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.

John Pinfold	*Treble*	John A. Anderson	5
Muriel Reay	2	Bryan D. A. Woolley	6
Norman J. Goodman	3	Ralph G. Edwards	7
Roderick W. Pipe	4	George E. Fearn	*Tenor*

Conducted by George E. Fearn.
First peal on the bells.

TANWORTH-IN-ARDEN, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Feb. 27, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalen,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in F sharp.

Muriel Reay	*Treble*	Michael Elson	5
Eileen M. Fearn	2	George E. Fearn	6
Roderick W. Pipe	3	A. Patrick Cannon	7
Ralph G. Edwards	4	Frederick E. Collins	*Tenor*

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley. Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

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At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Brueton's Twelve-part. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr.

G. Arnold Moore	*Treble*	William Talbot	5
Elizabeth Roberts	2	Charles A. S. Webb	6
Albert Lawton	3	Geoffrey Davies	7
Harold Roberts	4	William Watkin	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. Arnold Moore.

SIX BELL PEALS

LIMPSFIELD, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 20, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 21 different 240's. Tenor 14 cwt.

E. E. Tidy	*Treble*	*E. Jarrett	4
*Alf. W. Stenning	2	E. Nixon	5
L. A. Tidy	3	*A. Terry	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. Nixon.
* First peal.

STANWELL, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 20, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 41 extents of Plain Bob (12 callings) and one extent Grandsire.
Tenor 13½ cwt.

*David Evans	*Treble*	Malcolm G. Lane	4
Christopher B. Fynes	2 or 3	†David G. Pickup	5
		*John R. Boyd	*Tenor*

Conducted by Christopher B. Fynes.
* First peal. † First 'inside.' Rung by Stanwell Society.

BRENTFORD, MIDDLESEX.
THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
On Mon., Feb. 29, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Lawrence,
A PEAL OF 5040 BEVERLEY SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in G.

E. Jane Langton	*Treble*	Michael R. Rose	4
*Mikaela Erik	2	Derek E. Sibson	5
*Dr. D. J. Neal Smith	3	*Robin J. Trebilcock	*Tenor*

Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
* First peal in the method.
Also rung for the engagement of H.R.H. Princess Margaret.

SWYNNERTON, STAFFORDSHIRE
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 5, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

William Watkin	*Treble*	*Peter Jones	4
*Geoffrey Davies	2	*Charles A. S. Webb	5
Albert Lawton	3	G. Arnold Moore	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. Arnold Moore.
* First peal of Bob Minor on tower bells.

HANDBELL PEAL

LONDONDERRY.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., March 7, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours.*
In the Belfry of St. Columb's Cathedral,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor size 11 in G.

Frederick E. Dukes	1—2	John Campbell	3—4
		Aubrey D. Fielding	5—6

Conducted by Frederick E. Dukes.

OTHER PEALS—

TWELVE BELL PEALS

BUCKFAST, DEVON.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., March 12, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
At the Abbey Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 41 cwt.

Frank E. Hansford	*Treble*	Eric J. Hitchins	7
Herbert C. Spencer	2	Richard J. Bowden	8
Anthony J. Sanger	3	Reginald G. Hooper	9
Arthur H. Reed	4	Henry J. Sanger	10
Albert M. Tyler	5	Tudor P. Edwards	11
D. John Hunt	6	Thomas J. Setter	*Tenor*

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Albert M. Tyler.
Rung on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the ordination to the priesthood of the Rev. Peter John Stephan, F.R.Hist.S.

LONDON, S.E.1.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., March 12, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Saviour, Southwark,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 48 cwt.

John Phillips	*Treble*	George W. Cecil	7
Michael P. Morton	2	Dennis Randell	8
Desmond Painter	3	John D. Rock	9
James Phillips	4	Brian D. Threlfall	10
William T. Cook	5	John H. Crampion	11
John Chilcott	6	James G. A. Prior	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by John Chilcott.
Rung in honour of the christening at the Cathedral on March 5th, 1960, of Mark Winn, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Winn and grandson of Mr. Aubrey C. Winn, Ringing Master of the Southwark Cathedral Society.

TEN BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Jan. 23, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Elizabeth M. Yardley	*Treble*	George E. Fearn	6
Muriel Reay	2	Anthony Ager	7
Ruth M. Border	3	Norman J. Goodman	8
Arthur V. Pearson	4	John McDonald	9
Michael Elson	5	Peter Border	*Tenor*

Conducted by Peter Border.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 27, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in D.

*MARGARET E. ROSS	*Treble*	DAVID W. JAMES	6
*CYNTHIA BIBBY	2	DEREK OGDEN	7
F. JOHN NELSON	3	BRIAN HARRIS	8
BRIAN A. TOMLINSON	4	BARRIE HENDRY	9
*ROBERT J. WARRILOW	5	FREDERICK W. GROCOTT	*Tenor*

Composed by W. PYE. Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.
* First peal of Surprise Royal.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., March 3, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

JOHN PINFOLD	*Treble*	GEORGE E. FEARN	6
RODERICK W. PIPE	2	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	7
BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	3	JOHN MCDONALD	8
PETER BORDER	4	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	9
MICHAEL ELSON	5	JOHN A. ANDERSON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. KENNETH LEWIS. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., March 5, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5000 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

MURIEL REAY	*Treble*	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	6
JOHN A. ANDERSON	2	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	7
*ARTHUR V. PEARSON	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	8
JOHN PINFOLD	4	PETER BORDER	9
JOHN MCDONALD	5	RALPH G. EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by FRANK E. DARBY. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* First peal of London Royal.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 12, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in E flat.

STEWART F. KIMBER	*Treble*	*R. JAMES COOK	6
*JEAN L. LAVENDER	2	DAVID E. PARSONS	7
†ELIZABETH A. COOPER	3	FRANK D. JENNINGS	8
KATHLEEN E. CHILCOTT	4	FRANK E. DARBY	9
*RAYMOND I. F. PARSONS	5	LEONARD A. REECE	*Tenor*

Composed by CHAS. H. KIPPIN. Conducted by FRANK E. DARBY.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † First on ten bells.
Rung to welcome Linda Margaret, born February 18th, 1960, to Gillian and Raymond Parsons.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BURFORD, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 20, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb.

D. JOHN HUNT	*Treble*	ERIC J. HITCHINS	5
ERIC SUTTON	2	HERBERT W. WOOLVEN	6
CHARLES G. JONES	3	REGINALD G. HOOPER	7
BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON	4	TUDOR P. EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by REGINALD G. HOOPER.
Arranged and rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Brynley A. Shackleton.

GAINSBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(West Lindsey Branch.)
On Fri., Feb. 26, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19½ cwt.

PAULINE BULL	*Treble*	A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL	5
MRS. J. BULL	2	BARRY JOHNS	6
DELIA E. SMITH	3	RON APPLEWHITE	7
CHARLES H. BAKER	4	G. LESLIE A. LUNN	*Tenor*

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE.
Conducted by A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL.
Rung with the bells half-muffled in memoriam Edwina, Countess Mountbatten, and Kathleen May Adlard.

WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 27, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5120 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt.

ELISABETH A. G. BOWDEN	*Treble*	PATRICK J. BIRD	5
BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON	2	DAVID HEIGHTON	6
D. JOHN HUNT	3	REGINALD G. HOOPER	7
RICHARD J. BOWDEN	4	JOHN H. GILBERT	*Tenor*

Arranged by B. J. WOODRUFFE. Conducted by REGINALD G. HOOPER.
First peal in the method on the bells.
Rung for the betrothal of H.R.H. Princess Margaret to Mr. Antony Armstrong-Jones.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.
THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.
On Sun., Feb. 28, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 9 lb. in E.

ANN GEORGE	*Treble*	STANLEY G. PONTING	5
BERNARD V. COLLISON	2	EDWARD J. JENNER	6
MARGARET A. LADD	3	ERNEST J. LADD	7
HERBERT W. WOOLVEN	4	STANLEY JENNER	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM
On Tues., March 1, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	*Treble*	PETER BORDER	5
RUTH M. BORDER	2	GEORGE E. FEARN	6
DIANA J. PERRINS	3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	7
JOHN A. ANDERSON	4	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

MOTTRAM-IN-LONGDENDALE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., March 2, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15¼ cwt. in F.

RONALD J. JOHNSTON	*Treble*	BERNARD F. L. GROVES	5
DOROTHY M. HEAP	2	ROBERT J. WARRILOW	6
*JOHN H. SOANES	3	JOHN PILKINGTON	7
†DONALD A. FRASER	4	TREVOR TAYLOR	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by TREVOR TAYLOR.
* First peal on eight bells. † First of Major. The conductor's 100th peal.
Rung half-muffled in memory of Allan L. Townend, of the local company, interred this day.

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., March 3, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt.

H. GEORGE HART	*Treble*	CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	5
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	2	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	6
ELSIE K. HART	3	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	7
*CELIA F. WHITFIELD	4	GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.
* First peal in the method.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., March 4, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising 1,120 London, 1,088 Superlative, 1,024 each Bristol, Cambridge and Pudsey; 107 changes of method, and all the work for each bell. Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	*Treble*	RALPH BIRD	5
ARTHUR G. MASON	2	IAN H. ORAM	6
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	7
FREDERICK J. CULLUM	4	PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

BRIDPORT, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 5, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5184 WHITMINSTER SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in E flat.

MICHAEL J. BEST	*Treble*	JAMES E. DANIELS	5
DOROTHY T. GARDINER	2	LEWIS F. COBB	6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	3	FRANK L. HARRIS	7
PHILIP N. TUBBS	4	JOHN HARTLESS	*Tenor*

Composed by S. IVEN. Conducted by MICHAEL J. BEST.
First peal in the method by all, and for the Guild.

CHOLSEY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 5, 1960, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES G. JONES	*Treble*	*BRIAN MILLS	5
ERNEST J. MUNDAY	2	*ERIC SUTTON	6
RONALD F. DISERENS	3	*ARTHUR SAYERS	7
REGINALD W. REX	4	*GEOFFREY K. DODD	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.
* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob.

GAWSWORTH, MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 5, 1960, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt.

DENIS HEAPY	*Treble*	DENIS A. HENSHAW	5
BARRIE CORBISHLEY	2	HAROLD C. LONYON	6
NORMAN SHERRATT	3	ROY WORRALL	7
WALTER SHERRATT	4	IVOR R. NICHOLLS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by IVOR R. NICHOLS.

GREAT HOLLAND, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 5, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 HOLLAND BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE N. ORMAN	*Treble*	ROY DUESBURY	5
MARIAN H. MILLS	2	FRANK B. LUFKIN	6
URBAN W. WILDNEY	3	ALAN R. ANDREWS	7
H. FRANK PIKE	4	EDWARD E. DAVEY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
Rung in memory of Ven. Ellis Norman Gowing, M.A., Vicar of Prittlewell, Essex, for over 42 years, past Archdeacon of Southend, and life vice-president of the Essex Association, who died on Wednesday, March 2nd

HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 5, 1960, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

*MARGARET TILBURY	*Treble*	SYDNEY M. BAILEY	*5
DAVID A. CORNWALL	2	PERCY NEWTON	6
ROGER HAZELL	3	ROLAND BIGGS	7
SHEILA WALLACE	4	PAUL DAVIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND BIGGS.
* First attempt for a peal of Stedman.

SILEBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 5, 1960, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 12 lb. in E flat.

ROBERT B. SMITH	*Treble*	FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	5
ALFRED BALLARD	2	W. ERNEST RAWSON	6
*A. MAXWELL LINDSEY	3	*JOHN M. JELLEY	7
J. EDWARD CAWSER	4	E. ALAN JACQUES	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.
* First peal in the method.

STAPLEHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 5, 1960, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 21¼ cwt.

OLIVE D. COUCHMAN	*Treble*	ANDREW M. MACVE	5
CRAWFORD T. HILLIS	2	RALPH BIRD	6
VIOLET I. RELF	3	MARK MARSHALL	7
THOMAS E. SONE	4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

STAVELEY, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 5, 1960, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb.

*MRS. BESSIE HOLMES	*Treble*	GEORGE H. PAULSON	5
FREDERICK A. ADAMS	2	HERBERT E. TAYLOR	6
*MALCOLM P. PHIPPS	3	JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM	7
LESLIE W. BACON	4	A. BENJAMIN COOPER	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM.
* First peal of Triples. First of Triples and in the method as conductor.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sat., March 5, 1960, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In eight methods, namely: 1,600 Rutland, 1,280 London, 640 Bristol, 320 each of Superlative, Pudsey, Cambridge, Lincolnshire and Yorkshire, with 125 changes of method. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

TERRY PAGE (Downing)	*Treble*	JOHN SCHOFIELD (King's)	5
CHRIS. JOHNSON (Selwyn)	2	JAMES TAYLOR (St. Cath.'s)	6
FRANCES SECKER (Girton)	3	PETER LANGTON (Trinity)	7
DERMOT ROAF (Trinity)	4	BRIAN THRELFALL (Trinity)	*Tenor*

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED. Conducted by PETER LANGTON.
First peal of 8-spliced by all the band, and for the Guild.

WEM, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 5, 1960, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 13 cwt.

F. HECTOR BENNETT	*Treble*	COLIN SMITH	5
*VALERIE LEE	2	*JOHN R. THOMAS	6
*ROGER W. POWELL	3	*JOHN E. BROUGH	7
*GUY PICKAVANCE	4	*FRANK R. MORTON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by JOHN E. BROUGH.
* First peal in the method. 50th peal as conductor.

WITHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 5, 1960, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor 18 cwt.

JAMES CHALK	*Treble*	ERNEST W. BRIGHT	5
JOHN WARNER	2	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	6
ALLEN SYDER	3	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	7
MICHAEL J. EDWARDS	4	HENRY DORKING	*Tenor*

Conducted by HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.
Rung to mark the completion of 50 years as a ringer at the above church by E. W. Bright. Also a birthday compliment to Mrs. E. Symonds, mother of the ringer of the sixth.

WEST HARTLEPOOL, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Sat., March 5, 1960, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr.

FRED HODGSON	*Treble*	*RUTH ANDERSON	5
PHILIP G. DRAFFAN	2	*WILLIAM MAUGHAN	6
*MARGARET MACHIN	3	*JOHN WOODMAN	7
ROHILLA M. COOKE	4	THOMAS COOKE	*Tenor*

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by THOMAS COOKE.
* First peal in the method.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 5, 1960, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 7 lb. in D.

BASIL JONES	*Treble*	C. KENNETH LEWIS	5
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	6
BERNARD F. L. GROVES	3	PETER LAFLIN	7
JOHN WORTH	4	EDWARD JENKINS	*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.
Rung in honour of the engagement of H.R.H. Princess Margaret and Mr. Antony Armstrong-Jones.

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PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., March 7, 1960, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5120 IPSWICH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb.

GEORGE DAWSON	*Treble*	EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	5
JOHN E. ALLEN	2	ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT	6
STANLEY E. BENNETT	3	*RONALD C. NOON	7
J. MARTIN THORLEY	4	CYRIL R. BURRELL	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.
* 200th peal. First in the method by all.
To commemorate the 50th anniversary of the death of Edward King, Bishop of Lincoln 1885–1910.

SOUTH SHIELDS, COUNTY DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., March 7, 1960, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HILDA,
A PEAL OF 5120 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

NORMAN ERRINGTON	*Treble*	GEORGE S. DEAS	5
CHARLES N. LEA	2	J. ALAN AINSWORTH	6
JOHN E. ANDERSON	3	ERIC N. HARRISON	7
MRS. C. N. LEA	4	BRYAN PATTISON	*Tenor*

Composed by PATRICK I. CHAPMAN. Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., March 8, 1960, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

CAROL FERNLEY	*Treble*	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	5
EILEEN M. FEARN	2	*ROLAND F. ECCLES	6
BERNARD F. L. GROVES	3	PETER LAFLIN	7
BASIL JONES	4	BARRIE HENDRY	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by BASIL JONES.
* First peal in the method.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Taylor on the birth of a son (Richard).

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., March 9, 1960, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's transposition of Thurstans' Four-part.
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.

*ROSEMARY FLEMING	*Treble*	H. GEORGE HART	5
FREDA CLAYTON	2	HENRY D. BUTLER	6
ELSIE K. HART	3	JOHN R. MAYNE	7
†CATHERINE WHITE	4	DAVID J. TAYLOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
* First peal of Stedman. † First peal. 50th peal on the bells.
Rung by members of the Sunday service band.

GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE, COUNTY DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., March 10, 1960, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

NORMAN ERRINGTON	*Treble*	ERIC N. HARRISON	5
*JOHN E. ANDERSON	2	DENIS A. BAYLES	6
CHARLES N. LEA	3	GEORGE S. DEAS	7
MARION S. AINSWORTH	4	J. ALAN AINSWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by THOMAS B. WORSLEY. Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.
* First peal in the method 'inside.'

ALLESLEY, COVENTRY.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 12, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5088 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

*ROGER HARRIS	*Treble*	†PAUL K. WILLIAMSON	5
FRANK W. PERRENS	2	†HUBERT G. SUMMERS	6
†A. ROBIN GUY	3	‡L. MICHAEL CALLOW	7
†JOHN W. T. TAYLOR	4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First in the method. ‡ First in the method of Major.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 12, 1960, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15¼ cwt.

*GORDON RICHINS	*Treble*	*HENRY BARNES	5
JAMES E. BURLES	2	JAMES BLACKBURN	6
FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY	3	†JOHN PERKINS	7
JAMES DICKINSON	4	JOHN BAGNALL	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS. Conducted by JAMES E. BURLES.
* First peal in the method. † First peal.
Rung in appreciation of the services of John Perkins to St. James' belfry over the past year: he is shortly leaving the district.

BROMLEY COMMON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 12, 1960, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in F.

*BRENDA M. CLARIDGE	*Treble*	IAN H. ORAM	5
ARTHUR G. MASON	2	R. THOMAS NEWMAN	6
FREDERICK J. CULLUM	3	ALAN E. BAGWORTH	7
†JOHN W. SMITH	4	RALPH BIRD	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN L. MORRIS. Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.
* First peal. † First in the method. First of Yorkshire as conductor and on the bells.

DRONFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 12, 1960, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.
A PEAL OF 5152 DRONFIELD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

MARION ARCHER	*Treble*	W. ARNOLD MORLEY	5
MRS. PAT A. M. HALLS	2	GORDON A. HALLS	6
ROGER BALDWIN	3	DENIS R. CARLISLE	7
DAVID K. WALKLATE	4	IAN M. HOLLAND	*Tenor*

Composed by SHIRLEY BURTON. Conducted by IAN M. HOLLAND.
First peal in the method.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 12, 1960, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5072 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb. in F sharp.

*MARGARET A. LADD	*Treble*	BRIAN E. JEFFREY	5
*ERNEST J. LADD	2	EDWARD J. JENNER	6
ANN GEORGE	3	LESLIE N. MELTON	7
†JOHN E. WARNER	4	STANLEY JENNER	*Tenor*

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by STANLEY JENNER.
* 25th peal together. † First of Major 'inside.'
A 21st birthday compliment to Ann George.

EPWORTH, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 12, 1960, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5024 WEMBLEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 16 lb. in F.

*G. LEONARD THOMPSON	*Treble*	*GEORGE H. RANDLES	5
*MARGARET A. SWANN	2	GEOFFREY R. PARKER	6
*NORAH M. RANDLES	3	*JOHN WALDEN	7
*PETER A. SHARP	4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal of Wembley Surprise Major.

FARNWORTH-WITH-KEARSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 12, 1960, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt. 8 lb. in G.

ROGER LEIGH	*Treble*	GEOFFREY FOTHERGILL	5
BRIAN TOMLINSON	2	JOHN PARTINGTON	6
GORDON ROTHWELL	3	JOSEPH THORNLEY	7
*CHRISTINE B. CLAYTON	4	MICHAEL FISHWICK	*Tenor*

Composed by H. HOWLETT. Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.
* First peal of Plain Bob. Mr. Joseph Thornley has now 'circled' this, his home tower.
Rung as a welcome to the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Philip J. Hudson, both ringers at St. Luke's, Heywood, Lancs.

HALSTEAD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 12, 1960, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5024 HALSTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in F.

GEORGE A. TRENDELL	*Treble*	JOHN R. MAYNE	5
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	2	HILDA G. SNOWDEN	6
FRANK CLAYDON	3	WALTER ARNOLD	7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	4	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
First peal in the method.

DRONFIELD SURPRISE MAJOR
x 58 x 14 x 12 x 36 x 14 x 1258 x 36 x 7
2nds place l.-e.: 8674523. 4ths place bob.

HALSTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR
—38—14—56—36—14—58.14—14.5.
2nds place lead 14263857. 4ths place bob.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., March 12, 1960, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5120 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19¼ cwt. in E.

RONALD W. STEWARD	*Treble*	WALTER W. MILLER	5
CECIL W. PIPE	2	LESLIE G. BRETT	6
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY	3	WILLIAM J. BUTTON	7
JAMES BENNETT, JUN.	4	ERNEST W. PYE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.
In memoriam William Pye (25 years).

LONDON, E.C.
THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
On Sat., March 12, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OLAVE, HART STREET,
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in G.

E. JANE LANGTON	*Treble*	MICHAEL R. ROSE	5
*GEOFF. PRATT	2	JOHN H. GILBERT	6
†MIKAELA ERIK	3	*DEREK E. SIBSON	7
†ANTHONY V. QUEEN	4	J. MICHAEL LAKIN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by J. MICHAEL LAKIN.
* First peal in the method. † First of Surprise Major.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

DUNKERTON, BATH, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 27, 1960, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being seven six-scores each of Stedman, St. Simon's, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury, Grandsire and Reverse St. Bartholomew.
Tenor 5 cwt. 18 lb. in C.

J. JAMES JEFFERIES	*Treble*	ALAN F. LEE	4
GEORGE J. HAWKINS	2	CEDRIC J. A. BROWN	5
HAROLD L. PARFREY	3	ALBERT F. BUTT	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE J. HAWKINS.
First peal of six methods of Doubles by all the band.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Butt, of Dunkerton.

HATHERN, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 27, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 HATHERN SURPRISE MINOR
Being four different extents and one 2,160. Tenor 9½ cwt.

CELIA COWLEY	*Treble*	TOM HARRIS	4
C. WILLIAM HALL	2	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	5
DAVID SWIFT	3	ROLAND BENISTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.
First peal in the method, which is 6ths place Sedlescombe Surprise.

TEWIN, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 27, 1960, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

THOMAS J. SOUTHAM	*Treble*	*DAVID GAMBLING	4
*PATRICK F. C. WOOSTER	2	THOMAS J. LOCK	5
DAVID S. HARRIS	3	ERIC EDMONDSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERIC EDMONDSON.
* First peal. First as conductor.
Rung as a first birthday compliment to Julia, daughter of David and Jeanette Harris, of Welwyn Garden City.

HATHERN SURPRISE
x 34 x 14 x 12 x 1236 x 14 x 56
6ths place lead-end 164523

TIMSBURY, SOMERSET.
THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.
On Sat., Feb. 27, 1960, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt., approx.

ANGELA GRAINGER	*Treble*	BERYL W. ABBOTT	4
JANE K. A. COOK	2	ROYSTON BLACKLER	5
JOHN C. BALDWIN	3	J. ANTHONY BENNETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by ANGELA GRAINGER.
First peal as conductor.
A wedding compliment to Miss Audrey Flower, daughter of the tower captain, who was married in this church this day.

STANTON-ON-WYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Feb. 28, 1960, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Tenor 10 cwt.

*EDWIN R. CHILLINGFORD	*Treble*	ROBERT A. HATCHER	4
ARTHUR WILLIAMS	2	JOHN W. HOPE	5
G. JAMES R. PRICE	3	JOHN HUGHES	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. JAMES R. PRICE.
* First peal. First peal on the bells since they were rehung in 1957.
Rung for the engagement of H.R.H. Princess Margaret to Mr. Antony Armstrong-Jones.

GREAT COMBERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., March 1, 1960, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being two extents each of Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps and Kennington, and 12 each of April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire.
Tenor 9½ cwt. in B flat.

HEATHER M. PULLON	*Treble*	ROBERT W. COLE	4
PAUL CATTERMOLE	2	HAROLD E. RAXTER	5
JAMES E. PULLON	3	JAMES E. A. PULLON	*Tenor*

Conducted by PAUL CATTERMOLE.
The conductor's 25th tower for a peal. Rung on St. David's Day.

LONGSTANTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., March 3, 1960, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 7½ cwt.

DONALD F. MURFET	*Treble*	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS	4
GEORGE E. CRISP	2	GEORGE E. THODAY	5
DEREK E. LATCHFORD	3	JOHN VERITY	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. THODAY.
First peal of Surprise as conductor.

PACKINGTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Thurs., March 3, 1960, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY ROOD,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb.

RICHARD J. CLIFTON	*Treble*	PERCIVAL W. GRICE	4
*JOAN COTTON	2	JOSEPH W. COTTON	5
GEORGE BAILEY	3	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN A. UNDERWOOD.
* First peal of Minor, and on an 'inside' bell. Richard J. Clifton has now 'circled' this his home tower.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., March 4, 1960, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of St. Clement's, Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B., and four different extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

*ROBERT G. CROOKS	*Treble*	†JOHN E. IVINGS	4
GILBERT R. GOODSHIP	2	HUBERT A. MITSON	5
ROBERT E. LESTER	3	JOHN L. GIRT	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT E. LESTER.
* First peal. † First in four methods.
A birthday peal for the conductor.

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BRAMPTON ASH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., March 4, 1960, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Cambridge and Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb. in G.

*MYRA A. KIBBLE	*Treble*	†MURRAY A. COLEMAN ..	4
†DIANA M. LAWLESS ..	2	ARTHUR GIBBS	5
SHELAGH R. COLLINS ..	3	ALAN J. FROST	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN J. FROST.
* First peal. † First in seven methods. First in seven methods as conductor.

BUGBROOKE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., March 4, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 OLD DOUBLES
Comprising 42 extents, different callings. Tenor 14 cwt. 14 lb. in F.

ROBERT S. ROBERTS	*Treble*	PERCY AMOS	3
TIMOTHY A. WOODING ..	2	VICTOR R. PERRY	4
GEORGE F. ROOME	*Tenor*		

Conducted by GEORGE F. ROOME.
First peal of Old Doubles for all the band, for the above Guild, and believed the first peal of Old Doubles ever rung.
Rung half-muffled in affectionate remembrance of Rev. Robert Baxter Disney, B.A., priest-in-charge, 1939–46, who died at Bedford, aged 88 years.

BARNBY-IN-THE-WILLOWS, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 5, 1960, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in B.

GEOFFREY R. PARKER ..	*Treble*	G. LEONARD THOMPSON ..	4
CLAIRE DILLAMORE	2	PETER A. SHARP	5
MARGARET A. SWANN ..	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES.
Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

BLUNSDON, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 5, 1960, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.
A PEAL OF 5040 BLUNSDON SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 5 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

BRUCE WAKEFIELD	*Treble*	*A. TERENCE COLLINS ..	4
RONALD A. WRIGHT	2	BRIAN BLADON	5
PETER WAKEFIELD	3	†ANTHONY R. PEAKE ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.
* First peal of Surprise away from treble. † 25th peal of Surprise. First in the method.

BRAFIELD-ON-THE-GREEN, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 5, 1960, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 7 lb.

*TIMOTHY A. WOODING ..	*Treble*	*GEORGE F. ROOME	4
*FREDERICK J. ATTEWELL..	2	*HARRY WOODING	5
R. GEORGE CARE	3	*ALLAN R. JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALLAN R. JONES.
* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.

CHALFONT ST. GILES, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 5, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 11 cwt.

PAMELA M. JERVIS	*Treble*	‡JAMES MULLER	4
*LINDA J. KEW	2	§J. KEITH WARD	5
†ANTONY K. FORTIN.. ..	3	FREDERICK R. SCOTT ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK R. SCOTT.
* First peal of Minor 'inside.' † First peal. ‡ First of Minor. § First of Minor, and 'inside.'
A 14th birthday compliment to J. Keith Ward.

CORYTON, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., March 5, 1960, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Tenor 6 cwt.

W. MANNING	*Treble*	J. RICH	3
W. C. BOUCHER	2	J. H. BENOY	4
D. ROY BOULD	*Tenor*		

Conducted by D. ROY BOULD.

BLUNSDON SURPRISE MINOR
34—36, 14—12—1236—34—36
2nds place lead-end. 142635.

DINTON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 5, 1960, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 720 each of Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Kent Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob.
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. in F.

WILLIAM S. DEASON	*Treble*	JOHN D. ROCK	4
GILLIAN A. NEAL SMITH ..	2	ROBIN G. LEALE..	5
ALAN E. BAGWORTH	3	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.
First peal on the bells.

GREAT BROMLEY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 5, 1960, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob and five of Plain Bob.
Tenor 15¼ cwt.

*PETER BRAND	*Treble*	JOHN H. GOULD..	4
FELIX H. ERITH	2	GEORGE W. BARNES	5
*ADRIAN SEMKEN	3	BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD.
* First peal of Minor.
A birthday compliment to Mr. J. H. Gould.

HARSTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
On Sat., March 5, 1960, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of London, Wells, Norwich, Bourne, Ipswich, Beverley and Cambridge. Tenor 9½ cwt.

E. JANE LANGTON	*Treble*	*GEOFF. PRATT	4
MIKAELA ERIK	2	J. MICHAEL LAKIN	5
ROBIN J. TREBILCOCK ..	3	DEREK E. SIBSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.
* First peal of seven Surprise.
Rung for the birth of a daughter to Sally and David Beard.

HITCHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 5, 1960, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents (two callings). Tenor 6 cwt. 11 lb. in B flat.

*†JENNIFER SCEENY	*Treble*	‡ROBERT HARTLEY	4
*MARY F. CARR	2	GORDON W. LIMMER ..	5
‡SYLVIA E. ATKINS ..	3	HOWARD OGLESBY	*Tenor*

Conducted by HOWARD OGLESBY.
* First peal. † First attempt (aged 13 years 10 months). ‡ First of Minor. First of Minor as conductor, having now 'circled the tower.'

RAYNE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 5, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 7 cwt.

MRS. M. MOORE	*Treble*	RONALD SUCKLING	4
*WILLIAM CHAPMAN	2	†QUINTON BURSLEM	5
FRANK HARRINGTON	3	PETER L. WOOD	*Tenor*

Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.
* First peal 'inside.' † First peal.

SANDFORD ST. MARTIN, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 5, 1960, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

*ROBERT A. REEVES.. ..	*Treble*	EDMUND E. PEARSON.. ..	4
MICHAEL HATCHETT.. ..	2	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ..	5
*CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE..	3	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal of Minor in seven methods.
Rung as a welcome to the Rev. W. F. Malcolm, instituted to this benefice on March 3rd, 1960.

STAVERTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 5, 1960, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in three methods: (1) Oxford T.B., (2) Plain Bob, (3) Oxford T.B., (4) Plain Bob, (5) and (6) Kent T.B., (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in G.

*SONA G. FEAKIN	*Treble*	SYDNEY F. WEBB	4
ALAN J. FROST..	2	SHELAGH R. COLLINS.. ..	5
DIANA M. LAWLESS.. ..	3	ARTHUR GIBBS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN J. FROST.
* First peal.

TANNINGTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., March 5, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ETHELBERT,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being four extents of Kent Treble Bob and three of Oxford Treble Bob, each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt. 4 lb.

*ANTHONY H. ROBERTS	*Treble*	ERNEST WHITING	4
LEONARD J. MINNS	2	L. EDWARD ETHERIDGE	5
E. AUSTIN HEAD	3	GEORGE C. J. FILBY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.
* First peal of Treble Bob.

WOODLESFORD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 5, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*JAMES N. THORP	*Treble*	ALAN SHEPPARD	4
JOHN POTTS	2	*COLIN BORMAN	5
ALAN EVANS	3	KENNETH B. SISSONS	*Tenor*

Conducted by KENNETH B. SISSONS.
* First peal at first attempt.
Rung full-muffled in sympathy with the Agadir disaster.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., March 7, 1960, in 2 Hours and 46½ Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in five methods: (1) Double Oxford Bob, (2) and (3) Oxford Treble Bob, (4) St. Clement's Bob, (5) Kent Treble Bob, (6) and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

*WALTER D. BAILEY	*Treble*	*DAVID E. CULHAM	4
EVELYN R. M. CANSDALE	2	ALLEN W. CANSDALE	5
A. EDWARD LEGGETT	3	*BARRY E. GIBBONS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALLEN W. CANSDALE.
* First peal in five methods. First as conductor in more than one method.

KING'S BROMLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Fri., March 11, 1960, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5160 DOUBLES

Being 13 extents of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire.
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in G.

*GRAHAM ROOBOTTOM	*Treble*	BRIAN DAWSON	4
†DAVID W. BRUNNING	2	‡ERIC EDGINTON	5
VERONA C. NAYLOR	3	GEORGE L. ROOBOTTOM	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERIC EDGINTON.
* First peal. † Has 'circled the tower.' ‡ Has 'circled the tower' three times.

CRAMLINGTON, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 12, 1960, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of St. Clement's and Cambridge Surprise, and one each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 19 cwt.

*ALAN R. PATTERSON	*Treble*	NORMAN ERRINGTON	4
†JOHN E. ANDERSON	2	GEORGE S. DEAS	5
MARION S. AINSWORTH	3	J. ALAN AINSWORTH	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.
* First peal. † First of Minor 'inside.'

HOAR CROSS, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., March 12, 1960, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF HOLY ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 28 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in D flat.

MICHAEL W. FAIREY	*Treble*	CLIVE M. SMITH	4
BARNABAS G. KEY	2	JEFFREY B. WEBB	5
DAVID W. FRIEND	3	JOHN MCDONALD	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN MCDONALD.

HOLT, DENBIGHSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 12, 1960, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent T.B. Combined. Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's, Childwall and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

GEORGE F. SPERRING	*Treble*	PERCY SWINDLEY	4
JOHN S. DEAN	2	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	5
ROGER KING	3	GEOFFREY PARTING	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.
Rung as a welcome to the Rev. J. T. Bryan as Vicar of Holt.

MITCHAM, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 12, 1960, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH, COLLIERS WOOD, S.W.,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. in B.

ANNE GARNETT	*Treble*	ALAN E. BAGWORTH	4
*SUSAN RAWLINGS	2	RALPH BIRD	5
IAN H. ORAM	3	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First peal 'inside.'

WYCHBOLD, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., March 13, 1960, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-DE-WYCHE,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each of Southrepps, Kennington, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Reverse St. Bartholomew, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 10¼ cwt. in G sharp.

HEATHER M. PULLON	*Treble*	HAROLD E. RAXTER	4
PAUL CATTERMOLE	2	*ARTHUR D. COOK	5
ROBERT W. COLE	3	†LINDSAY H. G. GITTINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by PAUL CATTERMOLE.
* Most methods rung to a peal. † First peal at first attempt. Fastest peal on the bells.
A coming-of-age compliment to Rodney S. Smith, of the local band.

HANDBELL PEAL

● LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., March 1, 1960, in 2 Hours,
AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's No. 1. Tenor size 15 in C.

*JOHN M. JELLEY	1—2	ALFRED BALLARD	5—6
PETER J. STANIFORTH	3—4	JOHN A. ACRES	7—8

Conducted by JOHN A. ACRES.
* First peal of Stedman on handbells.

5,120 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

By IAN M. HOLLAND

23456	M	B	W	H
43526			2	1
25346			2	2
65432	2	—		1
26354		—	2	2
24653	2			1
45236	2		2	
53462		—		
32465	1			2

Repeated.

Contains full combinations of 4.5.6 in 5-6, and all the 144 combination 'Roll-ups.'

Rung at Pontefract, Yorks, on February 13th, 1960, conducted by the composer.

5,056 SHOREDITCH SURPRISE MAJOR

By JOHN R. MAYNE

23456	M	B	W	H
52436			—	3
42635	—			3
53624	—		—	—
62534			—	—
54326	—		—	2
63425	—			—
32654		X		3
25346		X		3
35426	—	X		—
23456	3		—	3

First rung on February 4th, 1960, at Willesden.

5,024 SWANSEA SURPRISE MAJOR

By C. SEVERN

23456	M	B	W	H
24536			1	2
25346	1	—	2	2
42356	1	—	2	
24653	2			2
26543	1	—	2	2
25463	1	—	2	2
23564	2			1
42635	2		1	2
25634	2	—	1	2
26354			1	2
52364	1	—	2	
24365	2	—	1	2
23645	1	—	2	2
23456	2		2	1

Rung at Willesden on February 25th, 1960.

Quarter peals rung in honour of the birth of a second son to H.M. the Queen, born Feb. 19th, 1960

ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—At St. Peter's Cathedral, on Feb. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. F. Cox 1, H. Greenhalgh 2, W. Mann 3, Enid Roberts (cond.) 4, B. R. Cox 5, J. O. Goulter (first quarter) 6.

AYLESTONE, LEICS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,440 Minor (St. Clement's and Plain Bob): Marie Davenport (first quarter) 1, Christine Wakefield 2, Sandra E. Chesterton 3, R. S. Morris 4, P. Martin 5, A. J. Poynor (cond.) 6.

BROMHAM, BEDS.—On Feb. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Kathleen Rivett 1, F. Rivett 2, K. C. Fleming 3, P. Wakeman 4, C. Payne (cond.) 5, C. D. Mann 6. Also as an engagement compliment to H.R.H. Princess Margaret and Mr. Antony Armstrong-Jones.

BURNLEY, LANCS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: K. Gilbert (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Whamond 2, Miss P. Blakeley 3, Miss M. J. Smith 4, N. Smith (cond.) 5, K. Lawson 6.

GAINSBOROUGH, LINCS.—On Feb. 20th, 1,256 Little Bob Major: Pauline Bull 1, Mrs. E. Grey 2, G. Leslie A. Lunn 3, J. Underwood 4, Delia E. Smith 5, C. H. Baker 6, T. A. Gilbert 7, A. R. Heppenstall (cond.) 8.

GRIMSBY, LINCS.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (with tenor covering): N. Pashley 1, C. Moon 3, D. J. Kennington (first 'inside') 4, F. Kennington 5, J. B. Budd 6, A. Pashley (cond.) 7, H. Hadwick 8.

HASTINGS, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 20th, at Christ Church, Blacklands, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. J. Downing 1, A. Jackson 2, I. J. Vaughan 3, Joan M. Downing 4, J. Downing 5, E. F. P. Bryant (cond.) 6, A. A. Price 7, J. E. Downing 8.

LEICESTER.—On Feb. 20th, at the Church of St. John-the-Divine, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. J. E. Smith (first on 8) 1, S. Harrison 2, P. J. Chilton 3, K. Townsend 4, V. Pratt 5, M. C. Faulkes 6, A. J. Poynor (cond.) 7, A. J. Cooke 8.

LOWER HEYFORD, OXON.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jean West 1, M. Smith 2, H. Adams 3, Harry Adams (cond.) 4, F. Darville 5, H. P. Adams 6.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E Hatch 1, W. Ward 2, R. Goodship 3, G. Blower 4, E. Blower 5, M. Hallett 6, M. Hatch (cond.) 7, G. Sandwell 8.

ROYDON, ESSEX.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Howard 1, R. Sams 2, W. P. Sams (cond.) 3, J. Terry 4, A. A. Livings 5, N. Ward 6.

STEEPLE ASTON, OXON.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Smith 1, Harry Adams (cond.) 2, H. Adams 3, R. Gardener 4, F. Darville 5, E. Franks 6.

SHREWSBURY, SALOP.—On Feb. 20th, at St. Chad's Church, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: H. White 1, F. Cattell 2, R. H. Newton 3, F. Leach 4, J. C. Meads 5, T. Price 6, P. Evans 7, F. G. Beddow (cond.) 8, F. Price 9, F. R. Mason 10.

STANWELL, MIDDLX.—On Feb. 19th, 1,259 Spliced Doubles in nine methods (St. Osmund's, St. Remigius', St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas', Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire): D. J. Evans (first on treble) 1, C. B. Fynes (cond.) 2-3, M. G. Lane 4, D. G. Pickett (first 'inside' for nine methods) 5, J. R. Boyd 6.

OTHER QUARTER PEALS

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Wingrove (cond.) 1, Dorothy Fletcher 2, R. Broadley (first of Minor) 3, Kathleen Fletcher 4, D. Lamb 5, A. Bridges 6, S. Hatfield 8 covering. For Evensong.

BINFIELD, BERKS.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Linda J. Kew 1, D. Ward 2, T. P. Edwards 3, K. Ward 4, F. R. Scott 5, W. Birmingham (cond.) 6. For the 14th birthday of Keith Ward.

BRISTOL.—At St. Mark's Church, on Feb 20th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: F. C. Mogford 1, A. W. Gibbs 2, H. Taysom 3, C. J. Richards 4, F. Ross 5, H. T. Ferris (cond.) 6. First of Kent 2 and 4.

KIRKHEATON, YORKS.—On March 1st, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: W. Hargreaves 1, D. Ingleby 2, F. Linfoot 3, W. Sykes 4, R. B. Mitchell 5, J. R. Senior (cond.) 6.

KISLINGBURY, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. E. Goddard 1, I. R. Nightingale (first quarter) 2, M. R. C. Hensher 3, R. J. Danby (cond.) 4, M. R. Bennett 5.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On Feb. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jennifer M. Maultby 1, A. Winch 2, Susan Bell (first 'inside') 3, A. H. Smith 4, Rev. C. J. B. Marshall 5, William F. Oatway (cond.) 6, B. Hawkins 7, G. Marriner 8. For christening of David Christopher John, son of the Curate and Mrs. Marshall, both ringers at this church.

LEVERINGTON, CAMBS.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 of Plain Bob Minor: Elizabeth Brown (first quarter) 1, M. R. Reed 2, T. Bush 3, P. Minall 4, G. Coleman 5, G. J Mann (cond.) 6. Rung for the wedding of Mr. Lewis Bush (captain of the tower) and Miss Constance Mary Williams.

LONDON, S.W.—At Immanuel, Streatham, on Feb. 7th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: D. Woodham 1, D. E. Sibson 2, R. J. Trebilcock 3, G. A. Parsons 4, E. Talbot 5, H. Andrews 6, C. Wood 7, J. Euston (cond.) 8. For Family Communion. Also on Feb. 14th, At St. Olave's, Hart Street, 1,296 Surprise Minor (720 London, 756 Cambridge): Miss E. J. Langton 1, M. Hawkes 2, D. E. Sibson 3, M. R. Rose 4, R. G. Leale 5, J. M. Lakin (cond.) 6. For Matins. Also at St. Clement Danes, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Miss E. J. Langton 1, R. G. Leale 2, Miss P. E. Jervis 3, Miss J. K. Essen (first of Caters) 4, R. Wright (first of Caters) 5, A. G. Spreadbury (first of Caters) 6, A. Queen 7, M. Hawkes 8, D. E. Sibson (cond.) 9, J. M. Lakin 10. For Evensong.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes' on March 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Miss J. Peacock 1, Mrs. P. Salisbury 2, J. Carrott 3, D. M. Salisbury 4, M. Bland 5, J. Fowler 6, A. J. Salisbury 7, A. Gargrave 8, T. East 9, F. V. Gant (cond.) 10. For Matins.

LUTON, BEDS.—On March 5th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: B. Hulatt 1, G. Hawkins 2, J. Newman 3, R. Kendall 4, J. Herbert 5, A. J. Smith 6, L. A. Goodenough (cond.) 7, H. Wood 8, A. E. Rushton 9, J. S. Cheney 10. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. Hawkins; also as a birthday greeting to Mrs. A. King.

MANCHESTER.—On Mar. 13th, at Brookfield Unitarian Church, Garton, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Christine Livesey (first quarter) 1, E. M. Quinn 2, J. Robinson (first as cond.) 3, B. Rumney 4, G. Rumney 5, M. J. Maddocks (first away from treble) 6. A birthday compliment to Bryan Rumney.

MARTIN, HANTS.—On March 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. Bush 1, R. Davis 2, J. Baverstock 3, R. N. Marlow 4, P. K. Waterman (cond.) 5, Joe Baverstock 6. Rung half muffled as a token of respect to Mrs. K. B. Hibberd, interred this day.

MAVESYN RIDWARE, STAFFS.—On March 3rd, 1,260 St. Osmund Bob Doubles: E. Edginton 1, B. Townsend 2, D. W. Brunning 3, R. Warrilow 4, D. P. Jones (cond.) 5. First in method by all.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On March 6th, 1,440 Minor (Plain and Kent T.B.): H. King 1, Ann Hancock 2, M. McQuistan 3, R. Bridges 4, J. McPhail 5, W. Wedlock (cond.) 6. For Family Communion.

NORTHIAM, SUSSEX.—On March 5th, 1,260 Minor (Kent T.B. and Plain Bob): Margaret A. Ladd 1, Joan V. Garnett (first in the methods) 2, W. Button 3, E. J. Jenner 4, E. J. Ladd (cond.) 5, C. A. Bassett 6. A birthday compliment to ringer of 2nd. Also on Feb. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: 1. Cunningham (first quarter) 1, Mrs. G. Reece 2, R. Seely 3, R. Barnes 4, W. Button (cond.) 5, F. Tedham 6. For morning service.

NORTHFIELD, BIRMINGHAM.—On Feb. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ann E. Fellows 1, Tessa P. Kemp (first of Triples) 2, J. Mary Funnell 3, Linda M. Hughes 4, Susan Funnell 5, Alma M. Greaves 6, B. J. Woodruffe (cond.) 7, R. J. Gay 8.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.—On March 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. Anita Endicott 1, J. Murphy 2, Mrs. Alice Reed 3, C. Taylor 4, R. H. Reed (cond.) 5, J. Dacombe 6. For morning service also a wedding anniversary compliment to Mrs. A. Endicott and a welcome home from R.A.F. of Mr. J. Murphy.

OLD HEADINGTON, OXON.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss C. Withell 1, Miss J. Masters 2, H. W. Badger 3, J. Cruickshank 4, T. H. Smith 5, R. J. Trebilcock (cond.) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss A. Mellor.

PETERSFIELD, HANTS.—On March 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Walker (first of Minor) 1, B. Gambrill (first quarter) 2, Mrs. R. T. Jones 3, K. Sansom 4, K. Tipper 5, R. T. Jones (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: A. House 1, G. D. Sandwell 2, Miss E. Hatch 3, F. May 4, E. F. Blower 5, M. Hatch 6, M. J. Hallett (cond.) 7, R. Tomlin 8. For Evensong.

STONELEIGH, WARWICKS.—On Feb. 25th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: K. J. Hancock (aged 15, first quarter) 1, Gillian A. Williamson 2, F. E. Grant 3, Sheila J. Rench 4, P. K. Williamson (cond.) 5. To celebrate the birth, on February 19th, of Nigel Keith Grant, grandson of the ringer of 3rd.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At St. Mark's Church, on December 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. T. Collins 1, T. R. Collins 2, M. Stanley (first quarter of Minor) 3, M. E. Stracey 4, R. Wright (first quarter in method) 5, E. Sutton (first quarter of Minor as cond.) 6. Also on December 24th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. E. Sutton 1, T. R. Collins 2, R. Roworth (first quarter of Major) 3, M. Stanley (first quarter of Major) 4, Dr. C. G. Roworth 5, A. T. Collins 6, W. W. H. Daniell 7, E. Sutton (cond.) 8. Also on Jan. 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. Wright 1, Miss C. Lansley 2, Mrs. P. Minchin 3, M. Stanley 4, T. R. Collins 5, C. G. Jones 6, E. Sutton (cond.) 7, P. Minchin 8. For Feast of Epiphany.

TALGARTH, BRECONSHIRE.—On March 5th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Kennington, Canterbury Pleasure and Clifford Pleasure): J. Davies 1, W. Chick 2, S. V. Edwards 3, D. H. Bennett (cond.) 4, W. G. Smith 5, R. Rees 6. Rung half muffled in memoriam Mrs. Elizabeth Parry, wife of a member of local band, interred this day.

TETTENHALL, STAFFS.—On March 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Humphries 1, Miss J. Cooper (first 'inside') 2, R. Humphries (cond.) 3, A. G. Newman 4, E. Southwick 5, H. Harris 6. For the 21st birthday of Miss J. Cooper.

THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. P. Mills 1, Mrs. D. Stuteley 2, F. Harvey 3, Marian Mills 4, P. W. Mills 5, E. E. Davey (cond.) 6. For Confirmation Service.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, SOMERSET.—On March 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Barbara Clarke 1, J. J. Jefferies 2, Patricia Burt 3, A. F. Lee 4, T. J. Milsom (cond.) 5, L. Cox (first quarter) 6. Rung Ash Wednesday Service. Also on Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (Rev. Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire): P. R. Young 1, A. F. Lee (cond.) 2, C. Barrable 3, D. J. Barnett 4, T. J. Milsom 5, D. F. Jefferies 6. First in three methods for 1 and 3. Rung half muffled as a tribute to Mr. J. Malcolm Carr.

TWYNING GLOS.—On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Christine Halling 1, F. Hawkes 2, M. Hawkes (cond.) 3, W. Williams 4, K. Brooks 5, D. Williams 6. For Evensong and as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. Williams on their 37th wedding anniversary.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCS.—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ann Broxton 1, F. Lawrence 2, J. Firkins (first on 8 bells) 3, A. Halling 4, D. Price 5, E. W. Penn 6, M. Hawkes (cond.) 7, L. Dovey 8.

WELLOW, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Barbara Clarke 1, L. R. G. Taylor 2, J. J. Jefferies 3, T. J. Milsom (50th quarter) 4, A. F. Lee (cond.) 5, T. Elkins 6.

WESTON FAVELL, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (Canterbury, St. Columb, Old, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss G. Ashby 1, T. A. Wooding 2, G. F. Roome 3, V. A. Perry 4, P. Amos (cond.) 5. Rung half muffled in memoriam the Rev. R. B. Disney, one time assistant priest in the parish.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Pitson 1, F. C. Case 2, J. Linnell 3, H. C. Edwards 4, C. Truman 5, G. E. Green 6, T. E. Roberts (cond.) 7, G. Foddy 8. In memoriam Edgar James Shakeshaft.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On March 6th, 720 Oxford T.B. Minor, 540 Plain Bob Minor: Anne Garrett 1, Caroline Carpenter 2, A. Bagworth 3, Susan Rawlings 4, M. Sinden 5, A. S. Bishop (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

YARDLEY, BIRMINGHAM.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Ann Jones (first quarter) 1, M. F. Edwards (first 'inside') 2, Beryl Park 3, Dorothy M. Palmer 4, A. H. Fitter (cond.) 5, Rosemary D. Waterhouse (first quarter) 6. A compliment to the Vicar, Canon C. Crowson, on being appointed Rural Dean. Also on March 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Judith Greenwood (first quarter) 1, Beryl Park 2, Ann R. Jones (first 'inside') 3, Maurice F. Edwards 4, A. H. Fitter (cond.) 5, J. Chown 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Ann Jones.

HALF PEALS

GOLDHANGER, ESSEX.—On Feb. 25th, 2,520 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. M. Mann 1, Miss M. H. Mann 2, H. R. Appleton 3, B. W. Fairhead 4, A. Hubble 5, B. C. Mann 6, F. B. Lufkin (cond.) 7, U. W. Wildney 8.

LLANBADARN FAWR, CARDS.—On Feb. 17th, 3,498 Grandsire Triples: C. Lewis 1, N. Bennett 2, B. Couzens 3, T. T. Lewis 4, P. F. T. Smith 5, D. Llewellyn 6, D. G. Astridge (cond.) 7, B. R. Kingston 8. Rung by the University of Wales Society.

STOKE DOYLE, NORTHANTS.—On Mar. 12th, 2,520 Plain Bob Doubles: V. A. Perry 1, P. Amos 2, T. A. Wooding 3, A. R. Jones (cond.) 4, G. F. Roome 5.

ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—On Mar. 5th, at St. Peter's Cathedral, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Mann 1, H. Greenhalgh 2, B. R. Cox 3, Enid Roberts (cond.) 4, W. B. Pitcher 5, A. R. Lamphee 6. A farewell compliment to His Excellency the Governor and Lady George.

ASFORDBY, LEICS.—1,260 Doubles (Winchendon, St. Simon's, Plain Bob, Canterbury and Grandsire): R. Smith 1, H. T. Bonshor 2, A. E. Hinman 3, J. H. Cook 4, R. H. Cook (cond.) 5, K. J. Panter 6. A compliment to the Rector's warden, Mr. A. L. Toon, and Mrs. Toon on the birth of their granddaughter (Patricia).

ASHBRITTLE, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Smith 1, I. G. Hughes 2, Mrs. S. G. Williams (first 'inside') 3, S. N. Bristow 4, D. T. North (cond.) 5, C. E. Baker 6.

AYLESTONE LEICS.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Kent Treble Bob Major: Sandra E. Chesterton 1, Patricia A. Wardle 2, Christine Wakefield 3, P. Martin 4, A. J. Poynor 5, T. I. Roper 6, Rev. P. R. Blackman 7, R. S. Morris (cond.) 8. For Evensong. Also on Feb. 21st: Marie Davenport (first on eight) 1, Sandra E. Chesterton 2, Patricia A. Wardle 3, A. J. Poynor 4, Christine Wakefield 5, T. I. Roper 6, P. Martin 7, R. S. Morris (cond.) 8. For Evensong. Also on Mar. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Marie Davenport (first in method) 1, C. L. Powdrill 2, Sandra E. Chesterton 3, A. J. Poynor 4, Christine Wakefield 5, T. I. Roper 6, R. S. Morris (cond.) 7, P. Martin 8. For Ash Wednesday Evensong.

AYLSHAM, NORFOLK.—On Mar. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (with 7, 8 covering): D. Phillips 1, J. Smith (cond.) 2, R. Cullington 3, N. J. A. Pumphrey 4, A. C. Wells 5, D. Pardon 6, R. Dumolo 7, A. Blyth 8. Rung at Evensong to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the ordination of Canon A. F. Marsham.

BARRINGTON, OXON.—On Mar. 2nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: H. Francis 1, R. Jarvis 2, B. Hall 3, S. Pulker 4, J. Benfield 5, T. Timms (cond.) 6.

BECKFORD, GLOS.—On Jan. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, April Day, Plain Bob, St. Simon's, Reverse St. Bartholomew and Grandsire): F. Trotman 1, T. Newbury (cond.) 2, F. Nurden 3, F. Wood 4, J. Attwood 5, R. Perks 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Sybil Margaret Hastead, interred this day.

BOSHAM, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Daphne Farmer 1, J. S. Still 2, M. Haddelsey (first 'inside') 3, B. D. Price 4, C. R. C. Coussmaker (cond.) 5, D. H. Leigh (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTS.—1,260 Stedman Doubles: P. Gaisford 1, Miss Christine Lansley 2, J. Lucas 3, R. Purnell (cond.) 4, F. Box 5, T. Wicks 6. First of Stedman for all except 3.

BREDONS NORTON, WORCS.—On Mar. 8th, 1,260 Single Oxford Minor: G. Stallwood 1, R. Perks 2, J. Firkins 3, E. Cooke 4, R. Hickmott 5, J. Attwood (cond.) 6.

CAMBRIDGE.—On Feb. 28th, at Great St. Andrew's Church, 1,280 Cambridge Court Bob Major: H. Bishop 1, Frances Secker 2, Hilary Muirhead 3, T. G. Page 4, H. J. Verity 5, J. R. Taylor 6, J. Schofield 7, D. J. Roaf (cond.) 8. First in the method for all this Cambridge University Guild band.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—On Mar. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Miss E. Rogers 1, J. R. Cooper 2, D. C. Chatfield 3, C. T. Hillis 4, T. C. Phillimore 5, N. J. Davies 6, D. M. Holness 7, T. H. Holmes 8. B. J. Luck 9, D. A. Chapman (cond.) 10. First of Royal for 1, 5, 6 and 7. At the Cathedral.

CHELSFIELD, KENT.—On Mar. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Outhwaite 1, J. Parker 2, Ann Burcombe 3, M. Legg (first quarter) 4, I. Marger (cond.) 5, A. Smith 6. For Evensong. Fiftieth quarter by local band since foundation in 1952.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—On Mar. 6th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,256 Little Bob Major: A. Dale 1, H. Webb 2, K. Smith 3, B. Webb 4, E. R. Duffield 5, E. Piper 6, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 7, E. E. Davey 8. First in method for 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6. For Evensong.

QUARTER PEALS

CHEW MAGNA, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Tuckett (first quarter) 1, H. Ball (first of Triples) 2, P. Gallon 3, Miss P. Dando (first of Grandsire) 4, C. York 5, D. Dando (first of Grandsire 'inside') 6, C. Bishop (first in method as cond.) 7, H. Babb 8. For Evensong and as a compliment to Miss P. Tuckett, who is shortly taking up residence in Pembrokeshire.

CRANFORD, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 12th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: R. Mason (first quarter) 1, Miss M. A. Kibble (first 'inside') 2, A. Sansom 3, Miss D. M. Lawless 4, D. Perkins 5, P. J. Front (cond.) 6.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Apps 1, Miss R. A. Stevens 2, R. V. Johnson 3, R. Simpson 4, J. W. Jeffery 5, G. A. Packham 6, F. Godsmark (cond.) 7, E. Brett 8. Rung half muffled for mother of third, who was interned on February 18th.

DANEHILL, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Betty Butler (13, first quarter) 1, Peggy Butcher (14) 2, A. W. Fuller (first 'inside') 3, June Carter 4, A. J. Butcher (cond.) 5, W. J. Sale 6. For Evensong.

DUDLEY, WORCS.—On Mar. 12th, 1,259 Grandsire Doubles: P. J. Brown 1, M. J. Fellows 2, F. V. Nicholls 3, M. D. Fellows (cond.) 4, A. D. Fellows 5, D. J. Thurston 6. A birthday compliment to Mrs. E. M. Keith-Murray, wife of the Vicar of St. Thomas' Dudley, by ringers from St. Thomas', Stourbridge.

EPSOM, SURREY.—At Christ Church, on Mar. 2nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Sally Hewett (first of Minor) 1, D. Herschell 2, Adrienne Gibson 3, Sylvia Marsh 4, W. Parrott 5, F. Oakshott (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

GLASTON, RUTLAND.—On Mar. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Predmore (first quarter) 1, P. S. Heath (first quarter) 2, C. Green (cond.) 3, J. Clark 4, W. Clark 5. For Confirmation.

GORLESTON-ON-SEA, NORFOLK.—On Mar. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. G. W. Newstead 1, Miss N. B. Smedley 2, W. B. Duncan 3, A. G. Wigmore 4, A. W. Fulcher 5, A. W. Bird (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. George Crowe, a former member of the local band, who was buried earlier in the day.

GRANTHAM, LINCS.—On Feb. 28th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: P. Slight (first of Caters) 1, D. A. Frith 2, Mrs. P. A. Simpson 3, F. W. Pinchbeck 4, P. A. Hill 5, J. Cook 6, K. Ketteringham 7, H. R. Woods 8, J. M. Simpson (first as cond.) 9, J. R. Holmes 10. Rung before Evensong as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Frith on the birth of a daughter.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On Feb. 7th, 1,272 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: Miss M. Preece 1, Miss J. Croft 2, S. H. Ashton 3, G. Cherry 4, F. W. Croft (cond.) 5, L. R. Runnacles 6. For Evensong.

GUISELEY, YORKS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (720 Oxford, 720 Kent): R. J. Lumley 1, Ruth H. Appleby 2, J. Rhodes 3, W. Dixon 4, J. P. Cooper 5, P. M. Dawson (cond.) 6, A. Wear cover.

HALIFAX, YORKS.—On Mar. 6th, at the Church of All Souls, 1,312 Spliced Surprise Major, in six methods (London, Bristol, Cambridge, Superlative, Pudsey and Watford): N. J. Parkin 1, Miss M. V. Copping 2, Mrs. R. E. Moulds 3, Miss F. Scott 4, R. E. Moulds 5, J. H. Fielden (cond.) 6, G. F. Bryant 7, C. Sweeney 8. Rung by the Sunday service band to commemorate the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Hudson, of Rochdale.

HEADINGTON, OXON.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Margaret Bock 1, Cherry Withell (cond.) 2, Gill Masters 3, E. Parsons 4, T. Smith 5, R. Bruce 6. First quarter 1 and 6. For Confirmation.

HESTON, MIDDLX.—On Mar. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. Garrett 1, P. Bettridge 2, Miss G. Harbour 3, Miss P. Rayner 4, P. Ruch 5, J. Sansom (cond.) 6, R. Sumner 7, S. Porter 8. For morning service.

HITCHAM, BUCKS.—On Feb. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Anne Seear 1, Jennifer Sceeney 2, Mary F. Carr 3, T. Evans 4, G. J. Berry 5, H. Oglesby (cond.) 6. For visit of Bishop of Buckingham.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTINGHAM.—On Feb. 21st, 240 Bob Doubles, 1,080 Plain Bob Minor: Sue Meredith 1, Doreen Armstrong 2, Ruth Blackshaw 3, M. Hamson 4, A. Larkin 5, F. Bradley 6. Conducted by 2, 5 and 6. For Evening Service.

HOLYWELL, HUNTS.—On Dec. 6th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. Oldfield (first quarter) 1, W. Papworth 2, J. Parish 3, O. Norman 4, L. Cowley 5, W. Ransom (cond.) 6. For morning service. Also on Mar. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Oldfield 1, W. Papworth 2, C. Goodyer 3, L. Cowley 4, J. Parish (cond.) 5, W. Ransom 6. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. A. G. McL. Pearce Higgins, who has been Rector of this parish for 14 years.

HOOK NORTON, OXON.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Oglesby (first of Triples as cond.) 1, R. K. Russ 2, Miss C. J. Pullin 3, C. C. Clarke 4, P. D. Warren 5, A. T. Collins 6, D. C. Bowen 7, D. E. Sims Wood (first of Triples) 8.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Biggs 1, Miss J. Barton (first quarter 2, J. D. Kape 3, D. Cornwall (cond.) 4, P. Newton 5, P. Davis 6. First of Doubles by all the band.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Pauline Hood (first on a working bell) 1, J. R. Norris 2, Joyce Walsh 3, S. W. Brown (cond.) 4, H. W. Brown 5, A. Walsh 6, D. Robinson (first on a covering bell) 7, M. Wooldridge 8. Rung by the local band to honour four members' long service: J. C. V. Dearlove (1935–1955), C. H. Diplock (1898–1959), G. H. Mansbridge (1911–1960), and G. H. Richardson (1898–1960).

INWORTH, ESSEX.—On Mar. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Webber 1, E. Leggett 2, D. Culham 3, P. Perkins 4, B. Gibbons (cond.) 5.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.—On March 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Papworth 1, Miss W. Elliott 2, A. Hunwick 3, H. Gardner 4, C. Burton 5, A. R. Elliott (cond.) 6. Rung in honour of Rev. Peter Elers, M.A., who was inducted to the living of Kelvedon on February 25th.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. H. Hill 1, K. D. Waples 2, R. W. R. Picton 3, R. V. Wallis 4, R. J. Picton 5, B. M. Barker (cond.) 6.

KINGSTON-UPON-THAMES, SURREY.—On Mar. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss E. Naish (first quarter) 1, Mrs. L. Goodman (first quarter) 2, Miss M. M. Lewis 3, D. K. Portman (first quarter) 4, G. W. Morris 5, G. C. Goodman (cond.) 6. In memoriam C. W. R. Grimwood, died February 8th, 1960.

KINGS NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Feb. 7th, 1,400 Little Bob Major: Susan Funnell 1, Linda M. Hughes 2, J. Mary Funnell 3, Veronica Miles 4, Alma M. Greaves 5, D. J. Purnell 6, R. J. Gay 7, B. J. Woodruffe (cond.) 8. Also on Feb. 14th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Tonie J. Critchley 1, Linda M. Hughes 2, J. Mary Funnell 3, Veronica Miles 4, Alma M. Greaves 5, Susan Funnell 6, R. J. Gay 7, B. J. Woodruffe (cond.) 8. First of T.B. Major by all except conductor.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On Feb. 28th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Susan Bell (first of Major) 1, A. H. Winch 2, Mrs. H. Oatway 3, R. Davies 4, Catherine Powell 5, Rev. C. Marshall 6, W. Oatway 7, A. H. Smith (cond.) 8.

LEYTON, ESSEX.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. A. Hughes 1, L. Batley 2, F. Mills 3, M. C. Austin 4, F. Sykes 5, D. Hewitt 6, L. S. Woods (cond.) 7, B. Downes 8. Rung to welcome the Rev. Geoffrey Earle as Vicar of Leyton.

LLANDEILO, CARMS.—On Mar. 12th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: B. Couzens 1, Hazel Way 2, Ralph Scudamore 3, M. Holt 4, J. I. Williams 5, D. G. Astridge (cond.) 6.

LICHFIELD, STAFFS.—On Mar. 13th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: C. M. Smith 1, Miss P. Sedgwick (first 'inside') 2, Miss J. V. Morgan 3, J. H. Allen 4, B. J. Townsend 5, F. A. Sedgwick 6, M. Elson (cond.) 7, J. B. Webb 8. For Evensong.

LYONSHALL, HEREFORDS.—On Mar. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Williams 1, B. Giddings 2, Mrs. E. C. Chandler 3, J. Hone 4, B. Ellsmore (cond.) 5, J. Wilce 6. For Confirmation.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 8th, 1,440 Double Court Bob Minor: Mary Powell 1, J. Brain 2, C. Richards 3, L. Derrick 4, C. Kortright 5, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 6. First quarter in the method by all.

NEWARK, NOTTS.—On Feb. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret Chilton 1, A. E. Chilton 2, F. G. Hooper (cond.) 3, D. Simpson 4, W. L. Exton 5, H. Stevenson 6, J. W. Raithby 7, B. Plummer 8. First quarter 1 and 8.

OVERBURY, WORCS.—On Mar. 13th, 1,260 Single Oxford Bob Minor: F. Trotman 1, A. Pulley 2, D. Devereux (first of Minor) 3, T. Newbury 4, P. Warren 5, F. Wood (first of Minor as cond.) 6. For morning service.

PARRAMATTA, NEW SOUTH WALES.—On Mar. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): P. Gates 1, R. Clarke 2, R. W. Ferris 3, W. Mundy (first 'inside') 4, T. W. Goodyer (cond.) 5, R. Miller (first quarter) 6. Rung in honour of the birth of a second daughter to Margaret and Robert Ferris on March 2nd.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—On Mar. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Cowlin 1, H. Goakes 2, G. Bush 3, R. Pattrick 4, F. Boyall 5, J. Bluff 6, L. Hadman 7, G. Davis 8. For Evensong and in memoriam Countess Mountbatten.

PUTNEY, S.W.—On Mar. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Martin 1, A. Clayton 2, C. Carpenter 3, A. Bishop 4, C. Mew (cond.) 5, B. Bull 6. In memoriam Canon George Potter, B.H.C. ('Father Potter of Peckham') and Mr. C. W. R. Grimwood ('Old Bob of Kingston').

RANDWICK, NEW SOUTH WALES.—On Mar. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Wendy A. Nichols 1, Audrey E. Peters 2, R. J. Klima 3, T. W. Goodyer 4, W. D. Watson 5, J. H. Fryer (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rt. Rev. W. G. Hilliard, senior Bshop Coadjutor of Sydney and Registrar of the Diocese of Sydney, who died on February 29th, aged 72.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Feb. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Miss E. Hatch 1, W. Ward 2, W. Ellis 3, F. May 4, E. Blower 5, M. Hallett 6, G. Sandwell (cond.) 7, R. Tomlin 8. For Evensong.

READING, BERKS.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Mar. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. Monkhouse (first quarter) 1, D. Marshall 2, A. Diserens 3, E. J. Munday 4, K. Cotterel 5, N. J. Diserens 6, C. E. Lewington (cond.) 7, R. K. Russ 8. For Evensong.

SHEBBEAR, DEVON.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. R. Turner 1, P. C. Plant 2, P. Stevens 3, I. R. Slee 4, J. L. Queen (cond.) 5, I. Collins 6. First of Doubles for all except 5. Rung to celebrate the birth of the headmaster's first grandchild, the daughter of Mr and Mrs. M. Woodhouse.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—At the Cathedral, on Mar. 13th, 1,408 Grandsire Cinques: R. Price 1, J. Seager 2, D. Armstrong 3, F. Ward 4, S. Philbrick 5, R. Wildgoose 6, B. Balderson 7, G. K. Chaddock 8, J. Rank 9, B. Holland 10, H. O. Chaddock (cond.) 11, R. Birch 12. First of Grandsire Cinques for all except 4 and 10.

QUARTER PEALS

SLEAFORD, LINCS.—On Mar. 12th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. Mettam (first of Major) 1, P. Fenney 2, D. Brown 3, R. Asher 4, D. A. Kirk 5, W. Weston 6, A. Dixon 7, R. Pocklington (cond.) 8. First of Major 'inside' for 2 and 3. To welcome the Rev. P. E. Mann as Vicar of Sleaford.

SOMERSHAM, HUNTS.—On Feb. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Oldfield 1, R. Brooker 2, D. Peacock 3, C. Goodger 4, L. Cowley 5, W. Ransom (cond.) 6. For the induction of the Rev. C. J. Alliston as Rector.

STANWELL, MIDDLX.—On Feb. 7th, 1,269 Plain Bob Doubles: K. E. Young 1, Miss D. A. Evans (first 'inside') 2, C. B. Fynes (cond.) 3–4, J. R. Boyd (first 'inside') 5, D. G. Pickett 6. For afternoon service.

STANWICK, NORTHANTS.—On Mar. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): S. Chambers 1, A. Bigley 2, E. Whitemore 3, J. Nutt 4, J. Skerritt (cond.) 5, E. Knight 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Skerritt on the birth of a son.

STREATHAM, S.W.—At Immanuel Church, on Mar. 6th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss E. Pearson 1, D. J. Woodhams 2, J. Tomsett 3, R. J. Cook (cond.) 4, G. Parsons 5, C. Wood 6, F. Corfield 7, J. Euston 8. For morning service.

TOLLESBURY, ESSEX.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Palmer 1, D. Culham 2, R. Leavett 3, P. Perkins 4, E. Leggett (cond.) 5, B. Gibbons 6.

TOTTERNHOE, BEDS.—On Mar. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. W. Sinfield (cond.) 1, I. Knox 2, Mrs. J. Sinfield 3, R. J. Scott 4, F. J. Cook 5, W. Sear 6. For Evensong.

TUNSTALL, STAFFS.—On Feb. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: N. Sherratt 1, R. Challinor 2, W. Sherratt 3, K. P. Jones 4, C. A. S. Webb 5, F. E. Wilshaw 6, G. Davies (cond.) 7, —. Cliff (first quarter) 8. First in method for 1, 2 and 3.

WEST STOW, SUFFOLK.—On Mar. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. F. Ballam (cond.) 1, A. G. Ballam 2, R. J. Stannard 3, J. E. Ivings 4, H. Ivings 5, E. V. Ballam 6. First of Grandsire 4 and 5. For morning service.

WHITNASH, WARWICKS.—On Mar. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Moffat (first quarter) 1, Ann Trindall 2, Stella Trindall (first as cond.) 3, Christine Sanders 4, P. Oram 5, J. Height 6. For morning service and to celebrate the birth of a son to the curate and his wife (the Rev. and Mrs. Hems).

WINCHESTER, HANTS.—At the Cathedral, on Mar. 2nd, 1,253 Grandsire Cinques: Jessie M. Kippin 1, P. Nash 2, A. J. Tumber 3, Margaret E. Beamish 4, D. Brown (first on 12) 5, J. R. Faithfull (first on 12) 6, W. Young 7, R. R. Savory (cond.) 8, M. J. Butler 9, T. Chapman 10, C. H. Kippin 11, R. C. Kippin (first on 12) 12. Rung in happy memory of Mr. William C. Lampard, ringer in this tower for 70 years and captain of the ringers, who died on February 21st, aged 85.

WOBURN, BEDS.—On March 6th, 1,280 Kent T.B. Major: H. B. Whitney 1, J. G. Newman 2, Kathleen Rivett 3, F. W. Rivett 4, A. J. Smith 5, K. G. Spavins 6, J. M. Stephens 7, A. E. Rushton (cond.) 8. An 85th birthday compliment to Mr. H. D. Harris, a vice-president of the Bedfordshire Association.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.—On Mar. 9th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Leggett 1, Mary Perkins (first 'inside') 2, E. Leggett 3, F. Clarke 4, B. Gibbons (cond.) 5, F. Warnes 6. A birthday compliment to the ringer of 2, also to G. Balls (80), who was unable to take part owing to indisposition.

WRAXALL, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jean Clarke (first quarter) 1, E. F. Shearn 2, P. J. Gardner 3, S. Cole (first quarter) 4, J. Evered 5, T. Hims 6, R. Cole (cond.) 7, N. Bull 8.

WYCHBOLD, WORCS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Valerie Powell 1, J. E. Pullon 2, Heather M. Pullon 3, R. S. Smith 4, P. Cattermole (cond.) 5, J. E. A. Pullon 6. For Evensong, also a wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. E. A. Pullon, members of the local band and parents of the ringers of 2 and 3.

YATTON, SOMERSET.—On March 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. A. Price 1, Miss M. Legg 2, E. A. Price 3, H. W. Knight 4, H. A. Price 5, G. Prescott 6, R. H. Brice (cond.) 7, J. K. Baker 8. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Shirley B. Smith to Mr. Lance A. Baker.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The Ancient Society of College Youths' peal at Buckfast Abbey on March 12th was Mr. Herbert C. Spencer's 50th peal of Stedman Cinques on tower bells. Members of the band would like to acknowledge his kind hospitality at being entertained to tea after the peal and also to express their thanks for the facilities accorded to them at the Abbey.

A reader inquires whether there is a firm in the West Country which makes handbells?

Associated with the peal for the Royal Prince at Stanwell, on February 20th, was a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Blagrove, visitors to the tower, on the birth of a son.

Mr. William Stonnard, of the Norman Tower Company, Ipswich, had the misfortune to drop a piece of red hot iron on his foot during his work as a blacksmith. Treatment at the West Suffolk General Hospital was necessary, but we are pleased to learn that he is now ringing again.

After ringing the first peal of Double Norwich on the bells of Wellington, Somerset, the band were entertained to an excellent meal at the home of Mr. Patrick J. Bird. The band through the medium of this journal, would like to express their thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Bird.

Wychbold, Worcs, is becoming prominent in our columns. Lindsey Gittins was the fifth member of their band to ring his first peal since November, 1959. The local tower captain, Mr. A. D. Cook, rang, on March 13th, his second peal of Doubles, separated by 17 years. Comments a church member: 'Our ringers are not just keen; they are mad!'

The team which rang a peal on February 20th at Lewannick succeeded in ringing another peal of 5,040 Grandsire Doubles on March 5th on the musical five at Coryton, Devon. A few minutes after the peal had been completed, when the bells were being lowered, the third bell rope broke! The team hopes to ring a peal at St. Michael's, Brentor, in the near future. It is believed that no peals have been rung before, either at Coryton or Brentor.

GOSSIP

The Royal birth was heralded in Sydney on Saturday, February 20th, by St. Mark's, Darling Point, ringing from 2.45 to 3 a.m. (as soon as the news was received). St. Jude's rang from 8 to 9 a.m. and St. Mary's from 8 to 9 p.m.

The ringer of the fourth in the peal at St. Mary-de-Wyche, Wychbold, on February 6th (see page 133) was Martin D. Fellows, and not as submitted.

Mr. P. G. K. Davies would like to point out that the arrangements of bobs for his compositions of Spliced in five parts are old peals of Superlative.

The band who rang in the peal at Burford, Oxon, on February 20th, would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. E. Shackleton, of Stow-on-the-Wold, for entertaining them for the week-end.

For the ANZAC week-end, St. Paul's Cathedral band, Melbourne, hope to visit Adelaide to ring on the heavy octave and the light six at Walkerville.

The band, who rang the peal at Dunkerton, Bath, on February 27th, would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Butt for their hospitality after the peal.

Last Saturday the president of the Central Council, Mr. Frederick Sharpe, addressed the Canterbury Archæological Society on the history of bells. His talk was followed by a recital on handbells by the Launton Handbell Ringers.

The Witney and Woodstock branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild have passed the following resolution: 'That this branch make a donation to the World Refugee Appeal, made up of £5 from the branch funds and the proceeds of an appeal for one shilling from each branch member.'

The Primate and Anglican Archbishop of Sydney, Dr. H. R. Gough, will dedicate a ring of eight bells at St. Paul's Church, Burwood Heights, Sydney, on April 3rd. The bells from the Loughborough Foundry arrived on March 6th. They cost £3,500 and the installation £700. Ringers for St. Paul's are being trained at All Saints' Church, Parramatta.

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'MARCH THE FOURTH' AT APPLETON

AMONG the Appleton ringers and their friends a special day has crept into the calendar. It is a 'movable feast,' and it is quite common in North Berkshire to hear an enquiry as to when 'March-the-Fourth' is in any year.

This year 'The Fourth' was on March 5th, and on that day the village of Appleton, and all friends of the Appleton ringers, celebrated the 142nd anniversary of the installation of its first ring of bells.

The festival followed the traditional pattern. It began with a peal attempt in the morning, which unfortunately came to a sudden, untimely end after just over 1¼ hours' good ringing. The peal failure, however, gave some an opportunity of visiting the bellhanging workshops of Mr. Frank White, before enjoying the customary hospitality for which his sister, Phyllis, and he are noted.

In the afternoon visitors came from all directions, to meet old friends, and ring the Appleton bells. From nearby Oxford, from Gloucestershire and Bristol, from Ilsley and Hagbourne on the Berkshire Downs, from Faringdon and the Vale of White Horse, came regular 'Fourth-of-March' visitors. From Hampshire came Bill Hibbert, keeping his 41st 'Fourth'; while from Witney and the Oxfordshire villages across the Thames came many of both sexes and of all ages to this lovely Berkshire village. And this year the traditional snow and ice were missing—the weather was delightful—as warm as the best day in spring. From Abingdon came the well-known secretary of the North Berkshire branch of the Oxford Guild, and his wife to join once again in the celebrations, with other officers of the Guild.

It was good to meet again Fred White, who rang the Appleton tenor through the record peal of Stedman and Grandsire Caters, and Cuthbert White (perhaps better known as John) who rang in the Grandsire record, and to see, and hear, the next generation of the White family ringing Caters together with those few Appleton ringers who are not Whites.

At four o'clock the company sat down to a meal in 'The Thatched Tavern,' (which, by the way, has never been thatched). The tavern was strained to capacity, but somehow everyone managed to get in. Mr. Frank White, and Dr. Tyndale-Hart, the new Rector of Appleton, attending the celebrations for the first time, welcomed the visitors. Mr. Frederick Sharpe spoke of the anniversary and its significance and paid tribute to the distinguished records of the Appleton Society of Ringers. Sir Basil Blackwell, a regular visitor on this occasion, wished the Society and its members every success.

The traditional 'Fourth-of-March' song was sung by the President of The Central Council, who was keeping his 35th 'Fourth' that day. There was delightful handbell ringing by members of the White family, who also 'lapped' a course of Caters to the delight of the visitors.

March-the-Fourth at Appleton is noted for the informal social gathering which takes place in the evening, and at which many traditional folk songs are sung. The usual singers, Cuthbert and Harry White, Bill Hibbert and Edward Sneller, Alf. Webb and the ladies from Hagbourne entertained the company in their customary excellent manner; but, this year, there was a welcome addition to their number. We were privileged to welcome as a guest the captain of the ringers of 'Ambridge,' Tom Forrest (Mr. Bob Arnold), and his wife and daughter. His 'other wife' he hastened to explain, not 'Pru.' Tom entered wholeheartedly into the proceedings, and delighted the whole company by singing some of his traditional songs, songs in which everyone joined in each chorus. And so ended the 142nd 'Fourth,' and, as we parted to wend our ways home, our thoughts began to turn to the next anniversary. This should be a special one, for it also marks the centenary of the augmentation of the Appleton bells to ten.

'May friendship and freedom this day much abound.
May mirth and good humour go jovially round;
May the young and the old, the grave and the gay.
Remember this is our March-the-Fourth Day.'

F. S.

Peals For The Infant Prince

We are now in a position to assess the ringing for the birth of the Royal Prince to H.M. the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh.

A total of 140 peals was rung, including one in Australia and two in Northern Ireland.

This is a very fine tribute. Comparative figures are: Birth of Princess Anne, 49 peals; birth of Prince Charles, 156 peals; marriage of the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh, 162 peals.

Tips For Beginners—13

When ringing Stedman, remember if you strike a point blow at lead the bell you took off must turn you again. Learners often tend to look for a different bell, but obviously if you have struck only one blow at lead the other bell has not had time to get away.

News From Canada

Encouraging news has been received from Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria, British Columbia. Grandsire, Stedman and Treble Bob are rung regularly. The three grandsons of Mr. Edward Izard are members of the company and one of them recently rang his first quarter.

The monks at the Mission City Monastery are assiduous in their practising and now ring Plain Bob Minor.

SERVANTS OF THE EXERCISE – No. 13



MR. A. J. PITMAN
Hon. Member, Central Council.

Mr. A. J. Pitman's contribution to the art of ringing has been most useful and timely. The rapid progress made in ringing advanced methods during the last 30 years, and the inevitable development into the field of spliced ringing, created a necessity for reliable compositions, and Mr. Pitman, seeing this need, promptly set about the job of filling it. His reputation in this field stands very high, and a very large proportion of the peals of Spliced Surprise Major have been produced by him.

Born in 1887 at Bridgend, he attended Baglan Church School, leaving soon after he was 12 years old. He learned to ring at Baglan in 1899, where the highest achievement was Grandsire Doubles. Serious ringing began for him at Aberavon, where they could ring Grandsire Triples. He was soon appointed conductor, and this started him off composing musical touches for Service ringing. He conducted his first peal (Grandsire Triples) at Aberavon in 1914 and in 1931 his band rang a local peal in the same method.

Mr. Pitman studied the Snowdon Series of books, obtaining knowledge which enabled him to form the ideas which led to his brilliant compositions. He was elected Master of the Swansea and Brecon Guild and represented that Association on the Central Council from 1928-34. He is now an Hon. Member. Opportunities for ringing the advanced methods were not frequent at the time he lived at Aberavon, and most of his peals have been in the four standard methods. He did, however, ring Cambridge Surprise Major at St. George's, Southwark, in 1937, and Superlative later at Warfield. In 1928 he took part in a Past Masters' peal of Stedman Triples at Cardiff, and a peal of Spliced Oxford Bob and Grandsire Triples at Bridgend, which was the first peal of Triples rung with bobs only. His peals total is about 200, of which he has conducted about 100.

JAFUS.

MORE BELFRY GOSSIP

Mrs. E. L. Hairs is back in harness for the Sussex County Association, having taken over the secretaryship of the Northern Division.

Mr. T. J. Lock's annual tour will be in Oxfordshire this year—from September 3rd to 10th.

From Penarth we learn that it was Ruth Havard who sat through the peal at Sully, and not Keith Havard as submitted by our correspondent. (See page 159.)

The City of London is to have its only six bell tower at St. Vedast. This ring will have a tenor of 18 cwt. and Messrs. Mears and Stainbank hope to install them in about a month's time.

A party of ringing enthusiasts from Groton Schools, U.S.A., is spending about six weeks in this country this spring. The College Youths and the Middlesex Association are taking them in hand with the object of bringing their ringing and striking up to British standards.

A tablet recording the peal of Grandsire Caters commemorating the restoration of the parochial status of St. John-the-Divine, Leicester, is to be dedicated in the church next Sunday during Evensong, before being placed in the ringing chamber.

Oxford ringers will remember Miss Renata Buchthal. She was married in Sydney on February 21st to Mr. Peter Tankard. Miss Buchthal was a welfare officer for Dr. Barnardo's Homes in N.S.W. When her work permits she intends to ring at St. Mary's Cathedral, Sydney.

Limpsfield, Surrey, ringers had the honour of having their bells broadcast on Feb. 19th after the 6 o'clock news. It was the start of a peal attempt in honour of the Royal birth. Unfortunately the attempt failed after 2¼ hours' ringing, but amends were made the following day.

Newcastle-upon-Tyne ringers are very pleased with the progress of Alan Patterson and Jackie Thompson, of Cramlington. Alan rang his first peal two days after his 16th birthday at his own tower. His keenness is exemplified by his Sunday programme—a considerable walk to catch the 7.30 a.m. bus into Newcastle, then walking two and a half miles to ring at St. James, Benwell, and afterwards ringing for Matins at Newcastle Cathedral.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD AND MEMORIAL TO MR. A. H. PULLING

TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH NEW CATHEDRAL

DEFINITE interest was shown by the 150 members attending the annual meeting of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, held at Harvey's Restaurant, Guildford, on March 12th, in the provision of a bell or bells for Guildford Cathedral as a memorial to Mr. A. H. Pulling.

The provision of an appropriate memorial to Mr. Pulling had been considered by each of the four districts of the Guild Mr. C. W. Denyer, the Master, who presided, said he was going to hold a meeting of the four district ringing Masters to consider the memorial.

The original suggestion was that a lift should be provided to the tower and he had been in touch with Miss Iredale, the Cathedral secretary. A letter from Miss Iredale stated that the architect, Sir Edward Maufe, was overseas recuperating from pneumonia. The architect thought that 'a chair' might be provided half-way up the tower.

The Master said the question of a bell or bells had also been considered, and he had received a letter from Miss Iredale stating that the Cathedral Council welcomed wholeheartedly the interest and understanding of the Guild. 'It seems from the investigations that I have made' (the letter continued) 'that much the most significant contribution which could be made by your Guild would be in providing a ring of bells which will be needed by the Cathedral. I am told that probably 10 bells would be required and that the cost of these might well be in the neighbourhood of £8,000. . .

'We should be very grateful to your Guild if they would explore the possibility of making the gift of the bells for the Cathedral their particular interest and concern.'

BELL FOR CONSECRATION

The Master said his idea was that the Guild should provide a bell that could be used immediately the Cathedral was consecrated that might be incorporated in the ring of bells that would eventually be provided. He moved, and the Guild agreed, that a meeting of ringing masters with the Guild officers be held within the next fortnight to consider the launching of an appeal for a memorial to Mr. A. H. Pulling. The Leatherhead district had expressed the view that a bell on which Mr. Pulling's name was inscribed would be the best memorial.

Mr. F. E. Collins said he was sure there were many throughout the Exercise who would like to contribute.

Authority was given by the meeting for the Guild Committee to act. The annual report showed that the Cathedral bell fund stood at £148.

The annual report stated that the Guild had a membership of 672 (581 ringers, 91 honorary). The Chertsey district was forging ahead and now had over 100 members, whilst the Farnham district had a record membership of 184.

TRIBUTE TO MR. PULLING

The death of Mr. Alfred H. Pulling was a great blow to Guildford, the Guild and the ringing Exercise. His influence and ability in peal ringing in particular, together with his forthright speaking on matters appertaining to striking and Guild affairs, put him in the forefront of his colleagues, and the Guild was grateful for his service to the world of ringing. An appeal for funds for a suitable memorial to him was printed with the report.

The recasting of the bells of St. Andrew's, Farnham, had given that church a ring worthy of its fine tower, and St. Michael's, Aldershot, had now followed suit and sent its bells to the foundry for recasting. At Ashtead, where the bell frame caused some curtailment of ringing, a temporary repair was to be followed—it was hoped—by a major operation later in the year. Ranmore, too, had received reports from the bell founders, and the unsatisfactory condition of the five at Stoke D'Abernon had also been discussed by bell founders and the Church Council.

The following officers were elected; Master, Mr. C. W. Denyer (Farnham); hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. S. T. Russell (Ash); assistant hon. secretary, Miss W. R. Hide (Farnham); hon. auditor, Mr. P. G. Sherwood (Ash); liaison officer with the Surrey Association, Mr. J. F. M. Maybrey (Claygate); representatives on the Central Council of Church Bellringers, Messrs. C. W. Denyer, W. H. Viggers (Aldershot), H. N. Pitstow (Banstead) and A. C. Hazelden (Guildford); librarian, Mr. A. C. Hazelden; badge secretary, Mr. G. S. Joyce (Farnborough); peal recorder, Major E. J. Bragg (Aldershot).

MORE PEALS RUNG

The peal recorder reported that 36 peals were rung for the Guild during the year, an increase of 14 over 1958. They were rung by 119 different ringers. Mr. E. J. Wells (Guildford) was the leading conductor with nine peals. Miss Jill Lane (Merrow) was the first lady to conduct a peal of Surprise for the Guild. Mr. S. Ponting (Guildford) rang his 100th peal and Mr. A. P. Cannon (Dorking) his 700th.

Major Bragg said the ringers of Aldershot were raising money to provide a bell. Four of theirs had been paid for and they had promises for three more. The Guild decided to vote three guineas towards Aldershot bells and a similar sum for Ashtead bells.

APPROACH TO SURREY ASSOCIATION

The Executive Committee submitted to the meeting the following recommendation: 'That a sub-committee of the Guild consisting of the Master, General Secretary, and two representatives of each District, meet representatives of the Surrey Association to exchange views to see if any way is open for associating the work of those two bodies as one Guild.'

Submitting the recommendation the Master said he suggested that the general secretary be the convener. The recommendation was self-explanatory and did not commit anyone. The recommendation was carried.

Presenting the report of the Dinner Committee the Master said the last dinner was very enjoyable and for the first time the dinner paid its way. He hoped for an even bigger attendance this year and the date had been fixed for October 8th, at Guildford.

Mrs. Harbutt made an appeal for lady members to make kneelers for the Cathedral. The Cathedral authorities had two designs incorporating the Guild badge.

In the afternoon the Guild service was held in Holy Trinity Church, conducted by the Precentor (the Rev. Paul Faunch). A robed choir of ringers led the singing, with Mr. S. G. Ponting as organist. Ringing took place during the afternoon and evening at Guildford churches and also Shalford.

AN APPRECIATION

A. H. PULLING

I have been waiting for a more abler pen than mine to describe A.H.P. prior to the 1914 war. There are many, I know, who saw this expert as a Ringing Master of the old Guildford branch of the Winchester Diocesan Guild (before it was split into three Dioceses). A.H.P. would see to it that the veriest tyro had his pull, and gave him or her every encouragement. On the other hand he always reminded me of the expert drill instructor who could shake a band of bad strikers into shape quicker than anyone I ever knew.

As a conductor in any method he had very few equals, and I was a constant visitor at Holy Trinity practice every Tuesday during my term as ringing master at Aldershot—both pre-'14 and post-'14 war. I never took a pupil of mine to Trinity until I was satisfied with his striking. Again, even here in Burnham I use Trinity as a model which I have always tried to equal.

From pre-'14 war until I left the district in 1926 any peal that was rung at Trinity 3-20 for Major, 3-15 for Triples was equal to or even better than any organ or orchestra with such ringers as C. H. Dobbie, Geo. Steere, Oliver Sippetts, Harry Hutton, John A. Cole, W. T. Beeson, S. H. B. Hesse, C. N. Burdock, Fred Rogers, Ted Duffield, etc. We have met at a tower and asked what is the method. Alf would say London. The band would reply, 'Rang that last week. We'll go up for Bristol if you like or Surrey or Dublin, but not for London.' He always took it in good part.

After any peal no sooner were we out of the tower than 'Little'un' (Alf's pet-name for Mrs. P.) would be waiting to inform us that tea was laid on and waiting. I have never rung peals like them before or since, the nearest approach (not methods advanced but for striking) have been with my pre-'39 war boys' band and post-'39 war girls' band here in Burnham. Alf rang peals here with both bands and always gave the kids a pat on the back, telling me afterwards that they were gems.

I'm so sorry no one has said a word about A.H.P. but I'm sure anything as suggested by Guildford Diocesan Guild in the nature of a national memorial would be backed by hundreds of his past ringing friends in every part of the British Isles. God rest his soul, and give us more men like him, is the prayer of

GEORGE GILBERT.

Burnham, Bucks.

BARNSLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

It was an opportune selection of All Saints', Crofton, for the Society's meeting on March 12th. The bells have been silent here for a long time. The new Rector, the Rev. G. Slater, was delighted to meet the ringers and in his welcome he expressed the hope that he would be able to get the bells ringing again. The meeting was arranged by Mr. Noel F. Moxon and he was thanked for making the arrangements.

The business was largely arranging for forthcoming events. These include: next meeting East Ardsley, nr. Wakefield, April 9th; shield contest, Felfirk, near Barnsley, June 11th; cup contest, Hoylandswaine, September 10th.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'DICTIONARY' METHOD OF CLASSIFICATION

Dear Sir,—The usefulness of Corrigan's short form of describing Surprise Major methods is now generally accepted, but it has one drawback in that it does not lend itself to the classification of the methods so described. I therefore write to suggest a slight adaptation of his method, which will enable each method to have a *unique* group of letters to identify it, and these groups of letters can be listed in strict *dictionary order*.

The work would involve giving every method at present known its appropriate 'word,' and I should be pleased to collaborate in doing this. After that, every method produced can immediately be given its 'word' and entered in its correct place in the dictionary, together with its name, when known, and its f.c.e.'s. Any duplication would at once be apparent.

I enclose a table showing the proposed lettering.—Yours faithfully,

T. G. HAWKINS.

2, Riverway, Barry Avenue,
Windsor.

Change	*Places* Corrigan's notation	*Corresponding* letters
1-2	34, 36, 38, 56, 58	a, b, c, d, e
2-3	34, 46, 38, 56, 58	f, g, h, i, j
3-4	34, 36, 38, 56, 58	k, l, m, n, o
4-5	14, 16, 1458	A, B, C
5-6	— 56, 58.	– p, q
6-7	12, 56, 58, 1258	r, s, t, u
7-8	12, 56, 58	v, w, x
8-9	16, 36, 38	D, E, F
9-10	12, 14, 34	y, z, a
10-11	12, 14, 34	b, c, d
11-12	12, 14, 34	e, f, g
12-13	38, 58, 1458	G, H, I
13-14	12, 14, 16, 34, 36, 56	h, i, j, k, l, m
14-15	12, 14, 16, 34, 36, 56	n, o, p, q, r, s
15-16	12, 14, 16, 34, 36, 56	t, u, v, w, x, y
16-17	18, 38, 58, 78	J, K, L, M

Examples: hAuEcHpM, Cambridge
cmArFzfHjvL, London.

DUPLICATION IN SURPRISE METHODS

Dear Sir,—For Mr. Pattison, Cudham and Derwent S.M. are the same method: this slip has been corrected before. The method has been rung as Derwent in Spliced S.M. peals.

The next method you give is Wye.

Braunstone: -38-14-58-16-12-38.56.14.56.7. Its 8ths place is Frolesworth.

Apsley: -58-16-58-36-14-38-34-7, 2nds, 5738. Arnesby is 8ths place New Cambridge.

Evenlode: -56-14-56-38-14-58-36-7, 2nds, 8674. By Hale, do you mean Haley?

Haley: -58-14-56-36-34-38-16-5, 8ths, 5738.

Lyminge: -36-14-56-38-34-58-36-1, 2nds, 7856.

Northolt: -58-16-12.58.36-12-58-36-7, 2nds, 4263.

Queslett was given by the 16/6/55 Birmingham company as -58-1458-58-38-34-58-16-5, 2nds, which gives a lead-head of 18346725.

For what it's worth, Gloucester S.M. has been given in two notations, both with Plain Boh lead-heads. Which? Also, two companies have rung the first peal of Wicken S.M.; again two different notations. Which?

But please, Mr. Pattison, if you ring Wye, Braunstone, Rugby, etc., have the decency not to say it is a 'new method' for you (if such be the case). When Doubles ringers have been instructed to announce traditional arrangements as 'variations,' it is hypocritical for an experienced band to ring, say, New Cambridge Maximus and claim a 'first in the method' for themselves.—Yours faithfully,

DENIS A. FRITH.

Grantham, Lincs.

LADIES AND HEAVY TENORS

Dear Sir,—With reference to the note in 'Belfry Gossip' in your issue of March 11th concerning Mrs. E. K. Fletcher's peal on Wedmore tenor, this bell weighs 30 cwt. 5lb., according to 'Dove,' and not 35 cwt., as published.

I believe I am correct in saying that only two ladies have succeeded in ringing heavier bells than Wedmore tenor to peals. Miss Hilda G. Snowdon rang the 33 cwt. tenor at Exeter Cathedral and shortly afterwards, in January, 1954, Miss B. Enid Lloyd Roberts rang the 35 cwt. tenor at Westbury, Wilts. It was my privilege to witness the latter performance, which, although something of a record, was published at the time without comment.—Yours, etc.,

R. J. BOWDEN.

Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol.

Family Ringing At Upper Clapton

'The Stoke Newington and Hackney Observer,' in its Observer Diary, calls attention to the strong family element among the ringers of St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton. The captain is Mr. Dennis Neal, and in the band are his wife and his brother Charles and his wife. Another family is Mr. J. Hales, his son John and daughter Naomi. Another father and son are Mr. Charles and Donald Grey. There is also the people's warden, Mr. R. K. C. Wilkins, and his wife. The 'baby' of the tower is Jim Steele.

St. Matthew's bells were rung for the birth of the Royal Prince.

SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR RECORD

Dear Sir,—Further to Mr. Barnett's recent letter in your columns concerning the re-issue of the recording of Spliced Surprise Major, I have heard this recording on many occasions and I am always very impressed with the very high standard of striking and also the quality of the recording.

The second engineer responsible for this has obviously made a very good job of reproducing the excellent ringing for which Messrs. Cashmore, Brinklow, Woolley and Hodges are so well known.

I feel sure that there will be a ready demand for this recording.—Yours faithfully,

F. G. ROBBINS.

Pinner, Middlesex.

THE LATE MR. H. E. WILLS

Dear Sir,—Many ringers in the Croydon area will regret to hear of the death of Mr. Harry Wills on March 5th.

Mr. Wills came to Barnby Don about 1943 and immediately joined the local band. The local ringers endeared themselves to Mr. Wills and soon realised he was too modest to speak of his achievements in the ringing and sporting worlds.

If any ringer can provide us with news of a very fine gentleman it will help us to learn what we have suspected for a long time, that Mr. Wills was indeed a man of no mean achievement.—Yours faithfully,

R. F. LUNN.

Barnby Don, Doncaster.

THE GRIEVANCE IN HERTFORDSHIRE

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Hatchett's letter on page 181, particularly the part directed to me personally, I am sorry to read that he cannot acknowledge much of my last letter published in these columns. I look forward to hearing from him and have furnished my address with this letter, as he requested.

I will be pleased to learn from him the 'unfortunate circumstances under which I supposedly left the band of St. Mary's, Rickmansworth. Firstly I would point out to Mr. Hatchett, I had left St. Mary's band before he became resident at Rickmansworth, and, secondly, the circumstnces were these:—

I resigned from the choir at St. Mary's to join the choir of a Watford church, which, I would mention, has no bells. Although ceasing to be a full member of the Rickmansworth band, I continued to attend practices regularly.

In November of 1956 I was invited to assist with the instructional ringing at St. Michael's, Chenies, where the ringers had been change ringers from cards until some time before this. I accepted this invitation and have been attached to Chenies tower ever since.

Mr. Hatchett may recollect that while I was resident in Rickmansworth up to the time of my marriage last year, I attended Sunday evening ringing whenever my duties as a professional ambulance man allowed me, as we only ring for morning service at Chenies. I have also stood in many quarter peal attempts with him at St. Mary's and attended their annual gatherings, the dinner this year being one of the few I have missed, owing to my duties. Had I left the tower under any unfortunate circumstance, I can assure him I would not have taken part in any of the ringing or social activities mentioned.

To finish on a more general note, I am surprised to read of Mr. Hatchett's remarks saying that relationship between the band and the Association were non-existent when he first came to Rickmansworth. This was not so when I left Rickmansworth's band. If this was the case, surely this should have been brought to the notice of the Association straight away, not commented on in 'The Ringing World' three years later. — Yours faithfully,

DONALD R. BARTHOLOMEW.

14, Kelmscott Close,
Watford, Herts.

Dear Sir,—I should like to ask Mr. Hatchett why he considers himself so important that he should wait until the Association takes an interest in him before he pays his subscriptions.

I would also point out that relations between the Rickmansworth ringers and this District of the Association have always been most cordial, far from being non-existent as Mr. Hatchett suggests.

Mr. Hatchett has charged the Association with not taking any interest in Rickmansworth, or perhaps this should read not taking any interest in Mr. Hatchett, but I would inform Mr. Hatchett that a meeting of his own District was held on March 5th at Bushey which was, as usual, advertised in this paper for two weeks, but Mr. Hatchett was not present nor did I receive an apology for absence, which, in view of recent allegations, one would have expected.

Now Mr. Hatchett, may I ask you who is not taking an interest?—Yours faithfully,

G. W. SEAMAN,
(Hon. Sec., Watford District)

P.S.—On looking through my records I find that Mr. Hatchett has attended one District meeting in the last two years, this being the meeting at his own tower last year. G.W.S.

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LETTERS—Continued

THE PATRON SAINT OF RINGERS

Dear Sir.—In reply to the query by Mr. F. Morris, this subject was brought up some years ago, but opinions were somewhat divided. My own choice would be either St. Anthony or St. Dunstan for these reasons:—

In 1945 I wrote a long series of articles on 'Bells in English Life—Uses and Abuses,' and therein mentioned a lot of references to Sanctus, Saints, Sacrying, Wackerel and other uses for the small ting-tang commonly in use in the 16th century onwards. Many items are quoted in Churchwardens' accounts for their uses and upkeep. Occasionally this bell is referred to as the 'Tantony bell' or Saint Anthony bells, the name being derived from the emblem of that Saint—a bell attached to his tan-staff, or suspended from the neck of his accompanying pig. The small bell at Lichfield Cathedral is so called, so was one at Lamport, Northants, and another at Weedon Bec in the same county. The writer found one at Wigston Magna, Leicester.

Again in 1552 the Sanctus bell at Oldham, Lancs, was called the 'Anthem' bell. In 1528 the Churchwardens of Leverton, Lincs, paid 'for a litil sanct antony bell jd.' and at Lamport (above mentioned) in 1747, 9d. was charged for 'a Tantony bellrope.' The small bell attached to the necks of cattle in Northants used to be called 'tanthony bells.' At Great Oakley the bell is known as 'tintany' which may be derived from St. Anthony or ting-tang.

St. Dunstan, who died in 988, was an English Saint, son of a West Saxon noble. He was born at Glastonbury where he later became Abbot (945) and in 957 Bishop of Worcester. In 950 he was Bishop of London and in 961 Archbishop of Canterbury. He is also credited with great skill as a metal worker, and cast a bell which for many years after his death hung in Canterbury Cathedral. Two bells cast under his direction were at Abingdon and here also were two more by St. Æthelwold, the founder of that Monastery. These bells have, unfortunately, disappeared long since.—Yours etc.,

ERNEST MORRIS.

Leicester.

PLAQUE AT WORCESTER CATHEDRAL

Dear Sir.—May I offer some information in reply to F. Morris regarding a Patron Saint of Bellringers.

Apart from St. Cecilia, I suggest that St. Dunstan has the closest connection with bellringers, as he was reputed to be a 'bell-maker.' I believe he is also accepted as the patron saint of Metal Workers.

During a visit to Worcester Cathedral last year, I remember seeing a window or plaque stating that St. Dunstan is the Patron Saint of Bellringers.—Yours faithfully,

THOMAS C. BETTON.

Birstall, Leics.

A CLAIM FOR ST. CATHERINE

Dear Sir.—May I, in reply to Mr. F. Morris' inquiries about the 'Patron Saint of Bellringers' suggest St. Catherine?

For the evidence to support this claim I have studied the inscriptions on mediæval bells. It appears that most bells which are inscribed with a saint's name, other than the saint to which the church is dedicated, are inscribed 'Sancta Katerina Ora Pro Nobis' (St. Catherine, Pray For us) or a variation of the above.

An explanation of this is that the wheels (or half-wheels) by which bells are swung resemble the wheel on which St. Catherine was intended to be broken.

Perhaps someone can corroborate this theory?—Yours faithfully,

GEOFFREY D. ARMITAGE.

Halifax, Yorks.

Dear Sir,—Your correspondent, Mr. F. Morris, surely must be new to the Exercise, for the question 'Is there a patron saint of bellringers?' has been raised in 'The Ringing World' several times previously. No definite one is designated; St. Anthony, St. Dunstan and St. Paulinus have all been claimed by various opinions on the subject.

St. Cecilia is named on a bell at Roade, Northants, cast as recently as 1952, showing that she was recognised as the patron saint of music, and several peals have since been rung there on her festival (November 22nd).

That raises yet two other points:—

(1). Names of methods. Why on earth when anyone gets out a new method they cannot choose a saint's name for it instead of names of towns and villages like some in Leicestershire with only three bells to name a Surprise method—why Bruntingthorpe and Edmondsthorpe or Arnesby with only three bells—gets me guessing!

(2). It may be argued, does it matter what name is used? But my good old friend, Mr Ernest Morris, has surely exploded that argument in the leading words of his worthy article on your front page of the March 11th issue.

I have known Ernest for 33 years and rang my first peal with him as long ago as May 1927. Never have I known him to make but the best either in writing or ringing, which accounts for why his books are so much in demand and his articles appreciated. We who rang the peal of St. Blaise Doubles may be scoffed at by certain biased minds, but at least we did attempt to associate the saint (as we oft-times do other saints) with the festivals of the church.

Recently we rang a peal in 14 saint-named methods. Prior to that we rang a peal of St. Peter's Doubles at my own church of St. Peter, Weston Favell. Shortly we hope to ring one of St. Martin's in a church dedicated to St. Martin; another to St. Nicholas in a church dedicated to St. Nicholas.

All Saints' Doubles was rung similarly by members of our Guild. And on April 30th (festival of St. Miles Gerrard and St. Francis Dickenson) we hope to ring the first ever of St. Miles' Doubles. Later we hope to ring one of St. Peter and St. Paul Doubles in a Church of SS. Peter and Paul. Last December 29th we were unlucky in not ringing one of St. Thomas and Canterbury, to commemorate St. Thomas of Canterbury. St. Vedast Doubles on St. Vedast Day and St. Alphege Doubles on the festival of St. Alphege are other hopes in the offing. All these saints' days can be found by looking them up in appropriate books.

These efforts, I might add, have interested the clergy wherever we have gone, and are surely far more in keeping with the true purpose of the Church than ringing a peal for the return of some notorious Bolshevik!—Yours sincerely,

P. AMOS.

Weston Favell, Northants.

P.S.—Some time ago we rang a peal of St. Leonard's Doubles within the festival of St. Leonard, as will be recalled, and is now recorded.—P. A.

A REPLY TO MR. SMALLWOOD

Dear Sir,—In Mr. Smallwood's letter I was a little mystified at the introduction of the rather ancient joke about the Irishman being agin the Government. At first it seemed to be like 'the flowers that bloom in the spring,' i.e. to 'have nothing to do with the case.'

On second thoughts, however, it dawned on me that there were some members of the Exercise who might favour the formation of a 'Government' of bell broadcasts (towers, ringers and methods, selection of).

'Twas a sobering thought and one that seemed to justify the Irishman's attitude.—Yours faithfully,

ARTHUR V. DAVIS.

Bournemouth.

DUPLICATION IN SURPRISE METHODS

Dear Sir,—I enclose figures of some of the methods requested by Mr. Bryan Pattison.

Apsley
x 58 x 16 x 58 x 36 x 14 x 38 x 34 x 78
L.H. = 2–5738264.

Arnesby
x 38 x 14 x 58 x 1236 x 14 x 58 x 16 x 78
L.H. = 8–3527486.

Evenlode
x 56 x 14 x 56 x 38 x 14 x 58 x 36 x 78
L.H. = 2–8674523.

Lyminge
x 36 x 14 x 56 x 38 x 34 x 58 x 36 x 18
L.H. = 2–7856342.

Northolt
x 58 x 16 x 12, 58, 36 x 12 x 58 x 36 x 78
L.H. = 2–4263857.

Queslett
x 58 x 1458 x 58 x 38 x 14 x 58 x 16 x 58
L.H. = 2–7856342.

Braunstone
x 38 x 14 x 58 x 16 x 12 x 38, 56, 14, 56, 78
L.H. = 2–5738264.

Hale is now named Belvedere, the figures of which are:—
x 58 x 14 x 56 x 36 x 14 x 58 x 36 x 78
L.H. = 2–8674523.

Derwent is as given, and I believe it was formerly known as Cudham, but perhaps someone else could confirm this.

The figures given in (*b*) are those of Wye which, together with Braunstone and Biddenden, are mere variations of Yorkshire! The 8ths place variation of Braunstone is Frolesworth.

Mr. Pattison might be interested in the following duplication of names:—

Boveney, previously known as Hove. There is now another Hove (see Corrigan's).

Ashtead, previously known as Preston.

Withyham (in Corrigan's) has been rung to a peal and named Nettleham.

Zetland, first rung Bushey, Herts, February 4th, 1939, was rung at Birmingham in about 1955 as Stechford.

The figures
x 58 x 16 x 12 x 36 x 34 x 58 x 14 x 78 L.H. = 2
have been rung in peals both as Oxfordshire and Netherton.

Also
x 58 x 16 x 56 x 38 x 34 x 38 x 16 x 58 L.H. = 2
have been rung in peals both as Moorside and Quinton.

Hornchurch (in Corrigan's) has been rung to a peal as Macclesfield but with 4ths place bobs.

Shoreham (in Corrigan's) has been rung to a peal and named Knossington. Earlier names for this method were Ewell and Denton.

I hope these will be of use, and I, in turn, would be grateful if he, or anyone else for that matter, could supply me with the figures of (*a*) Little Herefordshire S. Major, (*b*) Northchurch S. Major, and (*c*) Heythrop S. Major.—Yours faithfully,

BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

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King's Norton, Birmingham 30.

CHRISTMAS BELL BROADCASTS

Dear Sir.—Mr. Riddell has replied favourably to my letter to him on the above subject (a copy of which appeared in 'The Ringing World' of March 11th).

His reply, which is very friendly, indicates that my comments have been noted and that the B.B.C. will do their part in endeavouring to make improvements in future similar broadcasts.—Yours etc.,

NORMAN CHADDOCK.

Rotherham.

DERWENT SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir.—Mr. Mayne's statement that Derwent S.M. has not been rung to a peal is, I suppose, true. The 'Derwent' of Corrigan's Collection has, however, been rung in at least four peals of Spliced Surprise, the first of these being on February 13th, 1954, at Handsworth, Sheffield. Presumably it could not be renamed now.—Yours sincerely,

WILFRID F. MORETON.

Wakefield.

28 T.B. METHODS IN A PEAL

Dear Sir,—In July, 1958, I conducted a peal of Spliced Treble Bob Minor in 28 methods (all rung without previous practice) at Taxal, Derbyshire. Since then I have had several requests for the 'Surprise' methods rung in the peal, so to prevent further correspondence and, I hope, to stir up interest, I have written all 28 out below in place notation. These methods were termed 'irregular' since they did not possess Plain Bob lead-heads, i.e., 35264, 56342, 64523 or 42635, but have since been recognised by the Central Council. Several ringers will still state that the methods are not worth ringing but, to us, these were a welcome change from the 'standard' ones!

Here then are the methods (all 4ths place bobs):—

Campanulla T.B.
x 36 x 16 x 12 x 16 x 12 x 56
L.H.=2—54632.

Gladstone T.B.
x 36 x 16 x 12 x 16 x 34 x 56
L.H.=2—54632.

Hemsworth T.B.
x 36 x 16 x 12 x 16, 34 x 34, 56
L.H.=2—54632.

Crofton T.B.
x 36 x 16 x 12 x 16, 34 x 12, 56
L.H.=2—54632.

York Minster T.B.
x 36 x 16 x 12 x 16 x 12 x 56
L.H.=6—65243.

Royston T.B.
x 36 x 16 x 12 x 16 x 34 x 56
L.H.=6—65243.

Penistone T.B.
x 36 x 16 x 12 x 16, 34 x 34, 56
L.H.=6—65243.

Bolton Abbey T.B.
x 36 x 16 x 12 x 16, 34 x 12, 56
L.H.=6—65243.

Staveley Delight
34 x 34, 16 x 12 x 36, 12 x 34, 56
L.H.=6—34625.

Selby Delight
34 x 34, 16 x 12 x 36, 12 x 12, 56
L.H.=6—34625.

Boston Delight
34 x 34, 16 x 12 x 36, x 12 x 56
L.H.=6—34625.

March Delight
34 x 34, 16 x 12 x 36, x 34 x 56
L.H.=6—34625.

South Kirkby T.B.
34 x 34, 16 x 12 x 16 x 34 x 56
L.H.=2—65324.

Felkirk T.B.
34 x 34, 16 x 12 x 16, 34 x 34, 56
L.H.=2—65324.

Barnsley T.B.
34 x 34, 16 x 12 x 16, x 12 x 56
L.H.=2—65324.

Havercroft T.B.
34 x 34, 16 x 12 x 16, 34 x 12, 56
L.H.=2—65324.

Thorne Surprise
x 34 x 14 x 12 x 36, 12 x 34, 56
L.H.=2—36245.

Ripley Surprise
x 34 x 14 x 12 x 36, 12 x 12, 56
L.H.=2—36245.

Luton Surprise
x 34 x 14 x 12 x 36 x 12 x 56
L.H.=2—36245.

Rhyl Surprise
x 34 x 14 x 12 x 36 x 34 x 56
L.H.=2—36245.

Redcar Surprise
x 36 x 14 x 12 x 36, 12 x 12, 56
L.H.=2—65324.

Hatfield Surprise
x 36 x 14 x 12 x 36, 12 x 34, 56
L.H.=2—65324.

Beighton Surprise
x 36 x 14 x 12 x 36 x 12 x 56
L.H.=2—65324.

Appleby Surprise
x 36 x 14 x 12 x 36 x 34 x 56
L.H.=2—65324.

Spalding Surprise
36 x 36, 14 x 12 x 36, 12 x 34, 56
L.H.=2—54632.

Retford Surprise
36 x 36, 14 x 12 x 36, 12 x 12, 56
L.H.=2—54632.



Dronfield Surprise
36 x 36, 14 x 12 x 36 x 12 x 56
L.H.=2—54632.

Minehead Surprise
36 x 36, 14 x 12 x 36 x 34 x 56
L.H.=2—54632.

In the peal report Hatfield was printed in mistake at Hayfield.—Yours faithfully,

BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.
King's Norton, Birmingham.

ARE THEY KNOWN?

Dear Sir,—While doodling recently I invented (?) the following methods and wondered whether or not they are known; if not I should like to name them as shown.

12345	12345	12345
21435	21354	21354
24153	23145	23145
42513	32415	32415
45231	23451	34251
54213	23415	43215
54231	32451	43251
45321	23541	34215
45312	32514	32451
54321	32541	23541
53412	23514	25314
35142	32154	52341
31524	31254	52314
13254	13254	25341
		23514
13524	13524	32154
Stretford Alliance Doubles (P.C.=60)	S. Matthew Alliance Doubles (P.C.=60)	31245
		13254
		13524
		S. Valentine Alliance Doubles (P.C.=90)

I should also like to appeal for information about the figures of the methods rung at Willesborough in their million changes (Feb. 12th) issue as I have no knowledge of such methods as Horsmonden Bob, Cumberland Bob and others.

Also the 720 composition by Mr. Chant in March 4th issue contains Little and Alliance Minor methods as do the associated peals, of which I have no knowledge, and as I am doing a little quiet 'research' into methods I should be interested in the figures of these methods.—Yours faithfully,

GILES B. THOMPSON.

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Manchester 21.

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD

At their adjourned annual meeting, held at Brighouse on March 5th, Mr. A. W. Bond stated that having held the position of secretary for nine years, and, in view of his business commitments, he had been forced to look round for a worthy successor. Mr. D. Smith was elected to the office, but Mr. Bond intimated that he was still willing to act as treasurer and also to assist Mr. Smith in every way. This was approved by the meeting, who also elected Mr. F. Linfoot as Ringing Master and Mr. J. Pearson as chairman.

Presenting the annual report, Mr. Bond said two-thirds of the meetings were very successful and about 15 methods were rung. Attendances varied from 18 to 36, and 14 new members were elected during the year. The financial position was sound. Three new members were elected.

Members stood in silence in memory of Mr. Harry Roberts, who had died since the last meeting. It is hoped to hold the May meeting at Sowerby.

FRIEZLAND VETERAN'S 70th BIRTHDAY

Mr. Joseph Burgess, of Friezland, celebrated his 70th birthday and his 55th year as a ringer in a right royal fashion on March 12th. He marked the occasion by entertaining about 30 of his fellow ringers who had been attached to his own tower and also ringing friends from Meltham, Mossley and Roughtown.

Leaving Friezland at 2 p.m., three towers in the Rochdale area were visited, the party returning home for tea. Tributes and congratulations were extended to Mr. Burgess for his services to his own church and the help he had given in other towers. Councillor Arthur Farrand (a ringer) made a presentation to Mr. Burgess of an inscribed fountain pen, and expressed the hope that he would enjoy many more years in the art from which so many had benefited.

Before ringing Friezland bells in the evening, upon the suggestion of Mr. Edward Earnshaw, President of the Halifax Association, the company stood in silence in respect and memory of Mr. Harry Roberts, of Kirkburton.

RINGING AT WAKEFIELD 1827-1850

By DAVID CUBITT

(Continued from page 164)

8,000 SPLICED KENT AND OXFORD

'The Wakefield Junior Company of Change Ringers' rang, at the first attempt, 8,000 Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major, composed by William Hudson, of Sheffield, and conducted by William Milnes in four and a half hours at Liversedge on Easter Monday, 1843, only a matter of weeks after the first peal of Kent and Oxford Spliced—5,600 changes—had been rung. James Firth of the then celebrated Liversedge company acted as time-keeper. Benjamin Thackrah, of Dewsbury, Sammuel Barraclough, of Birstall, and Thomas Dawson, of Bradford—all noted West Riding ringers—were among those present 'who expressed their high approbation of the above performance'—'Wakeford Journal.' At Rothwell on Sunday, August 20th, 1843, a 'select' band of ringers from Wakefield, Leeds and Bradford rang a peal of 5,088 Kent Treble Bob Major in three hours, composed by William Hudson and conducted by William Scott, of Wakefield.

A peal of 5,056 Kent Treble Bob Major at St. John's, Wakefield, composed by Joseph Tebbs and conducted by Henry Senior, was rung by St. John's Youths on Sunday, February 18th, 1844. Later this year a separate ecclesiastical district was assigned to St. John's.

HANDBELL RINGERS

There was quite a vogue for handbell ringing in the West Riding in the 1840's, though when the Touring Campanologian Band of Handbell Ringers performed in Wakefield on December 8th, 1843, they had but a small audience—a larger one came a couple of days later when the admission price was reduced. A local group calling themselves the Wakefield Handbell Ringers met at the Fleece Inn, the landlord of which was Joseph Sugden, who had rung in tower bell peals in the 1820's, including those of Cambridge and Superlative Royal. 'After dinner the ringers rung many sets of quadrilles and waltzes, and several favourite airs, among which was rung the "Royal Irish," with variations, to the great surprise of the two old veterans Mr. W. Booth and Mr. W. Hudson (of Sheffield) and also Mr. J. and B. Thackray (of Dewsbury), who were present on the occasion and expressed themselves greatly gratified with the performance, and declared that the evening had been to them like one of the old times in "Merry Wakefield"'—'Wakefield Journal.'

Two days later they went to Leeds to sample a new set of 32 handbells which had been bought by the landlord of the Spinners Arms for the use of the St. Peter's Society of Ringers. Later a band of handbell ringers was formed at Bradford; they celebrated their first anniversary on October 17th, 1848, with a dinner, followed by tune and change ringing, concluding with the 'Morning Hymn.'

AFTER PRISON PEAL

A Wakefield ringer, Joseph Paul Healey, joined nine Rotherham ringers—calling themselves the 'United Society of Rotherham Ringers'—for a peal of 5,007 Stedman Caters, composed by John Lates and conducted by Thomas Gay, at All Saints', Wakefield, on May 17th, 1846. There is a story current, both in Wakefield and Rotherham, that some or all the ringers had been released that day from Wakefield Gaol—then the 'House of Correction' for the West Riding—and, having been joined by their friends, celebrated regaining their freedom by ringing this peal.

John Sugden died on February 11th, 1847, aged 55, and sometime between 1847 and 1850 the death occurred of Proctor Hewitt, a tailor and draper in Westgate, Wakefield, and a former member of the St. John's Youths.

The new Taylor ring of ten bells at Bradford was opened in September, 1846, with a prizeringing in which both Wakefield Societies competed, the St. John's Youths coming away with the second prize.

When it was announced on August 5th, 1847, that George Sandars was the successful candidate for the borough in the General Election that year, All Saints' bells were 'fired' 134 times, being the number of votes he secured over his opponent; and the following day, when he was 'chaired,' the bells of both churches were 'fired' 392 times, the number of votes cast in his favour, after which the ringers retired, as they expressed themselves in their honest, homely language 'grateful for the kind manner in which they had been treated by the committee of the new member.'—'Wakefield Journal.'

A WAGES DISPUTE

On Sunday, July 8th, 1849, the All Saints' ringers issued an ultimatum to the churchwardens that unless their remuneration was doubled they would from that morning cease ringing. The wardens could do nothing immediately and at a vestry meeting held the following Tuesday it was decided 'in consequence of the resolution of the ringers the belfry be closed for the present.' The peremptory nature of the request had irritated the wardens; but at a time when payment for ringing was general, it can be said on behalf of the ringers that their salary had been reduced considerably since 1827. The churchwardens' accounts for that year show quarterly payments of £13 2s. 6d.; in 1848, £10 was the payment for the year; in 1849 £10 was paid each half year.

A peal of 5,000 Kent Treble Bob Royal, composed by Charles Firth and conducted by William Scott—both of Wakefield—was rung at All Saints' by seven of the All Saints' Society and three of the Leeds company in 3 hours and 35 minutes on March 4th, 1850. The 'Wakefield Journal' commented that 'the peal does the greatest credit to the Societies, and revives in us the spirit of bygone days, performances which can never be forgot by the Leeds and Wakefield ringers of the last twenty years.' Another of Firth's compositions—5,184 Kent Treble Bob Major—was conducted by Scott at Barnsley on Sunday, March 30th, the band consisting of five Wakefield and three Barnsley ringers. A couple of months later the Barnsley Society came to Sandal and rang a peal of Treble Bob Minor in seven methods—Oxford, Violet, Duke of York, New London Pleasure, London Scholars Pleasure, City Delight and Arnold's Victory.

Unfortunately no peal books of either of the Wakefield Societies—assuming, that is, that any were in fact ever kept—are extant and most of the information for this article has been culled from newspaper reports, which often refer with longing to the great days of ringing at Wakefield and to the times when the town was truly 'Merrie Wakefield.' Some interesting points do emerge from a study of ringing during this period—the appearance of new local composers and conductors, the predominance of Kent Treble Bob, the popularity of Sunday as a day for ringing peals, the number and variety of extra-ecclesiastical occasions—some have been mentioned—on which the ringers were employed, that the peal of 8,000 Spliced Treble Bob in 1843 was the first peal for Joseph Paul Healey, then a 17-year-old apprentice shoemaker, who was to ring in peals of over 10,000 changes as well as in many of more conventional length, that the peal at St. John's in 1844 proved to be the last on the bells, which had, therefore, a peal history of only 50 years.



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UNIVERSITY OF WALES SOCIETY

With this year's inter-college Eisteddfod the Society celebrated its first birthday. Nine members met at Aberystwyth on February 17th, eight of whom attempted an evening peal at Llanbadarn Fawr. The light eight ran quite comfortably to Grandsire Triples for just over two hours, when the conductor, as is his wont, went to sleep. A premature call wrecked the chances of a peal, but the bells were called round in two courses and the band had to be satisfied with a long touch. Handbell-ringing in the 'Dragon' and a 'look-in' at the marathon table-tennis match concluded the proceedings for the night.

The following morning, the band made their way northwards in three cars to Machynlleth, with its light, slatelike eight in a vast slate church, in a town of slate throughout. The Vicar, the Rev. A. E. Evans, welcomed the band at the church, but warned them of the confusion that would pervade the town when the bells were rung. The imminence of the Royal birth had gripped the Welsh populace who, half-an-hour later, were prematurely rejoicing at the event.

The local captain, Mr. Davies, was not disappointed, however, as he was enabled to ring his first touch of Grandsire Triples since 1914, and very well he managed, too. A course of Stedman and three leads of Bristol were executed. Cader Idris surmounted, and we were in Barmouth, with rain and gale-force winds.

The church stood massively above the town, hard against the mountains, dripping wet. High in the tower was found a magnificent Mears eight with a 22 cwt. tenor. After fitting ropes, and raising the bells, a start was made for a peal of Bob Major. The glorious, seldom used bells rang majestically for 35 minutes, when one of the tower's own ropes snapped with sea-air and disappointment ensued. On resplicing, a course of Double Norwich was struck, some slow-struck Minor also, and the bells rung down.

Disappointment was short-lived, however, for Mr. Harris took us to the hall where the good ladies of the M.U. had laid a sumptuous spread of Welsh cakes and hot tea by the gallon.

By now the storm had given way to snow which fell like a silent portcullis on Cader and barred the way home. The coast road was still clear, however, and the band went their separate ways, the Swansea contingent doing the 120 miles in a furniture lorry in 5½ hours flat.

The Society is indebted to Mr. Harris and his ladies, Rev. A. E. Evans, and Mr. Davies for a day well spent.

D. G. A.

ECCENTRIC BELLFOUNDERS OF THE MENDIPS

By RONALD BAILEY

THE Bilbie family started business in Chew Stoke, a West Country village, in the 17th century, and continued until about the time of Waterloo. The earliest of their church bells, aptly enough, is to be found at Chew Stoke (1698). Bilbie bells are encountered in Bristol, occasionally in Wiltshire, and all over Somerset. Hardly a Mendip village is without one or more of them. Their largest product seems to be the two-ton tenor bell in Yeovil parish church.

In or about 1745 the second Thomas Bilbie, a freeman of Bristol, broke away from the Chew Stoke business to start the West of England Church Bell Foundry at Cullompton, in Devon. He was in business for 42 years, and supplemented his activities with the making of lead snow-boxes, cisterns, pump faces and similar articles, many of which still exist in that neighbourhood. An unverified story tells how the last of the Devon Bilbies destroyed himself on failing to tune a bell to perfection.

LEGENDS OF THE BILBIES

In Devon alone there are said to be 350 Bilbie bells. The Cullompton business was sold to the Pannells in 1813, and they continued it until 1855. The last of the bells from Chew Stoke foundry are at Wedmore and Chew Magna, both in Somerset and dated 1801.

Stories of the Bilbies abound in their native village. Tradition has it that they were a queer, eccentric, clannish family, living very much to themselves in almost gipsy fashion. It is said 'that they let their hair grow lank and long until it was half way down their backs. Whether they practised a lot of mumbo-jumbo nonsense to impress the clergy and churchwardens, or whether they really had trade secrets unknown to others, it is perhaps futile now to argue; but they sedulously surrounded their craft with an aura of mystery, and it cannot be denied that there are tonal qualities in their bells that place them in a class of their own.

PRODUCTION PRELIMINARIES

When a parish invited the Bilbies to provide a new bell, and especially when an entirely new ring was needed, a member of the family would arrive in the village and settle himself at the inn. He would seemingly loiter around for several days, undertaking nothing more strenuous than an occasional climb to a hilltop. Back in the village inn he would be very weather-wise, talking of the morrow's wind or rain. Then one day he would announce that conditions were just right, and he would ask for the ringers to be at the church before sunrise.

Before daybreak the bell-maker would make for the nearest pond and, no matter whether it was summer or winter, would strip off everything except trousers and boots and wade into the water until it was up to his neck. Standing motionless until the last ripple had died from the pond's surface he would then give a signal to the ringers to peal the existing bells.

Having correctly attuned his ear to the needful peal the bell-maker would return to Chew Stoke and the family would set to work. Sometimes they spent weeks in preparing the metal ingredients and the moulding loam. Calamine, which was plentiful on Mendip, was said to be one of their secrets, while the loam contained clay, dung, hair and 'zummat that can't be spoken of.'

CASTING RITUALS

The Bilbies specialised in tenor bells and these, it was asserted, were always cast in tune without the use of tuning forks and with no chiselling away of bits from the sound bow. The bells were cast either at Chew Stoke or in the churchyard below the tower in which they were to hang. But wherever the casting was done, it was not without its ritual. It was always done on a calm night, at a time of full moon, and after the midnight chimes of the church clock had faded away.

The Bilbies did not object to spectators; indeed, they seemed to welcome them, though the need for absolute quiet was insisted upon, and observers were posted along any approach roads to ensure that no cart rumbled noisily upon the scene to upset the texture of the molten metal. The casting process always ended with buckets of water being thrown on the fire—not to put it out, as the Bilbies explained, but so that the fire, for one brief moment, would flare up hotter than ever, and 'that's just what we do want.'

TRADITIONS

That their talent was something akin to genius no one will deny; and the Bilbies themselves were in no way modest about their achievements. They inscribed their bells with blatant self-advertisements and disparaging allusions to other bellfounders, and the phraseology was often naively rustic. For example, at Bruton we encounter:

Once I'd a note that no one could bear
But Bilbie made me sweet and clear.

And at Keynsham:

I value not who doth me see
For Thomas Bilbie casted me.
Although my sound it is but small
I can be heard amongst you all.

A story often told at Chew Stoke is about the time when the Bilbie brothers, having put the melting pot on and got everything ready for making the bell, adjourned to the inn. While they were away their sister came out of the house, and finding the metal just right for casting, poured it into the mould and produced a perfect bell. The brothers, on their return, smashed the bell and recast it. 'They felt,' it is said, 'that no woman should have credit for casting a maiden bell.'

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THE LADIES' GUILD

West Midlands District

An excellent meeting was held at Allesley, near Coventry, on March 5th. The weather was springlike and the crocus and snowdrops round the church made a gay show.

The Rector, Canon Hughes, conducted the service and a fine tea was provided by the local ringers. Mrs. Evelyn Bowen proposed a vote of thanks to Canon Hughes and the local ringers for their warm welcome and the ladies in particular who must have had to work hard to provide the tea. On behalf of the Coventry Guild and local ringers, Mr. F. Perrins welcomed the visitors and wished the Ladies' Guild success for the future.

At the business meeting the election of officers took place for the coming year. Mrs. Ann Speed was voted as new vice-president. The retiring vice-president, Mrs. Evelyn Bowen, has been in office for three terms and has been a tower of strength to the District, giving help and advice to the secretary and the benefit of her ringing experience to all. We wish her well in the future.

In the absence of Mrs. Speed the chair was taken by Mrs. D. Beamish. The secretary and treasurer's position was voted to Miss Mary Funnell. Central Committee members and District Committee members were then voted in.

The meeting was well attended by 40-odd ringers and the fine ring of bells put to very good use.

Western District

The annual meeting of the Western District was held at Emmanuel, Bristol, on March 12th, when there was a good attendance of members with visitors from other parts of the country.

The service was conducted by the Rev. H. R. Oakley who kindly deputised for the Priest-in-charge. Tea was provided by ladies from the church and grateful thanks are due to them for a splendid meal.

At the business meeting the vice-president expressed the pleasure of all those present at the unexpected visit of the Guild President, Mrs. J. Staniforth, accompanied by her husband, Mr. P. J. Staniforth, whose presence was a great asset to the ringing.

The following officers were elected:—Vice-President, Mrs. H. L. Parfrey; secretary, Miss B. Johnson; Committee: Mrs. A. Bennett, Mrs. M. de Jong, Miss N. Williams and Miss R. Webb.

Five new members were elected: Miss S. Lucas, Miss A. Lewis, Miss C. Ellis (all from Warmley), Mrs. R. Jones (Warminster), Miss N. Carter (Bristol). It is hoped that the June meeting will be held at Portishead.

J. B.

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DIARY OF A BRISTOL RINGER OF 100 YEARS AGO

By FREDERICK C. JONES

There has recently come to light the diary of a young Bristol ringer, Alfred Arney, who lived at Old Park, St. Michael's. It is a quarto size account book of some closely-written pages, covering the years 1851 *to* 1857.

Arney was apprenticed to the craft of trap-building and wheelbarrow making, and Mr. Frederick C. Jones, the lecturer in Bristol history for the W.E.A., in an article in the Bristol 'Evening Post,' states that he appears to have shown greater partiality to the art of bell-ringing than to his honest trade.

Mr. Jones writes:—

Bellringing was to him almost an hilarious occupation and there is hardly a local belfry which he did not climb to ring the bells, or cut his name in stone or lead. Mary-le-Port, Redcliffe, St. Nicholas', St. Michael's, and a dozen other towers are mentioned.

He rang the bell at the Cathedral on the taking of Sebastopol in the Crimean War. 'I went,' he writes, 'up to the Cathedral belfry in the morning; in the afternoon to St. Mark's belfry in College Green; and, in the evening, to Lodge Street Chapel.'

Bellringers at that time must have had remarkable thirsts, for he speaks quite casually of beer drinking prior to a service, which may account for his statement that on one occasion when at the Cathedral with two other youths they had an accident with the tenor bell; the rope caught in the wheel and broke it, and injured the hammer of the clock.

NATIONAL HABIT

Beer drinking, it must be remembered, however, was a century ago a national habit, and even the 'Red Maids' had their cups for breakfast. After the bellringing, young Arney tells us he would stroll out to Westbury to gather primroses, or to the fields at Old Park to pick cowslips, or to watch the haymaking on St. Michael's Hill.

Among the inns to which he makes reference are the Griffin, Robin Hood, the, Blue Bowl, Boar's Head Tavern in the Market, the Wheatsheaf, the Raven, Mary-le-Port Street, 'White's by the Downs,' and the Crown in Wine Street.

Attending church services, apart from bell-ringing, would seem to have taken up much of his time, and he invariably gives the name of the minister or curate who preached, the text and title of the sermon, and (often) what he himself, a young man in his early twenties, thought of it.

The local churches must have been well patronised, for the diary sometimes reports: 'Well attended' or 'full to overflowing.'

OLD THEATRE

Thus he records: 'I went this morning to St. Mary-le-Port and was put in a seat. In the afternoon . . . I went to the Latter-Day Saints' Chapel in Thomas Street, and in the evening as far as the Terminus Railway and back to St. Matthias' Church. It was wet all day.'

Arney's interest in church is very sincere for he mentions sadly under Sunday, August 6th, 1853: 'They are pulling down Old Bedminster Church.'

That the life of the working man was not all drudgery is evidenced by the gusto with which he writes that he 'went with Uncle and Aunt to the Assembly Rooms to see Professor Boscow; to Congresbury Fair, to the Museum, Park Street and the Victoria Rooms, to the Zoological Gardens and Hotwells, and to the Old Theatre to see 'The Will and the Way,' 'Queen Mab,' 'The Forty Thieves' and 'Uncle Tom's Cabin.'

CANNON FIRED

Christenings and marriages are to him a great delight for he visited Henbury to see the marriage of 'Miss Way, daughter of the rector, to Mr. Edwards, of Redland Court. She is about 20 and he about 48. Great arches of evergreens and flags were everywhere.'

On another occasion we find him at Ashton 'when Henry Grenville Upton Smythe came of age. There was a large bonfire and gala besides a dinner for the tenants. Seven large cannon fired volleys. Several triumphal arches were thrown across the Ashton Road, and there were illuminations on Ashley Hill and College Green.'

Club walks by friendly societies are mentioned frequently, and it would seem that the entire inhabitants of Bristol turned out to see their Whitsuntide parades.

Among clubs recorded are: The Clifton Benefit Society, the Spring Garden Club, the Hibernia, and the Oddfellows. They must have been an inspiring sight with their banners (one of which Arney carried), their music, and their long poles bearing the brass emblem of their particular club.

Amid his colourful activities, Arney was a champion walker. He thought little of walking from St. Michael's Hill to Keynsham in 1¼ hours, or in early dawn at four or five in the morning, setting out to reach Congresbury in four hours 40 minutes.

He was obviously a believer in the old-fashioned Christmas, and his entry for Christmas Day, 1856, is typical of many.

CHRISTMAS BOXES

'Left Bristol this morning at six o'clock and walked to Wrington. Arrived at 11 o'clock. It snowed all the way.'

'In the afternoon I went to Wrington Church, and in the evening went with Uncle Joseph to have a peal on the bells.'

Joining with the local ringers to which his uncle belonged, he spent Boxing Day parading round the parish and collecting their money (Christmas boxes). From Wrington they walked to Redhill where they rang the hand-bells at the Darlington Arms, 'where there was a fight among the ringers about their money.'

The next day he walked across the fields to Congresbury, and in the afternoon helped to ring the bells, following this up, some 24 hours after, by a ringing in Yatton belfry.

90ft. HIGH

News of unusual events travelled quickly in the old Bristol of last century, so that we find him on Monday, August 28th, 1854, 'cleaning himself up' (this is his phrase) after his day's work and walking in the evening to the Downs 'to see a woman walk on the tite-rope.'

The rope set up near the top of Black Boy was 90 feet high and three hundred feet long. In the presence of hundreds of spectators the poor young woman, when half-way fell off, the rope being too slack.

The next month we are told that the writer went with two friends to Horfield to see 'Mrs. Dunn who aims at walking 1,000 miles.' One wonders whether the lady ever reached her destination!

The diary elsewhere mentions a fine race on the Bath Road between two runners for a wager of £10.

As a variation, Arney rids himself of surplus energy by climbing to the top of one of the towers of the Suspension Bridge, and goes out to Bath Bridge where, watched by a concourse of idle onlookers, a man is drawn in a tub by four geese above the water.

SEVERE WINTER

The winter of 1956 must have been severe in Bristol. Against February 18th he records: 'The Float (Floating Harbour) was frozen over. There were hundreds of people walking on the ice.'

'I fell in, and a man pulled me out.'

The winter must have been a terrible one for the soldiers fighting in the Crimea, but three months later, on May 29th, suspense turned to jubilation over the news that the war had come to an end.

The diarist terms it 'a day of rejoicing. There were luminations in the town, and a band of music at the Angel Inn in High Street and in the Old Market. I had a half-holiday. The Regiment of Somerset Militia came over from Ireland by the packet. They paraded on College Green, and were dismissed.'

Alfred Arney's Diary comes to an abrupt end early in 1857. Were there other diaries that are lost? We do not know! The city's annals are silent as to his subsequent exploits.

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY

WE departed from tradition in two ways on Wednesday, February 24th, when we held a cycle outing. Firstly, this term's outing is always held on the Wednesday of Rag Week, but this year Rag Wednesday unfortunately coincided with Ash Wednesday and it was necessary to bring the outing forward a week; and secondly, we always have good weather and this time it rained almost continuously during the afternoon and evening. This did not seem to deter our members, and some dozen of us started out from our usual rendezvous—the Victoria Rooms—at 1.45 p.m. We were pleased to have so many freshers with us on this occasion.

The first tower — Clapton-in-Gordano (6 8 cwt.) was reached in good time by a ride through Somerset countryside, which is remarkably pretty—even in the rain. The ringing was not of a very high standard and this was to remain the order of the day (with one or two exceptions), but we enjoyed the bells. The next tower was the five in East Clevedon, preceded by a ride down the Gordano Valley, which we were able to appreciate to the full as the rain had temporarily stopped. After ringing, we invaded a pleasant cafe for tea and the atmosphere became quite hilarious. Fortified by an excellent tea we set off for Yatton—a ride which proved to be very strenuous, the wind being in the 'strong to gale-force' region and against us.

The eight at Yatton (tenor 12 cwt.) are very fine indeed and although we didn't really do them justice we enjoyed ringing. Our thanks to Mr. Price for meeting us and for taking us up to see the bells whilst in motion.

TREPIDATION

Congresbury (8) which we approached with some trepidation as the tenor is 35 cwt. (a bit heavy for a cycle outing) was next on the list. No one had the courage or the energy to turn the tenor in and so we were limited to Triples. We had been led to believe (by one of our senior members who was unable to join us owing to the demands of his patients) that these bells were 'buckets,' but this was found not to be the case, much to our delight. On leaving the church we found our bicycles tied together. The gate at the bottom of the church drive appeared to be padlocked and, suspecting a practical joke, an energetic member of the party had manhandled some six or seven cycles over it before it was realised that the gate was not locked after all and the remainder were able to make a more orthodox departure.

The last tower of the day, Backwell (8. 17 cwt.) where we joined the local practice, was reached by 8 p.m. after a ride in the rain, which was again falling in earnest. In spite of everything some of the best ringing of the day was had here, and we are grateful to the local ringers for allowing us to invade their practice.

A further halt was made at an inn to fortify ourselves for the long ride home, and we were able to steam before a lovely fire prior to going out in the rain again. Everyone was cheerful on the way home and in spite of the fact that some of us lacked back or front lights, we all arrived home safely, tired and happy. We wish to thank all the incumbents and tower captains for allowing us to ring, and Miss Jane Cook for her excellent organisation. There was a suggestion that she should clean all our bikes for us as Somerset lanes are notoriously muddy, as one of our members who had no front mudguard will have cause to remember.

A. G.

NORWICH DIOCESAN

The Eastern Branch again went to Loddon for the annual meeting on February 20th and, contrary to expectations, the weather was quite spring-like. First arrivals were welcomed by the Association Ringing Master, 'Bill' Barrett, who was in the throes of a spot of belfry maintenance, after which the handy eight were soon being rung to suit all tastes, under the capable eye of Miss Doris Lidbetter, Branch Ringing Master.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (Canon C. R. Ninham), the lesson read by the Branch secretary, and the organist was the Rev. Giles Galley.

An excellent tea followed, with the ubiquitous 'Bill' as caterer-cum-waiter, in company with Mrs. Barrett and Mrs. Steward.

The meeting was presided over by the Branch chairman (Mr. E. R. Goate), and the business proceeded briskly. Members heard with regret the news of two of their number who could not be with them through illness — the president (Mr. Nolan Golden), who had just left hospital, and Mr. Harwood, who had caught a chill.

Officers elected were: Chairman, Mr. E. R. Goate; secretary, Mr. P. G. W. Newstead; Ringing Master, Miss D. Lidbetter; committee, Messrs. A. Bird, C. Bailey, J. Forder, J. Gorrod and B. Willgress; Association committee representatives, Rev. G. Galley and Mr. W. Duncan. Michael Barker and Richard Brown were elected to ringing membership, and Arthur Cooper and Miss Gloria Wilson as probationers.

The next meeting will be held at Acle on April 9th (to be confirmed).

Western Branch

Thirty-five members, representing 16 towers, attended the annual meeting of the Western branch, held at Fakenham on February 27th. Ringing was under the supervision of the Deputy Ringing Master, Mr. G. A. Cooke. The service was conducted by the incumbent, Rev. G. F. Grey, and the lesson read by the Rev. A. N. Ainsworth.

Tea was prepared and served in the Church Rooms by friends and relations of the local band.

A letter of apology was read from the President, Mr. Nolan Golden, who was unable to be present owing to his indisposition. The chairman, the Rev. R. G. Dodson, paid tribute to the efforts of Mr. Golden on behalf of the Association, and all members of the Western branch wished him a speedy recovery from his operation.

The chairman also thanked all officers and members for their work during the past year. The following officers were re-elected: Chairman, Rev. R. G. Dodson; Ringing Master, Mr. G. A. Cooke; hon. secretary, Mr. C. Tovell.

It was agreed that an interim meeting be held at North Creake on April 23rd, and the next quarterly meeting at Necton with Holme Hale on May 28th.

Votes of thanks were given to the Vicar, the organist, the local band, and the ladies who prepared and served tea.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

The quarterly meeting of the North Dorset Branch was held at Shillingstone on March 5th, when 34 ringers were present from 14 towers, including a high proportion of young ringers. Ringing was conducted by Mr. W. C. Shute, who, as usual, saw to it that everyone had plenty of ringing.

In his address during the Guild Service, the Rector of Shillingstone, the Rev. P. Grubb, mentioned that he was a relative of the original C. Mears, the bell founder. It was nice therefore to know that his church has such a fine ring of six bells, though not cast by Mears: they are Loughborough bells, rehung in 1929 on ball bearings, tenor 16 cwt.

At the business meeting after tea, Compton Abbas ringers were congratulated on ringing a quarter peal on the occasion of the birth of the Royal Prince. It was hoped to ring a peal for the Branch in the near future, the Rector kindly offering Shillingstone tower; this to be in honour of the royal birth.

Ringing was resumed afterwards, Okeford Fitzpaine and Childe Okeford also being open.

R. N. L.

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD

First Meeting At Church Gresley

Although it was said that the Guild or its predecessor had never met in a 5-bell tower, the February meeting at Church Gresley, with its old five, amply justified the innovation, as over 40 attended from 16 towers, crowding the small chamber to capacity.

At a short service the Vicar (Rev. K. Roy Upton, who has learnt to handle a bell) spoke of the message inscribed on the tenor—

'I sweetly tolling men do call
To taste on meats that feede the soule.
1639.'

After a good tea, prepared by the Mothers' Union, the Vicar recounted the history of the tower (it was depicted on the locally-made tea plates) and thanked the ladies.

The new chairman (Mr. R. A. Welton) took charge of the business meeting, and the Guild president (Ven. E. Aldington-Hunt, Vicar of Burton) presented the retiring chairman (Mr. William H. Curson) with a pen and pencil set. Mr. J. W. Cotton, the hon. secretary, said that he had known Mr. Curson for 40 years, originally as a cricketer, and as a ringer since the mid-twenties. In 1931 they had participated in the pilgrimage to the Menin Gate, Belgium. He had been chairman since 1947.

Mr. Curson, thanking the Guild for the gift, said he was pleased at the success of the 5-bell meeting, and gave encouraging advice to the young Gresley band, saying that five bells had their own magic to the discriminating ringer.

The president then presented Guild certificates to two Gresley ringers—Mr. D. P. Jones and David Eames (14), the first local boy to ring a peal. Three more were elected to Guild membership—David Perry (12), Ian Measures (13) and Albert Baxter (14); also Miss Margaret Squires, of All Saints', Burton. Mr. Upton presented attendance prizes to Graham Freeman (14) and I. Measures. The president thanked him for the welcome the Guild had received on their first visit to Gresley.

D. P. J.

OXFORD GUILD'S WEEK-END COURSE

This course to be held at Big Wood, Radley, from April 29th to May 1st, is organised by the Oxford Diocesan Guild as a result of its Sunday Service Survey and as part of its efforts to improve the state of Sunday Service ringing within the Diocese and to provide more instructors and leaders. The course is planned for those who wish to learn more about ringing and for future instructors in elementary ringing.

The instructors will include the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg, Master of the Guild; Mr. Frederick Sharpe, President of the Central Council; Wilfred Wilson, author of 'Notes for Beginners' and 'On Conducting'; Wilfrid Moreton, well known as a conductor and instructor, and Arthur Barker, honorary treasurer of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

Instruction will be so arranged that both those at elementary stages and those seeking more advanced knowledge will be catered for. Subjects considered will include bell handling, elementary change ringing and conducting, composition and proof, bell maintenance and the history of bells.

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The cost for the week-end (both tuition and full board and accommodation) will be £3 3s.

Further information can be obtained from: Miss M. R. Cross, The School House, Radley, Abingdon.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT

The annual meeting of the Sheffield and District Society was held on March 5th at St. John's Church, Ranmoor. Eight of the ten bells were raised in peal promptly at 3 p.m. and the meeting began with a musical touch of Grandsire Caters. Ringing ranged from rounds to London Surprise Major and Cambridge Surprise Royal. Over 50 people sat down to tea, 16 towers being represented.

The business meeting was presided over by the Rev. Mr. Needham, who has recently been inducted to the parish. Mr. D. Stables was thanked for volunteering to bring the Society's peal book up to date as everyone was impressed by the specimens of his work. Three towers indicated that they would accept block membership under the Society's new rule, which provides that towers may pay a minimum block subscription of 1s. 6d. per rope for whole tower instead of 1s. per individual member.

The President, Mr. H. O. Chaddock, expressed his firm intention of resigning and as members had not had time to consider nominations for this office it was decided to elect a new president at the cup contest meeting on May 7th. Thanks were expressed to Mr. H. O. Chaddock for his services as president during the past ten years.

The four vice-presidents elected were Messrs. N. Chaddock, F. Brunt, S. Scattergood and H. Rook. Mr. Philip Coote, of Rotherham, was elected assistant secretary. The remaining officers were unchanged.

The secretary, Mr. J. Seager, again appealed for more co-operation in notifying for teas at meetings. The secretary's report indicated that the Society's finances were very satisfactory. Eight new members were elected.

Next meeting at Wortley on April 2nd.

MR. JOHN A. UNDERWOOD'S 200 PEALS

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Surprise Minor.—Cambridge 2, Chester 1, 4 methods 1, 6 methods 1, 7 methods 1, 14 methods 1, 16 methods 2, 21 methods 2, 23 methods 1, 29 methods 1.

Triples.—Grandsire 10, Oxford Bob 2, Plain Bob 1, Stedman 5.

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DEATH

MYERS.—On March 14th, 1960, at 79, Regent Street, Plymouth, George Harry, aged 88 years, beloved husband of Blanche, loving father of Tom, Will, Arminel and Fred, father-in-law of Sam and Barbara, grandad of Malcolm and Graham. 5996

IN MEMORIAM

POOLE.—Mrs. Phyllis passed away March 20th, 1958. In love and gratitude we remember her. 5982

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MEETINGS

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Aston-on-Trent, Saturday, March 26th, 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—W. A. Morley, Dis. Sec. 5955

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting March 26th,, 3.15 p.m. Darlington (St. John). Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by March 24th to Mr. F. W. Cooke, 10, Limehurst Road, Darlington. 5961

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Upwell, Saturday, March 26th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m., Service 4.30. Names for tea by 25th.—J. Fox, Walpole Marsh, Wisbech.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Learners' practice meeting, Saturday, March 26th, Bramley 6-9 p.m.—S. G. Ponting, Hon. Sec. 5977

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Mansfield District.—Meeting, Farnsfield, Saturday, March 26th (note change of venue). Bells (5) 3 p.m., Service 4.30 p.m.—D. H. Rooke, Dis. Sec. 5855

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Surprise practice at Ewell, Saturday, March 26th, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Special method. Ashtead.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 5944

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting at Rye on March 26th. Ringing from 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing possibly at Iden after tea. 5940

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C., Saturday, April 2nd, 6 p.m. Ringing at St. James', Clerkenwell, 4 p.m. Advance Notice. Meeting at Derby, Saturday, April 30th. Full details of ringing and luncheon arrangements later. The 323rd Anniversary Dinner will be held at The Bridge House Restaurant, London Bridge, S.E.1, on Saturday, November 5th, 1960.—John Chilcott, Hon. Sec. 5946

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Meeting at Cranfield, Saturday, April 2nd. Bells (5) 3 p.m., Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, please, to Mr. Bignell, 197, High Street, Cranfield, Bletchley, Bucks. 5999

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Meeting 3 p.m., Saturday April 2nd, Butlers Marston, near Kineton. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome. Names to P. A. Oram, 15, Henley Road, Leamington Spa. 5988

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Annual meeting Dudley, April 2nd. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to R. A. Peakham, Les Cloches, 10, Louth Crescent, Kingswinford, Staffs. 5994

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Morpeth Watch Tower on April 2nd. Names for tea essential by Wednesday, March 30th, to Mr. N. I. Wright, 10, De Merely Road, Morpeth, Northumberland. 5600

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Evening meeting, Saturday, April 2nd, at Haddenham. Bells (6) 5.30 p.m.—D. F. Murfet, Dis. Sec. 5976

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—April 2nd. Bristol Cathedral. Evensong 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Bells (8) after tea. Christ Church (10) 2.30 to 3.45 p.m.—A. Bennett. 5993

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting at Ottershaw, Saturday, April 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss E. Loveland, Cleeve, Maybury Hill, Woking. 5989

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth District.—Quarterly meeting at Alveley (6), Saturday April 2nd. Bells 3 p.m., Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea before Wednesday, March 30th, to H. Edge, 10, The Crescent, Much Wenlock, Salop. 5965

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting at Norton, April 2nd, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by March 30th, to H. Werrett, 219, Glebe Road, Letchworth.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 5968

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Quarterly meeting Penshurst on Saturday, April 2nd. Bells 3 p.m., Service 4.15, Tea 5 p.m. (2s. 6d.). Names for tea, with cash please, by Tuesday, March 29th to Miss D. Colgate, 30, Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks. 5926

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Monthly meeting at Kirkby Lonsdale, Saturday, April 2nd. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to E. Proctor, 7 Greenside, Kirkby Lonsdale.—P. Handley, Hon. Sec. 5987

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—Meeting at Aughton, Saturday, April 2nd. Christ Church bells 2.30-4 p.m. and St. Michael's bells from 4 p.m. Tea at St. Michael's at 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Larkey, 38, Smithy Lane, Aughton, Ormskirk.—C. F. Low. 5983

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting at Swithland, Saturday, April 2nd. Bells (6) available 3 p.m., Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in Village Hall 5 p.m. Also ringing at Thurcaston (8) 7 to 8.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, March 30th, please, to Mr. J. Kesterton, 30, Royal Road, Leicester. 5979

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch.—Annual meeting, Dorchester, Saturday, April 2nd. Ringing 3 to 4.15 p.m. Meeting, followed by Evensong 6 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, March 30th, to J. Godman, 22, Sunnyside, Benson. 5971

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting Oxendon, Saturday, April 2nd. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to E. M. Thresher, 22, Watson Road, Long Buckby, Rugby. 5601

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Weekley (6) on Saturday, April 2nd. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by Tuesday previous, to Mr. G. W. Clarke, Post Office, Weekley. 5962

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch. — Quarterly meeting Aldwinckle, April 2nd. Usual arrangements. Names for teas by Tuesday previous, please, L. Witten, 4 John Street, Thrapston, Kettering, Northants. 5981

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting, Solihull (10), April 2nd. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea and meeting 4.30 p.m. Please notify G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham, 28. 'phone SPR 1025. 5992

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, April 2nd, Holy Trinity, Bradford-on-Avon. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Christ Church (8) available after 6 p.m. Names for tea to E. J. Hitchins, 136, Bradley Road, Trowbridge, Wilts. 5969

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Wortley, Saturday, April 2nd, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. Francis, Park Lodge, Wortley, Sheffield, please.—J. Seager, Sec. 5998

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North-East District.—Meeting at Bungay (8). On Saturday, April 2nd. Bells 3 p.m., Service 4.30, Tea 5 p.m. Please order tea by sending names by the previous Wednesday to A. R. Bridges, Dis. Sec., 28, Waterloo Avenue, Leiston. 5942

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, West Grinsted (6), Saturday, April 2nd, 3 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, March 30th, to Mr. M. C. Longhurst, Waterloo Cottage, Worthing Road, West Grinstead.—Mrs. E. L. Hairs, Hon. Sec. 5997

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting Thruxton (6), Saturday, April 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service, tea and meeting. Ringing afterwards. Amport (6) 6.30 to 7.30 p.m. Abbott's Ann (5) 7.30 to 9 p.m. Names for tea by March 30th to Rev. H. Crecy, The Rectory, Thruxton, Andover. 5970

LADIES' GUILD.—Sussex District.—Meeting at Uckfield (8), April 9th. Bells 3 p.m., Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Ladies, please support. Gentlemen cordially invited. Names for tea by April 6th, to Miss L. Beeney, Hon. Sec., St. George's Nursery, 7, Chilston Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent. 5974

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn and Preston Branches.—Joint meeting at Whalley, April 9th. Bells (8) 3 p.m., Cups of tea 5 p.m., Meeting to follow. Buses X27, 215, X23, 231, 227.—J. Pilkington and L. Walmsley. 5985

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Acle, April 9th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m., Service 4.15, Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, 6th, certain, please, to Mr. H. W. Lidbetter, Hollycroft, Acle, Norwich. NOR 202.—P. G. W. Newstead, Branch Sec. 5975

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Practice meeting at Lakenheath (6), April 9th. Bells 6.30 p.m.—A. F. Ballam, Dis. Sec. 5980

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Bromley, Easter Monday, April 18th. Service 12 noon. Lunch 1 p.m., Bell Hotel (members 5s., others 7s. 6d.). Tickets, with details of ringing and business, from Mr. B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, Bobbing, Sittingbourne, Kent. Applications, and nominations for Central Council representatives, 1960–3, by April 12th.—Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Hon. Sec. 5905

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NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice. Annual general meeting, Saturday, April 30th. Details later.—W. Love, Gen. Sec. and Treas. 5972

OBITUARY

MR. H. E. WILLS

Mr. Harry Edward Wills died on March 5th, two days after his 80th birthday, after a short illness. He came to Barnby Don from Croydon about 1943 and soon became endeared to the local ringers. A more pleasant and generous man would be hard to find, and as his main ringing took place before coming to Barnby Don, nothing is known of it, due to his modesty. He was a most reliable service ringer, even when his health began to fail, until a year or so ago, when it became impossible for him to attend.

He will be missed by the local ringers for his personality alone.

May he rest in peace. R. F. L.

MR. ALBERT STONE

The funeral took place on Thursday week at Brighton of Mr. Albert Stone. Eighty-four years of age he was probably the last survivor of the famous Brighton band of the beginning of the century. He gave useful service to the Sussex County Association, serving for some years as secretary. Old colleagues of Mr. Stone rang a touch of Stedman Triples half-muffled at St. Peter's Church for the service.

SHEBBEAR COLLEGE SOCIETY

Shebbear is situated in a remote corner of North Devon, where the average age of most bands is considerably nearer 40 than our 14. The sight of a group of boys ringing their bells is sometimes too much for these seasoned Devon ringers and although the boys cannot hope to approach the generally very high standard of striking expected of local bands, they achieve a level which is considerably better than anticipated.

As is inevitable when starting from scratch, progress has been slow but nevertheless steady striking and general handling have improved at every step. When a main band of eight had become proficient in ringing rounds, call changes were rung until they had graduated to a longish peal with the bells changing at every hand-stroke. The next step was to take the boys in threes and learn to plain-hunt on three bells. The idea soon caught on and before long plain-hunting courses on five bells were rung quite successfully. Four people then learnt Plain Bob Minimus and before the end of the school year a quarter peal in this method was rung. The striking at this stage left much to be desired but progress was made at every practice.

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At the beginning of the next term another quarter peal of Minimus was rung with a rearranged band and this resulted in a great improvement in striking and general competence. Now Minimus is left behind and Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles have both been rung this term.

In addition to the main nucleus of comparatively competent ringers there are about 14 at the rounds and early call-change stage and these are catered for at a separate practice.

The most rewarding feature has been the way in which all concerned have attended practices and Sunday ringing and it is a rare thing for anyone to miss either. This has resulted in an extremely happy and flourishing school society which is rapidly becoming known all over Devon. The Headmaster has been most co-operative towards the society and this has certainly played a large part in its success. The Vicar and villagers of Shebbear have also been most longsuffering: their forbearance at times must have been tested to the limit.

Outings have been arranged and carried out successfully on several occasions. Thirty churches have been visited in Devon and Cornwall. The boys have visited Exeter Cathedral twice and rang the middle eight very creditably at the last November practice. During the autumn term a party of eight visited Truro Cathedral and Kenwyn and rang at both churches for Sunday service. Another outing this term concluded with ringing on the beautiful eight of St. Peter's, Tiverton, for Evensong.

On February 27th, the first quarter peal of Doubles was rung in celebration of the birth of the Headmaster's grandchild. It is hoped that a peal of Grandsire Doubles will be scored before the end of this term and this will do much to instil confidence and a sense of achievement.

The secretary (Ian R. Slee) would be very pleased to hear from other school ringing societies and perhaps a joint meeting could be held some time in the future.

J. L. Q.

FANATICS TOUR NORTH ESSEX IN THE MURK

On an even more horrible day than usual, a number of young ringers from Bedford, reinforced by colleagues from Reading and elsewhere, converged by all forms of powered transport on North Essex. By 9.45 a.m., most had found their way to Bishops Stortford. With the uncertainties of hitch-hiking your correspondent missed this tower, but it is rumoured that all 10 bells were put to good use: Stedman and Grandsire Caters, and Cambridge Royal all came round.

By Great Dunmow the transport had sorted itself out and the beautiful, mellow bells (8, 21 cwt.) were very quickly put in action. The learners had some useful Triples and Kent, while the more experienced revelled in Cambridge and even some 5-spliced! The bells were much appreciated.

High speed driving got everyone to Bocking in good time. The handy, musical 8 (18.3.16) sounded very pleasant to Bristol and Yorkshire. Double Norwich came round, but Grandsire Triples came into rounds by some very un-Grandsire changes! A nice warm hostelry across the road thawed the party out and provided an excellent meal.

All too soon, the transport was off again, bound for Halstead. There was a delay while a funeral was concluded, and in consequence ringing was limited to half an hour.

The lovely village of Castle Hedingham with its half timbered houses was much admired in spite of the drizzle. The bells (6, 12½ cwt.) were a good match for the village and the large ground floor ringing chamber held everyone while Double Court, London, etc., were brought round. Darkness had descended by the time Finchingfield was reached. But the party could see the result of the restoration in progress. The mellow eight (18 in E) soon rang out to London, Yorkshire, etc.

The weakness of some navigators (and the drivers) was exposed on the corkscrew route to Thaxted for tea. One car load claimed to have seen another car belonging to the party pass them in opposite direction! Anyhow the majority arrived in good time and descended on the Swan Hotel, where mine host responded gallantly.

The glorious eight (15-0-2 E flat) need no further description and were much appreciated by all. Perhaps the flood lighting made some ringers nervous, for not all the touches were as good as they might have beeen. Yorkshire, London and Spliced Plain and Little Bob all sounded good but some Oxford Bob Triples caused an unmerited amount of chaos.

All too soon the party set off for Newport by some fiendish side roads. Everyone arrived in one piece and these overpoweringly noisy bells (6, 14-2-17 in F) were rung to Cambridge, Plain, Little, Plain and finally some Spliced Minor in x methods which came round, to the experts' amazement!

Farewells were said and the party broke up to disperse to all points of the compass until the next university term. Believe it or not, the local hostelries did not get much trade that night—heaven knows why!

Many thanks for painstaking organisation to Jennifer Davies, and of course to all the local ringers and incumbents who so politely put up with such a wild mob.

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43265				—	
25364			—	S	
45362			S		
32456	—		—	5	(BBSBB)
324567890		6		3	
46325	—		—	S	
24365	—			6	(BBSBBS)
32546	—		—		
52436	2			—	
23456	2			3	

First rung on Saturday, February 6th, 1959, at St. Michael's, Southampton.

PETERSTONE WENTLOOG, GLAM.—On Mar. 12th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: A. G. Thompson 1, C. Chambers 2, A. F. R. Hartley 3, R. Hughes 4, R. G. Havard 5, A. M. Coombs (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to the ringers of 2 and 5.

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POINTS FROM RECENT PEALS

THE usual title for the article, but the peals not 'so recent'! This is not entirely my fault (I am covering the last quarter of 1959), because we are still, as I write, getting last year's peals published now and again.

Firstly, referring to my last article, I am grateful to those who corrected my mention of a peal at St. Werburgh's, Derby. I thought, at the time, that something was wrong there, for I had an idea that something had happened to the bells at that church. They were removed some years ago. The tower where this peal was rung was St. Werburgh's, Spondon, Derby—a village just outside the city.

Towers in the news in the period under review are led by Erith, the most prolific of all church rings. The 550th peal was rung here in October last, and we shall soon have the 600 up in two or three years' time at the present rate. Most peals in any tower last year were rung at the Bell Foundry, Loughborough: 62 peals in the year, which was a record even for them. I make the grand total here, at the end of 1959, 824. The lead in number of peals amongst 5-bell towers has changed during the period and our congratulations go to Marston, which has passed Warkton's total of 32—a lead which it had held for 30 years or so. Only one tower seems to have reached three figures in the last quarter of 1959—Waltham Abbey. A claim was made for the 100th at Thurcaston, on November 28th, but I made it the 99th—I should be pleased to check this with the tower concerned. Fifty peals were accomplished at the following:—North Muskham, Willesborough, Trumpington and Rothwell. Several towers will reach their 50 with the next peal viz. Buckland (Surrey), Birch-in-Rusholme, Newport (All Saints'), Bowdon, Wenhaston and Brenchley. I confirm the Chobham claim of the 25th peal on the bells.

Now for newly conquered towers. I confirm claims for first on the bells at Sibbertoft, Lowdham, Hartland, North Petherwyn, Marston Trussell and West Tanfield. I add to this list Great Thurlow, where the peal rung would appear to be the first according to my records, although unclaimed. I disallow the claim for first on the bells at Wath, Ripon. I have two peals there, in 1910 and 1929.

Several infrequent visitors to the peal columns have been noticed. As mentioned in the footnote, the peal at Drayton, Oxon, was the first for over 70 years. I had recorded three peals here, two in 1887 and one in 1888 (the last one). That is an unusually long silence for a 'conquered' tower. Four others have been heard for the first time in a peal since before the 1st World War— Bradbourne, whose only previous peal was rung in 1905; Whittlebury and Worfield, last heard in 1911 (in each case, the only peal I have come across); and Orsett, where I confirm the footnote of first peal for 46 years. Again, this was the only previous peal. Sherry and Redmarley D'Abitot (what a lovely name!) last appeared in the peal lists in 1922. At the former of these, five peals have now been rung—the first in 1902; at the latter, two peals in 1922 are the only ones I have.

Siddington and Newent come next—last heard of in 1926. There have now been three peals at Siddington—the first in 1902, and nine at Newent—the first in 1910. The peal at Brampton Ash was the first to be published since 1930 (eight in all now). The 'first peal for 26 years' claim at Upper Beeding should really have been 27 years, for the last one there was one of Bristol Major on May 21st, 1932. Before the first war, I have 16 peals here, mostly of Triples and commencing in 1894. Four of Major (Double Norwich, Superlative, London and Bristol) were rung in 1920, 1930, 1931 and 1932 respectively. It isn't usually the 8-bell towers where long silences have to be mentioned.

Another tower which has not been heard since 1932 is Wellesbourne Hastings, which had its only previous peal then. Strangely enough, it is another 8-bell tower which comes next. Paignton, Devon, has only had 3 peals, Grandsire Triples in 1928, Stedman Triples in 1934 and now London Major in 1959. Dymock (6) has not had a peal of Minor yet. Its three peals are Stedman Doubles in 1933 and Grandsire Doubles in 1935 and 1959. I confirm that the last peal at South Hackney was in 1936 (yet another 8-bell tower, with several peals in the past). Upton, Lincs, had its last peal in 1937. There was one before that, in 1933. The final tower with a peal silence of 20 years or more is Tarvin—two previous peals, in 1910 and 1939.

The following are footnote claims with which I disagree! The peal of Superlative at Bray was not the first in the method on the bells. One in the method was rung in 1901. Double Norwich was not the first of Major at Exminster — Double Norwich was rung there in 1951. Similarly, we have not recently had the first of Surprise at Withycombe Raleigh: Superlative was rung there in 1949. Clun Imperial Bob Major had been previously rung as Hedingham Bob on July 24th, 1957, so the latter must remain its proper name. Some of these points have already been noted in letters to the Editor.

Finally, one or two points of interest. The peal at Basingstoke, All Saints', was the first on the nine bells since the ones which caused such controversy in 1946. I didn't see any comments this time! At Long Stratton, it was the sixth consecutive year that a peal was rung on Christmas Eve—and the only peal in the tower each year, too! Then congratulations to Forncett S. Peter, which becomes yet another 5-bell tower to reach double figures.

K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

Peals rung in honour of the birth of a second son to Her Majesty the Queen, on Feb. 19th, 1960

TEN BELL PEAL

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY
AND
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 19, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 34¼ cwt. in C sharp.

SUSAN CHADDOCK	*Treble*	NORMAN CHADDOCK	6
MRS. N. CHADDOCK	2	PHILIP COOTE	7
GORDON K. CHADDOCK	3	JOHN S. SEAGER	8
HERBERT O. CHADDOCK	4	JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK	9
IAN TILLING	5	PHILIP WALKER	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

EIGHT BELL PEAL

LLANDAFF, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Feb. 24, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

BRYNLEY TAYLOR	*Treble*	GEOFFREY J. STICKLAND	5
DAVID J. LLEWELLYN	2	THOMAS YEOMANS	6
NEVIL A. JAMES	3	WILLIAM J. GOODFELLOW	7
ANTHONY M. COMBS	4	TREVOR T. LEWIS	*Tenor*

Composed by T. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by TREVOR T. LEWIS.

OTHER PEALS—

TWELVE BELL PEAL

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., March 19, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

RUTH M. BORDER	*Treble*	MICHAEL ELSON	7
MURIEL REAY	2	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	8
*R. GEORGE MORRIS	3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	9
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	4	*DAVID BEACHAM	10
JOHN MCDONALD	5	JOHN A. ANDERSON	11
GEORGE E. FEARN	6	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* First peal of Cambridge Maximus.

TEN BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., March 7, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE OXFORD BOB ROYAL
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Treble*	*JOSEPH W. COTTON	6
*A. JAMES POYNOR	2	GORDON A. HALLS	7
*ALAN E. HARTLEY	3	JOHN M. JELLEY	8
ERNEST MORRIS	4	*RUSSELL S. MORRIS	9
*MRS. G. A. HALLS	5	G. RONALD EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY (Circuits AW and DX).
Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor. First of Royal in the method for the Guild.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 19, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5093 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB CATERS
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in E flat.

MRS. T. J. LOCK	*Treble*	ROY D. TOMLIN	6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	2	DENNIS KNOX	7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	3	*THOMAS J. LOCK	8
JOAN BERESFORD	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	9
JOHN HILL	5	ALFRED J. HOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
* 600th peal. First of Double Norwich Caters by all the band, and for the Association.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

CRICH, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., March 3, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5120 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt. in F sharp.

J. FRANK SMALLWOOD	*Treble*	HERBERT E. TAYLOR	5
MRS. PAT A. M. HALLS	2	*CLIVE W. WALKLATE	6
GORDON A. HALLS	3	MICHAEL R. BLORE	7
GEORGE H. PAULSON	4	RONALD H. BULLEN	*Tenor*

Composed by GORDON A. HALLS and D. R. CARLISLE.
Conducted by GORDON A. HALLS.
* 25th peal.
Rung for the engagement of H.R.H. Princess Margaret.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 5, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5152 UNSTONE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

J. FRANK SMALLWOOD	*Treble*	HAROLD TAYLOR	5
*MRS. PAT A. M. HALLS	2	ROGER BALDWIN	6
*GORDON A. HALLS	3	CLIVE W. WALKLATE	7
WM. ARNOLD MORLEY	4	MICHAEL R. BLORE	*Tenor*

Composed by SHIRLEY BURTON. Conducted by GORDON A. HALLS.
* Has now completed the alphabet to Surprise peal. First peal in the method.

BURBAGE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., March 8, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14½ cwt.

A. JAMES POYNER	*Treble*	ALFRED BALLARD	5
ERNEST MORRIS	2	PETER J. STANIFORTH	6
JOHN A. ACRES	3	*RUSSELL MORRIS	7
ERNEST W. RAWSON	4	JOHN J. JELLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.
* First peal in the method.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 12, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5024 PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in F.

*MARY HALL	*Treble*	JOHN PINFOLD	5
*ELISABETH A. G. BOWDEN	2	*DONALD E. COBB	6
RUTH M. BORDER	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.
* First peal of Painswick.

COLE-ORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., March 12, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5024 BEDFORDSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in G.

RUSSELL S. MORRIS	*Treble*	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	5
*BRIAN G. WARWICK	2	FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	6
JOHN M. JELLEY	3	JOSEPH W. COTTON	7
DAVID W. BRUNNING	4	ALAN E. HARTLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by DENNIS KNOX. Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.
* 650th peal. First in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Guild.

LLANFEIGAN, BRECONSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 12, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MEUGAN.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

*JOHN DAVIES	*Treble*	GEOFFREY J. B. STICKLAND	5
†JANET B. HARVEY	2	DAVID J. LLEWELLYN	6
†NIGEL LAMPING	3	BRYNLEY TAYLOR	7
BRIAN KINGSTON	4	TREVOR T. LEWIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by TREVOR T. LEWIS.
* First peal. † First of Major.
Rung as a compliment to the Rector, the Rev. Ivor Davies.

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Lead-end 18674523.

WICKEN, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 12, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

*ROY PITSON	*Treble*	†CHARLES TRUMAN	5
THOMAS E. ROBERTS	2	FREDERICK C. CASE	6
JAMES LINNELL	3	GEORGE W. HOLLAND	7
†P. DAVID TAYLOR	4	GEORGE E. GREEN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by GEORGE E. GREEN.
* First peal. † First of Major.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Tues., March 15, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in G.

WILLIAM F. WOODWARD	*Treble*	JOSEPH W. COTTON	5
*JOHN K. SMITH	2	DEREK P. JONES	6
JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	3	ROLAND BENISTON	7
RICHARD J. CLIFTON	4	CLIVE M SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
* First peal of Yorkshire 'inside.'

STOKE POGES, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., March 16, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's transposition of Thurstans' Four-part.
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.

WILFRID G. WILSON	*Treble*	ROBERT HARTLEY	5
HOWARD OGLESBY	2	SYLVIA E. ATKINS	6
ARTHUR D. BARKER	3	†FRANK C. PRICE	7
*DAVID WARD	4	MRS. ARTHUR D. BARKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR D. BARKER.
* First peal in the method, and first attempt. † First of Stedman Triples.
Rung to commemorate over 45 years' faithful and devoted service to Stoke Poges by Mrs. A. D. Barker, who is the first ringer to 'complete the circle' of this tower.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., March 18, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5024 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

HUBERT H. FURMINGER	*Treble*	JOHN W. SMITH	5
ARTHUR G. MASON	2	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	6
JOAN BERESFORD	3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	7
IAN H. ORAM	4	RALPH BIRD	*Tenor*

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.
A birthday compliment to F. J. Cullum and A. G. Mason.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., March 18, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

RICHARD CLIFTON	*Treble*	JOHN A. ACRES	5
JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	2	MICHAEL D. STANIFORTH	6
ERNEST W. RAWSON	3	JOSEPH W. COTTON	7
ROLAND BENISTON	4	PETER J. STANIFORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.

BOUGHTON-UNDER-BLEAN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 19, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5000 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

JOHN R. COOPER	*Treble*	†NICHOLAS J. DAVIES	5
*ELIZABETH ROGERS	2	CRAWFORD T. HILLIS	6
*THOMAS C. PHILLIMORE	3	MARK W. MARSHALL	7
†MARY S. TAYLOR	4	DENNIS A. CHAPMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by DENNIS A. CHAPMAN.
* First peal of Major. † First in the method.

HARWICH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 19, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13¾ cwt.

*BARRY E. GIBBONS	*Treble*	FELIX H. ERITH	5
A. EDWARD LEGGETT	2	WALTER R. FELGATE	6
ADRIAN SEMKEN	3	GEORGE W. BARNES	7
JOHN F. FELGATE	4	BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD.
* First peal on eight bells. First on eight as conductor.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Sat., March 19, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, being 1,664 Cambridge, 1,632 Superlative, 992 London and 768 Bristol; with 104 changes of method, and all the work of each method for each bell. Tenor 16½ cwt.

HUBERT H. FURMINGER	*Treble*	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	5
ARTHUR G. MASON	2	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	6
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	3	PETER BERESFORD	7
ALICK CUTLER	4	DENNIS BERESFORD	*Tenor*

Composed by HAROLD G. CASHMORE. Conducted by DENNIS BERESFORD.

OVERTON, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 19, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. in G.

BRIAN MILLS	*Treble*	GEOFFREY K. DODD	5
BRIAN BLADON	2	ERNEST J. MUNDAY	6
PHILIP MEHEW	3	ROBIN G. LEALE	7
REGINALD W. REX	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by S. J. IVIN. Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.
First peal of London Surprise Major as conductor.
Rung in honour of the engagement of Peter Sanders, son of the Vicar of Overton and sometime Master of the O.U.G., now in Jamaica, to Miss Deirdre Josephs.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 19, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In eight methods, comprising 1,120 London, 800 Bristol, 640 each Rutland and Ealing, 480 each Wembley, Superlative, Yorkshire and Cambridge, and 144 changes of method. Tenor 23 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

PERCY J. SPICE	*Treble*	IAN H. ORAM	5
DORIS E. COLGATE	2	ROBERT COLLINS	6
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	3	WILLIAM ROGERS	7
RALPH BIRD	4	PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
First eight-spliced peal by all the band.

SALFORD PRIORS, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 19, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 14 lb. in F sharp.

*JACQUELINE A. ROBERTS	*Treble*	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	5
*MICHAEL G. SELBY	2	*WILLIAM B. POMEROY	6
*GORDON T. BROWN	3	MARTYN HAWKES	7
*DEREK PRICE	4	GERALD C. HEMMING	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON. Conducted by GERALD C. HEMMING.
* First peal of Lincolnshire.

SUNBURY, MIDDLESEX.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., March 19, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14½ cwt.

TREVOR N. J. BAILEY	*Treble*	ALAN E. BAGWORTH	5
MICHAEL P. MORETON	2	DAVID A. S. HAWKINS	6
ROBERT W. HINDE	3	TUDOR P. EDWARDS	7
WILLIAM T. COOK	4	JOHN HILL	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JOHN HILL.

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TODMORDEN, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 19, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
At the Unitarian Church.
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

Rita M. Jowett	*Treble*	*Peter Scholfield	5
*B. Gillian Schofield ..	2	W. Eric Critchley ..	6
*Patricia Reeve	3	J. Henry Fielden	7
*John H. Fielden	4	Richard E. Price	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.
* First peal in the method. First in the method in Todmorden.

WHITCHURCH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 19, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
At the Church of All Hallows,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

Reginald W. Rex	*Treble*	A. Patrick Cannon	5
Ernest J. Munday ..	2	Geoffrey K. Dodd.. ..	6
Brian Mills	3	Brian Bladon	7
Robin G. Leale..	4	Philip Mehew	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Philip Mehew.
Rung as a compliment to Miss Jean Stewart, C.C. representative for the Irish Association, who was married on St. Patrick's Day, March 17th, in St. Donard's, Belfast.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., March 20, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Margaret,
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19¼ cwt.

*Margaret A. Ladd ..	*Treble*	Thomas E. Sone	5
Reginald E. Lambert ..	2	Colin A. Tester	6
Robert T. Lambert ..	3	Edwin Bromley	7
Olive D. Couchman ..	4	Ernest J. Ladd..	*Tenor*

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Thomas E. Sone.
* First peal of Treble Bob. The conductor's 100th peal of Kent Treble Bob Major. First in the method on the bells.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

ELSTOW, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 16, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Mary and Helena.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*Marion Clarke	*Treble*	R. Harrison	4
*Kathleen A. Rivett ..	2	*Frank W. Rivett	5
Stephen J. Ivin	3	Peter A. Wakeman ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by Stephen J. Ivin.
* First peal.

GOXHILL, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., March 1, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr.

*Arthur W. Hoodless..	*Treble*	Stephen Bromfield	4
Septimus Neave	2	W. Arthur Crowder ..	5
†J. Vernon Hepworth..	3	Michael W. Crowder ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by Michael W. Crowder.
* 25th peal together. † First peal. The tenor ringer has now 'circled the tower.'

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., March 3, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Denis.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent Single Oxford and Single Court Spliced, one Single Oxford, Single Court and Plain Bob Spliced, two Single Court, two Plain Bob, and one Single Oxford and Plain Bob Spliced.
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

John F. Wright	*Treble*	William R. Marsh	4
Henry P. Collin	2	Frederick Derry	5
*Walter Weston	3	James H. Musson	*Tenor*

Conducted by James H. Musson.
* 25th peal on the bells.
A wedding compliment to Mr. Marcus N. Kidd and Miss Daphne P. Wright (a ringer at St. Denis's), who were married here on February 20th.

MORPETH, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Wed., March 9, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
At the Watch Tower.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being two callings. Tenor 10 cwt. 26 lb.

Keith R. Ward	*Treble*	Jim Scott	4
John Thorley	2	Chris. Herbert..	5
Dennis Ellisdon	3	Nicholas D. J. Webb ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by Nicholas D. J. Webb.
First peal as conductor.
Rung as a compliment to the Rev. and Mrs. S. G. N. Brindley (Whitley Bay) on the birth of a daughter.

SEMPRINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 12, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
At the Abbey Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of Single Oxford, one of Spliced Single Oxford and Single Court, and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

John F. Wright	*Treble*	Edgar A. Cole	4
William R. Marsh	2	*J. Edward Brown	5
Frederick Derry	3	James H. Musson	*Tenor*

Conducted by James H. Musson.
* First peal in three Minor methods.
A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Edward Brown and Mr. and Mrs. James H. Musson

STRATFORD ST. MARY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., March 12, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of St. Clement's, Single Court, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

Alan R. Andrews	*Treble*	Walter D. Bailey	4
Robert E. Lester	2	George N. Orman	5
Roy Duesbury	3	Allen W. Cansdale ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by Roy Duesbury.
Rung for the birth on February 23rd of a grand-daughter (Ruth Elizabeth) to the ringer of the fourth.

YAXHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 12, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In five methods, viz.: Three extents of Plain Bob, one each of St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Kent T.B. and Oxford T.B. Tenor 11 cwt.

John D. Dowe	*Treble*	Geoffrey R. Drew	4
Thomas E. Spight	2	Peter Adcock	5
Edward Howes..	3	H. William Barrett ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by H. William Barrett.

WATTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., March 13, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven extents, viz.: One each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Double Court, Plain Bob, Kent T.B. and Oxford T.B. Tenor 8 cwt.

Peter Adcock	*Treble*	Thomas E. Spight	4
Edward Howes	2	William Clover	5
Freda P. Greaves	3	Geoffrey R. Drew ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by Geoffrey R. Drew.

MARSHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., March 14, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

*Brenda Jones	*Treble*	Derek Pardon	4
Mrs. H. Carter	2	Bevan W. Willgress ..	5
Hanbury Carter	3	Geoffrey R. Drew	*Tenor*

Conducted by Geoffrey R. Drew.
* First peal at first attempt.
A 17th birthday compliment to Miss Brenda Jones.

WINTERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., March 15, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Double and Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

Ronald Chafer	*Treble*	Richard Hall	4
Harry Hall	2	Arthur Crowder	5
Jack Bray	3	George W. Moody	*Tenor*

Conducted by Jack Bray.
Rung half-muffled to the memory of J. E. Smith, many years a ringer at this church, who died on March 12th, aged 99 years.

ALGARKIRK, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD
On Wed., March 16, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of the following Plain methods: Single Oxford, Double Bob, Thelwall, Childwall, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

Donovan R. White.. ..	*Treble*	Harold Barsley	4
Charles McGuiness ..	2	C. Harold Whitton ..	5
J. Martin Thorley	3	Cyril R. Burrell	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.
A birthday compliment to Katharine and Penelope Thorley and Mark Howard Whitton.

THEBERTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Wed., March 16, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Oxford Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

C. JACK GIBSON	*Treble*	ALAN R. BRIDGES	4
JACK PILGRIM	2	PETER S. BEDFORD	5
H. WILLIAM BARRETT ..	3	JOHN W. BLYTHE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

Rung for the birth of Linda Blythe, grand-daughter of the treble ringer and niece of the tenor ringer; also for the first birthday of Rosemary Blythe, daughter of the conductor.

NORTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., March 17, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 30 six-scores of Grandsire, ten six-scores of Plain Bob and 240 Grandsire (Morris's). Tenor 15 cwt., approx.

VICTOR A. PERRY	*Treble*	JOHN W. HALL	3
PERCY AMOS	2	TIMOTHY A. WOODING ..	4
		GEORGE F. ROOME	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE F. ROOME.

Rung for the Festival of St. Patrick.

STISTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., March 18, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 26 methods: (1) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose and Bourne; (2) College Bob IV, Willesden, Old Oxford and Newdigate Delight; (3) St. Albans, Wragby, Neasden and Charlwood Delight; (4) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley Treble Bob; (5) London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Sandal and Capel Treble Bob; (6) Double Oxford and St. Clement's; (7) Double Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

CECIL BARKER	*Treble*	ALAN R. SYDER	4
JOHN WARNER	2	JOE E. G. ROAST	5
DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS ..	3	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

BELSTONE, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
(Shebbear College Society.)
On Sat., March 19, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Tenor 5 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.

*PETER R. TURNER	*Treble*	*IAN R. SLEE	4
*PHILIP C. PLANT	2	JOHN L. QUEEN	5
*PHILIP STEVENS	3	*IAN COLLINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN L. QUEEN.

* First peal. First as conductor. First on the bells, and by the Society.

Rung in honour of the engagement of Princess Margaret to Mr. Antony Armstrong-Jones.

BUTLER'S MARSTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 19, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 14 cwt. 20 lb.

*JAMES J. SPRAGGETT ..	*Treble*	ALLAN R. JONES	4
TIMOTHY A. WOODING ..	2	VICTOR A. PERRY	5
PERCY AMOS	3	GEORGE F. ROOME	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE F. ROOME.

* First peal. Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

FORD END, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 19, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 52 methods: (1) Double Bob, Windermere, Plain Bob, Canterbury, St. Clement's, Killarney, Childwall, London Bob, College, Double Oxford, Thelwall, Wavertree, Reverse Bob, Cumberland, Frodsham, Ennerdale, Lytham, Fulbeck and Horsmonden (19 plain methods by C. K. Lewis); (2) Newdigate, Marple, Old Oxford, College Bob IV, Humber, Willesden, Braintree, Clarence, Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby, Taxal, Morning Star and Elston (15 methods by A. G. Driver); (3) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose and Bourne Surprise; (4) Beverley and Surfleet Surprise; (5) Berwick and Hexham Surprise; (6) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley Treble Bob; (7) London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Sandal and Capel Treble Bob. Tenor 4 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb.

MARY ROAST	*Treble*	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS ..	4
*PATRICK W. SALTMARSH ..	2	JOE E. G. ROAST	5
PETER J. EVES	3	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

* 50th peal for the Association.

Rung for the wedding of Donald Paul Raymond and Edna May Smith (ringers at Ford End), which was solemnised prior to the peal.

QUADRING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 19, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

ALAN G. PAYNE	*Treble*	HAROLD BARSLEY	4
J. MARTIN THORLEY	2	*FRANK TAYLOR	5
JOSEPH W. BAILEY	3	JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

* 150th peal.

SWINDON, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., March 21, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,
A PEAL OF 5040 EVENING STAR DELIGHT MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*MICHAEL J. STANLEY ..	*Treble*	A. TERENCE COLLINS	4
RONALD A. WRIGHT ..	2	ANTHONY R. PEAKE	5
VICTOR GRIFFIN	3	BRIAN BLAIDON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

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

Rung to commemorate the last steam engine to be taken into service by British Railways; built at the Swindon Works and named 'Evening Star' there on March 18th, 1960.

HANDBELL PEALS

BISHOPSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., March 10, 1960, *in* 1 *Hour and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT 68, EDWARD AVENUE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor size 8 in C.

*TOM CHAPMAN	1—2	MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	3—4
		ROBERT C. KIPPIN	5—6

Conducted by ROBERT C. KIPPIN.

* First handbell peal.

WEST HARTLEPOOL, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 12, 1960, *in* 1 *Hour and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT 169, STOCKTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor size 11 in G.

GORDON R. WALLACE ..	1—2	MRS. K. LAWSON	3—4
		KENNETH LAWSON	5—6

Conducted by KENNETH LAWSON.

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ABSON, GLOS.—On Mar. 16th, 1,440 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: B. K. Lewis (first of Minor) 1, G. S. Sprules 2, J. W. Sprules 3, C. J. Richards 4, A. W. Gibbs 5, H. Taysom (first as cond.) 6. First of Oxford by all.

BARCOMBE, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): H. Turner 1, P. Tomsett 2, S. Brook 3, Mrs. S. Brook 4, B. Turner (cond.) 5, F. Smith 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. F. Tanner, churchwarden.

BARNARD CASTLE, CO. DURHAM.—On Mar. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Thorley 1, D. Ellisdon (first of Stedman) 2, W. Robson 3, C. J. Herbert 4, N. Webb (first of Stedman, 22nd attempt!) 5, E. White 6, B. Pattison (cond.) 7, K. Ward 8.

BRAY, CO. WICKLOW.—On St. Patrick's Day, Mar. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. W. Jones 1, R. G. George 2, W. H. Wilson 3, T. McMorran (cond.) 4, D. Vokes 5, C. J. Reede 6, J. A. Atkinson 7, H. H. Brown 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. A. Atkinson.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. Stephen, on Jan. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. F. Hancock (cond.) 1, Miss M. Hancock 2, M. J. Hancock 3, E. Hancock 4, D. J. Hunt 5, Mrs. E. A. G. Bowden 6, R. J. Bowden 7, A. M. Tyler 8. Also at the Church of Emmanuel, on Mar. 18th, 1,280 Spliced Plain and Little Bob Major: R. G. Hooper 1, D. C. Exell 2, Miss M. H. Hall 3, C. J. Richards 4, B. A. Shackleton 5, R. J. Bowden 6, D. J. Hunt 7, P. J. Bird (cond.) 8. First of Spliced by all except 7th. Also at the Church of St. Ambrose, on Mar. 20th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: M. J. Hobbs (first of T.B.) 1, Miss G. M. Hussey (first of T.B.) 2, B. A. Shackleton 3, F. J. Sampson 4, R. G. Hooper 5, A. C. Baker 6, F. Skidmore 7, D. J. Hunt (cond.) 8. First of Kent by local band. For Confirmation service.

BULWELL, NOTTINGHAM.—On Mar. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Hughes 1, P. Pickering 2, Maureen Boden 3, B. Mozley 4, D. R. Boden (cond.) 5, D. Mozley (first quarter) 6.

CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA.—On Mar. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Riley 1, L. Hewitt 2, R. Stickley 3, V. Sheppard 4, R. Law (cond.) 5, W. Smith 6. A compliment to H.M. the Queen and the new prince. The first time the tenor has been turned in to a quarter peal.

COMPTON BISHOP, SOMERSET.— On Mar. 9th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire): T. Feltham 1, Miss A. White (first as cond.) 2, A. J. Peters 3, H. Hooper 4, J. Brinsom 5, J. Loxton 6.

DANBURY, ESSEX.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Rowling (first quarter) 1, Mrs. M. Roast 2, J. West 3, E. G. Roast 4, J. E. G. Roast (cond.) 5, I. J. M. Saunders 6. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. F. S. Hopkirk, Rector of Danbury for 23 years.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.—At St. Cuthbert's, on Mar. 20th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Miss J. Warwick 1, Miss P. Dowse 2, Miss B. Cooke 3, Mrs. T. Cooke 4, T. Cooke (cond.) 5, T. Senior 6, W. E. Mashiter 7, F. Hodgson 8. First in method for 1, 2, 3 and 7. For Evensong on St. Cuthbert's Day.

DERBY.—On Mar. 20th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): Sylvia Hazlewood 1, Jean Larkin 2, A. Mould 3, J. Bailey (cond.) 4, M. Larkin 5, B. Barker 6, W. Steen 7. A wedding anniversary compliment to the ringers of 2 and 5.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—On Mar. 17th, at St. James' Church, Southbroom, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 6, 4, 8 behind): B. Tye 1, R. W. Bridges 2, A. J. 6, 4, 8 behind): B. Tye 1, R. W. Bridges 2, A. T. Weeks 3, W. Bridewell 4, J. S. Weeks (cond.) 5, J. Potter 6, H. Sturgess 7, P. Whale 8. A welcome to Rev. W. D. Williams, as Rector of St. John's, Devizes.

EDMONTON, MIDDX.—On Mar. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Beryl Rayner (first of Triples) 1, G. W. Golding 2, W. George 3, Trudy Newcombe 4, J. Weeks 5, W. Theobald 6, T. Hawkins (cond.) 7, D. Langdon 8. First in method for all the band except the conductor. For Evensong.

EPSOM, SURREY.—At Christ Church, on Mar. 20th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Fentiman (first quarter) 1, D. Herschell 2, F. Oakshott (cond.) 3, Adrienne Gibson 4, Sylvia Marsh 5, W. Parrott 6.

FOBBING, ESSEX.—On Mar. 13th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. M. Bibby 1, S. Penfold 2, A. Reeve 3, F. G. Richardson 4, J. Fowler 5, H. Smith 6, T. East 7, A. J. Salisbury (cond.) 8. For Matins.

GATESHEAD, CO. DURHAM.—On Feb. 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Elizabeth Scott 1, Mrs. C. N. Lea 2, E. White 3, C. J. Herbert 4, R. G. Turner 5, C. N. Lea 6, B. Pattison (cond.) 7, R. F. Telford 8.

QUARTER PEALS

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On Mar. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. F. Cox 1, H. K. White 2, Miss M. Thomas 3, J. H. Napper 4, C. J. Garlick 5, A. H. Webb 6, G. W. Bishop (cond.) 7, J. C. Napper 8. Rung as a compliment to Rev. H. A. Smith-Masters, on the 39th anniversary of the first service conducted by him as Vicar of Hagbourne.

HARMONDSWORTH, MIDDX.—On Mar. 5th, 1,280 Plan Bob Doubles: J. Boyd 1, K. Young 2, M. Lane 3, D. Pickett 4, C. Fynes (cond.) 5, D. J. Evans 6. Also on Mar. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Boyd 1, K. Young 2, D. Pickett 3, M. Lane 4, D. Morgan 5, C. Fynes (cond.) 6.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: I. Weatherby 1, J. Clark 2, Mrs. F. Bowden 3, C. Johnstone 4, A. Queen (cond.) 5, M. Rudgwick 6. Rung in honour of the birth of a second son to her Majesty the Queen.

HENLOW, BEDS.—On Mar. 14th, 1,260 Single Oxford Bob Minor: P. Rogers 1, M. Major 2, G. Mayes 3, J. Church 4, P. W. Tompkins 5, L. H. Bywaters (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to G. Buckingham, for many years churchwarden. Also on Mar. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Thompson 1, P. Rogers 2, A. Gentle 3, M. Major 4, R. Fuller 5, L. H. Bywaters (cond.) 6.

IVER, BUCKS.—On Mar. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. J. Foster (first on 8 bells) 1, W. D. Ward 2, F. R. Scott 3, D. K. Ward (first of Grandsire Triples 'inside') 4, E. R. Gotham 5, W. Birmingham 6, H. W. Impey (cond.) 7, D. G. Rowlands 8. Rung prior to the christening of Derek John Foster, son of the treble ringer. Mr. and Mrs. Foster are both ringers at Iver.

KIDSGROVE, STAFFS.—On Mar 15th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. A. Challinor 1, N. Sherratt (cond.) 2, W. Sherratt 3, P. A. Mason 4, H. Windsor 5, R. Worrall 6.

KINGSTHORPE NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Trueman (first of Minor) 1, B. E. Frost 2, J. Payne 3, S. Earl 4, F. Benfield (cond.) 5, P. Giles 6. For the weddings of Mr. G. B. Kirton and Miss J. Andrews and Mr. J. Felce and Miss B. Parrott.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on Mar. 20th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Miss M. E. Kirby 1, Mrs. F. A. Threlfall 2, Miss I. Inman 3, D. J. Kirby 4, N. J. Martin 5, I. H. Oram (cond.) 6, P. J. Spice 7, R. T. Newman 8. For Evensong.

MOLLINGTON, OXON.—On Mar. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place Bob, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, and Grandsire): R. F. Diserens 1, D. C. Bowen 2, R. K. Russ 3, H. Oglesby 4, C. C. Clarke (cond.) 5.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On Mar. 22nd, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: M. McQuistan 1, Wendy Bowak 2, Janet Evans 3, C. Bingham 4, J. McPhail (cond.) 5, W. Wedlock 6. At Matins for the presentation of a wedding gift to Colin Bingham and Janet Evans, who were married on Mar. 26th. Also on Mar. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Horton 1, Ann Hancock 2, Doreen Peacock 3, S. King (cond.) 4, S. Blatch 5, J. Lodge 6. At Evensong. A farewell to Miss Daphne Peacock (Sunday School teacher) and Sally Ann Blatch, who are leaving for South Africa.

ORMESBY, YORKS.—On Mar. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Millington 1, A. Crosby 2, Mrs. L. Warrior 3, A. Woodall 4, W. Ellerington 5, T. Cox 6, P. Wishart (cond.) 7, C. Oldfield 8. For Evensong.

PRESTON, LANCS.—On Mar. 20th, at 45, Herschel Street, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Betty Faunch (first 'in hand') 1-2, C. Crosthwaite 3-4, J. Couperthwaite (cond.) 5-6. Rung for the engagement of Princess Margaret and Mr. A. Armstrong-Jones.

PUTNEY, S.W.—On Mar. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Bull (first away from covering bell) 1, S. Rymer 2, B. Coatsworth 3, L. Allen 4, C. Mew (cond.) 5, A. Clayton 6. First of Minor for all except 2. For Evensong.

RUGELEY, STAFFS.—On March 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. A. Braas 1, J. A. Townsend 2, Miss C. Pendlebury (first of Minor) 3, E. Edginton 4, B. J. Townsend 5, J. H. Joyner (cond.) 6. A welcome to Stella Margaret Joyner, first grandchild of the conductor.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At the Cathedral, on Feb. 21st, 1,299 Stedman Caters: B. A. Cornell 1, W. J. Arnold (cond.) 2, Miss D. Whiting (first on 10 bells) 3, Miss P. Doorn 4, R. F. Ewer 5, G. Dodds 6, W. Little 7, J. E. Ewer 8, G. Penney 9, J. McClenahan (first on 10 bells) 10. For the birth of Prince Andrew. Also on Mar. 20th, 1,272 Stedman Caters: B. A. Cornell 1, W. J. Arnold (cond.) 2, C. Hayter 3, Miss P. Doorn 4, G. Dodds 5, N. Smith 6, W. Little 7, J. E. Ewer 8, G. Penney 9, J. McClenahan 10.

SEEND, WILTS.—On Mar. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Saville (first quarter) 1, W. J. Kinchin 2, I. Battersby 3, G. Buchanan 4, F. Ross (cond.) 5, P. King 6. Rung by an R.A.F. band from R.A.F., Melksham.

STAINES, MIDDX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Mar. 12th, 1,271 Plain Bob Minor: J. Boyd 1, K. Young 2, M. Lane 3, D. Morgan 4, D. Pickett 5, C. Fynes (cond.) 6.

STANWELL, MIDDX.—On Mar. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. J. Evans 1, C. Fynes (cond.) 2-3, K. Young 4, D. Pickett 5, M. Lane 6. Also on Mar. 13th, 1,260 changes (Little Bob and Plain Bob Minor, Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles): J. Boyd 1, Mrs. M. Blagrove 2, M. Lane 3, C. Fynes 4, D. Pickett 5, F. Blagrove (cond.) 6. For afternoon service and for the birth of a son to the ringers of 2 and 6. Also 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Boyd 1, C. Fynes (cond.) 2-3, K. Young 4, D. Pickett 5, M. Lane 6. For Evensong.

TEWIN, HERTS.—On Mar. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: F. Garrod 1, C. Geeves 2, Miss J. Gambling (first as cond.) 3, Miss A. Bailey 4, D. Gambling 5, W. Holmes 6.

TOTTERNHOE, BEDS.—On Mar. 20th, 1,260 Minor (St. Clement's and Plain Bob Minor): W. Scar 1, R. J. Scott 2, Mrs J. Sinfield 3, P. Pratt 4, I. Knox 5, J. W. Sinfield (cond.) 6. Rung for Evensong.

TRURO, CORNWALL.—At the Cathedral, on Mar. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Burnett 1, H. Harper 2, Mary Carveth 3, S. A. Read 4, A. J. Davidson (first 'inside' on 8) 5, A. Locke 6, R. A. Southwood (cond.) 7, G. D. Carter (first of Triples) 8. Rung as a welcome to the Rt. Rev. John Maurice Key, 10th Bishop of Truro.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.—On Mar. 10th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Laura M. Beeney 1, Ann George 2, Margaret A. Ladd 3, B. V. Collison 4, C. W. Hancock 5, R. D. Divall 6, E. J. Ladd 7, S. Jenner (cond.) 8. A compliment to Ann George on her 21st birthday.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On Mar. 13th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. C. W. Roberts 1, D. Hawkins 2, M. C. Austin 3, L. S. Woods 4, Miss J. Whitcher 5, P. Laws 6, R. D. Pearson 7, K. R. Scrimshaw 8, R. J. Chapman (cond.) 9, T. Pearson 10. First of Caters by 2, 5, 6, 7, and 8. First on 10 by the Sunday service band.

WALTHAM-ON-THE-WOLDS, LEICS.—On Mar. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Gillian Christian 1, C. Matthews 2, J. H. Cook (cond.) 3, J. L. Day 4, R. H. Cook 5, K. Matthews 6. First quarter 1 and 6. Rung for the engagement of Kenneth Christian and Miss Jill Parr.

WANSTEAD, ESSEX.—On Mar. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Petty 1, Miss J. Nash 2, Dr. P. A. F. Chalk 3, Miss B. Nash (first quarter) 4, J. Chalk 5, F. V. Gant (cond.) 6. For Confirmation service.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFS.—On Mar. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. D. Peart 1, Jane E. Clamp 2, J. Cooper 3, E. Parish 4, A. Mills (composer and cond.) 5, J. N. Hadley 6, J. R. Cotterill 7, W. Reynolds 8. A compliment to Mr. Albert Mills for his 80th birthday, attained the previous day. He joined the belfry in 1896.

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.—On Mar. 13th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Norma F. Stockman (first quarter) 1, Elaine Murcott (first quarter) 2, G. Lusk 3, R. A. Gofton 4, K. Ward 5, S. Mallaburn 6, R. A. Gofton 7, N. D. J. Webb (cond.) 8. Rung as a compliment to Rev. and Mrs. S. G. N. Brindley on the birth of a daughter.

WHITTLEBURY, NORTHANTS.—On Mar. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Truman 1, W. A. Yates (cond.) 2, D. Burbidge 3, G. Linnell 4, J. Linnell 5. First on 'inside bell' for 3 and 4. A 3rd wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. Truman.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Mar. 8th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. Linnell 1, D. Taylor 2, F. C. Case 3, C. Truman 4, T. E. Roberts 5, G. E. Green (cond.) 6.

BRIDGWATER ARTS CENTRE INVESTIGATES RINGING

An enthusiastic ringer on the sales staff of a local firm often tells of happenings in his ringing activities to his fellow workers, one of these being a keen supporter of the Bridgwater Arts Centre.

A free night occurred in their programme recently and an idea was put forward that the ringer mentioned might be able to arrange something to explain what bellringing was all about. Just a straight lecture was not particularly wanted so a meeting was arranged at West Huntspill on a recent Monday evening.

This tower, with its fine ring of six, was chosen, as it has a large ringing room and ample space beside the bell-frame, thus enabling the visitors to see the bells in action.

In the short time available Mr. C. Clarke, of Wembdon tower, endeavoured to explain the hanging and action of a bell and briefly how changes were rung. A single bell was raised, rung, set and lowered. Then all six were raised in peal. Rounds, call changes, some Doubles and Minor were rung with the differences explained as simply as possible. After a lower in peal, Mr. Clarke gave a few facts on bells and ringing in general. He was assisted by six other capable ringers, including two ladies, showing that the fairer sex could easily take part in the art. In fact, one rang the 23½ cwt. tenor excellently to one touch. Two courses of Triples and rounds on 10 were also rung on handbells.

The visitors said that they found the evening very interesting and that they would now know what to listen for when bells were ringing. No new recruits have been forthcoming up to the present, unfortunately.

Thanks are due to the Vicar of West Huntspill and the local ringers for allowing the use of their tower and bells for this meeting, unusual at least for this area.

R. D. S.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Newark District

A most enjoyable meeting of the Newark District, attended by approximately 40 ringers, was held at the Church of All Saints, Winthorpe, on March 19th. Many Plain and Surprise Minor methods were rung under the direction of the District Ringing Master, Mr. P. N. White.

A short service was held, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. B. Houghton, who welcomed the ringers to his church, and based his sermon on St. Dunstan, the patron saint of ringers. A most enjoyable tea was arranged and served by the local ringers and wives in the Village Hall.

At the business meeting, one new member, John Raithby, of Newark, was elected. Barnby-in-the-Willows was confirmed for the meeting on May 21st. Further ringing to suit all tastes then took place up to 8.30 p.m.

W. L. E.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

A very happy and successful meeting was held in the little five-bell tower of SS. Peter and Paul, Black Notley, on March 19th. Sixty-eight members atended from 27 parishes.

An enjoyable service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. B. R. McAllister, and the singing was led by the choir and organist. Mr. Pratt, the District Master, read the lesson. The tea was arranged and given by the local ringers, their wives and friends.

At the business meeting one new honorary life member was elected and three new ringing members. It is hoped that the next meeting will be held at Dunmow, on May 14th.

Mr. Pratt expressed thanks to all who had helped to make the meeting such a success and thanked the many ringers who had supported him by their attendance.

The bells of St. Michael's, Braintree, were also available to ringers from 3.30 to 4.30 p.m.

PER ARDUA AD CAMPANOLOGIA

One evening last October a group of ringers were gathered outside St. John's Church, Devizes, and during conversation three of those present realised that they were from R.A.F., Melksham, a few miles away. From this meeting, an active ringing fraternity at the camp grew. Following requests on the camp loadspeaker system, sufficient ringers and ex-ringers were gathered, and with the Padre's backing, bellringing was officially recognised by the camp authorities as a sports afternoon activity.

Handbell ringing, both tune and change-ringing, is practised, and every Wednesday afternoon the band go out to local towers where various Doubles and Minor methods are rung and learners taught.

Last Christmas a tape-recording was made of several carols which were played over the camp broadcasting system prior to the Christmas leave period. It must be admitted that the otherwise good handbells sounded like kitchen utensils when recorded and broadcast!

In February a trip to London was arranged where some ringers and friends visited St. Paul's Cathedral and bells, then proceeded to St. Clement Danes' where an hour's ringing was greatly enjoyed.

A sense of achievement was felt when a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung on the six bells at Seend recently.

Unfortunately, Melksham is a training camp where personnel only stay for periods of three to six months and the band is likely to suffer fluctuations of membership in the future.

F. R.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Mar. 20th, 1,276 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Caroline Carpenter 1, Susan Rawlings 2, Anne Garnett 3, M. H. Sinden 4, A. Bagworth 5, A. S. Bishop (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Cape Town is enduring its hottest summer for 20 years and with the thermometer at 107 degrees, local ringers decided to hold over their complimentary quarter peal to H.M. the Queen on the birth of an infant Prince for a week. The day before it was rung the city 'enjoyed' a temperature of 102 degrees, and the tenor man was really wet through.

The ringer of the third in the quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles at Bosham on March 6th (see page 210) was Susan M. Haddelsey.

Will 'Junior' please send his name and address. We cannot entertain for publication an article without knowing the name and address of the sender.

Despite the cartoon in the issue of March 18th, Mr. Gerald C. Hemming informs us that the bells of Evesham bell tower went as well as could be expected while ringing for morning and evening service.

Shebbear College, Beaworthy, is in the news again this week with the College Society's first peal. The members are anxious to know if this is the first peal by an all-resident school society.

Congratulations to Mr. T. J. Lock, the popular secretary of the Middlesex County Association, on ringing his 600th peal. The method, Double Norwich Court Bob Caters, rarely makes an appearance in our columns these days.

The last steam engine for British Railways has been taken into service and has been named 'Evening Star.' At that great railway centre, Swindon where the engine was built, a peal of Evening Star Delight Minor was rung at St. Mark's Church to commemorate the event.

Mr. P. Amos calls our attention to the weight of Norton tenor—19 cwt., as given by various authorities. This tenor measures 44¼ inches and he suggests its weight is from 15 to 15¼ cwt., as the canons have been removed. The five bells by Hugh Watt, dated 1640, have never been recast. There is a legend (not stated by Mr. Amos) that St. Patrick was born in this parish.

Outstanding personality at West Bromwich is Mr. Albert Mills, who on March 19th called a quarter of Grandsire Triples (his own composition) for his 80th birthday. He joined All Saints' belfry in 1896 and his long service was recognised by a gathering of some 80 parishioners and the presentation to him of a cheque by the Rev. C. Holroyd Baker, honorary secretary of the Society.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar C. Shepherd took place in 1934 and not as given on page 193. Apologies from all concerned.

Mr. Geoffrey K. Dodd points out that in his recent letter 'Captain's in Control,' the tower in question was not Newbury or in Hampshire.

On Sunday, March 15th, 1921, Rev. H. A. Smith-Masters conducted his first service as Vicar of Hagbourne, Berks, and 39 years later his ringers met together to honour the occasion with a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples. Later in the evening he joined them at the Fleur-de-Lys to talk over old times, and, of course, it was 'drinks all round'!

Mrs. A. D. Barker deserves a special mention in this column for being the first person to circle her home tower, Stoke Poges, to peals. Since 1948 she has been a familiar figure at Central Council meetings, although not now a member, and a wider circle than the Oxford Diocesan Guild will, we are sure, desire to join in general congratulations.

Mr. Norman Chaddock sends a reminder of the course in bell ringing to be held at Grantley Hall, Adult College, Ripon, from Friday, April 22nd, to Sunday, April 24th. The course includes lectures by Mr. Frederick Sharpe, Mr. Norman Chaddock and Mr. W. F. Moreton with ringing at Ripon Cathedral and Wath Parish Church. Most sleeping accommodation at Grantley Hall is in private cubicles with some double and single rooms. Men and women of all ages are welcome. Applications to attend the course should be made to the Warden. Inclusive cost, 2 guineas for residents in West Riding, 3 guineas others.

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ALPHABET FOR BEGINNERS

By T. J. LOCK

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We introduce with this issue a new series of articles dealing with terms and words met in change-ringing which will be of great help to beginners and also to many other readers. This list has been compiled by a member of the Central Council, who would like in the preparation of this glossary to acknowledge the help given by other well-known ringers.

ACOUSTICS.—I would suggest there is more ringing than is necessary which suffers through bad acoustics in the ringing chamber. Appreciating in the first instance that such major works as rehanging bells at a different level, erecting a new soundproof floor, blocking up or enlarging window openings, inserting a lantern light in the flat roof of the tower, etc., are out of the question, you will find quite a lot can be done to improve the sound in many offending cases. Where ringing takes place on the ground floor there is an economic limit on the draught of rope for proper bell control in addition to the difficulty a ringer has in hearing his bell strike. Where ringing takes place directly underneath the bells with a short length of rope and with only a boarded ceiling in between a ringer has an equal but different difficulty—excessive noise. In the first instance the ringer would do better nearer the bells, and in the second, he would do better farther away No solutions are offered here because both causes and cures can be decided only upon investigation into each particular case. In other words, the problem in two cases might be exactly the same, but the treatment to cure might be quite different. For deadening sound, sawdust, cork chips, layers of felt or sacking, rock wool, aluminium foil or fibre glass could be used but for increasing sound additional openings in the floors above the ringing chamber, opening of trap doors, blocking up openings to stop the sound from going outside or sound troughs might be the answer. In some towers there is an appreciable deadening of sound when the sally goes through the hole in the ceiling—why not form one or more holes adjacent to overcome this distracting condition?

ASSOCIATIONS.—Could you really imagine the position of ringing today if through the past three hundred and more years each local band rang exclusively in its own Parish Church? No, and neither could I. Probably, in the olden days when travelling was so limited, contact with other ringers was restricted to neighbouring parishes, but it was at least the beginning of some 'organisation' within the Exercise. This organisation has developed to the extent we know today through the formation of Associations (including, within this term, of course, Guild, Society, and Council). Much hard work has been necessary to build up these Associations, and to verify this statement just have a word with some of your Association's officers. Moreover, you will probably be told that to hold office is itself a thankless and unrewarding job because some ringers are unsympathetic and unreliable. And you will often find that the ringer who is prepared to criticise is the one person who could not, or by reason of various excuses would not, help to fulfil the objects of his Association. These objects usually are, amongst others, the recognition of a bell-ringer as a Church worker and the advancement of the art of bell-ringing. The several Associations are doing much to encourage and advise in the promotion generally of the art of bell-ringing but at the same time without affecting the relationship of an incumbent and his local band. Only a very few, being non-territorial. Associations have direct control of ringing in the tower. Your Association could, undoubtedly, benefit from your help so why not do some more giving and taking, more even than giving your annual subscription and taking the receipt? Attend meetings and help to improve the standard of ringing, assist the officers, who, remember, are doing their job voluntarily, and see to it that as far as you can manage the Association is achieving its objects.

SERVANTS OF THE EXERCISE – No. 14



MR. ALBERT WALKER.
Vice-president, St. Martin's Guild.

So many well deserved words of praise have been written in these columns about Mr. Albert Walker, of Birmingham, that it is difficult to find new ways of expressing the deep feeling of affection that exists in the Exercise for him. He has been called 'Mr. Greatheart,' and on the occasion of his diamond wedding anniversary not long ago, 'Mr. Birmingham.' Such has been his enthusiasm that he has travelled the country far and wide, and he is known to thousands of ringers—indeed there can be very few who have not had the pleasure of meeting him, and appreciating his dynamic personality, and great friendliness.

Mr. Walker was born in Birmingham in 1876, and when his father's employment took him to Taunton, he became interested in bells and ringing. At the suggestion of his fiancée he took up the art and learned to ring at St. Mary Magdalene Church, ringing his first peal (Grandsire Triples) in 1896. He joined the St. Martin's Guild in 1897, and returned to Birmingham in 1900. That city, which had enjoyed great prominence in ringing in the earlier part of the nineteenth century, had struck a bad patch, and was without a conductor. Walker, with no one to instruct him, took up the challenge, and learned the art of conducting Stedman the hard way. Anyway, he learned it so thoroughly that as an exponent in calling Stedman Cinques he has never been surpassed.

The St. Martin's Guild has never in its history possessed a more able, loyal or conscientious member. He has served it as Master for many years—often resigning to enable a younger member to serve in high office. He has never spared any effort to enable an aspiring conductor to reach his goal, and his willingness to help in writing out touches and peals has been appreciated by many. He is now an honoured vice-president of the Guild.

Mr. Walker is just as capable on handbells as he is on tower bells, and was responsible for the great handbell revival which took place in Birmingham over 40 years ago, during which very many peals of Stedman Cinques were rung, also Grandsire Cinques and K.T.B. Maximus, culminating in that great performance, the first peal of Stedman Sextuples ever rung, which he conducted. One outstanding peal on handbells was a non-conducted one where the pairs of bells were drawn for out of a hat held by James George.

Mr. Walker, now in his 84th year, is still capable of conducting a really tricky peal of Stedman Cinques—indeed he did so just after his 83rd birthday, and he is still planning yet another peal for his next. In all he has rung 851 peals, of which he has conducted 337. He has rung no less than 554 peals on twelve bells, a record which has never been surpassed by anyone, alive or dead. Mr. Walker has been a member of the Central Council for 28 years, and served on the Broadcasting and Carter Ringing Machine Committees.

JAFUS.

Durham University Society In Teesdale & N. Yorkshire

The first full scale outing for the Society was held on March 12th, 9.30 a.m. being the departure time from Palace Green in the shadow of majestic Durham Cathedral. Bishop Auckland, on the western limit of the Durham coalfield, was the first tower of the day. Here the back six were raised in peal and Bob Major, Kent T.B. Major and Stedman Triples rung on the 12 cwt. octave.

On further into Teesdale we found a beautiful 15 cwt. ring of eight, at Staindrop, where we rang Double Norwich, Stedman, Grandsire and Oxford Bob Triples, followed by a good lower in peal. This tower was the 500th for one member.

Some preferred a liquid lunch in Barnard Castle, but, at the suggestion of a would-be Stedman ringer from King's, eight of the party rang a quarter peal of Stedman Triples on the 17 cwt. eight to enable the said ringer to score a quarter of Stedman at his 22nd attempt! After the quarter Stedman, Bob Major, Double Norwich and Grandsire were rung.

We then crossed the River Tees into North Yorkshire, but were met with a setback at Cotherstone as the tower was locked. A house to house tour eventually discovered the local captain, and we found a rather unusual ringing chamber with a huge clock case dominating the scene and hiding the 2nd away in a 2 ft. gap. The shorter ringers were at a decided advantage when ringing this bell. On raising the 7cwt. six, we thought we had stumbled across a West Country tower with single ended ropes, but realised that the tail ends had never been tucked in at all and consequently there was about 3 feet of spare rope at backstroke. After some rounds and Kent Minor we beat a hasty retreat to Barnard Castle for tea, where some members are claiming a world record of 80 minutes in waiting for service! This made us very late at Gainford, where the Vicar made us welcome. Cambridge Minor was rung in a hurry here!

Back again into Yorkshire to Richmond for the last tower of the day. Here a course of Cambridge Major was rung in almost immaculate style.

Our thanks to Mike and John Thorley in making the arrangements and to the incumbents for the use of their bells. We also hope that our guests, Billy Robson and George Carr, enjoyed their day with us.

Tips For Beginners—14

When ringing Stedman (or any other method), if you are making thirds place from the front and are returning to lead, there are two bells below you when you are in thirds and they are trapped by you from getting above third's place. Thus, having realised which these two bells are, there is no need to look for any other bells before you return to lead.

OBITUARY

MR. G. H. MYERS

Plymouth, and indeed the West Country, has lost one of its best-known ringers by the death on March 14th of Mr. G. H. Myers ('Harry Myers' to all his old friends), at the ripe old age of 88. He had not rung for about 2½ years when his health began to fail. For many years he had been in business at 79, Regent Street as a watch and clock repairer, jeweller and engraver, the business being now carried on by his eldest son, Mr. Tom Myers. He is survived by his widow, three sons and a daughter. The sons are equally well-known ringers and are members of St. Andrew's band. Mr. Tom Myers being the Ringing Master and hon. secretary of the S.W. Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers.

The funeral on March 16th at St. Andrew's Church was largely attended, many ringers being present, including Preb. E. V. Cox (president of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers), Mr. M. Atkins (hon. secretary), Messrs. R. Bould (Tavistock), M. D. Hood (chairman, Mid-Devon Branch, also representing Mrs. Hood), W. G. Hiscott (Liskeard, formerly of Plymouth), D. F. Farnham (captain, Plympton St. Maurice), H. Adams (captain, Stoke Damerell), W. H. Marks (St. Budeaux). Emmanuel was represented by Messrs. J. P. Sims (captain), H. H. Thomas (hon. secretary and chairman, S.W. Branch), J. L. Blagg, W. Collier, H. O. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. George Godard, Messrs. A. E. Perkin and H. N. Rogers; St. Andrew's band by Miss Y. C. Porter, Miss M. J. Marks, Messrs. Gluyas, A. Mitchelmore and Couchman. Also from St. Andrew's, and in addition representing the Ancient Society of College Youths, were Messrs. F. D. Wheeler, H. W. Milford, S. F. O'Shaughnessy; and from Emmanuel, Mr. F. E. Day; Messrs. A. Westcott (formerly captain of the old Charles band), C. Sangwin (A. S. of C. Youths and N.W. Branch of the Guild and Stratton Branch of the Truro Diocesan Guild).

The service was conducted by the Vicar, Preb. Cooper. The half-muffled ringing before and after the service was under the direction of Mr. W. G. Lavers, of Plympton St. Maurice, an old friend of Mr. Myers. Floral tributes included those from his loving wife, children and grand-children, the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, the S.W. Branch, the ringers of the churches of St. Andrew, Emmanuel and Plympton St. Maurice. Interment took place at Ford Park Cemetery, where handbells were rung at the graveside by Messrs. W. G. Lavers, M. Atkins, M. D. Hood and R. Bould.

There are few less qualified than I to give some account of the activities of this grand old veteran of the art, as I did not have the privilege to meet him until ringing started towards the end of the last war. With the information given to me by his family I will endeavour to give some account of his achievements: but to convey in full all the experiences in the world of bell-ringers of one who had been a ringer for 76 years and had rung well over 100 peals would require many columns.

Mr. Myers was a great disciplinarian: the method had to be well rung, the striking had to be good, and if anyone thoughtlessly walked into the belfry with hat on, whether friend or stranger, he would be told: 'Take that hat off. Don't you know where you are?' To know him was to respect and admire him for the great ringer he was.

In 1903 he was appointed as the first captain of the Emmanuel Church Ringers, and took part in the first peal rung there. In 1912 he was elected leader of St. Andrew's band, and until 1920 he held both offices, when the duties were taken over at Emmanuel by one of the local band. He remained captain at St. Andrew's until his death.

One of the great events was a full day's ringing on the occasion of Queen Victoria's golden jubilee in 1887, for which he received the sum of four shillings, and until 1957 he had not missed a single royal or civic occasion when the bells were in demand.

At the time of his death he was the oldest member of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, and was elected a vice-president in 1945, having joined the Guild in 1891. Towards the end of the last century he became a founder member of the Truro Diocesan Guild, and in 1940 he was elected a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths. He had rung peals for each of these three Guilds.

At the time he had to ease up on his ringing he had rung on every ringable ring of bells in Devon, and there is no doubt that many of the very outlying churches were taken in on a series of Wednesday afternoon trips, perhaps three or four each summer, with old friends who included Preb. Cox, the Rev. W. H. Smale, of Petrockstowe, Mr. F. C. Smale, of Okehampton, who for a number of years arranged these excursions, which were always a great joy to Mr. Myers, and several others.

THE LOG BOOK

Amongst treasured possessions of Mr. Myers is the 'log' book, dating from Easter, 1898, of the Three Towns and District Branch, of which he had been secretary and treasurer. The three towns were Plymouth, Devonport and Stonehouse, and it was not until after the first world war the area came into the S.W. Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers.

He had been in first peals at a number of churches, including St. Andrew's and Emmanuel. He was in the first peal of Grandsire Caters at Charles Church, comprised wholly of a local band in 1901, when it was the first of Caters for all ten ringers. He had 'circled the towers' in peals at St. Andrew's and Emmanuel. Although of small stature he had turned the tenor (35 cwt.) in for Bob Royal at St. Andrew's, the first to be rung and which he conducted.

He resided in Truro for about 18 months when a young man, but he deserted the delectable Duchy to return to his native 'town,' though he never lost his love of Cornwall and its bells, and was for a time the recognised ringing instructor of the Guild.

The log book contains accounts of a number of happenings in the early part of the century. A band went to test the new ring at Emmanuel when the seventh and tenor were reported to be not up to standard. Another occasion was when a band, at the invitation of the Vicar, journeyed to St. Mellion, just over the Cornish border, to take part in the dedication of a new ring of six. They had had several touches and then decided to go for a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles. About 700 changes had been rung when the Vicar came and stopped them, insisting that the ringers must be exhausted and that they come for refreshment. There is an account of a peal at St. Charles' in 1904 when, after ringing about 3 hours and 10 minutes, suddenly one of the ringers, a Mr. Hendy, fell forward flat on his face and died instantly. Mr. Myers attended the inquest, when medical evidence showed deceased had an enlarged heart.

From 1914 the Myers have been responsible for the maintenance of the church clock at St. Andrew's, with its carillon. He had also for a number of years been responsible for the clock at Customs House on the Barbican.

What a record of devotion to the art of change-ringing! It is difficult to say just how much influence this little man had in bringing change-ringing to the area, but it is known that in the very early days he had been almost threatened with annihilation by the call-change and round ringers.

This must be a record of continuous service hard to equal, and it is sad when advancing years bring to a close the activities of such a man; but it remains that whilst most of us want to live long, none of us want to grow old.

His three sons continue at St. Andrew's, so we of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers are assured and sincerely hope the name of Myers will continue at St. Andrew's for many years to come. The ringing must continue, and our departed friend would be the first to say: 'Let there be no moaning at the bar when I put out to sea.'

H. H. T.

MR. ALBERT D. STONE

Ringers who visited Brighton before the war will all regret the passing of Mr. A. D. Stone, of the St. Peter's band, whose funeral service took place in that church on March 17th.

Elected a member of the Sussex County Association prior to a peal in December, 1899, he became one of the well-known band who rang under the direction of George Attree, scoring many Surprise peals in new methods. In 1910 he became a member of the central divisional committee and secretary of the division from 1911 to 1922, which position he resigned on becoming general secretary in 1923. Two years after giving up this office he was elected hon. treasurer, in 1937, and held the position until failing health caused him to give up active participation in the Association in 1943.

Of the 300 peals he had rung, 292 were for the Sussex Association, mainly on heavy bells in spite of his slight physique. In 1926 he rang the ninth at St. Peter's to the first peal of London Surprise Royal in George Baker's No. 2 (the Brighton) version. This he considered to be the highlight of his peal ringing career, and was performed under the conductorship of his lifelong friend, Keith Hart, and with the local band of St. Peter's. Of his total peals 115 were rung in his own tower.

The bells were rung half-muffled as a tribute to his memory before the funeral service and after when the coffin was taken away. Those taking part were Miss Betty Stevenson, Mrs. F. I. Hairs, Messrs. F. I. Hairs (past Master), S. E. Armstrong (past Master), W. A. Riddington (leader of St. Peter's), G. North (secretary, Southern Division), B. North, F. Page, A. W. Bond, L. Stilwell (peal secretary) and L. Batting.

S. E. A.

MR. FREDK. O. STEVENS

The oldest member of the Rutland Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, Mr. Frederick O. Stevens, sexton of SS. Peter and Paul Church, Preston, near Uppingham, died on March 17th, aged 89 years. Since the formation of the Rutland Branch he had been their representative on the Guild committee.

Except for illness, Mr. Stevens was most regular in attending branch meetings, although for the past three or four years he had been unable to ring owing to failing eyesight and difficulty in climbing the belfry steps. He would, however, sit in the churches, content just to listen to the bells and exchange a cheery greeting to all the ringers. By his passing the Branch has lost a true and loyal friend who earned the respect of all by his devotion to what he considered to be his duty—the furtherance of bell-ringing.

A wreath was sent from the Rutland Branch, and in the evening members gathered from many parts of the county at Preston to ring his bells half-muffled, a last token of respect to a great friend.

J. H.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FAULTS IN COMPETITION RINGING

Dear Sir,—In reply to R. J. Carlton's Faults in Competition Ringing, I am a competition ringer and I do not plead ignorance, neither will Mr. N. Moxon, of Cawthorne, who, I am sure, will reply.

To R. J. Carlton and others here is my suggestion whether they ring open leads, close leads, or Churchyard Bob (which I put as any other).

Firstly, we have our own Parsons, Wardens, Officers of the Church and the parishioners to consider and make them appreciate our services to them, as it is our duty to do. Now, R. J. Carlton, my suggestion to you, and all others who plead ignorance, is to have their own ringing recorded, then played back to them slowly. Stand and listen, try to count at an equal speed. If you do not find faults at first try again, eventually you will begin to realise the rhythm it should be and that is my explanation of a system.

I have a recording of our own Friezland bells which I would gladly let R.T.C. have to give unto him that which he does seem to desire.—Yours faithfully,

JOSEPH BURGESS.

62 Manchester Road,
Greenfield, nr. Oldham.

THE FIRST PEAL AT SOUTH STOKE

Dear Sir.—It is with pleasure that I write to verify the letter of W. Simmonds, in your issue of March 18th. I conducted the first peal at South Stoke, in which W. Simmonds rang the fifth. To the best of my memory it was in 1924, and was in three methods, but the record can be found in the Oxford Diocesan Peal Book. The dates of four of the six bells were duly noted during our visit. The band included such stalwarts in Minor ringing in those days as George and James Abery, John Bower and Jim Smith.

Like W.S., I can vividly remember the locals peeping round the curtains with amazement and excitement during the last half hour of the peal. Also, there was only about one inch of the candles left to burn when we finished. The ringing created quite a sensation in the quiet little village at that time.—Yours faithfully,

E. TIGWELL.

Hook, Basingstoke, Hants.

EDINBURGH DELIGHT

Dear Sir.—The recent correspondence regarding Edinburgh Delight Minor overlooks one point.

A peal of Edinburgh Delight Major was rung at All Saints', Wigston Magna, on November 20th, 1948, conducted by R. F. Roe, in honour of the occasion of the birth of Prince Charles.

This method published in the 'R.W.' does not contract to Minor.—Yours faithfully,

T. E. HARROLD.

Wigston Magna, Leics.

CAPITA MAGNISSIMUS

Dear Sir.—Each member of the Derbyshire Association committee, which annually awards the insignia of Capita Magnissimus, is sufficiently versed in Latin to realise their (deliberate) mistakes. On occasions such as our annual dinner we consider that the possession of a sense of humour is a far better qualification than a sound knowledge of Latin.—Yours sincerely,

G. A. HALLS.

Derby.

DUPLICATION OF SURPRISE METHODS

Dear Sir.—I should like to comment on two points raised by your correspondents Brian J. Woodruffe and Denis A. Frith on the subject of Duplication in Surprise Methods in last week's 'Ringing World.'

First, Mr. Woodruffe states that '... Wye. ... Braunstone and Biddenden are mere variations of Yorkshire!' They may be variations of Yorkshire, but I fail to see why the belittling word 'mere' has to be used or why an exclamation mark has to be appended.

Second, Mr. Frith asks that if we ring a peal in these methods, we should not make a claim as to ringing the 'first peal' in the method, presumably because the differences from Yorkshire are so slight. These methods do serve a useful purpose in that they provide a relief from ringing pure Yorkshire all the time and even a good band has to keep its wits about it to ring these methods correctly. They also give composers something to think about, too. They are new methods—and worth calling as such.

With regard to the naming of methods raised by Mr. P. Amos in the same issue, I believe it is the desire of the Central Council that new methods should be named after places. Does it matter whether they have bells or not? In any case, Arnesby certainly has FIVE bells.

Nevertheless, Mr. Amos can take heart in the fact that previously I called a peal which contained no less than eleven 'Saints' methods. The most important thing about ringing is that the bells should be rung for the Christian festivals, to proclaim to the public the message of the Church.—Yours faithfully,

Leicester. BRIAN G. WARWICK.

LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL NEEDS TAG

Dear Sir.—May I remind Mr. Peter Border, the conductor of two peals rung at Birmingham and published in your last issue as well as several earlier ones, and also you yourself, sir, of the Council's decision in 1955 that it 'declines to recognise any method hitherto rung or published as entitled to the designation of "London Surprise Royal" unless the words "Stepney version," "Brighton version" or "No. 3 or Beddington version" be added.'

I think it is safe to say, without the fear of reopening an old controversy, that it is generally agreed London Surprise Royal as a regular method does not exist. The version usually used—No. 3—has therefore no more exclusive right to this title than those rung at Brighton in 1926 or at Stepney in 1910, however near to or far from the ideal any of them may be.—Yours sincerely,

E. A. BARNETT, Hon. Secretary,
Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.

'MORE INTERESTING EVERY WEEK'

Dear Sir.—I have taken a ringing paper since 1895, the Editor then being Harvey Reeves. Although it was only one penny in those days and is now 8d., I consider 'The Ringing World' is well worth the extra money and gets more interesting every week.

I reached the age of 84 on March 17th and am now looking forward to my 60 years of married bliss, which will be on April 16th. On my wedding day I rang in a peal of Grandsire conducted by the late Alfred Lawrence, of Christ Church, Swindon.

I still keep up my ringing, attending on practice nights and for Sunday ringing at Wootton Bassett, where I have had charge of the ringing for 63 years. My best wishes to my ringing friends in all parts of the country.—Yours faithfully, LOUIS A. WILSON.

109, High Street, Wootton Bassett, Wilts.

THE FIRST THREE PEALS IN AMERICA

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Ogden's letter in 'The Ringing World' of December 11th, may I present my knowledge of the first three peals rung on the North American continent:

PHILADELPHIA, U.S.A.

On June 9, 1850, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.
At Christ Church.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's 10-part. Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. in E.

Thomas H. Lesage	Treble
Charles Rayhill	2
F. G. Wade	3
Henry W. Haley	4
J. Hewitt	5
William Lobb	6
Edward Sawyer	7
Richard Dodd, James Davey	Tenor

Conducted by Henry W. Haley.
First peal rung in U.S.A.

VANCOUVER, B.C., CANADA.
On July 1 (Dominion Day), 1911, in 3 Hours 13 Minutes.
At Holy Rosary Pro-Cathedral.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Original. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

Alfred C. Limpus	Treble
James Carrier	2
Richard Pitman	3
Arthur King	4
M. Bennett	5
George W. Foster	6
Andy B. Lomas	7
Thomas Greenway	Tenor

Conducted by George W. Foster.
This peal also rung for the Coronation of King George V.

VICTORIA, B.C., CANADA.
On Oct. 3, 1905, in 3 Hours 15 Minutes.
At Christ Church Cathedral.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12-part.
Tenor 29 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lbs. D flat

D. Boniface	Treble
Margaret Izard	2
Ernest Weatherby	3
Arthur King	4
E. W. Izard	5
Andy B. Lomas	6
Ernest F. Salmon	7
Edward Lake	Tenor

Conducted by Ernest F. Salmon.

Arthur King and A. B. Lomas formerly of Holy Rosary, Ernest Weatherby, Los Angeles, U.S.A. E. F. Salmon, Royal Navy, Stoneham, Hants, England.

These bells were a new ring of eight cast by Mears and Stainbank in 1936.

The ringers in the first peal were six of a party of London handbell ringers touring U.S.A. with 'Barnum's Circus.' They discovered a ring of eight bells in Philadelphia, cast by the Whitechapel foundry, by Lester and Pack, who also cast the Liberty Bell in 1754; other information of the party may be obtained from 'The College Youths,' London, and must not be confused with the Lancashire ringers who returned to England in 1847.

In the second peal, Vancouver, the band were all Englishmen who had made residence in Canada. When Mr. Limpus arrived in Vancouver, at that time a non-ringer, he became interested in the Holy Rosary Cathedral bells and was instrumental in the recasting of the seven French bells into a ring of eight.

To conclude with a note of interest. The carillonneur, Mr. James R. Lawson, of the University of Chicago, U.S., is having the ring of 10 bells in the Mitchell tower restored and equipped for ringing after 20 years of silence.—Yours etc.,

ERNEST WEATHERBY.

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A BELL RINGER'S ADVENTURE

This amazing fictional story, that for its macabre qualities will make 'Nine Tailors' read like a fairy story, first appeared in the church magazine of St. Margaret's Church, Whitnash, Warwickshire, in August, 1859. We are indebted to the Rev. C. H. Gleave, the present rector, for bringing this to our notice and for the preservation of the old magazine, and to Mr. P. A. Oram, hon. secretary of the Southern District of the Coventry Diocesan Guild, who has been instrumental in providing us with a copy. May we add a word of warning: don't read this story late at night.

IN my younger days bell-ringing was much more in fashion among the young men of Blanktown than it is now. Nobody, I believe, practises it here at present except the salaried servants of the Church, and the melody has been much injured in consequence. Some fifty years ago about twenty of us, who lived in the vicinity of the Cathedral, formed a club which used to ring every peal that was called for; and from continual practice, and the rivalry which rose between us and a club attached to another steeple, we became very Mozarts on our favourite instruments. But my bell-ringing practice was shortened by a singular accident, which not only stopped my performance, but made even the sound of a bell terrible to my ears.

One Sunday I went with another into the belfry to ring for morning prayers, but the second stroke we pulled showed us that the clapper of the bell had been muffled. Some one had been buried that morning, and it had been prepared, of course, to ring a mournful note. We did not know of this beforehand; but it mattered little we thought, for the remedy was easy.

'Jack,' said my companion, 'step up to the loft and cut off the hat'; for the way we had of muffling was by tying a piece of an old hat to one side of the clapper which deadened every second toll. I did as I was told and mounting into the belfry, crept, as I had often done before, into the bell, and began to cut away the muffler from the clapper. But the piece of felt had been tied on in some more complicated manner than usual, and I was, perhaps, three or four minutes in getting it off; during which time my companion below was hastily called away by a message from his sweetheart, I believe, but that is not material to my story.

The person who called him was a brother of the club, who knowing that the time had come for ringing for service, and not thinking that anyone was above, began to pull. I was just getting out when I felt the bell beginning to move. I guessed the reason at once—it was a moment of terror; but by a hasty and almost convulsive effort I succeeded in jumping down, and throwing myself on the flat of my back under the bell. The room in which it hung was little more than sufficient to contain it, the bottom of the bell coming within a couple of feet of the floor of lath. At that time I certainly was not as bulky as I am now, but as I lay the bell was within an inch of my face. I had not laid myself down a second when the ringing began. It was a dreadful situation.

Over me swinging an immense mass of metal, one touch of which would have crushed me to pieces; the floor under me was principally composed of crazy laths, and if they gave way, I would be precipitated to the distance of fifty feet, upon a loft which would in all probability, sink under the impulse of my fall, and send me to be dashed to atoms upon the marble floor of the church, one hundred feet below.

I remember—for fear is quick in recollection—how a common clock weight, about a month before, had fallen, and bursting through the floors of the steeple, had driven in the ceilings of the porch, and even broken into a stone altar tomb that was beneath. This was my first terror; but the ringing had not continued a minute before a more awful and immediate dread came over me. The deafening sound of the bell smote into my ears with a thunder which made me fear their drums would crack.

There was not a fibre of my body through which it did not thrill—it entered my very soul; thought and reflection were almost utterly vanished: I only retained the sensation of agonizing terror. Every moment I saw the bell sweep within an inch of my face, and my eyes (I could not close them, though to look at the object was bitter as death) followed it instinctively in its oscillating progress until it came back again. It was in vain that I said to myself it could come no nearer at any future swing than it did at first. Every time it descended I endeavoured to shrink into the very floor to avoid being buried under the down-sweeping mass; and then reflecting on the danger of pressing too heavily on my frail support, I would cower up again as far as I dared.

At first my fears were about matters of fact. I was afraid the pulleys above would give way and let the bell plunge on me. At another time the possibility of the clapper being shot on me in some sweep, and dashing through my body, as I had seen a ramrod glide through a door, flitted across my mind. The dread, also (as I have already mentioned) of the crazy floor, tormented me: but these soon gave way to fears more visionary, and, of course, more tremendous. The roaring of the bell confused my intellect, and my fancy soon began to teem with all sorts of strange and terrifying ideas.

The bell pealing above, and opening its jaws with a hideous clamour, seemed to me, at one time, a ravening monster raging to devour me, at another, a whirlpool, ready to suck me into its bellowing abyss. As I gazed upon it, it assumed all shapes: it was a devouring eagle, or rather, a Roc of the Arabian story-tellers, clapping its wings and screaming over me. As I looked upwards into it, it would appear sometimes to lengthen into indefinite extent, or to be twisted at the end into the spiral folds of the tail of a flying dragon. Nor was the flaming breath or the fiery glance of that fabled animal wanting to complete the picture. My eyes inflamed, bloodshot, and glaring, invested the supposed monster with a full proportion of unholy light.

The air, set in motion by the swinging of the bell, blew over me, nearly with the violence, and more than the thunder of a tempest, and the floor seemed to reel under me as under a drunken man. But the most awful of all the ideas that seized on me were drawn from the supernatural. In the vast cavern of the bell, hideous faces appeared, and glared down on me with terrifying frowns, or with grinning mockery, still more appalling. At last I thought that the devil himself, glaring on me with eyes of infernal lustre, made his appearance, and called on me to curse God and worship him, who was powerful to save me.

This dread suggestion he uttered with the full-toned clangour of the bell. Strenuously and desperately I defied him and bade him begone. Reason then for a moment resumed her sway, but it was only to fill me with fresh terror, just as the lightning dispels the gloom that surrounds the benighted mariner, only to show him that his vessel is driving on a rock where she must inevitably be dashed to pieces. I found I was becoming delirious, and trembled lest reason should utterly desert me. This is at all times an agonising thought, but it smote me then with tenfold agony. I feared lest when utterly deprived of my senses, I should rise, for I was every moment tempted to do so by that strange feeling which calls on a man whose head is dizzy from standing on the battlements of a lofty castle to precipitate himself from it, and find a death instant and tremendous.

When I thought of this I became desperate. I caught the floor with a grasp which drove the blood from my nails, and I yelled with the cry of despair. I called for help—I prayed. I shouted, but all the efforts of my voice were, of course, drowned in the bell. As it passed over my mouth it occasionally echoed my cries, which mixed not with its own sound, but preserved a distinct character. Perhaps this was but fancy. To me, I know, the echoes of my cries then sounded as if they were the shouting, howling, or laughing of the fiends, with which my imagination had peopled the gloomy cave which swung over me.

You may accuse me of exaggerating my feelings, but I am not. Many scenes of dread have I since passed through, but they are nothing to the self-inflicted terrors of that half hour in the belfry. The ancients conceived that one of the spirits in Tartarus was doomed to be for ever under a rock, which every moment seemed to be descending to annihilate him—and an awful punishment it would be. But if to this you add a clamour as loud as if ten thousand furies were howling about you—a deafening uproar, banishing reason and driving you to madness—you must allow that the bitterness of the pang was rendered more terrible. There is no man, firm as his nerves may be, who could retain his courage in this situation.

In twenty minutes the ringing was done. Half of that time passed over me without power of computation; the other half appeared an age. When it ceased, I gradually became more quiet, but a new fear seized me. I knew that five minutes would elapse without ringing, but at the end of that short time the bell would be rung a second time for five minutes more. I could not calculate time—a minute and an hour were of equal duration. I feared to rise, lest the five minutes should have elapsed, and the ringing be again commenced, in which case I should be smashed, before I could escape, against the walls or frame-work of the bell. I therefore still continued to lie down, cautiously shifting myself, however, with a careful gliding, so that my eye no longer looked into the hollow. This was of itself no slight relief. The cessation of the noise had, in a great measure, the effect of stupifying me, for my attention, being no longer occupied by the chimeras I had conjured up, began to flag. All that now distressed me was the constant expectation of the second ringing, for which, however, I settled myself with a kind of sullen, stolid resolution, I closed my eyes and clenched my teeth, as firmly as if they were screwed in a vice.

At last the dreaded moment came, and the first swing of the bell extorted a groan from me, as they say the most resolute victim screams at the sight of the rack to which he is for a second time to be bound. After this, however, I lay silent and lethargic, without a thought. Wrapt in the defensive armour of stupidity, I defied the bell and its intonations. When it ceased I was roused a little by the hope of escape. I did not however, decide on this step hastily, but putting up my hand with the utmost caution, I touched the rim. I thought the ringing had ceased: it still was tremulous from the sound and shook under my hand, which instantly recoiled as from an electric jar.

A quarter of an hour probably elapsed before I again dared to make the experiment, and then I found the bell at rest. I determined to lose no time, fearing that the bell for afternoon service would catch me. This dread stimulated me, and I slipped out with utmost rapidity and arose. I stood, I suppose, for a minute, looking with silly wonder on the place of my imprisonment, penetrated with joy at escaping, and then rushed down the stony and irregular stairs with my utmost speed, and arrived in the bell-ringers' room.

This was the last act I had power to accomplish. I leant against the wall motionless, and deprived of thought, in which posture my companions found me, when, in the course of a couple of hours, they returned to their occupation. They were shocked, as well they might be, at the figure before them. The wind of the bell had excoriated my face, and my dim and stupified eyes were fixed with a lack lusture gaze in my raw eyelids. My hands were torn and bleeding my hair

A Bell Ringer's Adventure—Cont.

dishevelled, and my clothes tattered. They spoke to me, but I gave no answer; they shook me, but I remained insensible; they then became alarmed and hastened to remove me. He who had first gone up with me in the forenoon met them as they carried me through the churchyard, and through him, who was shocked at having, in some measure, occasioned the accident, the cause of my misfortune was discovered.

I was put to bed at home, and remained for three days delirious, but gradually recovered my senses. You may be sure the bell formed a prominent topic of my ravings, and if I heard a peal they were instantly increased to the utmost violence. Even when the delirium abated my sleep was continually disturbed by imagined ringing, and dreams were haunted by the fancies which almost maddened me while in the steeple. My friends removed me to a house in the country, which was sufficiently distant from any place of worship, to save me from the apprehension of hearing the church bell going; for what Alexander Selkirk, in Cowper's poem, complained of as a misfortune was then to me a blessing.

There I recovered; but even long after my recovery, if the gale wafted the notes of a peal towards me, I started with nervous apprehension. I felt a Mahommedan hatred for all the bell tribe, and envied the subjects of the commander of the faithful the sonorous voice of their Muezzin. Time cured this, as it does the most of our follies; but even at the present day, if by chance my nerves be unstrung, some particular notes of the Cathedral bell have power to surprise me into a momentary start and tremor.

ODE TO A LOST RINGER

In 'Ringing Worlds' long past we saw,
Full oft in many a peal.
The name of Wratten, bold in print,
His fame was very real.

But now, alas, no more we see
That well remembered name,
The lad we used to know so well
Has given up the game.

'Tis rumoured that he's signed the pledge,
And given up all vice.
What ails the lad? we want to know.
T'aint really very nice.

His clapper's mute, his rope is snapped,
His stay all bent and broke.
His wheel no longer turns about.
What's up with the poor old bloke?

One time we used to see him stand
Before the parlour rail.
'Twas naught to see this hearty lad
Sink pints of good strong ale.

'Tis said that he has gone to naught,
A shadow of his self,
No bells, no beer, no football pools,
He must be in bad health.

No doubt you're wondering what's occurred
To bring this lad's decline.
The poor chap, one dark night, got caught
By maiden's fair design.

A warning to you bachelors gay:
A churchyard's not the place;
Stay in the tower and lock the door,
That way you'll ne'er lose face.

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CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY AT DINNER

ON Saturday, March 5th, the annual dinner of the Cambridge University Guild was held in the Hall of Selwyn College.

The day was much too pleasant to be wasted in peal ringing, and it was possibly in view of this that, despite very kind encouragement from the Vicar, the conductor of the band which was trying to ring Stedman Triples at Ickleton saw the light after 40 minutes and miscalled it. Having rung a quarter of Bob Major to keep out of mischief until opening time, the band returned to Trumpington to lend a judicious ear to the peal of eight-spliced Surprise which was going on there. Hearing that it was good, they sat in the Red Lion until the peal came round a little later, to the deserved satisfaction of all concerned.

For those who wished to bolt their lunches, Mr. Roaf was on display at St. Bene't's for an hour, after which the ringing chamber at Great St. Mary's was crammed to capacity. It should be explained that Cambridge was holding a Fiesta Day in aid of the Refugee Appeal, and one young man who was sitting in the shadow of St. Mary's, solemnly playing a clarinet, was nearly blown away when the 12 were pulled off. He is believed to have gone elsewhere.

The ringing at the Roman Catholic Church was interrupted, surprisingly briefly, by a wedding, but reached a higher standard than usual, including Double Norwich, Bristol and London. This was courteously, and ruefully, attributed to the visitors and the older members.

St. Andrew's was the last tower open, and ringing included Yorkshire and London, though certain figures were by this time conspicuously, if understandably, absent.

87 AT DINNER

The second remarkable feature of the day was immediately evident at sherry before dinner, and it was later stated by the secretary that no fewer than 87 people sat down to the very satisfactory dinner. Later, after the loyal toast, the president (Rev. A. C. Blyth) welcomed the guests and visitors, presented with regret apologies for absence from Canon A. L. Woodard and Mr. J. H. Fielden, and observed that, under conditions of some secrecy, the Guild had contrived to ring a 4-bell tower for a wedding. This, he suggested, added some weight to the assertion that the Guild was flourishing.

Mr. S. E. Darmon, proposing the toast of 'The Guild,' revealed that he had asked himself why the Guild continued to exist. (Perhaps after our afternoon's activities the same question may have been asked elsewhere in Cambridge.) He finally attributed its present flourishing state to the degree of contact between resident and non-resident members, stressing the importance of Guild Week in this connection, and also to the great good fortune of the Guild in its two presidents, both past and present. This proposition was strongly and audibly supported.

Mr. P. H. Langton, the Master, confirmed in his reply impressions of the present state of the Guild by quoting a resident membership of 52, of which 22 were new members. The Guild rang for four services on Sundays, and learners were encouraged to assist regularly at Trumpington. Two practices were held each week and also two muffled practices for learners: special mention was made of a system of entering individually the progress of learners each week, which had enabled the large numbers to be instructed with economy and purpose. The number of peals rung over the year was slightly below average, but the achievements in terms of methods was felt to offset this to some extent: peals had been gained in two new plain and two new Surprise Major methods—Wymondham and Winchester, and Cornwall and Glasgow. A peal of Bob Royal 'in hand,' nonconducted, had also been rung. Outings and local meetings of the Ely Diocesan Association had been very well attended, particularly by learners. As his personal proof of the present state of the Guild, said the Master, he took the fact that, before a recent attempt for a peal of eight-spliced Surprise, a prominent resident peal ringer had been found practising on a lashed treble at St. Andrew's.

The secretary, Mr. J. R. Taylor, proposing the toast of 'The Guests,' welcomed representatives of the Oxford University, University of London and University of Bristol Societies, and the Master and a not unfamiliar member of the Society of Cambridge Youths. The latter he complimented on their ability to ring not only the bells but also the tower of Great St. Mary's.

Replying for the guests, the Master of the Oxford University Society (Mr. A. Stubbs) congratulated the Guild on its achievement in the peal of eight-spliced Surprise rung earlier in the day, but gently defended his own Society by reference to their own achievement in the peal rung for the recent Royal birth. He wondered why no similar attempt had been made by the Guild.

As usual, the company proceeded after dinner to the Tower Room for beer, libel and handbells until a suitably late hour. On Sunday there was no shortage of ringers and ringing was interesting. By the evening, however, the residents were again in possession after what was agreed to have been a most successful and enjoyable week-end. P. B. H.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Maidstone District

The meeting of the Maidstone District at Lenham was enhanced by the presence of the Ladies' Guild and members of the Central Council. This combined meeting had good support from both Societies and resulted in a congregation of 63 at the service, conducted by the Rev. O. F. R. Strictland. Other visitors before and after must have brought the total attendance to a good century.

Unfortunately Mr. A. Waddington, the District Ringing Master, was indisposed, and the role was ably filled by Mr. Reg Sills, the District secretary.

The Vicar in his address drew a simile of bells to 'Praise Him on the Loud Trumpet' and in more modern theme to the cook house call of 'Come and get it.' He looked on bells ringing for service as a call to all people to come and get the spiritual substance offered by the Church.

He also thanked those present for ringing the bells, giving the people of Lenham an opportunity of hearing their rehung bells for which they had worked so hard. A new band is being formed locally and the bells now ring for most services.

After the business meeting Mr. P. Carter thanked the Vicar for the use of the bells and his most interesting address, also Mr. J. Manktelow, the local captain, for his assistance with the arrangements.

P. M. T.

Rochester District

There was a very happy gathering of some 60 odd members for the Rochester District by-meeting at the little village church of St. Bartholomew, Bobbing, on March 12th.

The Vicar (the Rev. F. L. Talbot) conducted the ringers' service at which a collection was taken on behalf of the Kent County Association Belfry Repair Fund. Tea was kindly given and served in the Village Hall. The District secretary, Mr. T. Barton, in proposing a vote of thanks, especially mentioned the vicar, churchwardens and lady helpers for their hospitality and very warm welcome.

Ringing on the six bells was under the leadership of Mr. G. A. Nayler, District Ringing Master.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C., Saturday, April 2nd, 6 p.m. Ringing at St. James', Clerkenwell, 4 p.m. Advance Notice. Meeting at Derby, Saturday, April 30th. Full details of ringing and luncheon arrangements later. The 323rd Anniversary Dinner will be held at The Bridge House Restaurant, London Bridge, S.E.1, on Saturday, November 5th, 1960.—John Chilcott, Hon. Sec. 5946

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Annual meeting Dudley, April 2nd. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. 5994

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Evening meeting, Saturday, April 2nd, at Haddenham. Bells (6) 5.30 p.m.—D. F. Murfet, Dis. Sec. 5976

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting at Ottershaw, Saturday, April 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 5989

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting at Norton, April 2nd. 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 5968

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Quarterly meeting Penshurst on Saturday, April 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. (2s. 6d.). 5926

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch.—Annual meeting, Dorchester, Saturday, April 2nd. Ringing 3 to 4.15 p.m. Meeting, followed by Evensong 6 p.m. 5971

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting, Solihull (10), April 2nd. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea and meeting 4.30 p.m. 5992

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Wortley, Saturday, April 2nd, 3 p.m.—J. Seager, Sec. 5998

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, West Grinstead (6), Saturday, April 2nd, 3 p.m.—Mrs. E. L. Hairs, Hon. Sec. 5997

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting Thruxton (6), Saturday, April 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service, tea and meeting. Ringing afterwards. Amport (6) 6.30 to 7.30 p.m. Abbott's Ann (5) 7.30 to 9 p.m. 5970

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting, St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station), Monday, April 4th, 7 p.m. 5611

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Evening practice, Balderton, on Monday, April 4th. Bells 7.30. Methods: Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, London Surprise and Edinburgh Delight.—W. L. Exton, Hon. Sec. 5605

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Monthly practice, St. Martin-in-the Fields, Wednesday, April 6th, 6.30 p.m. 5634

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting to be held at East Ardsley, near Wakefield, Saturday, April 9th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Please bring your own food.—J. W. Buxton. 5614

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Porlock, Saturday, April 9th, from 3 p.m. Tea for number notified by 6th.—A. R. Tudball. 5642

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Meeting, Old Warden (6), Saturday, April 9th. Bells open 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special methods: College Exercise and Single Court. Everyone welcome.—A. Smith, Dis. Sec. 5637

BEVERLEY AND SELBY DISTRICT SOCIETIES.—Joint meeting, Beverley, Saturday, April 9th. Minster bells (10) 2 p.m. Service in St. Mary's Church 4.30. Tea (moderate charge) 5. St. Mary's bells (10) from 6 p.m. Names for tea by April 7th to Mr. A. Taylor, 28, Albert Terrace, Beverley. 5609

CHESTER GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—A meeting will be held at Daresbury on Saturday, April 9th. Bells (8) 3 p.m., Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—C. Raddon. 5607

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Creswell, April 9th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to L. Barlow, Lilac House, Mansfield Road, Creswell, Worksop, Notts. 5646

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Meeting at Barcombe, Saturday, April 9th. Tea difficult: names essential to Mr. S. Brook, Half Yard Cottage, Barcombe Mills, Lewes.—C. A. Bassett. 5627

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting, Harston, Saturday, April 9th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—E. W. Bullman, Dis. Sec. 5640

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Wroughton (6), Saturday, April 9th. Names for tea to Luton, 169, Cheney Manor Road, Swindon, Wilts. 5618

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stow Branch.—Meeting at Stow-on-Wold, Saturday, April 9th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to F. Newton, 44, Bishops Drive, Bishop's Cleeve, Cheltenham, Glos. All welcome. 5633

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ross District.—Annual meeting, Ross, Saturday, April 9th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at Central Cafe.—J. J. Webb, 23, Alton Street, Ross-on-Wye. 5641

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Saturday, April 9th, Sawbridgeworth (8), 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. Rochester, 7, Small Gains, Sawbridgeworth.—R. Durrant, Dis. Sec. 5986

LADIES' GUILD.—Sussex District.—Meeting at Uckfield (8), April 9th. Bells 3 p.m., Service 4.15, Tea 5 p.m. Ladies, please support. Gentlemen cordially invited. Names for tea by April 6th, to Miss L. Beeney, Hon. Sec., St. George's Nursery, 7, Chilston Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent. 5974

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Joint Manchester and Rochdale Branches.—Meeting, St. Mary's, Oldham, Saturday, April 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea. Business 6 p.m., both at Burnley Street School.—Fearnehough and Hudson, Secs. 5632

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn and Preston Branches.—Joint meeting, Whalley, Saturday, April 9th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Buses X27, 215, X23, 231, 227.—J. Pilkerton and L. Walmsley. 5625

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Packington (6), Saturday, April 9th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by April 5th to Mr. R. Clifton, Normanton Lodge Farm, Normanton-le-Heath, Leicestershire.—C. W. Hall. 5615

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting, Sileby, Saturday, April 9th. Bells 3 p.m., Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in Pochin Hall 5 p.m. Names by the previous Wednesday, please, to Mr. W. W. Draper, 3, Highgate Road, Sileby, near Loughborough, Leics. 5620

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting Saturday, April 9th. Husbands Bosworth. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—L. W. Allen. 5631

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Acle, April 9th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m., Service 4.15, Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, 6th, certain, please, to Mr. H. W. Lidbetter, Hollycroft, Acle, Norwich, NOR 202.—P. G. W. Newstead, Branch Sec. 5975

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Lower Heyford, Saturday, April 9th. Names for tea by Monday previous to Mr. W. Collins, Furnace Lane, Lower Heyford, Northampton.—F. W. Hancock. 5628

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Notts District.—Meeting, Tuxford (8), Saturday, April 9th. Names for tea by 5th to Mr. W. Brett, 1, Ashvale, Tuxford, Newark.—H. Denman. 5639

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Practice meeting at Lakenheath (6), April 9th. Bells 6.30 p.m.—A. F. Ballam, Dis. Sec. 5980

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting, Bosham (6), Saturday, April 9th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to E. W. Keys, Greystones, Salthill Road, Fishbourne, Chichester. 5624

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Quarterly meeting, Woburn, Saturday, April 16th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea (2s. 6d.) 5. Short service 6 p.m. Names to Mr. Coleman, The Bell Inn, Woburn. No name, no tea. 5630

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A.G.M., Bridgwater, Easter Monday, April 18th. Service 12 noon, St. Mary's. Lunch 1 p.m., Tudor Cafe. Meeting at St. Mary's Hall, 2.30 p.m. The following rings are available: Ashcott (6), 10 to 11; Huntspill (6), 10 to 11; North Petherton (6) 10 to 11; Cossington (6), 10.30 to 11.30; Woolavington (6), 10.30 to 11.30; Bridgwater (8), 10.30 to 12, 4.30 to 5.30 and 7 to 8; Chilton Trinity (5), 5 to 6; Durleigh (6), 5 to 6; Cannington (6), 6 to 7; Spaxton (6), 6 to 7; Wembdon (6), 7 to 8. Tickets for luncheon, 6s. (which are essential), can be obtained upon receipt of a S.A.E. (send no money now) from D. Hoare, 13, Coombend, Radstock. 5938

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Easter Monday, April 18th. Towers: Maulden (8), 10 to 10.45; Silsoe (6), 10.30 to 11.15; Gravenhurst (5), 11 to 11.45; Shillington (5), 11.15 to 12; Clifton (8), 12 to 12.40 and 2 to 3; Henlow (6), 2.30 to 3.30; Biggleswade (8), 3.15 to 4 and 7 to 8.30. Business meeting 5.30 p.m. Dinner 6s. Tea 3s. 3d. Meals only supplied if names and cash sent by April 13th to A. Smith, Turnpike Farm, Potton Road, Biggleswade, or District secretaries. Nominations for officers and C.C. representatives to J. M. Stephens, Gen. Sec., 9, Poplar Close, Leighton Buzzard. 5638

DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—A.G.M., Honiton, Easter Monday, April 18th. Bells from 3 p.m.: St. Paul's (8), St. Michael's (6). Service, St. Paul's, 4.30 p.m. Tea and business after. Names for tea by 13th, please, to Webb, Oakwell, Millhead Road, Honiton. 5613

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will take place on Easter Monday, April 18th, at Ely. Ringing arrangements: Swavesey (6), 10 to 12; Over (8), 10 to 12; Longstanton (8), 10.30 to 12.30; Willingham (6), 11 to 1; Cottenham (6), 12 to 2; Swaffham Prior (6), 12 to 2; Burwell (8), 12 to 2; Soham (10), 1 to 3; Wilburton (6), 1 to 3; Haddenham (6), 1.30 to 3; Stretham (6), 2 to 3.30; Littleport (8), 2 to 3.30. Service in Ely Cathedral 4.15 p.m. Tickets for tea 4s. each, with S.A.E. by April 13th, from general secretary; limited number. General business meeting after tea. Towers available after tea: Stretham, Wilburton, Littleport and Sutton (6).—H. S. Peacock, Gen. Sec., 8, Roscrea Terrace, St. John's Street, Huntingdon. 5636

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Pinchbeck, Easter Monday, April 18th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, April 13th to A. R. Withyman, Glenlivet, Spalding Road, Pinchbeck, Spalding.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting on Easter Monday, April 18th, at All Saints', Newport. Bells 2 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow.—F. J. Hannington, 32 Surrey Street, Canton, Cardiff. 5617

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION

Annual general meeting at Kirkby Stephen on Easter Monday, April 18th. Bells available 1 p.m. A.G.M. 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Those requiring tea must inform on or before Wednesday, April 13th, Mr. A. Morland, Mount View, South Road, Kirkby Stephen, Westmorland.—J. W. Brownrigg, Hon. Sec. 5610

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Worcester, Easter Monday, April 18th. Service, All Saints' 11.15 a.m. Business meeting, College Hall, 12.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for all who notify me before Wednesday, April 13th. Bells available, Cathedral (12) 6-7.30 p.m., All Saints' (10) 10-10.30, 11-11.10 a.m. and 7-9 p.m. Claines (10). St. John's (8), S. Swithun's (6) and Kempsey (6) all 2.15-4.30 p.m.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 5635

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—South-West Branch.—Quarterly meeting, April 23rd. Ugborough (8 bells) from 2.30 p.m. Tea and meeting, Anchor Inn, 5 p.m. Names by April 18th to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 5995

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION.—Ringing meeting Elland, April 23rd. Bells available 3-4.30 and 6.30 to 8 p.m. Teas provided at 2s. 6d. each. Please notify by April 16th, Mr. F. Linfoot, The Mouth, Wistons Lane, Elland. No names no tea.—A. Farrand, Sec. 5606

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Teynham (6), Saturday, April 23rd. Bells 2 p.m., Service 4, Tea (2s. per person) 5 p.m. Names together with cash by Tuesday, April 19th, to Mr. V. Page, No. 1, The Crescent, Teynham, Sittingbourne. 5608

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MAIDSTONE GRAMMAR SCHOOLS' SOCIETY.—Meeting Linton, Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Please bring sandwiches. All members welcome, non-members cordially invited.—Pamela J. Usborne, Sec., 315, Loose Road, Maidstone. 5621

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Morecambe, April 30th. Towers available: Lancaster Cathedral, St. Peter R.C. (10) 10.30 a.m. to 2.45 p.m., Lancaster Priory (8) after meeting until 9 p.m., Morecambe Holy Trinity (8) 10.30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and after meeting until 9 p.m. Hornby St. Margaret (8) and Scorton St. Peter (8), also available for peals. It would be desirable if local ringers could be in attendance to meet visitors. Service to be held in Morecambe Holy Trinity Church at 3.15 p.m., Preacher, the Rev. G. Snowdon. Tea at 4 p.m. (4s. per head) in the Parish Hall (across the road from the Church). Names for tea, together with money, by Wednesday, April 27th, to Mr. R. F. Eccles, 22, Walton Avenue, Morecambe. Tower secretaries are asked to make block orders for their towers, to save postage. Meeting to follow at approximately 5 p.m. in the Parish Hall. 5644

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THOUGHTS FROM THE WEST COUNTRY

NOW that we have settled down to the fact that our 'Ringing World' is costing us more, and the many opinions have been expressed regarding what should or should not be done regarding peal charges and the general contents of the paper, 'What do we do?'

At the present time only about 15 per cent. of all ringers take our paper, and if we include those who share a copy it would probably be reasonable to say that only a quarter of the ringing fraternity read it, which leaves three-quarters who do not. It has been said many times, and it is very true, that if we could get a much larger circulation we should soon achieve financial stability. It is equally true that with its appeal value at the 1959 level, and with circulation as high as it has ever been, the saturation point under these conditions had more or less been reached. With the increase in price and the additional inch of space per page, it is possible to widen the appeal of the paper a little. To some extent this has been done, and there is the additional promise of larger copies on special occasions.

Now, therefore, is the time for us all to do everything possible to interest new readers; even with its present small additional appeal there must be quite a few possibles. This, however, is not our main opportunity; we have pointed out that the responsibility for this paper rests with every ringer who is a Guild member, and this is where our opportunity is.

Very soon now, every Guild and Association in the country will be holding annual meetings; there will be thousands of ringers at these gatherings who at the moment do not take, and have no interest in, 'The Ringing World.' At the same time there will be many present who, whilst taking the paper, have never contributed to it in any way or influenced others to take it. So this is what we can do.

The minutes of every forthcoming meeting should include the item, 'The Ringing World,' and among others the following points should be raised and fully discussed.

(1) How can the paper be improved to make it of greater interest to attract the ordinary service ringer who does not take it?

(2) Having obtained views on (1), what can the company present do about it personally? Who has a good ringers' story to tell in dialect? Who is there present who is capable of writing a good article, but has always hidden his light under a bushel? There could be many who have, for one reason or another, never taken part who could become valuable contributors. Other ideas may well come to light which could be useful.

(3) Having in mind the limits of our present expansion, what can be done to provide extra finance and so allow these improvements to be made to attract extra readers? There are a number of ways of doing this, including the following:—

(*a*) Guilds and Associations could make an annual contribution of, say, £15 each: 75 such contributions would produce £1,125 per annum, with which much could be done, and it would mean that in effect all ringers were helping.

(*b*) A charge could be made by 'The Ringing World' for the publication of peals. This is a very thorny one but it has many supporters, and we should do well to have the subject freely discussed at our meetings and cleared up once and for all. Another course which could be adopted in this respect is that individual Guilds and Associations should make a charge on all peals rung for them toward 'R.W.' funds. If this could be generally adopted it would probably be the better course of the two, as it would not interfere with the function of the paper.

(4) What are the possibilities of obtaining a wider range of advertisements? It would be very difficult for 'The Ringing World' Committee to do very much about this, but the people on the spot could make a substantial contribution. Trade and business in the country are at a high level of prosperity. The ringing fraternity embraces all walks of life so must include many who are enjoying their share of this. Many firms are keenly interested in the social activities of their employees, and the suggestion here is that Associations might make an effort to enlist the interest of these people and obtain advertisement material, covered by a worthwhile contribution to the paper's funds.

(5) That every Guild and Association should appoint an official 'Ringing World' officer who could be responsible for promoting the sales of the paper, collecting reports and the like, and with a reasonable local knowledge encourage suitable people to submit

articles of a general and technical nature. This last could be most helpful. He could also be responsible for the distribution of complimentary copies of the paper at meetings as an aid to sales.

Lastly, this being the year of election to the Central Council, the newly-elected members would have the full views of their membership on the subject, and when at Folkestone 'The Ringing World' comes up for discussion, they would be able to speak and vote in accordance with the final conclusions of their Guilds. H. J. S.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LONDON, S.E.1.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., March 26, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes.*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 48 cwt.

DAVID E. PARSONS	*Treble*	JOHN PHILLIPS	7
WILLIAM HIBBERT	2	DENNIS RANDELL	8
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD	3	STEWART F. W. KIMBER	9
JAMES PHILLIPS	4	JOHN H. CRAMPION	10
JAMES G. A. PRIOR	5	MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT	11
MICHAEL P. MORETON	6	JOHN CHILCOTT	*Tenor*

Composed by DAVID E. PARSONS. Conducted by JOHN CHILCOTT.
Rung as a tribute to the memory of Mr. George N. Price, an esteemed member of the Society, who died on February 25th, 1959.

TEN BELL PEAL

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., March 23, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 18¼ cwt.

*PETER SLOMAN	*Treble*	FRANK B. LUFKIN	6
*GERALD A. BACON	2	JACK BELCHAM	7
*JANET ROWE	3	MICHAEL J. HALLETT	8
WILLIAM A. SMITH	4	FRANK V. GANT	9
BERNARD C. SADLER	5	ALFRED HOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
* First peal.
Rung in memory of Ven. Ellis Norman Gowing, M.A., Vicar of Prittlewell, 1917–1960, who died on March 2nd, 1960.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

HAMPTON, EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 19, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.

FRANCES NEWMAN	*Treble*	†ERNEST W. PENN	5
*WILLIAM NEWMAN	2	WILFRED J. NEWMAN	6
ROBERT W. COLE	3	HAROLD E. RAXTER	7
ANTHONY J. BRAZIER	4	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by HAROLD E. RAXTER.
* First peal of Major 'inside.' † First peal of Major.
Rung in honour of the birth of H.R.H. Prince Andrew.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., March 17, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Six-part. Tenor 18 cwt.

LEONARD STILWELL	*Treble*	FREDERICK PAGE	5
ALBERT W. BOND	2	HENRY STALHAM	6
W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	3	HERBERT W. WOOLVEN	7
*CHAS. W. T. RIDDLESTON	4	FRANK H. HICKS	*Tenor*

Conducted by LEONARD STILWELL.
* First peal on a 'working' bell.
Specially arranged and rung as an 88th birthday compliment to the ringer of the sixth.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., March 18, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt.

RONALD W. STEWARD	*Treble*	URBAN W. WILDNEY	5
MARIAN H. MILLS	2	FRANK B. LUFKIN	6
MRS. MURIEL R. PAGE	3	WILLIAM J. BUTTON	7
CECIL W. PIPE	4	LESLIE G. BRETT	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Benjamin Lufkin.

BLOXHAM, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 19, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF BLOXHAM,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 26¾ cwt.

HOWARD OGLESBY	*Treble*	DONALD MARSHALL	5
CHRISTOPHER CLARKE	2	RONALD F. DISERENS	6
RONALD K. RUSS	3	NOEL J. DISERENS	7
DENNIS C. BOWEN	4	JOHN PEGLAR	*Tenor*

Conducted by NOEL J. DISERENS.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., March 22, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

WILLIAM H. DOWSE	*Treble*	PETER LAFLIN	5
CAROL FERNLEY	2	*ROLAND F. ECCLES	6
*E. MARGARET FEARN	3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	7
BASIL JONES	4	BRIAN HARRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by W. BARTON. Conducted by BASIL JONES.
* First peal in the method. The treble ringer has now 'circled the tower.'
Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. Gerrard, of Morecambe, on the birth of a daughter.

WALLINGFORD, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., March 24, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-MORE.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21¼ cwt. in E flat.

JAMES P. BLOND	*Treble*	JACK BERRY	5
ALFRED GREENOUGH	2	ERNEST G. GARRARD	6
*ERIC GRIFFITHS	3	FRANK ABSOLAM	7
FREDERICK SMITH	4	ROBERT B. BLOND	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by ROBERT B. BLOND.
* First peal of Major 'inside.'
Rung, at the Rector's suggestion, on the eve of the Patronal Festival.

ABERAVON, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 26, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 16½ cwt.

*ROSEMARIE E. JONES	*Treble*	TREVOR M. RODERICK	5
WILLIAM T. PETTY	2	EDMUND J. MORRIS	6
ALFRED HANNINGTON	3	GWYN I. LEWIS	7
FRANK ROWSELL	4	D. WALFORD DAVIES	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by TREVOR M. RODERICK.
* First peal of Triples.

AMBROSDEN, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 26, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E flat.

ALAN R. PINK	*Treble*	CYRIL H. KINCH	5
BRIAN R. WHITE	2	GEORGE W. HOLLAND	6
FREDERICK VICKERS	3	FRANCIS A. WHITE	7
J. HOWARD FREEBORN	4	EDGAR J. SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by EDGAR J. SMITH.
Rung on the Feast of the Annunciation.

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EDENBRIDGE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 26, 1960, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb. in F sharp.

*ANN GEORGE	*Treble*	‡DAVID R. MATTHEWS	5
†HENRY J. IGGLESDEN	2	STANLEY JENNER	6
MARGARET A. LADD	3	EDWARD J. JENNER	7
*BRIAN E. JEFFREY	4	§HERBERT W. WOOLVEN	*Tenor*

Composed by W. HARRISON. Conducted by STANLEY JENNER.
* First peal in the method. † First of Major ‡ First peal. § 50th peal. First in the method as conductor.

GRAVESEND, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 26, 1960, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT ST. GEORGE'S CHAPEL OF UNITY
(Pocahontas Memorial).
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Washbrook's variation. Tenor 18½ cwt.

ARTHUR G. MASON	*Treble*	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	5
ERNEST J. LADD	2	HUBERT H. FURMINGER	6
BERNARD V. COLLISON	3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	7
JOHN O. WELLER	4	PETER F. BORER	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.

HEYDOUR, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 26, 1960, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in F sharp.

MARGARET A. SWANN	*Treble*	LOUIS WILLDERS	5
CHARLES McGUINESS	2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	6
J. MARTIN THORLEY	3	C HAROLD WHITTON	7
FRANK TAYLOR	4	GEOFFREY R. PARKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

ICKLETON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 26, 1960, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in F.

HARRY F. CHURCHMAN	*Treble*	DEREK E. SIBSON	5
GEORGE E. CRISP	2	*GEORGE E. THODAY	6
*DONALD F. MURFET	3	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS	7
JOHN G. GIPSON	4	MANSFIELD GINN	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES TOPP. Conducted by MANSFIELD GINN.
* First peal in the method.

OLNEY, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 26, 1960, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

*SHEILA V. PERCIVAL	*Treble*	*KEITH WAKEFIELD	5
JENNIFER M. DAVIES	2	JOHN B. LONG	6
ROBERT L. PIRON	3	JAMES R. TAYLOR	7
JAMES H. EDWARDS	4	BRYAN PATTISON	*Tenor*

Composed by PATRICK I. CHAPMAN. Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.
* First peal of Surprise Major.

ROCESTER, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., March 26, 1960, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising 1,120 Rutland, 1,280 each Cambridge and Lincolnshire, and 1,440 Yorkshire, with 69 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 13 cwt. 17 lb. in F sharp.

EDMUND MALIN	*Treble*	†DAVID FRIEND	5
*RICHARD J. WARRILOW	2	*ARTHUR PRITCHARD	6
†ROBERT J. WARRILOW	3	FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	7
†DAVID W. BRUNNING	4	ROBERT B. SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by PHILIP G. K. DAVIES. Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.
* First peal of 4-Spliced. † First of Spliced. First of Spliced as conductor.
Rung for the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Brunning, of Burton.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 26, 1960, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in E.

*MARY ROAST	*Treble*	*ALAN R. SYDER	5
JOE E. G. ROAST	2	*DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	6
*PATRICK W. SALTMARSH	3	*PETER J. EVES	7
JOHN WARNER	4	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.
* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.
Rung to celebrate the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Edwards, of Writtle.

WROTHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 26, 1960, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5056 DOUBLE DUBLIN SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 10 lb. in E flat.

DORIS E. COLGATE	*Treble*	IAN H. ORAM	5
MRS. J. THOMAS	2	RALPH BIRD	6
ROBERT COLLINS	3	JOHN R. COOPER	7
STANLEY JENNER	4	PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS (C.C.C. 11).
Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

DARTFORD, KENT.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Mon., March 28, 1960, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Washbrook's variation. Tenor 18¾ cwt.

ARTHUR G. MASON	*Treble*	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	5
JENNIFER M. BORER	2	HUBERT H. FURMINGER	6
PETER F. BORER	3	TREVOR A. CROSS	7
FREDERICK J. CULLUM	4	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

HUNTINGDON.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Feb. 18, 1960, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

JAMES A. HOWES	*Treble*	ALBERT J. DAVEY	4
JOHN R. G. SPICER	2	*PAUL E. WELLS	5
MICHAEL J. DYER	3	HAROLD S. PEACOCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD S. PEACOCK.
* First peal, first attempt. The ringer of the third has now 'circled the tower.'
Rung as a compliment to the Rev. J. M. E. Bagley as Rector of this parish for 14 years.

DYMOCK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 5, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 12 six-scores of Bob Doubles and 30 six-scores of Grandsire Doubles. Tenor 18 cwt.

M. V. POWELL	*Treble*	R. S. CHEW	4
R. G. POWELL	2	E. W. PENN	5
C. PHILLIPS	3	F. TURNER	*Tenor*

Conducted by R. G. POWELL.
Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to H.M. Queen Elizabeth.

PERRAN-AR-WORTHAL, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 19, 1960, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PIRAN.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being four extents of April Day, 16 of Plain Bob and 22 of Grandsire (ten callings). Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

*R. JILL SOUTHWOOD	*Treble*	ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD	4
P. RUTH HOSKEN	2	ALAN CARVETH	5
†MARY CARVETH	3	PETER A. ROWE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN CARVETH.
* First peal. † First of Doubles.
Rung as a welcome to the Rt. Rev. John Maurice Key, who was enthroned as Bishop of the Diocese on March 17th. Also as a tribute to the life and work of the late G. Harry Myers, of Plymouth, a founder member of the Guild.

TARRINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 19, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being two extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Reverse St. Bartholomew, April Day and Plain Bob, one 240 Morris's arrangement and 32 extents Grandsire (ten callings). Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM E. SPIERS	*Treble*	CHARLES PHILLIPS	4
JOY SMITH	2	REGINALD G. POWELL	5
*MICHAEL V. POWELL	3	RICHARD S. CHEW	*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD G. POWELL.
* First peal in five methods.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Joy Smith and Charles Phillips.

CASTLE ACRE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., March 20, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE W. HEYHOE	*Treble*	WILLIAM J. BAILEY	4
FRIEDA A. FROST	2	SAMUEL H. WATERFIELD	5
ROBERT BUTTON	3	TONY OWEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by TONY OWEN.
The conductor's 100th peal for the Association.

WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., March 22, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different callings. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

JAMES T. ROOKE	*Treble*	GEORGE CHALLANS	4
*FRANK COOKE	2	DENNIS A. SMEDLEY	5
†MALCOLM FOSTER	3	HERBERT T. ROOKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES T. ROOKE.
* First peal. † First in the method.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Freda Robinson, who is a member of the Warsop band, at present serving in the W.R.N.S.

GREAT KIMBLE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 26, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

ANTONY K. FORTIN	*Treble*	D. KENVYN WALTERS	4
LINDA J. KEW	2	FREDERICK R. SCOTT	5
PAMELA M. JERVIS	3	J. KEITH WARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. KEITH WARD.
First peal as conductor.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., March 26, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

H. GEORGE HART	*Treble*	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	4
ELSIE K. HART	2	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	5
ALAN HARTLEY	3	JOHN M. JELLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

SOUTH KILWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 26, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents: (1) Reverse St. Bartholomew, (2) Stedman, (3) Reverse St. Bartholomew, (4) Stedman, (5) Plain Bob, (6) Kennington, (7) April Day, (8) St. Simon's, (9) St. Albans, (10) Eynsham, (11) St. Martin's, (12) St. Paul, (13) St. Leonard, (14) Plain Bob, (15) Kennington, (16) April Day, (17) St. Simon's, (18) St. Albans, (19) Eynsham, (20) St. Martin's, (21) St. Paul, (22) St. Leonard, (23) Plain Bob, (24) Southrepps, (25) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (26) Clifford's Pleasure, (27) St. Giles, (28) St. Nicholas, (29) St. Andrew, (30) St. Miles, (31) Winchendon Place, (32) St. John, (33) Southrepps, (34) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (35) Clifford's Pleasure, (36) St. Giles, (37) St. Nicholas, (38) St. Andrew, (39) St. Miles, (40) Winchendon Place, (41) St. John, (42) Grandsire. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in G.

BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Treble*	*BRIAN M. SMITH	3
RUSSELL S. MORRIS	2	A. JAMES POYNOR	4
ALAN E. HARTLEY	*Tenor*		

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal of Doubles 'inside' in more than one method.

WALBERTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 26, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10½ cwt.

W. EDWARD BOOKER	*Treble*	*E. WINIFRED KEYS	4
GEOFFREY R. CRISP	2	PETER H. LANGTON	5
RAYMOND A. BROWN	3	BERNARD E. MATTHEWS	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER H. LANGTON.
* 175th peal. First on the bells since rehanging.
Rung to welcome the new Vicar, inducted on March 10th.

WALLINGTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 26, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being an extent each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb.

JUNE I. DEAR	*Treble*	EDWIN G. BUCK	4
LEONARD B. SCOOT	2	*G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	5
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	3	JACK S. DEAR	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.
* First peal of Minor in seven Surprise methods and first of Minor as conductor.

SHARNBROOK, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., March 29, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 14 methods, viz.: (1) Bedford Delight and Merton Delight, (2) York Surprise, (3) London Surprise, (4) St. Clement's Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Plain Bob and Double Bob, (5) Single Oxford Bob, Single Court Bob and Double Court Bob, (6) Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, (7) Cambridge Surprise.
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. in F sharp.

ARTHUR GIBBS	*Treble*	JAMES R. TAYLOR	4
JENNIFER M. DAVIES	2	JOHN B. LONG	5
JAMES H. EDWARDS	3	BRYAN PATTISON	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.

HANDBELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., March 15, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,
A PEAL OF 5077 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor size 15 in C.

*JOHN J. JELLEY	1—2	ALFRED BALLARD	5—6
PETER J. STANIFORTH	3—4	ERNEST MORRIS	7—8
JOHN A. ACRES	9—10		

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.
* First peal of Caters 'in hand.'

CLEATHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., March 16, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT CLEATHAM HOUSE FARM.
A PEAL OF 5028 SPLICED MAJOR

Being 27 methods: Colville, Romsey, Cheltenham, Leamington, Pulford, Avalon, Painswick, Kidlington, Double Oxford, Pershore, Hereward, Double Norwich, St. Clement's, Crayford College, Richmond, New London, Double Bob, Reverse Bob, Plain Bob, Little Oxford Bob, Victoria Little Court, Gainsborough Little Bob, Wellington Little Court, Little Bob, Crayford Little Court, Bastow Little Court and Kent Little Court; 365 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

*A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL	1—2	GEORGE E. FEIRN	5—6
†JOHN FREEMAN	3—4	†JACK L. MILLHOUSE	7—8

Arranged and Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.
* First peal in 27 methods. † First in 27 methods 'in hand.'

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HALF PEAL

NOTTINGHAM.—At St. Mary's Church, on Feb. 20th, 2,528 Plain Bob Major: P. Horne 1, Miss R. Graver 2, F. A. Salter (cond.) 3, R. Carlisle 4, M. Colton 5, E. Eloson 6, G. Clift 7, W. Nichols 8. For the birth of the Royal Prince.

ABSON, GLOS.— On Mar. 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: G. S. Sprules (first of Stedman as cond.) 1, A. W. Gibbs 2, C. J. Richards 3, H. Taysom 4, J. W. Sprules 5, B. K. Lewis 6. First of Stedman by all except the conductor.

ASTBURY, CHESHIRE.—On Mar. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Pat Mellor 1, J. Riley 2, N. Sherratt 3, R. Challinor 4, W. Sherratt 5, R. Worrall (cond.) 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to the father of the 6th ringer.

AYLESTONE, LEICS.—On Mar. 13th, 1,280 St. Clement's College Bob Major: S. Marie Davenport 1, Patricia A. Wardle 2, Sandra E. Chesterton 3, Christine Wakefield 4, C. L. Powdrill 5, T. I. Roper 6, R. S. Morris 7, A. J. Poynor (cond.) 8. First in the method by all. For Evensong. Also on Mar. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Marie Davenport 1, Patricia A. Wardle 2, Sandra E. Chesterton 3, R. S. Morris 4, Rev. P. Blackman 5, T. I. Roper 6, A. J. Poynor (cond.) 7, P. Martin 8. Rung before Evensong, after the Baptism of Lynn Alison Poynor, niece of the conductor.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICS.—On Mar. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Godwin 1, B. S. Payne 2, G. B. Lowe 3, J. R. Perkins 4, F. K. Thompson (cond.) 5, J. C. Lowe 6. For Evensong.

BEENHAM, BERKS.—On Mar. 26th, 1,800 Spliced Doubles, being extents of St. Nicholas' and Fundenhall; St. Nicholas' and Longford; Winchendon Place and Thornborough; Winchendon Place and Haddiscoe; St Remigius' and Harpley; St. Remigius' and Hascombe; St. Simon's and Braywood; St. Simon's and Rugby; St. Martin's and Welford; St. Martin's and Slapton; St. Osmund's and Longworth; St. Osmund's and Merton; and 2 extents of Plain Bob and one of Reverse Canterbury: E. Woolgrove 1, B. Mills 2, G. K. Dodds 3, B. A. Cracknell 4, M. Hatchett (cond.) 5. Rung after meeting short for a peal for the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin, as a wedding compliment to Mr. Keith Burnett and for the wedding anniversary of Mr. G. K. Dodds.

BICESTER, OXON.—On Mar. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. East 1, E. G. Jones 2, W. Bagget 3, L. Busby 4, C. H. Kinch 5, E. J. Smith (cond.) 6.

BLUNSDON, WILTS.—On Mar. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Vincent 1, Miss A. Porter (first 'inside' and of Minor) 2, B. S. Sheppard 3, Mrs. G. Swain 4, W. H. Trueman 5, A. R. Peake (cond.) 6. For Confirmation service.

CHELSFIELD, KENT.—On Mar. 20th, 1,200 Doubles (600 Plain Bob, 600 Grandsire): A. Winsborough 1, Jillian Outhwaite 2, N. Martin 3, J. Parker 4, D. Manger (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Dan Whitehead, a former ringer at this church.

CHESHUNT, HERTS.—On Mar. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Nicholls 1, Miss C. Farrington 2, E. Pickett 3, G. Larbalestier 4, R. Durrant (cond.) 5, D. Billimore 6. For Confirmation service by Bishop Chase, formerly Bishop of Ripon, now assistant Bishop of this diocese.

COMPTON BISHOP, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury, Grandsire): T. Feltham 1, Anne White (cond.) 2, A. Peters 3, H. Hooper 4, J. Brinson 5, J. Loxton 6. Rung for Mothering Sunday service and also for the 23rd wedding anniversary of the ringer of the 3rd and his wife.

FRIEZLAND, YORKS.—On Mar. 20th, 1,320 Oxford T.B.: J. Smith (cond.) 1, G. Perrin 2, J. Burgess 3, C. Henshaw 4, A. Farrand 5, A. J. Bennett 6. Rung in honour of the third ringer's 70th birthday.

GORLESTON, NORFOLK.—On Mar. 19th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: G. Howlett (cond.) 1, P. Newstead 2, G. Drew 3, A. Fulcher 4, A. Bird 5, A. Moy 6, S. Merry 7, W. Duncan 8.

GRAFTON REGIS, NORTHANTS.—On Mar. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (660 Plain Bob, 600 Grandsire): C. Hall 1, G. Atkins 2, F. Hall 3, G. Webb 4, R. H. Rogers (cond.) 5. Rung for the wedding of Miss Wendy Lenton and John Neal, at Daventry; and also the wedding of Miss Shirley Allen and Anthony Hayes at Grafton Regis.

HEAVITREE, EXETER.—On Mar. 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Wills 1, N. Mallett 2, Mrs. G. E. Retter 3, J. Salway 4, E. E. Retter 5, A. Holway 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, G. Skinner 8. Rung before combined service of Exeter Lodges of the Loyal Order of the Moose.

QUARTER PEALS

HEENE, WORTHING.—On Mar. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss V. Hunn 1, R. P. Wood (cond.) 2, H. C. Weaver 3, M. Froome 4, Miss J. Langton 5, J. Reed 6, L. Stilwell 7, R. Wilson 8. For Mothering Sunday.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Feb. 21st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. R. G. Spicer 1, F. R. Nicholls 2, A. J. Davey 3, P. E. Wells 4, M. J. Dyer 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For Morning service. Also on Mar. 20th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. R. G. Spicer 1, Miss F. Secker 2, Miss H. Muirhead 3, F. R. Nicholls 4, M. J. Dyer 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For Morning service.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On Mar. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. George 1, Jean Warner (first of Triples) 2, Gwen May 3, Pamela Bird 4, H. Colcombe 5, C. N. Chinnery 6, J. King (cond.) 7, S. Davies 8. For Mothering Sunday.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—On Mar. 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Margaret Tilbury 1, D. A. Cornwall 2, Sheila Wallace 3, Sydney M. Bailey 4, D. Francis (first in method) 5, J. Camp 6, G. Harrison (cond.) 7, R. Hazell 8.

HOLYWELL, HUNTS.—On Mar. 20th, 1,320 Doubles: T. Cowley (first quarter) 1, W. Papworth 2, E. J. Parish (cond.) 3, O. Norman 4, L. Cowley 5, R. Wilmer 6.

HORSELL, SURREY.—On Mar 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Priestley (first quarter) 1, J. Martin 2, Miss J. Drury (25th quarter) 3, Miss P. Drury 4, G. Oliver (cond.) 5, B. Priestley 6. For Evensong.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints' Church on Feb. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. R. G. Spicer 1, M. J. Dyer 2, A. J. Davey 3, L. G. Conley 4, P. E. Wells 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For Morning service.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.—On Mar. 20th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: L. C. Way, W. G. Wilson 2, Miss J. Creak 3, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 4, S. J. Way 5, J. E. L. Cockey 6, C. H. Rogers 7, J. Perrett 8, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 9, N. F. Felton (first quarter) 10. For Evensong.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFS.—On Mar. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Ellis 1, E. W. Colley 2, A. J. Strathdee 3, J. B. Dinenage 4, D. W. Barr 5, M. W. Fairey (cond.) 6. Rung for morning service on 'Gift Sunday,' in aid of The World Refugee Year Appeal.

LOCKING, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (180 Stedman, 600 Grandsire, 480 Plain Bob): G. Prescott 1, S. White 2, Freda Phillips (first in 3 methods) 3, Marjorie Legg 4, K. Prime (cond.) 5, A. Kent 6.

LYMINSTER, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. J. Peters 1, Miss B. Hazelgrove 2, Miss H. Hazelgrove 3, G. Jones 4, G. Lee (cond.) 5, Mrs. J. Hunter 6. For the birth of a second son to H.M. the Queen.

MILDENHALL, SUFFOLK.—On Mar. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royals: Miss A. Greaves 1, E. Nice 2, H. Mitson 3, Miss D. M. Reeve 4, L. Nice 5, H. Fuller 6, R. Rose (cond.) 7, A. Ballam 8, J. Paul 9, E. A. Cracknell 10. First of Royal for 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 9.

MONKSILVER, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Ford 1, M. Baker 2, J. Ford 3, E. J. Ford (cond.) 4, W. Webber 5. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Evelyn May to Mr. Raymond Sweetland.

NAZEING, ESSEX.—On Mar. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (720 Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire): J. Sams 1, G. W. Sams 2, B. G. Burton (cond.) 3, K. Wood 4, G. Blake 5, C. Mansfield 6. Rung for the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. C. Saggers.

NEWCASTLE ON TYNE.—At St. James' Church, Benwell, on Mar. 27th, 1,350 Grandsire Doubles: Miss P. Derrick 1, Mrs. K. Wyndham 2, Miss I. Thomson 3, A. Wallace 4, S. Mallaburn (cond.) 5, D. Barrow 6. For the civic service when the Lord Mayor and Sheriff of Newcastle on Tyne attended Evensong.

NORTH FERRIBY, YORKS.—On Mar. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (780 Grandsire, 480 Plain Bob): J. S. Rank 1, K. Goldthorpe (cond.) 2, D. S. Johnson 3, R. D. Gibson 4, G. W. Pybus (first quarter) 5, I. N. Goldthorpe 6.

OCKHAM, SURREY.—On Mar. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: V. Neil 1, Miss P. Drury 2, J. Martin 3, D. Wright 4, B. Priestley (cond.) 5. For Evensong.

OLDSWINFORD, WORCS.—On Mar. 12th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Miss A. Barr 1, Miss B. Stephens 2, B. G. Key 3, B. J. Wykle 4, M. T. Sprackling 5, P. W. Webb 6, R. J. Warrilow 7, D. W. Friend (cond.) 8.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON. —On Mar. 27th, at the Church of St. Andrew, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: A. J. Collins 1, H. W. Milford 2, D. R. Bould 3, F. E. Day 4, D. F Wheeler 5, W. G. Lavers 6, S. F. O'Shaughnessy 7, H. F. Myers 8, A. W. Myers 9, T. G. Myers (cond.) 10. In memoriam George Harry Myers, commenced to ring at this church in 1881, appointed captain of the tower October, 1912.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On Mar. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Bunch 1, A. Martin (first 'inside') 2, S. Rymer 3, L. Allen 4, C. Mew (cond.) 5, R. Daw 6. For Matins.

READING, BERKS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Mar. 20th, 1,280 Spliced Surprise Major (London, Bristol, Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire, Pudsey, Rutland and Lincolnshire): R. K. Russ 1, A. Diserens 2, J. N. Diserens 3, M. J. Thurmott 4, E. J. Munday 5, R. F. Diserens 6, F. W. Lewis 7, N. J. Diserens (cond.) 8. Also at St. Laurence's, on Mar. 28th, 1,311 Stedman Cinques: A. Diserens 1, Mrs. D. Catherall 2, J. N. Diserens 3, Mrs. P. Lewington 4, T. P. Edwards (cond.) 5, Linda J. Kew (15) 6, Janet L. Adamson 7, D. K. Walters 8, E. J. Munday 9, W. Birmingham 10, W. Hibbert 11, D. Livingston 12. First quarter of Stedman Cinques for ringers of 6, 7, 8, 9 and 12. Rung for advancement.

RIPPLE, WORCS.—On Mar. 4th, 1,260 Minor (720 Oxford Bob, 540 Plain Bob): C. Haylings 1, F. Lawrence 2, E. D. Wilson 3, J. Arnall (first quarter of Minor) 4, D. Price 5, J. Clements (cond.) 6.

SEND, SURREY.—On Mar. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: V. Neil 1, Miss J. Drury (first 'inside') 2, Miss P. Drury 3, J. Martin 4, J. King 5, S. Strudwick 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. Dolbear, sidesman at this church.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKS.—On Mar. 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Joan M. Dawson 1, Mrs. J. Render 2, K. B. Sissons 3, P. M. Dawson 4, A. Sheppard 5, J. Potts 6, J. Rhodes (cond.) 7, W. Lee 8. First in method by all.

SOUTH CADBURY, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (being 10½ six-scores, ten callings): Beryl Munday (first quarter) 1, H. F. Creed 2, D. Hill 3, H. C. Lintern 4, W. J. Tiley (cond.) 5, F. Munday 6.

SOUTHGATE, LONDON.—At Christ Church, on Mar 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Pam Miller 1, S. G. Peck 2, H. Miller 3, M. Stanyon 4, C. Ward 5, J. Wallman 6, C. Aldridge (cond.) 7, W. Wainwright 8. For children's service on Mothering Sunday and an 83rd birthday compliment to W. J. Bowden.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.—On Mar. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (540 Plain Bob, 720 Grandsire): Miss J. Cook (first quarter) 1, Miss C. Lansley 2, S. J. Withey (first in two methods) 3, V. Griffin (cond.) 4, C. G. Jones 5, A. Hatherall (first quarter) 6. Rung for Mothering Sunday afternoon service.

SYDNEY, NEW SOUTH WALES, AUSTRALIA. —On Mar. 17th, at St. Mary's (R.C.) Basilica, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. R. A. Curran 1, Audrey E. Peters 2, R. J. Klima 3, Wendy A. Nichols (first of Triples) 4, J. H. Fryer 5, J. J. Cummins 6, T. W. Goodyer (cond.) 7, J. F. Hammond 8. Rung for St. Patrick's Day, and the silver jubilee of Cardinal Gilroy's consecration as a Bishop.

WHITSTABLE, KENT.—On Mar. 27th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. L. James 1, K. Triplow 2, C. Dilnot 3, Miss H. Palmer 4, S. James (cond.) 5, J. Baldwin 6. For Mothering Sunday.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Mar. 27th, 1,276 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Caroline Carpenter 1, Susan Rawlings 2, Dorothy Robinson 3, M. H. Sinden 4, A. S. Bishop (cond.) 5, A. Bagworth 6. Rung for Evensong.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—On Mar 27th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: J. T. Rooke (cond.) 1, Janet Robson (first quarter, first attempt) 2, M. Foster 3, R. Lucas 4, F. Flint 5, H. T. Rooke 6. For Evensong.

JUDGING RINGING CONTESTS

By HAROLD CHANT

IN view of the request by Mr. R. J. Carlton in last week's 'R.W.' I would like to submit a few observations on this subject. Several years ago I made similar ones, but as they have been forgotten, I suppose, by everybody except myself, I will recapitulate them with, perhaps, additional words of wisdom.

The ideal judge must have a quick ear and an inborn sense of rhythm; be preferably a good striker in order to detect the faults of others and be able to maintain his concentration for long periods; he must be the soul of integrity; have, if possible, a background of musical education; be impervious to defamatory remarks about his judgment; deliver his decisions unafraid, with the aplomb and finality of a despot; be able to criticise without fermenting rancour and encourage without patronage.

The ideal judge must be, in fact, such a paragon of virtues that it is doubtful if he ever existed. I have, however, known several good ones.

MARKER DESIRABLE

It is better if the judge serves his apprenticeship by 'marking.' For the benefit of the uninitiated a 'marker' is one who writes down the faults as the judge calls them out. By doing this he can get an insight into the method of assessing the faults and can ask questions of the judge between intervals of ringing. Sometimes the answers he receives are more them revealing—but that is another story.

A judge should never do his own marking. Even the most conscientious judge would be distracted by the faults on the paper before him, perhaps mentally adding them up and/or comparing them with the number of faults acrued by previous teams. Personally, I like to sit, or occasionally stand, in such a position that I cannot see the faults going down, and so be able to focus all my attention on the faults being made. Where there are two judges they should judge half of the test piece each, changing over at a time estimated to coincide with half the length of it. Each may mark for the other.

It is advisable that they stick to the same half of the test piece for all the teams in the contest so that any discrepancy between their standard of judgment may be confined to the same portion of the test piece. Furthermore, seeing that with many teams, some ringing on bells on which they may have had little or no previous practice as a team, most of the faults occur in the early stages, a difference in the standard of judgment at this vital stage would give a distorted picture of the positions of the teams in the final result.

COPY OF RULES

There should always be a copy of the rules of the contest in the judge's room so that penalties imposed for breaches of technicalities may be set down on the paper of each team as they occur. Nothing is more embarrassing either for the judge or the participants than for the judge to announce the winner only to discover that because of some infringement, either known or unknown to him, his 'Team number 1' is not 'Team number 1' after all. For this reason he must be informed of any infringement of the rules which, unknown to him, have added penalties, before he makes his announcement. Such an infringement might be, for instance, the penalties imposed by some Societies when a team is not ready to ring in the order in which it is drawn, a contingency of which the judge must be, by necessity, ignorant.

For obvious reasons he must know before his incarceration how many teams are entered in the contest, and be informed of any change of number that occurs in the meantime, as he may otherwise either be sat waiting for a non-existent team to ring, or be half-way to the meeting to deliver the goods when the bells begin pealing merrily in the background as another team takes the ropes; both of which events I have experienced.

With regard to setting down the faults, the marker should be instructed to make a 'gate' of each group of five, the fifth fault of each group drawn diagonally across the previous four. This facilitates addition. Some judges use an ordinary piece of note-paper for each team, but for many years now I have used the following system, which I can recommend.

MARKING SHEET

Prepared duplicated sheets (foolscap size) have spaces provided for: (a) The name of the Society, (b) date, (c) team number, (d) length of test piece, (e) time taken, (f) average time of teams ringing through, (g) faults, penalties and total, (h) judge's remarks.

A large portion in the centre of the page is taken up by the spaces for faults and is divided into rectangles, one for each minute of ringing. On the left-hand side the minutes are shown 1-5, 6-10, etc., and on the right-hand side a space is left for the total of each five minutes of ringing, so that these can be easily totalled up.

The marker moves from rectangle to rectangle as the minutes progress and marks with one eye on a watch or clock.

By this method it is possible to see at a glance how the striking of a team has improved, (or otherwise) as the test piece moves along minute by minute. Two pencils are also provided for the marker, a red one and a black one. If any serious trips or blunders occur, caused (say) by someone getting lost, the judge shouts 'Red' and the marker then transfers to the red pencil. When the 'jumble' is over the word 'Black' ensures that normal faults are marked down. The team can afterwards, therefore, discover the cost of 'Young Willie's' missed dodge in 3-4 down!

This gives a new meaning to the phrase 'In the red' which the wife of a ringing friend of mine attributes to the artistic temperament of her bank-manager, whilst her husband has not the heart to disillusion her!

FAST RINGING AND GOOD STRIKING

It is a matter of a few moments only to estimate the average time and enter this on each team paper, but it is worth the trouble involved as the teams concerned can then compare times with each other discovering, perhaps, to their surprise that it is not necessarily true that 'the faster six bells are rung the better they sound.' In this connection I have pointed out on a previous occasion that fast ringing and good striking are not necessarily synonymous. Neither, of course, is slow ringing, but to attempt to push the bells along at a speed in excess of the 'natural' rhythm of the bells is, in contest ringing at any rate, courting disaster. Contest ringing is not peal ringing and nobody, least of all the judge, is interested in the fastest test piece on the bells and where ringers are keyed up to concert pitch the slightest trip may mean catastrophe. If the bells are moving too quickly, correction becomes more difficult as the bells come tumbling down at backstroke. Nevertheless, I have judged quite a few contests where the fastest touch has won, the reason being (I hope) because the team has produced the best striking; but I have judged many others where they have not.

In the space allowed for 'Remarks' the judge is at liberty to express his opinion either of the test piece as a whole or to criticise individual bells. With regard to the latter, it is wise not to be too scathing, and of late I have even refrained from singling out individual bells as it is possible that the guilty party is a sensitive learner, who may be discouraged by being, as it were, corrected in public. In any case, this criticism can frequently be obliquely directed and 'the little bells crowding the tenors' when the treble has been chipping the heavy bells should be sufficient cue for a wise captain to deliver a little homely advice, especially if, as should be the case, he has already mentioned the fact whilst the ringing was in progress.

ASSESSING FAULTS

Explaining the manner of assessing the faults is a more difficult matter, as much of it is learnt only by experience. There is no doubt that the standard varies between one judge and another, which, so far as I can see, doesn't matter a great deal so long as contests judged by different persons are not compared in order to assess the standard of ringing in different occasions and frequently on different bells.

I once heard a ringer state that in one contest his team had accomplished 10 minutes of faultless ringing, whereas I have found that it is extremely rare to scan a fault sheet and discover a blank space denoting a minute of faultless ringing.

How does this come about?

A fault may be taken as a tolerably savage 'clip' between two bells; say about half to a quarter of the normal interval allowed for accurate striking. A gap of similar proportion is also accounted a fault, although as the bell following the gap-maker frequently clouts the principal offender the fault is thereby made self-evident. The closing up of an open lead in open-lead ringing merits the same penalty.

Judged by these standards, close-lead teams such as Cawthorne, Shelley or Friezland with their meticulous regularity and open-lead teams of the calibre of Warsop or Handsworth would frequently have blank spaces on their score-sheets for the aforesaid 10 minutes, and so in order to sort them out it becomes necessary to allocate in addition to the complete faults mentioned above, sub-divisions of faults or so-called divisional faults.

USE OF FRACTIONS

Personally I use ½-faults and ¼-faults (having rejected, after trial, ⅓-faults), and collect them in the following manner. I have in front of me a sheet of note-paper, down the centre of which I draw a line. On one side of this line I collect the ½-faults and on the other the ¼-faults. Three ¼-faults complete a triangle and two ½-faults made a cross, and as each triangle or cross is completed I call out 'one' which the marker sets down in the usual manner. From this it can be seen that even in the 'faultless' minute it is possible for a team to have 'collected' 1¼ (½+¼) faults, without having them marked down on the paper. In view of this it is only fair to point out that it is possible for a team to have all its minute-space containing faults and still have almost two minutes' faultless ringing, when, for instance, a fault has occurred at the front end of one minute space and the back end of the next.

Faults should be always marked down singly even when they are called out in twos. Calling faults in twos at a jumble in Minor ringing appears to be traditional. I have marked for many judges and co-judged with many more and I don't remember at any time a 'three' being uttered. I suppose the practice springs from the reasoning that in any given change at least four people should know what they are doing, and that if three or more people are lost the chances of them righting themselves in a contest are very remote. Most conductors would probably stop the ringing anyway, unless the band was comparatively new to contest ringing and he wanted them to go forward to gain experience. In any case after a succession of 'twos' lasting for half a minute the team would have no chance of winning when the first team would finish with 40-50 faults.

Whatever the reason for the 'twos,' I have always continued to give this number for each of a succession of such martial music—two for each big bang, as it were—and shall continue to do so unless I can find a suitable reason to the contrary.

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RINGING CONTESTS—Cont.

NO SYSTEM INFALLIBLE

In spite of these elaborate preparations and precautions, one still has sometimes the feeling, especially when the number of faults separating the leaders is small, that it is possible that the leading team may not, after all, be the winners. No system is infallible, and knowing that I have done the 'sorting out' to the best of my ability, I have never allowed these feelings to interfere with my sleep!

If the judge is accustomed, as many judges are, to ringing both open- and closed-leads, there is no difference in assessing the faults in either or both.

Concerning the question of judging 'rising and falling' I have had no experience. I would very much like to hear the views of anyone who has judged such a contest.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The monthly meeting of the Sheffield and District Society at Wortley on April 2nd was quite well attended and methods ranged up to Bristol Surprise Major. It may be truly said that ringers at this tower are 'back-room boys,' since entrance to the tower is by means of a difficult wooden ladder, which is reached through what appears to be a cupboard door in the wooden wall of the vestry at the base of the tower.

After tea in the local school a well struck touch of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by J. J. L. Gilbert, N. Chaddock, J. F. Smallwood and J. Seager. This was taped and played back with pleasant effects.

At the short business meeting members were reminded that the next gathering was the cup contest at Beighton on May 7th, when it was also hoped to choose a new president. Three new members from Rotherham were elected and after tea ringing continued until 8 p.m.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD

The 33rd annual meeting of the East Grinstead and District Guild was held at Coleman's Hatch on March 19th, when there was a good attendance of both old and young members. The bells were put to good use until 4.45, when the service was held, conducted by the president, the Rev. J. R. Missen, who, after tea in the Church Hall, took the chair for the business meeting. He was supported by two vice-presidents—Messrs. J. W. Ritson and B. V. Collison—the latter causing some amusement, when he called the chairman to order on three occasions. Two new members were elected: Denis Davey, of Tunbridge Wells, and Martin Hollyman, of Edenbridge.

The balance sheet showed a healthy state of affairs, there being the sum of £70 11s. 5d. in the bank, while the Oliver Memorial Fund showed a balance of £27 18s. 7d., of which £5 was granted to Edenbridge towards new ropes.

All the officers were re-elected, with the exception of the Central Council Representative, Mr. E. J. Ladd, being elected vice Mr. Bassett. A change on the committee was the election of Mr. B. Jeffery, vice Mr. C. Tester.

Barcombe in April and East Grinstead in May were chosen for future meetings, while an outing into Surrey was arranged for September 10th. A suggestion that the venue of the dinner be changed, was, after discussion, left to the committee to decide. The peal book was discussed, and Miss Margaret Ladd agreed to bring it up to date.

At the last annual meeting, Mr. A. Relfe had offered his books to start a library, and Mr. and Miss Margaret Ladd announced that they would house and distribute the books. This offer was gratefully accepted, and it was agreed that the books be insured against fire and theft.

This concluded the business and after Mr. C. Hancock had proposed a hearty vote of thanks to all concerned in making the meeting a success, members returned to the tower for more ringing.

AROUND PETERBOROUGH AND STAMFORD

Meeting outside Weston Favell Church on April 2nd, a party of 12 joined the local ringers to visit towers around the Peterborough and Stamford areas. The start was slightly delayed owing to a wedding, for which the bells were rung.

A 40 miles run brought the party to Woodston. This church, dedicated to St. Augustine, possesses a light six in a small tower which looks hardly big enough for three bells. How Gillett and Johnston's managed to get six in it, is a masterpiece. The ground floor belfry is equally small. Everyone enjoyed the bells, and the pleasure of meeting Mr. Hoare (the local captain) and the Vicar (the Rev. Harry Nesbitt).

On to Glinton with its unusual spire, which goes straight from the top of the crocketed tower to two-thirds of the way up before it begins to taper. Photographers could not resist taking a picture before going inside to raise the glorious toned six—easily the best in East Northants from a point beyond Titchmarsh. Pews temporarily put in the belfry had to be hauled out and put back before and after ringing. The church is one of few dedicated to St. Guthlac—the saint who originated from nearby Crowland Abbey.

After tea Maxey was the next tower. What a contrast now that these bells are rung from the ground floor, as they were too noisy when rung upstairs. Nevertheless they are a good six. Mr. Frisby, the churchwarden, welcomed us.

West Deeping was the last belfry where Mr. Black (the local captain) was waiting with a welcome. This is a fine church with an equally fine steeple as well as a very nice ring of six (the 1,050th tower the writer has rung in).

Methods rung ranged from Plain Bob Doubles to Cambridge Minor. The outing was organised by Mr. P. Amos.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Another remarkable performance by the Sussex veteran, Henry Stallard, in ringing, on his 88th birthday, the sixth to Grandsire Triples, at St. Nicholas', Brighton, is recorded this week. Once again a faultless effort goes to the credit of 'Harry,' who rang superbly throughout the peal. In the peal was Mr. 'Jim' Riddleston, who commenced his ringing activities some 40 years ago, and rang his first 'inside.' Incidentally, this was his second peal. Congratulations!

The peal of Holland Bob rung at Great Holland on March 5th (see page 204) was the first in the method and is No. 263 in C.C. Collection.

Mr. M. Hatchett, of Rickmansworth, informs us that his band hope to raise, during the next six months, the number of Doubles methods rung to a peal from 105 to 140.

Ringing on the excellent light eight at Sharow, near Ripon, is likely to be curtailed for some time, as the wooden frame is in a dangerous condition. The bells are to be rehung in an iron frame, and this, with other restorations to the stonework of the early 19th century church of St. John, is to cost about £3,000 of which £500 is in hand.

Mr. John Euston, of 28, Fairmile Avenue, Streatham, S.W.16, is arranging a veterans' (those 65 and over) reunion in London on June 18th. Mrs. Davis has promised to arrange tea at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, as before. Help from the younger generation in regard to transport would be much appreciated. Veterans able to attend are asked to write to Mr. Euston.

Following the failure of a peal of Kent Treble Bob at Sherburn-in-Elmet, on March 26th, the ringers attempted and were successful in ringing a quarter peal of Stedman Triples. This was the first in the method by all the band, and was rung in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Simpson, of Shipley. It was faultlessly conducted by 17-year-old John Rhodes, of Calverley.

The bells of Bristol Cathedral will be heard prior to the Communion service to be televised (B.B.C.-tv.) from there on Easter Day, April 17th, at 11 a.m. The Bishop of Bristol, the Rt. Rev. Oliver Tomkins, and the Dean, the Very Rev. D. E. W. Harrison, will both be taking part in this service. The captain of the ringers is John Hunt.

Mr. David W Brunning conducted the peal rung at King's Bromley, Staffordshire (see page 208), and not Mr. Eric Edginton as was inadvertently stated.

Mr. John Chambers, son of Mr. Cyril Chambers, of Durban, South Africa, has qualified as B.Sc.(Eng.). He sails for England on April 20th and is planning to take a two-year graduate course.

The bells of St. Paul's Church, Durban, were rung for the visit of the Prime Minister. Unfortunately as Mr. Macmillan passed the church the bells were silent due to a wedding, otherwise he would have heard Plain Bob Minor with the tenor covering.

Mr. P. Chapman, Master of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, was present at he funeral of Mr. Frederick O. Stevens, whose death was reported in our last issue, representing the Guild, and the Rev. W. F. Rowley represented the Rutland Branch.

A successful and enjoyable Surprise practice was held at St. Mary's, Ewell, on March 26th. Twenty ringers from nine towers were present. Methods rung were Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire, Bristol and the special method chosen for the evening, Ashtead.

The peal of Grandsire Triples, rung at Aberavon, Glam. on March 26th, coincided with the conductor's and Mrs. Roderick's 28th wedding anniversary, both in date and day. Rosemarie Jones, who rang the treble, is sixteen, and is from the six bell tower of Newton-Nottage. Previous to the peal she had only rung short touches of Triples at quarterly meetings. Nevertheless, she rang faultlessly.

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ALPHABET FOR BEGINNERS

By T. J. LOCK

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Last week we introduced a new series of articles dealing with terms and words met in change-ringing which will be of great help to beginners and also to many other readers. This list has been compiled by a member of the Central Council, who would like in the preparation of this glossary to acknowledge the help given by other well-known ringers.

BACK CHANGE.—When the bells strike in the order of rounds reversed—with an option on the tenor, such as 5 4 3 2 1 6 or 6 5 4 3 2 1—this is known as the back change.

BACKWARD HUNTING.—The opposite to this is, as you may correctly presume, forward hunting—for which see later in the alphabet.

Backward hunting can most simply be described by using Original as an illustration. When you make the first change in Original—say from 1 2 3 4 5 6 to 2 1 4 3 6 5—it is made at handstroke, which means that the first and subsequent odd numbers of changes are all made at handstroke. It follows that the second change—2 4 1 6 3 5—and subsequent even numbers of changes are all made at backstroke. But if you reversed this system and started ringing the first change at backstroke and the second change at handstroke, and so on, you would be doing what is known as backward hunting.

There are many methods with no backward hunting and, generally speaking, one could say that only the advanced and more difficult methods have this condition. For a method to be composed of all backward hunting it is not possible, thank goodness, simply because the treble is always considered to be a forward hunting bell.

BEFORE.—There are several occasions during ringing when a Bob or Single may be properly called, but, of course, these occasions must be 'labelled' for recognition purposes. And the label gives the position of the tenor, or other observation, bell at the time of calling. 'Before' is the label given to a call when the observation bell is about to be taken off the lead by the treble. In a seconds place method (e.g. Plain Bob) the observation bell hunts away from the treble, instead of making seconds place over it—see bell 3 in the Bob lead following. In a six, or an eights, place method a Before does not affect the work of the bell taken off lead by the treble because it naturally hunts away from the treble, but it does affect the work of two or more bells at the back.

BOB.—The principle of change ringing is that the order in which the bells are struck at any particular handstroke or backstroke will not be the same as at any other handstroke or backstroke. If the bells are struck in the same order in any change there is what is termed 'falseness.' Falseness, in this accepted term, and particularly in bell-ringing and other Christian activities, is to be deprecated (I am trying to make a distinction in that, for instance, falseness in teeth is to may people very acceptable!). However, means of overcoming this condition is to introduce the callings 'Bob' or 'Single' (for which see later in the alphabet).

Employing six bells the greatest number of different changes you can possibly produce is 720, but as there is no method on six bells in which the plain course contains all of the 720 changes, we introduce the time honoured Bob and Single. I am sorry I cannot tell you the origin of these terms.

A few figures at a lead end will illustrate the effect of a Bob, still using six bells.

Plain lead	Bob lead	
3 1 5 2 6 4	3 1 5 2 6 4	
1 3 2 5 4 6	1 3 2 5 4 6	hand stroke
lead end 1 3 5 2 6 4	1 2 3 5 6 4	back stroke
3 1 2 5 4 6	2 1 5 3 4 6	

By using two more Bobs (three in all) at the proper time the number of true changes in a six bell plain method will be extended from 60 to 180. The effect of a Bob, as you will see by the figures above, is to change the places of three bells—as illustrated at the lead end they are 2, 3 and 5. The 2 (or second) bell runs in to lead and takes the place of the third, the third bell runs out from lead and takes the place of the fifth, and the fifth bell makes a second blow in fourths place, which, incidentally, is known as 'making the Bob.' Thus the bells will strike at backstroke in the order of 1 2 3 5 6 4 instead of 1 3 5 2 6 4.

A Bob, as well as a Single, must be called by the conductor at the proper time. In a method it is usually called during the second change before the lead end although in Grandsire it is called during the third such change and there are at least two further variations. In a principle, such as Stedman, it is made at the end of a six, although in Stedman Doubles it is made in the middle of a six.

SERVANTS OF THE EXERCISE – No. 15



MISS EVELYN STEEL

President, Bedfordshire Association.

Those ladies who now enjoy the art of ringing have much to thank Miss Evelyn Steel for. She was among the first ladies to take up the art, and she has given many years of her long life in helping to develop its best traditions. She was born at Woodsetts in Yorkshire in 1879, where her father, the Rev. H. A. Steel, was Vicar for 39 years.

In her young days boys were sent to public schools, and the girls had a governess at home, so that was how she received her education. Their home in Yorkshire was very near to some good golf links, and Evelyn became very proficient at the royal and ancient game—winning the Yorkshire Championship for ladies no less than five times. She also played for England in 24 international matches against Scotland, Wales and Ireland.

She learned to ring in 1908 at Oakley, Beds, rang her first peal (Grandsire Triples) in 1911, and took part in the first peal ever rung by an all ladies band. In 1914, on the day before war was declared she rang inside bells to Double Norwich and Superlative, both on the same day. She served for many years as president of the Ladies' Guild, and was elected president of the Bedfordshire Association in 1946.

Miss Steel recalls that in the early days of her ringing it was uncertain what sort of reception ladies would receive in belfries, and the Vicar of St. Paul's, Bedford, 'didn't think it nice for ladies to ring—because the men rang without coats'! In contrast at Oxton, Cheshire, the Vicar warmly welcomed her saying 'it was as good as having a curate in the belfry,' and he hoped she lived near. Miss Steel had a severe upbringing in ringing, for she rang with men who insisted on a very high standard of striking, and during her career has come under the influence of such men as A. E. Sharman, of Dunstable, Walter Perkins, of Irthlingborough, A. H. Pulling, G. Lindoff and H. Tysoe.

All her life she has been a regular Sunday Service ringer for she maintains that this is the most important side of ringing, and she has, by her example and determination, guided and enthused many ringers on the path they should tread. She has rung, in all, 260 peals.

JAFUS.

LEEDS & DISTRICT SOCIETY

March 26th was a cold but sunny day and approximately 20 members attended the meeting of the Leeds and District Society held at Hunslet Parish Church. The ringing on the eight bells was enjoyable.

Tea and business followed and the officials elected for the year were: President, Mr. Tom W. Strangeway; vice-presidents, Messrs. I. Gibson, L. Drake and A. Cole; Ringing Master, Mr. Irvin Slack; secretary, Mr. Douglas Thorp; auditors, Mr. Roger Lumley and Mr. Keith Williamson.

The vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens was expressed by Mr. W. F. Moreton, seconded by Mr. C. F. Sutcliffe. Mr. Arnold Cole replied on behalf of the local company.

DURBAN WELCOMED PRINCE ANDREW

News from Durban this week tells of the bells of St. Paul's Church being rung for the Royal birth on February 19th. The announcement of the birth came over the air at about 6.5 p.m. and at 6.15 the bells were going to Bob Minor with the tenor covering. After a break for a peal, various touches were rung from 8.15 to 9.30. There was half an hour's ringing the following morning to give people going to work an opportunity of hearing the bells—Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles.

Tips For Beginners—15

If in ringing a long touch or peal you find you make too many mistakes, a great aid to concentration is to listen hard to every blow of your bell.

SONNET — TENOR BELL

Deep-booming, swinging, singing Tenor Bell.
High-mounted there, in tower of ageing stone,
Roll forth your harmony of notes, to tell
Attentive ears the message your deep tone
So surely brings; in calling us to pray
Within the hallowed, high-arched, timeless walls
Of Christendom. Your echoing sound away
O'er roof-top, field and river roundly calls . . .
With slender rope your massive weight is swung,
(Yet with 'light hands'—as riders, fliers, use)
To give precision to your iron tongue—
The aim of all good ringers! So we'll choose
To ring for Service what can be rung well—
Deep-booming, swinging, singing Tenor Bell.
1960. A. Y-B.

SHOREDITCH, E.—A St. Leonard's, on Mar. 27th, 1,311 Stedman Cinques: Miss D. Deverell (first on 12) 1, Mrs. R. F. Deal 2, W. Hibbert 3, Mrs. F. J. Matthews 4, C. A. Hughes 5, Mrs. P. Lewington 6, T. H. Francis (cond.) 7, T. P. Edwards 8, A. R. Ling 9, B. F. Baker 10, F. E. Hawthorne 11, J. R. Cooper 12. For Evensong.

Manchester University Guild Sample The Scottish Mist



Manchester University Guild on the ramp arts of Edinburgh Castle. The Ringing Master is in the centre wearing his 'cap of office.' [Photo by John Soames.

After a Lakeland safari what more natural than a Scottish expedition? Sixteen bodies in three cars left Manchester University about eleven o'clock on Friday, February 4th, for the North: by noon one car had not even passed through Salford—and never did! A broken rear spring necessitated the acquiring of another car and causing an hour's delay, no lunch and arrival in Carlisle half way through the ringing at St. Stephen's, where for the first of many times we were asked if we were ringing for the then expected Royal birth.

Grandsire at the Cathedral finished our ringing for the day before travelling to Edinburgh Youth Hostel. The occupants of one car got the spine-chilling impression they were in the **right**-hand lane of a dual carriageway—especially on meeting two lorries in line abreast bearing down on them with headlights blazing! They were right—but one lorry was overtaking the other and the future left-hand carriageway was still under construction. The hostel's temperature caused Barrie to declare that he would wear his socks in bed and not let them walk the floor and Jim insisted on wearing his 'cap of office' even in his apple-pie bed.

Next morning, the cars having been defrosted, we set off for Leith. The second church proved to be the one with bells and this rather roughly-going eight provided a sharp contrast to the fine ring at St. Cuthbert's, Edinburgh. It is a pity that our Stedman and London were not quite so highly polished as the ringing room! A quick look round the Castle (where we lost Jim), a quick lunch and westwards to St. Mary's Cathedral (where Jim eventually arrived via two other cathedralesque churches) for Caters and Royal on the 32 cwt. ten. A misguided tour of the city subsequently brought us to the de-'light'-ful five at Fettes College. After nearly breaking the stays, we nearly broke our necks clambering onto the roof to inspect the bells in their turret.

A sharp run to Glasgow was suddenly spoilt by a Clydeside fog—thicker than hostel porridge! One driver upon asking his way was asked in return 'Are ye sober?' whilst another after being attacked by a meandering lamp-post, pulled into the kerb to enquire the way of a passer-by—who quickly retreated into the shelter of a shop doorway! However a tram conveniently loomed up out of the fog and was then 'tailed,' and led us, not as was half expected into the tram shed, but to our destination.

Sunday dawned clear and bright—everywhere, that is, except in Glasgow, where the fog persisted although visibility was much better. The grand ten at St. Mary's Cathedral were soon going to Stedman, Bob Royal and Cambridge and all too soon we had to finish before the service. Here we were pleased to meet the local ringers and Mr. E. Boumphrey (whose exhortation 'Ring what you like—so long as it is good!' ought to be a Guild motto) and Alan Sharples, a fugitive from 'The Drizzle.'

No amount of 'proof' of the invalidity of a forged union would induce our happy pair to be 'wedded' at Gretna Green—despite the anvil chorus around them. Passing en route the second 'original' blacksmith's shop, the culture vultures descended upon Walton Village hoping to find parts of Hadrian's Wall. Knowing the kleptomaniac tendencies of some of the party, it is perhaps as well that we couldn't find the Wall! After persuading the local hostelry to provide sixteen teas at as many minutes' notice, the last ringing of the week-end was for evening service at Brampton, prior to the journey south for supper in Kendal and 'home' by eleven.

The group would like to thank local incumbents and ringers for the use of their bells, the S.Y.H.A. wardens for their tolerance, Jim for (just about) mastering us and Derek and Ron for organising the week-end—not forgetting also those 'drivers round the bend(s).' Derek, Barrie and Bat.

B. A. T.

LET LOOSE IN AFRICA

Mr. Victor Sheppard, of Cape Town, has brought the information in his article (pages 157 and 173, 1959) up to date and made certain corrections.

CAPE TOWN.—The R.C. Cathedral: One bell, approximately 25 cwt., given by the Marquis of Bute, who required it to be of sufficiently deep tone to carry the Angelus to the ships in Table Bay. The Latin inscription shows it to have been cast by Sheridan, of Dublin, in 1870.

St. George's Cathedral: Both the fourth and seventh are cracked. The building will be continued any day now. Despite the writer's representations, the authorities have abandoned the earlier concept of a separate bell tower, and the architect's sketches, now made public, show a lantern tower poised over the west crossing, with the promise of bells. Their realisation hung for ringing will be all the more difficult as a result of this decision.

GRAHAMSTONE.—All the bells have been rung and though the tenor goes badly, the front six ought to be able to go, for a quarter.

PORT ELIZABETH.—The carillon was playing tunes in April, 1959.

DURBAN.—St. Mary's, Greyville: There is no ban on ringing here, only a lack of ringers. The unsuccessful peal was Grandsire Triples, half-muffled on December 31st, 1928.

Australian connections: Not only was the 1904 peal arranged for an Australian, Ernest F. Behan, but in the first peal in both countries there was a James Murray... not the same man. However, one of the two men who rang the Sydney (St. Philip's) tenor to that peal (second peal outside Great Britain), Ernest E. A. Collins, came to South Africa: he was a jeweller and was in Johannesburg before the 1939-45 war.

CANON RIDOUT.—His ministry throughout was with the coloured people and not the natives 'Kaffirs.' he was unmarried, and my reference to his daughters is a mistake. Before the war he tried unsuccessfully to interest Johannesburg Cathedral in a ring of 12.

ST. HELENA. — The barque 'Mutla' was at this time sailing under the name 'Howden.'

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION

The meeting of the Southern District, held at St. John's, Darlington, attracted ringers from as far away as Consett, in Co. Durham, and Ripon in the West Riding of Yorkshire, as well as a good muster of local members.

Ringing in the afternoon was followed by a service conducted by the Rev. R. Brown, Vicar of St. John's. Mr. F. W. Cooke, the district vice-president, presided at the tea and business meeting, afterwards, and the Vicar and Mrs. Brown and their young family were guests at tea, an excellent meal, served by Mrs. T. Cooke and her helpers, who were warmly thanked by Mr. K. Lawson.

It was agreed that the next meeting, on April 23rd, should be a joint meeting with the Ladies' Guild, at Holy Trinity, Darlington.

After tea the bells were kept going until about eight o'clock, methods ranging from Plain Bob to Cambridge Surprise.

Impressions Of A Ringing Room

Creaking ropes:
Sharp rattle, as they fly up into gloom:
Men bending to their work,
Their leaping shadows thrusting up the wall:
Conductor's loud-voiced call:
And, above all,
The muffled music of the brass-tongued bell,
Thrown from the reeling tower
Into the night.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE HERTFORDSHIRE GRIEVANCE

Dear Sir,—I deplore the attitude taken by recent correspondents to 'The Ringing World,' particularly in allowing the dispute to degenerate into personal 'mud slinging.' For this reason the latest irrelevant red-herrings have been answered privately.

The Rickmansworth proposals for better relationships will be put forward at the annual general meeting at Watford on April 23rd. For those bearing me any personal animosity, please contact me at my private address, The Vicarage Flat, Church Street, Rickmansworth, Herts.—Yours etc.,

M. HATCHETT.

PATRON SAINT OF RINGERS

Dear Sir,—I should like to thank the four correspondents who in the issue of March 25th kindly replied to my recent letter and query on the above subject. I hope that the information given was of interest to many other readers.—Yours truly.

F. MORRIS.

Burghill, Herefordshire.

A CLAIM FOR ST. CATHERINE

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Armitage re St. Catherine, a virgin of Alexandria, who suffered martyrdom in the fourth century, and who is represented with a wheel:

At Holt, in Wiltshire, where the church is dedicated to St. Katharine, this patron saint is seen in the east window with a spiked wheel. On the belfry door are carved six bells surmounted by the date of 1475, the year in which the tower was deemed to have been erected. The door is modern for it bears the date of 1914, also a wheel. Prior to 1678 or thereabouts the ringing of the bells 'upon the sally' was practically unknown because of the half-wheel system which prevented half-pull ringing.—Yours sincerely,

W. SHEPHERD.

Addlestone.

NOTATIONS WANTED

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Woodruffe's request for details of Little Herefordshire, Northchurch and Heythrop Surprise Major, I am enclosing the notations of the first and last: unfortunately I have no record of Northchurch.

Little Herefordshire:
x 58 x 16 x 58 x 38 x 12 x 36 2nd's place i.e. 4 2 6 3 8 5 7.

Heythrop:
x 38 x 14 x 58 x 1 2 3 6 x 14 x 38 x 34 x 18. 2nd's place i.e. 4 2 6 3 8 5 7.

Heythrop is the 'New Cambridge' variation of Fordham Surprise, by which I mean that the 2nd's place at the 9th change of a lead of Heythrop appears at the 7th change in a lead of Fordham.

With regard to Mr. Hawkins' suggestion that Surprise methods (and presumably any other type of method) be given some form of letter coding for reference purposes, this seems to me to be quite unnecessary. It is quite a simple matter to maintain a list of methods in notation order. For example, Whitwick, Lyme and Rugby would follow one another thus:—

(b) 38-14-58-16-12-38.14-12.78 Whitwick.
(b) 38-14-58-16-12-38.14-34.78 Lyme.
(b) 38-14-58-16-12-38.14-56.78 Rugby.

To convert all the places into letter values seems an unwanted complication.—Yours faithfully,

CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

Cheltenham.

A SURVEY OF OVER 50 YEARS AGO

Dear Sir,—Pages 175 to 178 of Sir Arthur Heywood's book 'Bell Towers and Bell Hanging' (1914) make interesting reading just now in view of the recent survey.

These pages run as follows:—

'A REPORT UPON THE CONDITION OF OUR CHURCH BELLS, 1906

'The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, in view of the dilapidated condition of many "rings" of church bells, decided some time ago to institute an inquiry with the object of ascertaining, as far as possible, the number of cases of neglect, and also of collecting information in regard to belfries and ringing generally. The results are given below. It should be stated that the inquiry only extended to "rings" of eight bells and upwards, these being by far the most important. To have included "rings" of five and six bells would have been too extensive an undertaking, but it may be concluded, with a fair probability of accuracy, that at least as great a proportion of the smaller "rings" are in need of attention as has proved to be the case with the larger.

'It is by no means certain that there are not some "rings" of eight which have escaped the attention of the Council, as they have had to rely mainly on lists of towers furnished by the various County and Diocesan Ringing Associations, whose areas, although fairly covering all the English Dioceses, yet do not wholly do so. The omitted towers, however, cannot be more than a small fraction.

'The Council issued circulars addressed to the representative ringers of 1,055 towers. Each circular contained a list of questions with a request that these should be carefully answered, and the accuracy of the answers vouched for by the signatures of two of the leading ringers of the tower.

'To the 1,055 circulars, 940 replies were received. The information thus obtained is tabulated below.

'(1) In 89 per cent. of the towers the bells are "pealable" (i.e. can be rung through 5,000 changes). In 11 per cent the bells are not "pealable." In 6 per cent. of the towers the bells are unringable.

'(2) In 22 per cent. of towers "clocking" is allowed.' This consists in pulling the clapper against the bell, whereby innumerable bells have been cracked.) (Earlier in the book I had read that an 1892 committee's report to the Central Council showed that any sexton or steeple-keeper who allowed clocking should be sternly warned by the churchwardens, and if he disregarded the warning he should be dismissed—or at least, he deserved to be dismissed. I wonder how many churchwardens know whether or not any clocking was taking place in the 1890s. I guarantee not many know today! C. R.)

'(3) In 4 per cent. of towers one or more bells are reported dangerously worn by clapper and, consequently, need quarter-turning.

'(4) In 8 per cent. of towers repairs have been urged on the church authorities. (In only 27 per cent. of the cases where repairs have been urged has anything been done.)

'(5) In 3 per cent. of towers the authorities are reported to look thoroughly after the bells and belfry.

'(6) In 3 per cent. of towers workmen who were not professional bell-hangers have been employed on repairs, usually with injurious results.

'(7) In 21 per cent of towers the bells are in iron frames, which are in all ways preferable, particularly in regard to economy of repair.

'(8) In 7 per cent. of towers a chiming apparatus is fitted.

'(9) In 77 per cent of towers there is scientific change-ringing.

'(10) In 58 per cent. of towers there is Sunday ringing for two services; in 10 per cent. of towers there is Sunday ringing for one service only. In 13 per cent. of towers there is Sunday ringing occasionally. In 19 per cent. of towers there is Sunday ringing never.

'(11) In 77 per cent. of towers there is a regular practice night.'

'In respect of the above particulars, it may be remarked on No. 1 that experience unfortunately shows that of "rings" returned as fit for peals, not a few can scarcely be properly deemed so. Undoubtedly, there is considerable ignorance on the part of church authorities of the value of their bells, and of the risks incurred by neglect of proper repairs. . .

Whatever may be the changes in the general pattern after fifty years, I am sure the last-mentioned still stands.—Sincerely,

CLAUDE RUSH.

Felixstowe, Suffolk.

AN APPEAL FROM KENT

Dear Sir,—I would like to draw the attention of your readers to the courageous efforts being made by the small village of Addington, Kent, to raise sufficient money to restore their bells and to add two new bells to give a ring of six. In 1954 the existing four bells were taken from the tower and the decaying timbers removed and it was then that the Bell Fund was started. But if the money is to be obtained in a reasonable time, the appeal must be widened

If enough people respond, even in quite modest degree, the target of £1,500 will be reached, and among those to whom the appeal is addressed are the great family of ringers. Here are some quotations from the attractive appeal leaflet:—

'We appeal to all ringers wishing to see Addington again among the towers where bells ring each Sunday to the glory of God; to all bell lovers interested in the preservation of an English art which through the centuries has evolved its own characteristics and qualities: to all Margarets wherever they may be.'

The Highway Magazine of September, 1954, gives the following note on Addington bells: 'The three larger of the four Addington bells were cast by John Wilnar, of Borden, the second in 1635, the third in 1602 or 1620 and the tenor is undated. The treble was cast in 1710 by Matthew Bagley, of Cripplegate, London. The Bagley family came from Chacombe in Northamptonshire, and Matthew's work was more in casting cannon than bells. While casting a cannon the metal exploded from the mould and caused him and his son such injuries that they both died two or three days later.'

Contributions to 'Addington Bell Fund' may be sent to The Appeal Secretary, Miss Janet Lander, The Old Oast House, Aldon Farm, Addington, West Malling, Kent.

St. Margaret's, Addington, is quite a lovely church, and it is our hope that the bells will be ringing by Christmas, and that in 1961 we shall be able to welcome many a visiting ringer.—Yours sincerely,

E. S. JOHN HATCHER.

P.S.—Perhaps you would venture to organise a combined contribution from your tower? —E. S. J. H.

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A BOOMERANG FOR THE PROFESSOR

Dear Sir,—'Professor Dodge,' in his laudable attempt to educate us, really should be more careful in compiling his questions and answers! (See 'True or False' on front page of issue of March 25th.) For example his answers to questions 4 and 7 show some confusion over the term 'lead-end,' and are demonstrably in error. In order to lessen the risk, to those he calls his 'not-too-advanced' readers, of their being misled by what he has said, the following facts are adduced:—

Taking question 7 and its answer, first: here he implies that 'Grandsire' is an example of a method not 'symmetrical between lead-heads and lead-ends.' (His words in quotes.) Reply:—

(a) Grandsire is a twin-hunt controlled method, and in such method designs the division or parting between the 'leads' or 'divisions' (a Central Council term) of the method is—(quoting) 'midway between the whole pull of the first hunt and the whole pull of the second hunt.' What is the authority for this? The quotation is from the Central Council's 'Handbook'—page 24. Rounds, in Grandsire, then, is a lead-end row, not a lead-head row. This is shown in the figures alongside, where the simplest stage, Doubles, has been chosen; but the same is evident, and true, of course, for all stages of the method. (In single-hunt controlled methods, e.g. Plain Bob, the parting position is in the row-interval above.)

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12345 l-e
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21354 l-h
23145
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(b) The symmetry about the Link (or, if preferred, the 'dividing line') between the 'leads' is seen to be perfect. But what about the structure inside the leads themselves?

(c) Taking the first lead of the plain course, for example, the lead-head row is seen to be 21354 and the ensuing lead-end row is 12534. (This is the part to which his question 7 refers.) The structure pattern of all rows between and including these rows is entirely symmetrical about the Junction or half-lead, consisting as it does of all plain-hunting and nothing else. (To check this graphically, enter the figures on squared paper, then draw over them the 'grid-pattern,' which gives a perfect 'trellis work.' Fold up at the half-lead or Junction line and hold up in a strong light. The grid-pattern of the 2nd-half lead is seen to be a mirror image of the 1st-half lead.) The essential fact that emerges, then, is this: The structure of a lead in Grandsire is all plain hunting and nothing else, and is therefore entirely symmetrical. What of the place-making and dodging then?

(d) This, as we have already seen in the rows inset above, is symmetrically placed at the linking of the leads, occurring, in fact, precisely at the particular row-interval that comes **between** the two divisions, or leads; so it comes wholly into neither lead but provides an entirely symmetrical link-up between them. But what about calls?

(e) Here, on the other hand, the imposition of Bobs and Singles in Grandsire (unlike as in many other methods, e.g. as in Plain Bob) is NOT symmetrical. But this does not upset the symmetry of the structure of the **method** itself. Why? Because, quoting—'Calls are not part of any method, but are only means of passing from one course to another - - - - and may be made at any place within the lead.' What authority is this? Again, the Central Council's Handbook, this time page 26.

Considering, now, the Professor's question 4 and answer. Here he refers to the effect of Bobs and singles in Plain Bob on the phase or character of the rows (positive or negative) at the parting of the leads, his words being 'alters the lead-ends.' The implication is quite wrong. The fact is that in Plain Bob, it being a single-hunt controlled method, the division or parting-line between its leads comes between the two rows when the treble is actually leading. So that in these methods rounds occurs at a lead-**head** row—different from the Grandsire type. And the position of the calls is different, too, being in the same row-interval as the plain-lead place-making and dodging, i.e. at the 'Link.' Accordingly the 'Lead-**end**' rows (quoting the Professor) at these positions are not affected at all, since they precede exactly the lead-**head** row, which is the one affected. From this it is seen that neither the Bob nor the Single (as his answer implies) affects the nature of the lead-**end** row; and only the single changes the nature of the lead-**head** row, and of all other rows thereafter.

If 'Professor Dodge,' himself, cared to take the advice he gives at the end of his article, i.e. regarding the lowest scoring group, the College would, I'm sure, be pleased to help him!—Yours very truly,

A. YORK-BRAMBLE.

SAUCE FOR THE GOOSE

Dear Sir,—Mr. Denis A. Frith has certainly stated something which has needed stating for a long time; I refer to the last paragraph of his letter in 'The Ringing World' of March 26th—'it is hypocritical, when Doubles ringers have been instructed to announce TRADITIONAL arrangements as "variations," for Surprise Major and Maximus ringers to claim mere variations of Yorkshire, New Cambridge, etc., as new methods.' What's sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander, I was always told!

If April Day is Plain Bob, then Braunston is Yorkshire in my judgment.—Yours sincerely,

P. AMOS.

Weston Favell.

DELVING INTO HISTORY

Dear Sir,—One hopes that Mr. Amos' hagiology is better than his chronology.

The 'obscure Bolshevik' to whom he presumably refers in 'Ringing World' of March 25th, died some 36 years before the Bolshevik party was formed.—Sincerely,

W. E. BOX.

Harborne, Birmingham.

NOTE.—Hagiology is literature of lives and legends of saints.—Ed.

NEW CUMBERLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir,—Could one of your readers please supply me with details of New Cumberland Surprise Major, rung at St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, on May 2nd, 1901.

The use of the prefix 'New' suggests that there is a Cambridge Surprise Major also. Perhaps someone can help here, too—Yours sincerely,

JOHN M. JELLEY.

Leicester.

NOTE.—Neither New Cumberland nor Cumberland Surprise Major is listed in Corrigan's Collection of Surprise Methods.—Ed.

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The Editorial Committee acknowledges with gratitude the following donations towards the cost of producing 'The Ringing World':—

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OBITUARY

MR. G. H. MYERS

APPRECIATIONS

With deep regret I read of the passing of Mr. G. H. Myers. I first met him some ten years ago at St. Andrew's, Plymouth. He was a man who was outspoken as to the rights and wrongs of change ringing, yet, on the other hand, he was a very modest man in his capabilities as a ringer. I remember in 1953, when he was 81 years of age, how he handled with much ease and comfort a 35 cwt. tenor to a touch of Kent T.B. Royal. This, I thought was a remarkable feat for a man of his age.

I feel sure that the name of G. H. Myers will long be remembered in the West Country towers, especially at the churches of St. Andrew and Emmanuel, Plymouth. Through the columns of 'The Ringing World,' may I offer, on behalf of many friends, sincere condolences to Tom, Will and Fred.

ALAN WARD.

Three memories; one the writer's own; two stories—legends almost—told in Devon village towers.

Practice night at St. Andrew's, and a touch of Stedman Triples half-way through as footsteps, slow but very steady, very firm, near the top of the stairs and a small brown figure halts in the doorway. The touch over and the bells stood up, there is a spontaneous silence: one knows that the man in the doorway is the one who speaks first, and so he does, eyes twinkling. His comments on the ringing is witty, sometimes caustic, always good-humoured and always the fruit of tremendous knowledge and experience: the small brown figure has a presence in which even a total stranger can recognise the Elder Statesman of the tower.

Practice night at a remote country six-bell tower, a tower known for its heavy and awkward-going tenor: a small, middle-aged man, a scientific ringer from the city, comes in and is offered a ring. Amused glances go round as he takes off his coat and takes the tenor, which a local ringer twice his weight can hardly rise in peal. 'Go—here they go'—and the watchers by the wall wait for the clatter as the tenor gets under. She doesn't: she goes up perfectly, driven and mastered by the classic co-ordination of that small frame, and twenty years later they still tell of it.

They still tell, too, less proudly, of the time when that small figure appeared in a tower where the Dark Ages of ringing still reigned—and after one 'peal' one of the local band lit up a cigarette. 'And didn' he let go! He went across to 'n and trimmed 'n down proper—trimmed 'n to the truth of music he didn' know where to put hisself! He was a proper Churchman, sure 'nough.'

ANONYMOUS.

MR. JOSEPH HODGSON

Many ringers, especially in Yorkshire, will be sorry to hear of the death, at Liversedge on March 29th, at the age of 84, of Mr. Joseph Hodgson, better known as the father of Fred Hodgson.

Although not a ringer himself, he was at one time a fairly regular attender at ringing meetings with his three sons, Fred, Herbert and Jimmy. Many happy hours were spent by both him and his wife at ringing meetings, and there was nothing he enjoyed more than a visit to a ringing contest to hear the competing teams, and listen with a critical ear to the ringing.

Cremation was at Park Wood, Elland, on April 1st.

He leaves a widow, three sons, and two daughters.

LATE NEWS

The funeral of Mr. Robert J. Andrews, of Addlestone, Surrey, took place on April 2nd.

Two Slough ringers, Mr. David Livingston and Miss Janet Adamson, were married at Slough Parish Church last Sunday.

SURPRISE MAJOR QUERIES

Dear Sir,—I would like to thank all those ringers who have supplied me with information on certain Surprise Major methods, both through 'The Ringing World' and by personal communication.

In reply to Mr. Frith ('R.W.' March 25th) his query about Hale (not Haley) and Queslett is answered by Mr. Woodruffe in the same issue. Re Gloucester Surprise Major, I have only the following information to offer:

Gloucester
MX. x 34 x 4 x 58 x 36 x 12 x 5 x 34 x 1.

New Gloucester
MX. 56 x 56.4 x 58 x 36 x 12 x 5 x 34 x 1.

Gloucestershire
F x 34 x 4 x 12 x 16 x 34 x 5 x 34 x 7.

For Wicken I have the following notation:
A.38 x 58.4 x 58 x 38 x 12 x 5.14 x 14.5.
(x indicates 4ths place bob)
where M is the 8ths place lead end 4 2 6 3 8 5 7
F the 2nd place lead end 4 2 6 3 8 5 7.
and A the 2nd place lead end 3 5 2 7 4 8 6.

Why, Mr. Frith, should anyone wish to ring poor versions of Yorkshire, such as Braunstone and Wye, which, apart from being extremely boring and tedious at the half lead, also introduce extra false course ends to that of Yorkshire? Rugby, on the other hand, is more interesting although it, too, has extra false course ends. Mr. Frith might say the same about someone who rings a peal of Olney Surprise Major, for instance. This is pure Bristol below the treble and Chelsea above! In his estimation, therefore, anybody who has rung peals in the last two methods cannot claim a first for Olney, but can presumably claim a first of Bristol and Chelsea **combined!** (This is ludicrous to say the least!) Anyway, Mr. Frith, if you study the peal columns a little more closely you will see under my peals just the opposite to my 'Jack of all Trades' friend Pat Cannon's habitual treatise of his statistics. I suppose here I should withdraw the footnote to a peal of Falmouth which I called at Maulden two years ago as I'd already called a peal of Cornwall at Daventry, earlier that year. I hope Mr. Frith can remember the names of each method when called a multi-Doubles peal and doesn't use 42 pennies as an aid to determining the numbers of extents rung!

In reply to Mr. Woodruffe, Oxfordshire and Netherton have certainly the same place notation, but I was under the impression that Netherton was the 8ths place version of Oxfordshire, no indication as to the occurrences at the lead end being made at the time of publication of Netherton. This I have noticed on several occasions and have then had to wait until the composition was published to find out. Please, conductors, will you put that right in future as there can be two variations of a method at the lead end in **all** but two cases? I think Macclesfield was renamed Hornchurch shortly after a peal under the former name had been rung.

I would suggest that Mr. Thompson borrows a copy of the Central Council Collection of Doubles and Minor Methods wherein he will find most of the information required. (I say borrow as it is out of print at present.)

Finally to Mr. Hawkins, who has conceived an alarmingly complicated system for classifying methods. Using Corrigan's Place Notation, each method already has its own **unique** group of **numbers** which identify it. (Why waste time and also incur a further chance of making a mistake in transposing the numbers to letters as he demonstrates?) Assuming each method is written out in place notation on a separate card, 8ths place version of a 2nds place method being on the same card, my method of classification is as follows. (Rounds is the zero row.)

(1) Take **all** the 'A' methods (i.e. 2nds at I.E. giving 3 5 2 7 4 8 6). This constitutes one **Group.**

(2) Take the methods in group A where places are made in obtaining the first row from rounds. A variety of these places are available, e.g. 3 4, 3 6, 3 8, 5 6, 5 8. As shown these are already in **numerical** order. Thus to place group A methods in numerical order for the first set of places a method such as Hillingdon (i.e. 3 8 at 1st change) would be in front of Birkhall (5 8) but behind Chatteris (3 6). If all the pairs of bells change at the first row (i.e. x) then such methods in group A come after such methods as Chatteris.

(3) Now take methods in group A where 3rds and 8ths are made at the 1st row, and arrange these in numerical order for the **second** row. More often than not such methods will have all pairs changing at this row, so you must now proceed to row three and arrange the method for this branch of group A in numerical order for row three. This is carried on to the half lead.

(4) Repeat for the other branches in group A.

(5) Repeat for the other groups B. C. D. E. F. and M understanding that groups G. H. J. K. L. are the eighths place versions of groups B. C, D. E. F. There is no 8ths place version for group A. nor is there a 2nds place version for group M.

A typical series of examples would therefore be as follows (some methods have been omitted to make the example clearer):

Eastcote
F 38 x 58.6 x 12 x 36 x 14 x 3 x 14 x 3

Crofton
F 56 x 38.4 x 58 x 36 x 14 x 3.14.36 x 7

Albion
F 56 x 56.4.56 x 56.38.14 x 14.5.14 x 14.5

Cobham
F 56 x 56.4 x 58 x 36 x 34 x 3.14 x 14.5

Edgware
F 58 x 56.4 x 56 x 38.14 x 14.3.16 x 16.7

Exeter
F 58 x 58.4.58 x 58.36.14 x 14.3 x 36 x 7

Gloucestershire
F x 34 x 4 x 12 x 16 x 34 x 5 x 34 x 7.

Campsall
F x 36 x 4 x 58 x 16 x 12 x 5 x 36 x 3 12

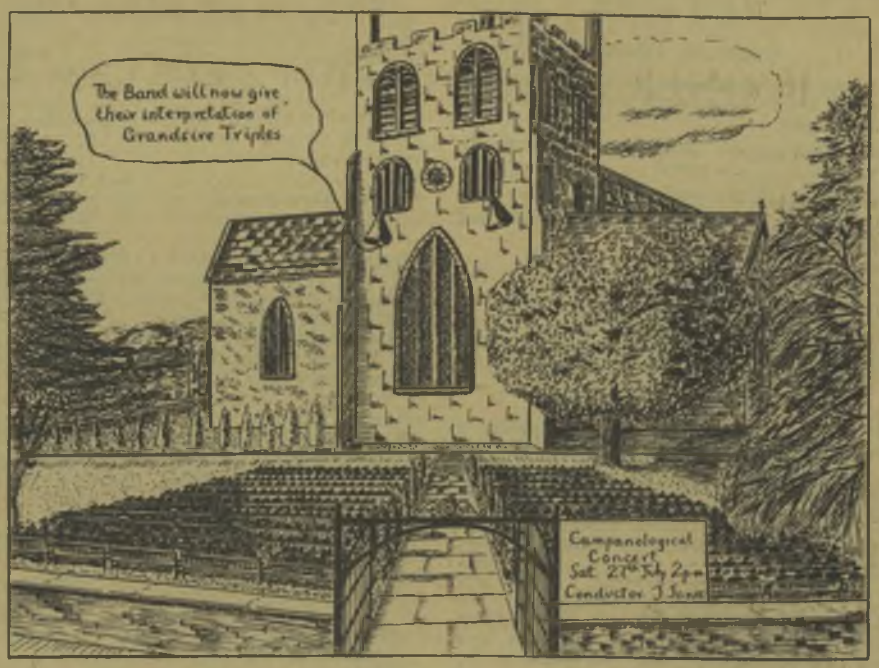
Hanbury
F x 36 x 4 x 58 x 16 x 14 x 3 x 16 x 3 12

Eastcote would be to the front of this list in a filing cabinet and Hanbury at the rear. A close scrutiny of this will show the general principles used.

At first sight this seems extremely complicated, and indeed it would be a momentous task to sort out 500 or so methods from a jumbled heap. However, by arranging the cards in numerical order in their respective groups as the methods are being written out the task is much simplified. I hope this may be of use to Mr. Hawkins and possibly others.
—Yours sincerely,

BRYAN PATTISON.

Bedford.



ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY

The afternoon of March 19th was cold but fine when the Society held its quarterly meeting in the north of the Archdeaconry, at Alrewas. It was well attended, and the bells of the fine old church of All Saints were soon ringing out over the village and countryside. All tastes were catered for with methods ranging from Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob Major, to various Surprise Major methods, with rounds and Queens for learners.

A short service was held in the church and conducted by the Curate (Rev. H. Brigham), who deputised for the Vicar, absent due to illness. In his address Mr. Brigham spoke of the part bell-ringers played in calling people to church. He said nothing was so characteristas a ring of bells; it rang for Christmas and inspired us when ringing for midnight service and to celebrate historic events.

Later tea was enjoyed by more than 60 members and friends in the Church Schools. The local Press showed considerable interest in the meeting and a number of photographs were taken before the company sat down. Mr. Fisher, on behalf of the local band, said how pleased they were to have the Society at Alrewas once more. The secretary, after tea, announced that the new Archdeacon of Stafford (Ven. Basil Stratton) had consented to become president of the Society, and he felt sure that members would be delighted to hear of this. They would have the opportunity of meeting their new president at the next annual meeting.

Ringing continued after tea until 7.45 p.m. Altogether it was a successful meeting, and thanks must go to Mr. Wealthy, Mr. Dolman and their lady helpers for making it so.

D. J. T.

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION

Nearly 60 members of the North Staffs Association attended the meeting held at Leek on March 19th. The meeting was arranged to coincide with the date of 100 years ago when the Sharratt family commenced their long association with Leek belfry. Mr. Edwin Sharratt started in March, 1860, followed by his son Edgar in 1900 and grandson, Edwin, in 1914, who is the only member of the family still ringing. The Vicar of Leek (the Rev. George Youell), who is also the President of the Association, offered the congratulations of the company and expressed the wish that Mr. Sharratt would spend many more happy years ringing.

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ENGAGEMENT

HOLLAND—ARCHER.—The engagement is announced between Marion. eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Archer. of 71. Retford Road. Handsworth. Sheffield. and Ian Malcolm. youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Holland. of School House. Hurlfield Road. Gleadless. Sheffield. Congratulations from both families. 5681

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

HEIGHTON—MUTIMER.—The wedding arranged between Dr. David Heighton and Miss Bridget Mutimer will take place at St. Mary the Virgin. Saxlingham Nethergate. April 18th. 2 p.m. All ringing friends welcome at the church. 5673

MARRIAGE

PASCOE—BELL.—On March 26th. 1960. at St. Mary's. Watford. Herts. by the Vicar. the Rev. J. G. Downward. assisted by the Rev. C. L. Bell. Vicar of Tongham. Surrey. Edward Charles. son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Pascoe. of Totnes. S. Devon. to Angela Margaret. daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Bell. of Watford. 5650

RETURN THANKS

MRS. MYERS AND FAMILY thank sincerely the Guild of Devonshire Ringers. the South-West Branch. Plympton St. Maurice. Emmanuel. St. Andrew's and friends for beautiful floral tributes and letters of sympathy in their recent sad loss. 5684

PERSONAL

I CAME not to call the righteous. but sinners in repentance. (Luke v.. 32.)

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EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Meeting at Barcombe. Saturday, April 9th.—C. A. Bassett.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting. Harston. Saturday. April 9th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—E. W. Bullman. Dis. Sec. 5640

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton Branch.—Monthly meeting. Saturday. April 9th. Coaley (6) 3 p.m. Usual arrangements.—B. T. Cooper. 5662

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD—Ross District.—Annual meeting. Ross. Saturday. April 9th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at Central Cafe.—J. J. Webb. 23. Alton Street. Ross-on-Wye. 5641

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting. Saturday. April 9th. Sawbridgeworth (8). 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 5986

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting Broughton-in-Furness. Saturday. April 9th. at 2.30 p.m.—N. M. Newby. 5648

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting. Bosham (6). Saturday. April 9th. 3 p.m. Names for tea to E. W. Keys. Greystones. Salthill Road. Fishbourne. Chichester. 5624

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Quarterly meeting. Woburn. Saturday. April 16th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea (2s. 6d.) 5. Short service 6 p.m. Names to Mr. Coleman. The Bell Inn. Woburn. No name. no tea. 5630

ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL.—Practice on Saturday. April 16th. 6-7.30 p.m. All welcome. 5651

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A.G.M.. Bridgwater. Easter Monday. April 18th. Service 12 noon. St. Mary's. Lunch 1 p.m.. Tudor Cafe. Meeting at St. Mary's Hall. 2.30 p.m. The following rings are available: Ashcott (6). 10 to 11: Huntspill (6). 10 to 11: North Petherton (6) 10 to 11: Cossington (6). 10.30 to 11.30: Woolavington (6). 10.30 to 11.30: Bridgwater (8). 10.30 to 12. 4.30 to 5.30 and 7 to 8: Chilton Trinity (5). 5 to 6: Durleigh (6). 5 to 6: Cannington (6). 6 to 7: Spaxton (6). 6 to 7: Wembdon (6). 7 to 8. Tickets for luncheon. 6s. (which are essential). can be obtained upon receipt of a S.A.E. (send no money now) from D. Hoare. 13. Coombend. Radstock. 5938

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CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION

Annual general meeting at Kirkby Stephen on Easter Monday. April 18th. Bells available 1 p.m. A.G.M. 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Those requiring tea must inform on or before Wednesday. April 13th. Mr. A. Morland. Mount View. South Road. Kirkby Stephen. Westmorland.—J. W. Brownrigg. Hon. Sec. 5610

DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—A.G.M.. Honiton. Easter Monday. April 18th. Bells from 3 p.m.: St. Paul's (8). St. Michael's (6). Service. St. Paul's. 4.30 p.m. Tea and business after. Names for tea by 13th. please. to Webb. Oakwell. Millhead Road. Honiton. 5613

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will take place on Easter Monday, April 18th, at Ely. Ringing arrangements: Swavesey (6), 10 to 12; Over (8), 10 to 12; Longstanton (8), 10.30 to 12.30; Willingham (6), 11 to 1; Cottenham (6), 12 to 2; Swaffham Prior (6), 12 to 2; Burwell (8), 12 to 2; Soham (10), 1 to 3; Wilburton (6), 1 to 3; Haddenham (6), 1.30 to 3; Stretham (6), 2 to 3.30; Littleport (8), 2 to 3.30. Service in Ely Cathedral 4.15 p.m. Tickets for tea 4s. each, with S.A.E. by April 13th, from general secretary; limited number. General business meeting after tea. Towers available after tea: Stretham, Wilburton, Littleport and Sutton (6). —H. S. Peacock. Gen. Sec., 8, Roscrea Terrace, St. John's Street, Huntingdon. 5636

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting. Bromley. Easter Monday, April 18th. Service 12 noon. Lunch 1 p.m. Bell Hotel. Requests for tickets at once to Mr. B. W. May. Keithston. Keycol Hill, Bobbing. Sittingbourne. Towers available: Beckenham 10-11 a.m.: Bromley SS. Peter and Paul. 10.30-11.45 a.m.: Bromley. St. Luke. 10.30-11.30. 4.30-6.30: Chislehurst. The Annunciation. 4-5.30: Chislehurst. St. Nicholas', 5.45-7: Greenwich 4-6: Hayes 10.30-11.30. 6-7: Lewisham 4-6: West Wickham 10.30-11.30.—E. S. J. Hatcher. 5670

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting. Pinchbeck, Easter Monday, April 18th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday. April 13th to A. R. Withyman, Glenlivet, Spalding Road, Pinchbeck, Spalding.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting on Easter Monday, April 18th, at All Saints', Newport. Bells 2 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow.—F. J. Hannington. 32 Surrey Street. Canton, Cardiff. 5617

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Worcester. Easter Monday, April 18th. Service, All Saints' 11.15 a.m. Business meeting, College Hall. 12.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for all who notify me before Wednesday, April 13th. Bells available, Cathedral (12) 6-7.30 p.m., All Saints' (10) 10-10.30, 11-11.10 a.m. and 7-9 p.m. Claines (10). St. John's (8), S. Swithun's (6) and Kempsey (6) all 2.15-4.30 p.m.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 5635

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting Easter Monday. April 18th. Felixkirk (6). Bells from 2 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., names to me by Thursday. April 14th. Selected method. Cambridge.—Edward Hudson. Hon. Sec., Singleton Cottage. Sharow. Ripon. 5678

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Quarterly meeting. Bosley (6). on Saturday. April 23rd. Bells 3 p.m.. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday. April 19th. to H. C. Lonyon. 8. Cardigan Close. Macclesfield. Buses Macclesfield - Leek route. 5647

DEVON GUILD.—North East Branch.—Quarterly meeting. Silverton. Saturday. April 23rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business after. Names for tea Wednesday previous. G. W. Hollis. Roseneath. Avenue. Tiverton. 5669

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Quarterly meeting. April 23rd. Walthamstow. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in nearby hall. Names for tea. please. to Mr. H. Rumens. 32. Woodstock Road. E.17. 5674

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting. Saturday. April 23rd. 2.15 p.m. at Christ Church Parish Hall. Devizes Road. Swindon. Lunch 5s. 6d. at 1 p.m. Tea at 5.15 p.m. 2s. 6d. only for names received by April 16th. Names to E. Sutton. 15. Springfield Road. Swindow. Service at Christ Church 4.30 p.m. Ringing arrangements: Christ Church 11-12.30 and 6-9. St. Mark's 10.30-12.30. Rodbourne Cheney 10.30-12.30. Stratton St. Margaret 10-12 noon. —Charles Rouse. Hon. Sec.. Churchdown. Glos. 5666

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—South-West Branch.—Quarterly meeting. April 23rd. Ugborough (8 bells) from 2.30 p.m. Tea and meeting. Anchor Inn. 5 p.m. Names by April 18th to T. G. Myers. 79. Regent Street. Plymouth. 5995

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION.—Ringing meeting Elland, April 23rd. Bells available 3-4.30 and 6.30 to 8 p.m. Teas provided at 2s. 6d. each. Please notify by April 16th, Mr. F. Linfoot, The Mouth, Wistons Lane, Elland. No names no tea.—A. Farrand, Sec. 5606

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting on Saturday, April 23rd, at Watford. Service 4.30 p.m., Tea 5.15 p.m. Important Business: (1) Proposed that the Benevolent Fund be wound up. (2) Alteration to Rule 10. Proposed that all peal fees, etc., be sent to the Peal Secretary. (3) Alleged lack of Guild interest. Bells available: Langleybury (6) 9.30-11, Rickmansworth (10) 11.30-1, Bushey (8) 10-11.30, Elstree (6) 2-3, Aldenham (8) 2-3.45, Watford (10) 3 p.m. onwards. Names for tea by Wednesday, April 20th, to R. G. Bell, 131, Hamper Mill Lane, Watford. —H. V. Frost, Hon. Gen. Sec. 5668

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Teynham (6), Saturday, April 23rd. Bells 2 p.m., Service 4. Tea (2s. per person) 5 p.m. Names together with cash by Tuesday, April 19th, to Mr. V. Page, No. 1, The Crescent, Teynham, Sittingbourne. 5608

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Great Chart, Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m., Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Thursday, to Mr. L. Day, 3, Ivy Cottages, Great Chart, Ashford.—C. T. H. 5672

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting, Tunstall, Saturday, April 23rd. Bells 3 p.m., Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to T. Barton, 30, West Ridge, Sittingbourne. 5676

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire Branch.—Annual meeting at Gainsborough (8), Saturday, April 23rd. Bells 2.30 p.m., Service 4.15, Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, not later than Tuesday, April 19th, to Mrs. E. Gray, 54, Wellington Street, Gainsborough.—A. Richardson, Hon. Sec. 5649

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, April 23rd. Bells available: Sileby (8) 10.30-11.30, Cossington (5) 11.45-12.15, Syston (8) 12-1, Kibworth (8) 12-1, Great Glen (6) 1.30-2.15, Oadby (6) 2.30-3.15, Leicester All Saints' (8) 2-3.30, Leicester St. Margaret's (middle 8 ONLY) 2-3, Leicester St. John-the-Divine (10) 2.30-3.30, Leicester Cathedral (12), 3-3.55, Aylestone (8) 7-8.30, South Wigston (8) 7.30-8.30. Service in Cathedral 4 p.m. Tea followed by meeting, in Aylestone Parish Church Hall 5 p.m. A bus will leave Cathedral at 4.40 p.m. to convey ringers and friends free to Aylestone. Numbers for tea, anticipated cost 2s. 6d., and numbers of seats on bus to undersigned by first post Friday, April 22nd (none accepted later). General Committee meet in Vestry of St. John-the-Divine, Wednesday, April 20th, 7.45 p.m.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec., 12, Dorothy Avenue, Glen Hills, Leicester. (Tel: Wigston 3244). 5629

MAIDSTONE GRAMMAR SCHOOLS' SOCIETY.—Meeting Linton, Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Please bring sandwiches. All members welcome, non-members cordially invited.—Pamela J. Usborne, Sec., 315, Loose Road, Maidstone. 5621

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Interim meeting at North Creake, on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m., Service 4.30 p.m. Please bring your own teas.—C. Tovell, Branch Sec. 5679

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Somerton (6), Saturday April 23rd. Bells 2.30 p.m., Service 4 p.m. followed by tea and business. Afterwards Steeple Aston (6) 7 p.m. Names for tea by April 20th, to H. L. Roper, Adderbury, Banbury. 5667

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Empingham (6 bells), Saturday, April 23rd, 3 p.m. Names for tea by previous Tuesday, to W. Clark, Middle Street, Wing, Oakham. 5675

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, April 23rd, Tisbury, Service 4.15 p.m., Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, by April 19th, to Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 5671

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Annual meeting, April 23rd. Towers open: Mansfield 2.30-4.15 and 6.30-8. Warsop and Mansfield Woodhouse 2-3.45. Service at Mansfield 4.15 p.m. Tea in Church Hall, Mansfield 4.45 for those who notify by Wednesday previous, Mr. S. W. Fossey, 2, Patterson Place, Ravensdale, Mansfield. Business meeting following tea.—J. W. Raithby, Gen. Sec. 5665

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Bury St. Edmunds, Saturday, April 23rd. St. Mary's (8) 2-3 p.m., Cathedral (10) 3-4, Service Cathedral 4. Tea 5 p.m., Palmers Restaurant. Business meeting 5.45 p.m., Abbot Anselm Institute, Cathedral 7-8 p.m. St. Mary's 8-9 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, April 20th, to me.—J. W. Blythe, Gen. Sec., 29, Holton Road, Halesworth, Suffolk. 5664

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting at Derby, Saturday, April 30th. Lunch (8s.) will be arranged at St. James' Hotel, St. James' Street, 1 p.m., for those notifying, by April 25th, Mr. J. F. Smallwood, Heatherbrae, South Park Avenue, Darley Dale, Matlock. Towers available: St. Alkmund's (8) 10.45-11.45 a.m., Cathedral (10) 11.45 a.m.-12.45 p.m., St. Peter's (8) 2.30-3.15, St. Luke's (8) 4-5.30, St. Andrew's (10) 5.30-7.30 p.m. Business meeting 3.15 p.m. at St. Peter's Parochial Hall. Train departs St. Pancras 7.55 a.m. due Derby 10.21 a.m. Party rate tickets available for those notifying me by April 25th. John Chilcott, Hon. Sec., Kirklake, 67, Farley Road, Selsdon, Surrey. 5680

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Sheffield on April 30th. Bells available: St. Marie's R.C. (8, 25 cwt.) 3-5 p.m. St. John's, Ranmoor (10, 17 cwt.) 3-4.30 p.m. Cathedral (12, 40 cwt.) 6.30-9 p.m. Tea (2s. 6d. per head) served in the Wolstenholme Hall at 5.15 p.m., followed by the business meeting. Names for tea by the 28th inst., to Mr. H. O. Chaddock, 1, Hemsworth Road, Sheffield 8. Subscriptions are now due, and reports will be available.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Bradford 9. 5677

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Ringing Competition.—Please note alteration of date —it is now June 11th, 1960, and not May 21st. —J. A. H. 5688

SOCIETY OF GLAMORGAN WANDERERS

On March 19th the first meeting of the Society of Glamorgan Wanderers was held at Llandaff Cathedral with an attendance of approximately 30 members and friends. The Society was formed in July, 1959, when nine of the members toured Somerset and Devon for a week on bicycles and rang at approximately 40 towers. The average age of the members is 17¼ years.

Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. with a short touch of Kent Treble Bob Major, and during the afternoon rounds, Plain Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major, Cambridge Surprise Major, Double Norwich Court Bob Major, Plain Bob Royal, and Kent Treble Bob Royal were rung.

Ringing ceased at 4.30 p.m. and a business meeting was held during which three new members were elected. It was decided to hold a fortnight's tour this year commencing on Sunday, August 21st, and also to hold another meeting of the Society on either May 21st or 28th, pending the date of the Llandaff branch meeting of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association in May.

The members then rang for Evensong at Evensong from 6.30-7.30 p.m.

The Society would like to thank the Dean of Llandaff for the use of the bells and a room for the business meeting. Also Mr. Robert Hughes for making all the necessary arrangements at the Cathedral.

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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

Tewkesbury Branch

A most enjoyable meeting was held at Beckford, Glos. on March 5th, when many visitors, including one ringer from Australia, were welcomed.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Vokes, who gave an inspiring address. An excellent meal was provided by the ladies of the church. At the business meeting which followed it was agreed that for the annual outing the Ringing Master (Mr. E. T. Newbury) should arrange a trip to towers in South Wales. An interesting report of the activities of the Management Committee was given by Mr. Alf. Pulley and the accounts for the previous year were approved. It was agreed that the next meeting should be held at Chaceley.

After the business meeting certain members had the enlightening experience of hearing a recording of their ringing efforts, made by the Vicar, who stated that he proposed to use the recording for background purposes in a production of a play.

Nothing daunted, however, an enjoyable meeting was concluded with ringing which ranged from rounds to Surprise methods.

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By G. LINDOFF

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THE EASTER VENTURE

HARDLY a week passes without one or more obituaries in this journal; never a day without a long list in the daily papers of people departed this life. The shadow of sorrow lies always over our world. The fact of Death is inescapable—one thing which has never been tempered or changed by the philosophies of the ages, nor disproved by the cleverest logicians. Systems of ethics, fathered as by Aristotle, may point to Happiness as the greatest good of man, but can never screen men from the sadness involved by death. All such systems remain in the realm of the temporal. And in any attempts they make to pierce the veil they only take refuge in a doctrine of the 'Unknowable.' So their followers wander through the mystery of human existence and find no rest for the soles of their feet.

But over and over again in these obituaries tributes are paid to what this man or woman has accomplished; to something which they have contributed to the world's movement; to the uplifting of their fellows; to the triumph of the spiritual over the animal nature; and to a faith which no spectacle or threat of mortality has been able to weaken. Something which lives on after them, inspiring courage and effort, witnessing to the truth

> 'That men may rise on stepping stones
> Of their dead selves to higher things.'

For the fact of Death, real as it is, has been eclipsed by the great historical fact of the Cross of Jesus Christ and His Resurrection from the dead. And in the process of that eclipse the Cross with all its agony and darkness and sorrow must come first. That can never be glossed over, or forgotten, for it was, and is, for all time the revelation of the Way of God for the redemption of human life. The Way of God can never again be imagined as the way man might wish it to be—a path of glorious sunshine, and not rather a way of suffering and the bearing of the Cross. But now, in the light of Easter, Christian disciples faced with the Cross breathe the air of eternity: they are conscious of being touched by that Wisdom which to the ordinary man is folly. Now in the Cross is mirrored the reality beyond all that is earthly:

> 'O world invisible, we view thee,
> O world intangible, we touch thee,
> O world unknowable, we know thee,
> Inapprehensible, we clutch thee.'

Easter, then, points us to the real understanding of the way of accomplishment. The Resurrection is the proclamation of the truth that though the steep ascent to Heaven has to be climbed 'through peril, toil and pain,' the value of such experience has an enduring quality, and emerges into the glory as of a lovely flower breaking forth from the seed which had to die to bring it to birth.

Thus, on Easter Day, we are not merely commemorating a unique event in history—an Act of God which freed His Son Jesus Christ from the fetters of death. He does not remain a lone figure on a distant horizon. By virtue of His Risen Manhood He brings men on to the new and living way towards God which He has trodden ahead of them for that very purpose. He is the leader of all men towards the gate of Heaven which by His own obedience and travail He has opened to all believers. He is, indeed, the undying hope and ever-present joy of all who follow Him and share the grace of His onward movement.

The bells of the Christian Church, then, on Easter Day are echoing the 'Reveille' of the open Heaven. Awake, they call, and arise to the dawn of ventures beyond the corruptible! They are the *Sursum Corda* to a travailing and floundering humanity. The Son has accomplished 'the work which the Father had given Him to do,' and in His Name and through His Word the victory of faith is sure. 'In the world ye shall have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.' 'Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My Words shall not pass away.'

May we who ring the Easter bells take this to heart afresh. Progress, whether it be in the technicalities of our art, or in its social ideals, is beset with difficulties and frustrations: and sometimes that has meant, and can mean, a dropping off the path, an abandonment of effort, or a turning to other interests which seem to offer less discouragement, more kudos, and to make fewer demands upon one's patience. Well, that is simply a misunderstanding, perhaps desertion, of the Cross making it a barricade to enlightenment: whereas the true Christian conception of its nature in one's life is that expressed by Thomas à Kempis: 'If thou bear the Cross cheerfully, it will bear thee, and lead thee to the desired end, to wit, where there shall be an end of suffering: *though here this shall not be.*' And Easter is the ringer's incentive, through all the apparent drudgery and humiliation of failures, through every shadow, through any checks to concord, to tread with unshakable faith the new path to the ultimate triumph of the Spirit of Christ, by Whom and in Whom all our service here shall be glorified.

C. C. C.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., March 28, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes.*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Martin,
A PEAL OF 5280 WIGSTON SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 25 cwt.

Doreen D. Dutton	*Treble*	*Geoffrey M. Brewin	7
Peter J. Staniforth	2	Herrick B. Bowley	8
William A. Lacey	3	John A. Acres	9
*Michael D. Staniforth	4	*Robert B. Smith	10
*Jack P. Kesterton	5	John A. Smith	11
Shirley Burton	6	William J. Root	*Tenor*

Conducted by Peter J. Staniforth.
* First peal in the method.

TEN BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
On Thurs., March 24, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

Patricia A. Wardle	*Treble*	Ernest W. Rawson	6
A. James Poynor	2	Peter J. Staniforth	7
Alan E. Hartley	3	John A. Acres	8
*Ernest Morris	4	Russell S. Morris	9
Ralph Elkington	5	G. Ronald Edwards	*Tenor*

Composed by W. Pye. Conducted by Russell S. Morris.
* 50th peal of Cambridge Royal. First of Surprise Royal as conductor.
Rung on the conductor's birthday.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 26, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 BELGRAVE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 25¼ cwt.

*Carol Fernley	*Treble*	John Worth	6
*Frank Osbaldiston	2	Edward Jenkins	7
*Ernest Bennett	3	Leslie Boumphrey	8
Basil Jones	4	Peter Laflin	9
Bernard F. L. Groves	5	Brian Harris	*Tenor*

Composed by C. K. Lewis. Conducted by John Worth.
* First peal of Belgrave Surprise Royal.

RETFORD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 26, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Swithun,
A PEAL OF 5140 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

Ronald Birch	*Treble*	Harold Denman	6
Katharine Burchnall	2	Barry Holland	7
Grace Burchnall	3	Herbert O. Chaddock	8
John R. Ketteringham	4	Gordon K. Chaddock	9
Dennis Holland	5	Richard E. Price	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by John R. Ketteringham.
First touch on ten bells as conductor.

TEWKESBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 26, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes.*
At the Abbey Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

Wilfred J. Newman	*Treble*	Robert W. Cole	6
Martyn Hawkes	2	*Ernest W. Penn	7
Walter H. Raxter	3	Harold E. Raxter	8
Joseph D. Johnson	4	Joseph E. Newman	9
*Anthony J. Brazier	5	Patrick Harris	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. Hattersley. Conducted by Harold E. Raxter.
* First peal on ten bells. First on ten bells as conductor.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., April 2, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Paul.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 28 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

Robert J. Warrilow	*Treble*	*J. Dennis Holden	6
Eric E. Speake	2	*Brian J. Wylde	7
*David W. Friend	3	Richard J. Warrilow	8
Robert B. Smith	4	Arthur Pritchard	9
*David W. Brunning	5	Edmund Malin	*Tenor*

Composed by W. Page. Conducted by Arthur Pritchard.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 2, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes.*
At Christ Church,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3 version. Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

Alan A. Potts	*Treble*	C. Kenneth Lewis	6
Fred Dunkerley	2	Edward Jenkins	7
Ruth M. Border	3	Leslie Boumphrey	8
Bernard Groves	4	John Worth	9
Basil Jones	5	Peter Border	*Tenor*

Composed by C. K. Lewis. Conducted by Peter Border.
A compliment to Jaclyn Boumphrey on the occasion of her first birthday.

STONHAM ASPALL, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., April 2, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Mary and Lambert,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. in E flat.

*Mary Maddison	*Treble*	Ernest G. Pearce	6
Margaret A. Ladd	2	Peter M. Adcock	7
James Bennett	3	Geoffrey R. Drew	8
Roger L. K. Whittell	4	*Bevan W. Willgress	9
James B. Morley	5	Leslie N. Melton	*Tenor*

Arranged by Nolan Golden. Conducted by James B. Morley.
* First peal on ten bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BENINGTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 19, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

Jean Sanderson	*Treble*	Frederick J. Plummer	5
*June I. Dear	2	A. Rex Agg	6
J. Richard Castledine	3	Colin A. S. Harwood	7
†Leonard B. Scoot	4	Jack S. Dear	*Tenor*

Composed by George W. Debenham.
Conducted by J. Richard Castledine.
* First peal of Major. † First in the method.

BREWOOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Fri., March 25, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Mary-the-Virgin and Chad,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation).
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in D.

*Lewis Roberts	*Treble*	Robert G. W. Broughton	5
Barnabas G. Key	2	Richard J. Warrilow	6
Roger L. Hawksworth	3	David W. Friend	7
Robert J. Warrilow	4	Arthur J. Allsop	*Tenor*

Conducted by Roger L. Hawksworth.
* First peal.
Rung to welcome the Rev. C. V. Bishop as incumbent prior to his induction by the Lord Bishop of Lichfield.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., March 25, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
At the Church of Immanuel,
A PEAL OF 5088 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11¾ cwt. in G.

Norman Smith	*Treble*	*Roger Leigh	5
Laurence J. Williams	2	J. Barry Pickup	6
*John P. Partington	3	*Michael D. Fishwick	7
Charles Clegg	4	*John H. Fielden	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Norman Smith.
* First peal of New Cambridge Surprise Major.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 26, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours.*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. in D.

Mrs. G. Manchip	*Treble*	*Richard Bevis	5
Herbert Gates	2	Augustin V. Good	6
Antony Kench	3	Walter Ayre	7
William J. Puddifoot	4	William C. Hughes	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by William C. Hughes.
* First peal and first attempt.
Rung for the Feast of the Annunciation of B.V.M.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., March 26, 1960, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Margaret,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.

C. Jack Gibson	*Treble*	James M. Bailey	5
Ernest S. Bailey	2	Peter S. Bedford	6
Alan R. Bridges	3	*John W. Blythe	7
Jack Pilgrim	4	H. William Barrett	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by John W. Blythe.
* 200th peal.

TURNER'S HILL, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 26, 1960, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Leonard.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

Barry M. Cox	*Treble*	*Stanley G. Ponting	5
William S. Deason	2	Alan E. Bagworth	6
Robin G. Leale	3	Ernest J. Munday	7
Robin J. Elliot	4	Frank H. Hicks	*Tenor*

Composed by F. Dench. Conducted by Robin G. Leale.
* 125th peal.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 26, 1960, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5088 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9¾ cwt.

Alick Cutler	*Treble*	*J. Richard Castledine	5
Howard Scott	2	*John N. Diserens	6
Thomas J. Lock	3	*Ronald F. Diserens	7
*Michael P. Moreton	4	*Noel J. Diserens	*Tenor*

Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by Ronald F. Diserens.
* First peal in the method.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., March 31, 1960, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5056 ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

Wilfred J. Newman	*Treble*	Harry Plumb	5
Joseph D. Johnson	2	Harold E. Raxter	6
Ralph Harris	3	Patrick Harris	7
Mrs. J. Thomas	4	Joseph E. Newman	*Tenor*

Composed by G. Baker. Conducted by Joseph D. Johnson.
First peal in the method by all the band except the ringer of the fourth.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., March 31, 1960, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In ten methods, being 960 each of London and Rutland, 640 Yorkshire, 480 each of Cambridge and Superlative, and 320 each of Bristol, Hereford, Lindum, Watford and Wembley, with 149 changes of method.
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

C. Edward Lankester	*Treble*	*†John R. Mayne	5
*Joan Beresford	2	Alfred J. House	6
*Claudia A. Critchley	3	G. William Critchley	7
†Alick Cutler	4	*Thomas J. Lock	*Tenor*

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed. Conducted by John R. Mayne.
* First peal of 10-Spliced. † 150th peal together.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., April 1, 1960, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

Peter Beresford	*Treble*	Ian H. Oram	5
Joan Beresford	2	George J. Butcher	6
Arthur G. Mason	3	Herbert E. Audsley	7
Frederick J. Cullum	4	Philip A. Corby	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Parker. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.

GORSEINON, GLAMORGAN.
THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 2, 1960, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Catherine.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 9 cwt.

David G. Thomas	*Treble*	J. Arthur Hoare	5
*Barry J. Couzens	2	Trevor M. Roderick	6
Alfred Hannington	3	Gwyn I. Lewis	7
D. Hayden Dobbins	4	Edmund J. Morris	*Tenor*

Conducted by Gwyn I. Lewis.
* First peal of Triples.

HEDON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Selby and District Society.)
On Sat., April 2, 1950, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Augustine,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb.

*John S. Rank	*Treble*	*Ronald R. Warford	5
James Thorley	2	A. H. Hawcroft	6
*Keith Goldthorpe	3	Leslie M. Woodhead	7
*David S. Johnson	4	†Ian N. Goldthorpe	*Tenor*

Conducted by Leslie M. Woodhead.
* First peal in the method. † First peal.
A birthday compliment to the conductor's son.

KNEBWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 2, 1960, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
At the Church of SS Mary-the-Virgin and Thomas-a-Becket,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*June I. Dear	*Treble*	Leonard B. Scoot	5
Claudia A. Critchley	2	Colin A. S. Harwood	6
G. William Critchley	3	J. Richard Castledine	7
†John E. T. Wiseman	4	Edwin G. Buck	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. William Critchley.
* First peal of Treble Bob Major. † First of Cambridge Major 'inside.'

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

PACKWOOD, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Fri., Feb. 19, 1960, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Giles.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in B flat.

V. Roy Tallis	*Treble*	Richard G. Morris	4
Pamela M. Turner	2	Robert E. Tallis	5
Maurice C. Hughes	3	Roger E. Tallis	*Tenor*

Conducted by Roger E. Tallis.
To celebrate the birth of Prince Andrew.

MERIDEN, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 27, 1960, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Lawrence,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents. Tenor 7 cwt.

Jane R. Shaw	*Treble*	Maurice C. Hughes	3
Pamela M. Turner	2	Richard G. Morris	4
Roger E. Tallis	*Tenor*		

Conducted by Roger E. Tallis.
Rung for the engagement of H.R.H. Princess Margaret to Mr. Antony Armstrong-Jones.

CORBY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 12, 1960, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 21 extents of Grandsire and 21 of Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

*Roy D. Marriott	*Treble*	†Richard A. Webster	4
Percy D. Baldock	2	†Roy W. Spencer	5
Ronald Russell	3	†David C. Urquhart	*Tenor*

Conducted by Roy W. Spencer.
* First peal, first attempt. † First of Doubles.
Rung to commemorate the birth of a grand-daughter to Mr. and Mrs. R. Russell; also a birthday compliment to Richard A. Webster.

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ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., March 12, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 REVERSE CANTERBURY PLEASURE BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

*AVERIL J. BELL	*Treble*	JOHN K. FOOT	4
ROGER E. TALLIS	2	*CEDRIC J. A. GOY	5
MAURICE C. HUGHES	3	*ROBERT A. JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROGER E. TALLIS.
* First peal. First in the method by all the band.
A 21st birthday compliment to Cedric Goy.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., March 24, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-BLESSED-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON	*Treble*	GARY WIGNALL	4
JOHN FROOME	2	PETER CROOK, SEN.	5
ELAINE A. RICHARDSON	3	M. JOHN HALLIWELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by M. JOHN HALLIWELL.
First peal as conductor.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Elaine A. Richardson.

BRANT BROUGHTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 26, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 20 extents of Plain Bob, ten of Grandsire, four Morris's 240's Grandsire and two Price's 240's. Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

JOHN F. WRIGHT	*Treble*	FREDERICK DERRY	4
PHILIP A. PITCHFORD	2	JAMES H. MUSSON	5
*G. COLIN JACKSON	3	J. EDWARD BROWN	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.
* First peal in two Doubles methods.
A birthday compliment to Mr. J. Edward Brown, who has now 'circled the tower.'

BRENTFORD, MIDDLESEX.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 26, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Reverse Bob, Double Bob, Cambridge, Oxford T.B., St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in G.

GILLIAN E. GRANEY	*Treble*	*MICHAEL D. FROST	4
CHRISTINE V. PULLIN	2	STANLEY HUCKLE	5
DENNIS C. BOWEN	3	GERALD PENNEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by GERALD PENNEY.
*25th peal. First in seven methods by all the band except the ringer of the third.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 26, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.

WALTER R. BEEBE	*Treble*	ROBERT A. BATES	4
KAY GREENWAY	2	ROY STEVENSON	5
T. ERNEST WILSON	3	PHILIP G. K. DAVIES	*Tenor*

Conducted by T. ERNEST WILSON.
Rung as a farewell to P. G. K. Davies, who has now rung Grandsire from Doubles to Cinques.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., March 26, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Tenor 7½ cwt.

JANE R. SHAW	*Treble*	ROGER E. TALLIS	4
*V. ROY TALLIS	2	MAURICE C. HUGHES	5
PAMELA M. TURNER	3	†VIVIENNE A. NEAL	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROGER E. TALLIS.
* First peal 'inside.' † First peal.
Average age of band 16 years 9 months.

SHOTWICK, CHESHIRE
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 26, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

DENIS MADDOCK	*Treble*	HARRY W. HOWARD	4
ROGER KING	2	*MICHAEL THOMPSON	5
JOHN RYDER	3	HAROLD WORRALL	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENIS MADDOCK.
* First peal in three methods.
Rung as a 79th birthday compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. Canon A. J. Humphreys.

WENHASTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., March 28, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 6 lb.

JAMES NAPTHINE	*Treble*	*REGINALD C. PEARCE	4
JACK PILGRIM	2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	5
C. JACK GIBSON	3	JOHN W. BLYTHE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.
* First peal of Minor 'inside.'
Rung as a farewell to the Vicar (Rev. L. R. Manthorp), upon his appointment as Rector of Melton.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., March 30, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK, THE LORD MAYOR'S CHAPEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

*J. ANTHONY BENNETT	*Treble*	ANTHONY E. COX	4
ANGELA GRAINGER	2	†D. JOHN HUNT	5
ELISABETH A. G. BOWDEN	3	†DONALD E. COBB	*Tenor*

Conducted by D. JOHN HUNT.
* First peal of Surprise. † First of Cambridge Minor.

STISTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., April 1, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in 37 methods: (1) College Bob IV, Willesden, Old Oxford, Newdigate, St. Albans, Wragby, Neasden, Charlwood, Taxal, Humber, Marple, Braintree, Elston, Clarence and Morning Star (15 methods by A. G. Driver); (2) Cambridge, Primrose, Ipswich, Norfolk, Bourne and Hull Surprise; (3) Beverley and Surfleet Surprise; (4) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley Treble Bob; (5) London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Sandal and Capel Treble Bob; (6) Thelwall, Double Oxford, Childwall and St. Clement's; (7) Double Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

PATRICK W. SALTMARSH	*Treble*	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	4
JOHN WARNER	2	JOE E. G. ROAST	5
ALAN R. SYDER	3	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

FINDON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 2, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Childwall, St. Clement's, Double Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in A.

LEONARD STILWELL	*Treble*	DEREK E. SIBSON	4
*GEOFFREY R. CRISP	2	*RAYMOND A. BROWN	5
*E. JANE LANGTON	3	*BERNARD E. MATTHEWS	*Tenor*

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THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 2, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being an extent each of Double Court, Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's, Childwall, Single Oxford and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

John Parsonage	*Treble*	Dennis H. B. Millward	4
John W. Griffiths	2	Geoffrey Parting	5
John S. Dean	3	Percy Swindley	*Tenor*

Conducted by John W. Griffiths.
Believed to be the first peal on the bells.
A wedding anniversary compliment to Mrs. D. Drinkwater, daughter of Mr. D. H. B. Millward.

HIGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., April 2, 1960, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Single Court, St. Clement's, Double Court, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.

Walter D. Bailey	*Treble*	Bernard G. Fairhead	4
Evelyn R. M. Cansdale	2	George N. Orman	5
Allen W. Cansdale	3	Roy Duesbury	*Tenor*

Conducted by Roy Duesbury.
Rung for the wedding this day of Winifred Wheeler (ringer at this tower) to Barry Kitson.

NAZEING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 2, 1960, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

Kenneth C. S. Wood	*Treble*	†Michael C. Austin	4
*June Whitcher	2	Benjamin G. Burton	5
Reginald H. Hayden	3	William H. Aley	*Tenor*

Conducted by William H. Aley.
* First peal. † First of Bob Minor.
Rung for the wedding of Miss Elizabeth Sams (daughter of the local tower captain) and Mr. Gerald Howerd.

TIDENHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 2, 1960, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 11 twelve-scores (Morris's and Pitman's arrangements) and 20 six-scores (ten calings). Tenor 11 cwt.

*Michael F. Sims	*Treble*	David A. Hoult	4
William F. Scudamore	2	*Geoffrey T. Horrell	5
*A. Clive Berry	3	Bryn B. Nash	*Tenor*

Conducted by William F. Scudamore.
* First peal.

HANDBELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., March 22, 1960, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
At The Wayside, 150, Narborough Road South.
A PEAL OF 5041 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor size 15 in C.

Mrs. P. J. Staniforth	1—2	*Alfred Ballard	5—6
Peter J. Staniforth	3—4	Ernest Morris	7—8
John A. Acres	9—10		

Composed by Harold J. Poole. Conducted by Peter J. Staniforth.
* 800th peal.
Rung to the affectionate memory of Mrs. Phyllis Poole (March 20th, 1958).

GAINSBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., April 1, 1960, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,
At Lealholme.
A PEAL OF 5100 SPLICED MAJOR
In 36 methods: Longney, Winchester, Shipway's, Edmonton, Lavenham, Chesterfield, Maidstone, Ashbourne, Spalding, Richmond, New London, Double Bob, Reverse Bob, Plain Bob, Gainsborough Little Bob, Wellington Little Court, Little Bob, Crayford Little Court, Bastow Little Court, Kent Little Court, Little Oxford Bob, Victoria Little Court, Colville, Romsey, Cheltenham, Leamington, Pulford, Avalon, Painswick, Kidlington, Double Oxford, Pershore, Hereward, Double Norwich, St. Clement's and Crayford College: 359 changes of method.
Tenor size 15 in C.

*A. Robin Heppenstall	1—2	George E. Feirn	5—6
*John Freeman	3—4	†Jack L. Millhouse	7—8

Arranged and Conducted by George E. Feirn.
* First peal in 36 methods. † First in 36 methods 'in hand.'

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HALF PEAL

NEWTON, PORTHCAWL, GLAM.—On Mar. 31st, 2.520 Plain Bob Minor: Doris Smith 1, M. Lurcher 2, Rosemary Jones 3, R. Thorsby 4, G. I. Lewis (cond.) 5, T. M. Roderick 6.

ASTON-ON-TRENT, DERBYS.—On April 2nd. 1.260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. W. Pincombe (first quarter) 1, J. S. Knighton 2, R. S. Barker 3, M. S. Fern 4, A. Whiting (cond.) 5, J. M. Foster (first quarter) 6. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. J. G. Cheverton and Miss P. M. Hollingworth. Also on the engagement of the ringers of 2 and 6; and to welcome a daughter to Mrs. R. S. Barker and the ringer of the 3rd.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.—On Mar. 5th. 1.280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Shelagh Whitehouse 1, Elizabeth Layton 2, H. N. Pitstow (cond.) 3, G. R. Smerdon 4, M. V. Chilcott 5, A. E. Cheesman 6, M. F. Layton 7, A. Rogers 8. Rung after a peal attempt had failed as a compliment to Raymond and Gillian Parsons on the birth of their daughter, Linda Margaret.

BEDFONT, MIDDX.—On Mar. 19th, 1.260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Boyd 1, C. Burgess 2, D. Pickett 3, D. Morgan 4, M. Lane 5, C. Fynes (cond.) 6.

BELGRAVE, LEICESTER.—On Mar. 27th, 1.260 Grandsire Triples: A. Skinner 1, O. Castleman 2, M. Pole 3, A. Skinner 4, R. Barrow 5, N. Abell 6, C. Linch (cond.) 7, P Brutnall 8. For Mothering Sunday service.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On Mar. 30th. 1.260 Stedman Triples: C. Corderoy 1, J. P. Blond 2, E. G. Garrard 3, J. O. Berry 4, D. Bowen 5, F. Absolom 6, R. B. Blond (cond.) 7, P. Corderoy 8. Also on April 3rd. 1.260 Grandsire Triples: Doris Eland 1, P. Corderoy 2, H. W. Dunsden 3, E. J. Grace 4, C. Corderoy (cond.) 5, A. R. T. Greenough 6, R. B. Blond 7, Cecil Corderoy 8. For Evensong.

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—On April 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): S. Henson 1, J. Hale 2, W. T. Petty (cond.) 3, D. L. Hughes 4, T. E. Hiddins 5, D. Bryant 6, D. W. Davies 7, E. M. Smith 8. Rung as a wedding compliment to the daughters of T. E. Hiddins and E. M. Smith.

CORSTON, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 27th, 1.260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Elford (age 14, first quarter) 1, Mrs. M. de Jong 2, L. R. G. Taylor 3, Mrs. N. Bennett 4, H. L. Parfrey 5, L. W. Jewell 6. Rung before morning service during which David Leslie Parfrey was christened.

COVENTRY, WARWICKS.—On Mar. 27th, at St. Michael's Church, Stoke, 1.280 Plain Bob Major: E. Simpson 1, W. Stote (composer and cond.) 2, D. Ellender 3, D. Sibley 4, R. Hart 5, H. Folwell 6, H. Sibley 7, N. Haile 8. For Evensong.

CRANFORD, MIDDX.—On Mar. 20th. 1.260 Grandsire Doubles: Susan Goodfellow 1, Josephine Pole 2, P. Woodgyer 3, June Richradson 4, D. Fowles (cond.) 5, J. Goodfellow 6. Also on April 3rd. 1.260 Plain Bob Minor: Susan Goodfellow 1, Barbara Marchant 2, June Richardson 3, G. Thrush 4, D. Fowles 5, P. Woodgyer (cond). 6. Both rung for Evensong.

CHILDSWICKHAM, GLOS.—On Feb. 5th. 1.296 Beverley Surprise Minor: W. J. Newman 1, R. W. Cole 2, A. J. Brazier 3, C. B. Longmore 4, H. E. Raxter (cond.) 5, J. E. Newman 6. First in the method for 1, 3, 5 and 6.

COGGESHALL, ESSEX.—On April 2nd. 1.280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: A. Dale 1, H. Webb 2, R. Preston 3, K. Smith 4, G. Everitt (first in method) 5, A. Beckwith 6, J. Warner 7, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the treble man.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—On April 3rd, at St. Peter's, 1.296 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: A. Dale 1, H. Webb 2, R. Preston 3, B. Webb 4, K. Smith 5, E. Piper 6, E. P. Duffield 7, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 8. For Evensong, arranged for the ringer of the 3rd, who comes from Nottingham.

CREATON, NORTHANTS.—On Mar. 26th. 1.440 Plain Bob Minor: H. Brown (first of Minor) 1, J. Duckett 2, W. Brown 3, T. Gillott (first of Minor) 4, S Brown 5, D. Griffin (first as cond.) 6.

QUARTER PEALS

DORCHESTER, DORSET.—On Feb. 27th, at the Church of St. Peter, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (treble and second leading): F. Stoneham 1, N. Tucker 2, J. Tuffin 3, B. J. Dyke 4, W. S. Bongard 5, C. S. Bongard 6, R. H. Duke (cond.) 7, J. Porter 8. First quarter 1, 2, 5 and 8. Rung for evening service as a farewell to the Rev. P. J. Heaton, who is taking over the parish of Motcombe.

DUBLIN, EIRE.—On Mar. 25th, at St. Patrick's Cathedral, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: H. H. Brown 1, E. G. Buchanan 2, N. H. Wilson 3, E. J. Reede 4, H. W. Jones 5, T. McMorran (cond.) 6, D. Vokes 7, R. I. George 8, J. H. Atkinson 9, V. R. McCormick (first of Caters) 10. Rung for the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary and as a compliment to the Very Rev. John Ward Armstrong, dean and ordinary.

EUSTON, SUFFOLK.—On April 2nd, 1,320 Doubles (720 Grandsire, 600 Plain Bob): M. Rose 1, Mrs. H. Ivings 2, J. E. Ivings 3, R. Rose (cond.) 4, H. Ivings 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. S. A. Davey, interred this day.

GODSHILL, I.o.W.—On Feb. 19th, 1.260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mary Bailey (first quarter) 1, W. Page 2, Elsie Wyatt 3, L. Bailey 4, C Denness (cond.) 5. For the birth of H.R.H. Prince Andrew, H.M. the Queen's second son. Also on April 3rd, 1.260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Westmore 1, C. Callaway 2, E. Thorne 3, L. Bailey 4, C. Denness (cond.) 5, W. Page 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. Morris (40 years) and Mr. and Mrs. C. Callaway (34 years) on their wedding anniversaries.

GRAFTON REGIS, NORTHANTS.—On April 3rd. 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): S. Hall 1, G. Atkins 2, F. Hall 3, C. Hall 4, R. H. Rogers (cond.) 5. For Evensong. Also as an 81st birthday compliment to Mrs. W. H. Allen, grandmother of the conductor.

GRAVESEND.—On April 3rd, 1.260 Spliced Stedman and Grandsire Triples: S. Penfold 1, F. G. Richardson 2, J. Carrott 3, Miss J. Peacock 4, J. Fowler 5, M. Bland 6, T. East 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8.

GREAT BRINGTON, NORTHANTS.—On April 3rd. 1.260 Plain Bob Minor: M. F. Amos (cond.) 1, Dorothy M. Palmer 2, R. Wilson 3, E. Billings 4, J. G. Goddard 5, E. M. Thresher 6.

HAMPTON, EVESHAM, WORCS.—On Feb. 28th. 1.260 Grandsire Triples: Miss F. Newman 1, Miss J. Roberts 2, Miss P. Foley 3, J. Smith 4, H. E. Raxter (cond.) 5, G. Brown 6, W. J. Newman 7, B. Hunt 8. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Mrs. A. Mills, a widely respected parishioner, who was buried on Feb. 22nd.

HARMONDSWORTH, MIDDX.—On Mar. 21st. 1.260 Minor (720 Kent T.B. and 540 Plain Bob and Little Bob): D. Morgan 1, J. Mudd 2, M. Palmer 3, D. Shaw 4, G. Harvey (cond.) 5, W. G. Wilson 6. For Confirmation service.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 26th. 1.260 Grandsire Triples: Miss C. M. Jupp 1, F. E. Cruttenden 2, B. W. White (cond.) 3, E. R. Rapley 4, C. R. Longhurst 5, R. Langridge 6, E. F. Packham 7, G. A. Packham 8. Rung for the wedding of David J. Parsons, a member of the local band.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On April 3rd. 1.440 Plain Bob Minor: D. George 1, Gwen May 2, Mrs. Pam Bird 3, H. Colcombe 4, C. N. Chinnery 5, J. King (cond.) 6. First in method for 1, 2 and 5. For Evensong.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—On April 3rd. 1.260 Plain Bob Major: A. Cutton (first in the method) 1, Wendy Gladwin (first 'inside') 2, Margaret Tilbury 3, Sheila Wallace 4, D. Francis 5, G. Harrison 6, S. M. Bailey 7, D. Knox (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On April 3rd, 1.260 Plain Bob Minor (7 and 8 covering): Miss J. S. M. Carling (first quarter) 1, Miss M. E. Preece 2, C. M. Orme 3, Mrs. C. A. Agg 4, F J. Plummer 5, A. R. Agg (cond.) 6, H. H. Starte 7, W. F. Todd 8.

HOLT, WILTSHIRE.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Veronica D. Sheet 1, P. Gaisford 2, R. Purnell (cond.) 3, J. Lucas 4, F. Box 5, R. Drewett 6. First quarter 1 and 6. A wedding compliment to R. Samanon, until recently tower captain.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.—On Mar. 25th, 1.320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. Papworth 1, F. Whiterod 2, Miss W. Elliott 3, A. Beckwith 4, C. Burton 5, A. R. Elliott (cond.) 6. Rung in honour of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

KINGSTHORPE, NORTHAMPTON.—On April 3rd. 1.440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. Payne 1, F. Benfield 2, J. W. Felce 3, P. Giles 4, B. E. Frost 5, S. Earl (cond.) 6. First of Cambridge Surprise by a Sunday service band.

KINGSWINFORD, STAFFS.—On Mar. 29th. 1.260 Grandsire Triples: D. Downing 1, Mrs. M. Layton 2, C. F. Juke (cond.) 3, T. Fasey 4, R. A. Peakman 5, F. E. Jukes 6, D. N. Layton 7, F. Preston 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Herbert Morgan, faithful ringer at this church for 60 years, interred this day.

KIRK ELLA, YORKS.—On April 3rd. 1.260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss P. Irwin (first quarter) 1, I. N. Goldthorpe (first of Minor) 2, K. Kirk 3, D. S. Johnson 4, K. Goldthorpe (cond.) 5, J. S. Rank 6. For Evensong.

LINCOLN.—On Mar. 26th, at St. Peter at Gowts, 1.260 Minor (Kent T.B., Single Court, Plain Bob): H. Broxholme 1, H. Radley 2, H. Hurst 3, A. Melton (cond.) 4, P. Pitchford 5, F. Dixon 6. For the wedding of Mr. R. Smith (sidesman) and Miss Chester.

LLANDAFF, GLAM.—On April 2nd, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Miss Hazel Everett (first quarter) 1, A. W. Smith (first of Major) 2, R. G. Havard 3, R. V. Hughes 4, N. A. James 5, A. F. R. Hartley 6, W. J. Goodfellow 7, A. M. Coombs (cond.) 8. Rung following parish Confirmation.

LONGDON, WORCS.—On Mar. 24th, 1.260 Plain Bob Doubles: Christine Halling 1, C. Haylings 2, M. Hawkes (cond.) 3, A. Halling 4, E. W. Penn 5, A. Halling 6. First of Plain Bob Doubles for all except 3 and 5.

MERROW, SURREY.—On Mar. 16th, 1.260 Doubles, being 120 each of St. Nicholas', April Day and Kennington, 240 of Plain Bob and St. Simon's and 420 Grandsire: T. M. Ryan 1, Valerie A. Bundy 2, P. G. Smart 3, A. Pamela Warren (cond.) 4, R. I. Vaughan 5, B. A. Todd (first quarter) 6. Most methods for 2 and 5. For Evensong. Also on Mar. 30th. 1.440 Surprise Minor (720 London, 720 Cambridge): S. G. Ponting 1, Valerie A. Bundy 2, A. Pamela Warren 3, R. I. Vaughan 4, D. A. R. May 5, H. A. May (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

MILTON ERNEST, BEDS.—On Mar. 25th. 1.260 Plain Bob Minor: Susan Willars (first quarter) 1, Betty Marsh 2, B. Harris 3, B. J. Makeham 4, K. Wakefield 5, B. Pattison (cond.) 6. Rung prior to the service of re-dedication of the restored south aisle.

MORTIMER, BERKS.—On Mar. 20th, 1.260 Plain Bob Doubles: Wendy Hale 1, D. Elliot 2, Gillian Martin 3, D. Neville 4, I. Taylor (cond.) 5, R. Cowdry 6. A 21st birthday compliment to ringers of 2 and 5.

MOULTON, NORTHANTS.—On Mar. 27th. 1.260 Grandsire Triples: M. E. Simons 1, T. Tebbutt 2, W. Care 3, T. Deacon 4, J. Inns 5, B. R. Care (cond.) 6, R. Eady 7, R. Simons 8. For Evensong.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.—On Mar. 20th. 1.260 Grandsire Doubles: Valerie Colegrove 1, J. R. Haycock 2, W. C. Budd 3, T. J. Frodsham 4, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 5, Margaret Stanley 6. For Evensong, as a send-off to a visitation of the entire parish by a band of church workers, and for the 42nd wedding anniversary of the conductor's parents.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On Mar. 27th. 1.260 Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob: M. McQuistan 1, Ann Hancock 2, Wendy Bowak 3, R. Bridges 4, J. McPhail 5, W. Wedlock (cond.) 6. For Family Communion.

OLD HEADINGTON, OXFORD.—On April 3rd, 1.000 Grandsire Doubles: Muriel Clarke 1, Cherry Withell 2, Margaret Bock (first 'inside') 3, Eric Parsons 4, Tom Smith (cond.) 5, Gill Masters 6. For Evensong.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKS.—On Mar. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: V. R. Tallis 1, Helen M. Thacker 2. Pamela M. Turner 3, R. E. Tallis jnr. (cond.) 4. J. K. Foot 5, M. C. Hughes 6. For Evensong

PENARTH, GLAM.—On Mar. 27th. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Chiplin 1, R. Hughes 2. H. J. Palmer 3. A. F. R. Hartley 4, E. J. R. Hartley (cond.) 5, A M. Coombs 6. For Evensong.

PERRANARWORTHAL, CORNWALL.—On April 2nd. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss P. A. Rule (first quarter) 1. A. J. Davidson 2, A. Locke 3. Miss J. G. Hobbins 4. C. W. Jose (cond.) 5, G. D. Carter 6. Rung to celebrate the enthronement of the Rt. Rev. John Maurice Key, as Bishop of Truro.

RIPPLE, WORCS.—On April 1st. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Bennett (first of Minor) 1. Miss J. M. Price 2. F. Lawrence 3. C. Haylings (first of Minor 'inside') 4. J. Clements 5. D. Price (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to C. Haylings, and a wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. P. Bennett.

SALFORD PRIORS, WARWICKS.—On Mar. 26th. 1.320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: W. B. Pomeroy 1. Miss Roberts 2. R. W. Selby 3. M. G. Selby 4. Miss B. M. Smith 5. G. C. Hemming (cond.) 6. G. J. Hemming tenor covering. First Cambridge Minor 'inside' for 2 and 3.

SAPCOTE, LEICS.—On Mar. 27th. 1.440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. Watkins (first of Treble Bob) 1. Jennifer Stratford 2. Christine Stratford 3. Rita Stratford 4. M. C. Faulkes 5. M. E. Brown (cond.) 6. For Mothering Sunday.

SIDBURY, DEVON.—On April 2nd. 1.260 Spliced Triples (700 Oxford Bob, 560 Grandsire): K. Clarke 1, C. J. Turner 2. C. Deem 3. J. Manley 4. C. C. Turner 5. J. Quick 6. G. E. Retter (cond.) 7. J. Arbury 8. First quarter of Spliced Triples by all except the conductor. A compliment to the ringer of 5th. on his fourth wedding anniversary.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On April 3rd. 1.260 Plain Bob Royal: Valerie Hoby 1. J. C. Birt 2. Linda J. Kew 3. F. R. Scott 4. Pamela M. Jervis 5. J. K. Ward 6. W. D. Ward 7. A D. Rivers 8, W. Birmingham 9, D. K. Walters (first on ten as conductor) 10. Rung for the wedding of Mr. David Livingston and Miss Janet Adamson, both ringers at Slough Parish Church.

SOUTH HACKNEY, LONDON.—On April 3rd, at St. John's Church. 1.280 Cambridge Major: H. Howson 1. Miss P. Rowe 2. E. J. Rowe 3. I. A. Oram (cond.) 4. M. Cubitt 5. A. Bagworth 6. C. Wilington 7. T. Bailey 8.

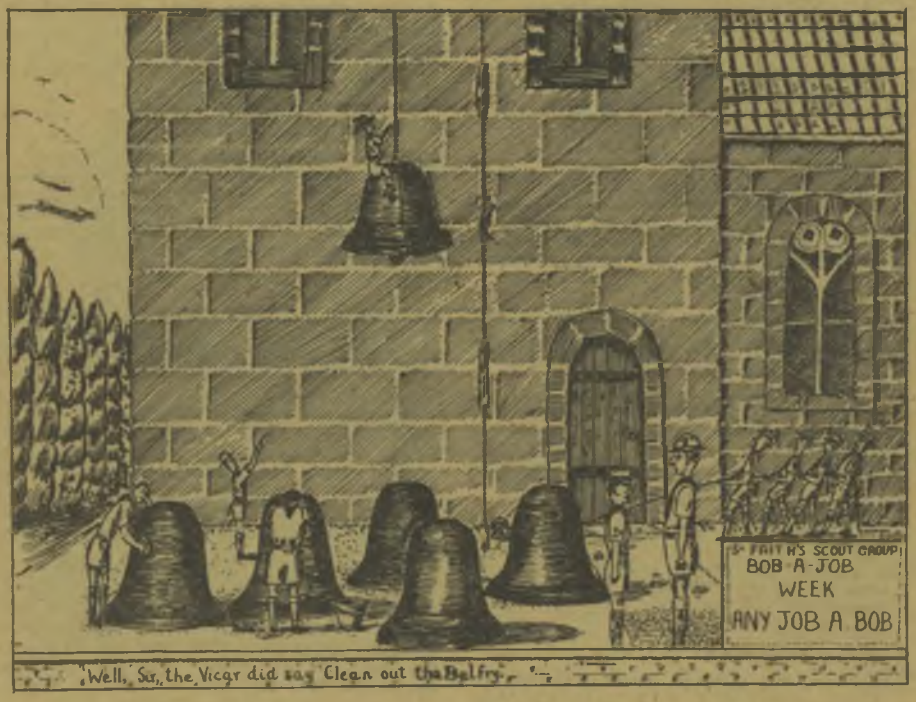
SOUTHGATE, LONDON.—At Christ Church, on Mar. 31st, 1.264 Plain Bob Major: L. G. Gates 1. S. G. Peck 2. J. Perrett 3. W. Wainwright 4. H. Miller 5. A. Spreadbury 6. C. Ward 7. C. Aldridge (cond.) 8. To mark the wedding of a member of the Christ Church band. Jane Hill. to Michael Harding, which took place earlier in the day. Also on April 3rd. 1.260 Grandsire Triples: L. G. Gates (first of Triples) 1. Pam Miller 2. Ann Aldridge 3. M. Stanyon 4. H. Miller 5. S. G. Peck 6. C. Aldridge (cond.) 7. W. Wainwright 8. For Evensong and a 21st birthday compliment to Michael Stanyon.

STANWELL, MIDDX.—On Mar. 30th. 1.272 Doubles (Plain Bob, Rev. Canterbury, St. Martin's, St. Simon's, St. Nicholas', St. Osmund's, Winchendon Place, Ashford Little Bob): D. Pickett 1. C. Fynes (cond.) 2-3. K. Young 4. M. Lane 5. J. Boyd 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. E. G. Sandels, churchwarden. Also on April 3rd. 1.260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. Fynes (cond.) 1-6. M. Lane 2. D. Pickett 3. K. Young 4. J. Boyd 5. For afternoon service. Also 1.260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Boyd 1. C. Fynes 2-3. K. Young 4. M. Lane 5. D. Pickett (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

STOW BARDOLPH, NORFOLK.—On Mar. 30th. 1.260 Minor (Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob): S. Elsey 1. J. Fox 2. W. W. Cousins 3. R. Reed 4. E. H. Mastin (cond.) 5. C. Cousins 6.

STRENSHAM, GLOS.—On Mar. 4th. 1.260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Halling 1. J. Firkins 2. F. Hawkes 3. M. Hawkes 4. E. W. Penn (cond.) 5. A. Halling 6.

NEXT WEEK IS BOB-A-JOB WEEK



UPTON-UPON-SEVERN, WORCS.—On April 1st. 1.260 Plain Bob Minor: Ann Broxton 1. E. Maund 2. J. Firkins 3. M. Hawkes 4. E. W. Penn (cond.) 5, A. Halling 6.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—At the Church of St. Mary, on April 3rd. 1.344 Plain Bob Major: C. Diggins (first of Major) 1. F. C. Maynard 2. H. Rumens 3. E. E. Holman 4. P. D. Chapman 5. A. J. N. Boyack 6. D. Hewitt 7. B. R. Downes (cond.) 8. For Evensong and to mark the retirement from business of Mr. E. E. Holman, after 33 years' service with the same firm.

WARMINSTER, WILTS.—On Mar. 26th. 1.260 Grandsire Triples: F. Slatford 1. N. J. Phippen 2. N. Abbott (first of Triples) 3. E. Norris 4. P. Roynon (first quarter) 5, N. Knee 6. R. Keeley (cond.) 7. F. Ross 8.

WARMLEY, GLOS.—On Mar. 27th. 1.440 Plain Bob Minor: Sandra Lewis 1. Myra J. Wilkins 2. Rita M. Webb 3. Gloria M. Newton 4. B. K. Lewis 5. A. W. Gibbs (cond.) 6. First in method 'inside' for 2 and 5. For Matins on Mothering Sunday.

WASHINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 19th. 1.440 Plain Bob Minor: J. Maple 1. Miss J. Horton 2. J. Newell 3. C. B. Skinner 4. C. Longhurst 5. B. W. Farhall (first of Minor as cond.) 6. Rung for the wedding of the local captain's daughter.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Mar. 24th. 1.260 Grandsire Triples: R. Pitson 1. W. A. Yates 2. J. Linnell 3. C. Truman 4. F. C. Case 5. T. E. Roberts 6. G. E. Green (cond.) 7. G. Foddy 8. Rung in memoriam William G. Whitehead.

WOLLATON, NOTTS.—On Mar. 20th. 1.260 Plain Bob Doubles: T. Moore 1. P. J. Hawcock (cond.) 2. P. W. Hawcock 3. G. D. Stroud 4. M. Poppleston 5, R. Daft (first quarter) 6. For Evensong, also as a 15th birthday compliment to Philip W. Hawcock and John McGowan.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Mar. 30th. 1.280 Plain Bob Major: Elizabeth Carson 1. Caroline Carpenter 2. Mrs. Bagworth 3. Susan Rawlings 4. Anne Garnett 5. A. S. Bishop 6. A. Bagworth 7. M. H. Sinden (cond.) 8. For Confirmation service.

WISBECH ST. MARY, CAMBS.—On April 3rd. 1.260 Plain Bob Minor: Vilma Hodson (first quarter) 1. E. Shippey 2. Dawn Green 3. G. Sharpe 4. A. Gower 5. L. Harvey (cond.) 6. Rung for the diamond wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Powers.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Northern District

A successful ringers' meeting was held at St. Nicholas', Norton, on April 2nd. After a late start many people enjoyed a ring before the Rev. G. G. S. Kenyon conducted the service, with Mr. K. Rooke as organist. This was the last ringers' meeting during Father Kenyon's incumbency.

Another 'last time' was for Mr. G. Debenham, president of the Association, whose current term of office ends this month. He honoured us by his presence, and took the chair at the business meeting which followed the excellent tea provided by Mrs. H. Werrett and friends. Miss H. Pound, of Norton, the Misses J. Carling and H. H. Starte, and Mr. M. Trigg, all of Hitchin, were elected ringing members. The next meeting will be at Anstey, not Ashwell, and the next quarterly business meeting at Knebworth.

Later, ringing continued in methods to suit all, from rounds to Bristol Surprise Major.

J. S.

5,024 KELSHALL SURPRISE

By JOHN R. MAYNE

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Rung at Knebworth, Herts, January 16th, 1960.

WOKINGHAM, BERKS.—At St. Paul's Church, on April 2nd, 1.280 Oxford T.B. Major: W. J. Brooks 1, Mrs. B. C. Castle 2, Mrs. H. Smith 3, B. C. Castle 4, W. Hunt 5, W. J. H. Parker 6, S. G. Day 7, H. Smith (cond.) 8. First of Oxford T.B. Major for 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8. First of T.B. Major as conductor. Sonning Deanery Branch quarter.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Bells will be heard prior to the broadcast of the morning service on Sunday, April 24th, at 9.45 a.m. in the West Home Service, from Sutton Veny Parish Church, near Warminster, Wiltshire. The service will be conducted by the Rector, the Rev. D. V. Evening, and the captain of the ringers is Mr. A. Eyres.

Mr. Alfred Ballard, of Leicester, rang his 800th peal on March 22nd.

South Wales Nomads at their meeting at Llanfrechfa, elected three new members. Despite the rain, which persisted all day, the meeting was well attended. A motor-cycle shuttle service was operated at the conclusion to get all ringers home.

Immediately after the wedding of Miss Elizabeth Sams, at Nazeing, on April 2nd, six members of her family rang the bells for a short touch, her father being the tower captain. A peal of Plain Bob Minor followed and afterwards the band was kindly entertained by Mr. C. Sams.

Winchester Cathedral band informs us that there will not be a practice either in Holy Week (which is usual), or in the following week. They expect to be open to visitors on April 27th at 7.30 p.m. and on subsequent Wednesdays. The College Youths are attempting a peal on the Cathedral bells on Saturday, April 23rd.

Mr. Seymour R. Barker, tower captain of St. John the Baptist, Cardiff, has been ill for the past five months, but is now on the road to recovery. He has been associated with this tower since 1906, and has rung over 100 peals in its belfry. Perhaps his most memorable peal was that of Stedman Triples, rung on January 20th, 1938, in this tower, by Past Masters of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association. The band consisted of John Phillips (Master, 1931) treble, S. R. Barker (1932) 2, Fred Atwell (1901) 3, J. W. Jones (1898) 4, Frank Bailey (1922) 5, Charles Perry (1928) 6, Albert Pitman (1926) 7, Tom Page (1910) tenor.

The Coventry Diocesan Guild are making their first contact with the new Cathedral and its authorities at their annual meeting on April 23rd. The service will be held in the Chapel of the Cross in the new Cathedral, and tea served in huts in the Cathedral precinct.

After being silent for ten years, the bells of Stow Bardolph, Norfolk, were rung to a quarter peal on March 30th.

The late Mr. Harry E. Wills, concerning whom information was recently requested, rang in three peals at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, in 1927, when he was a member of St. Patrick's Change Ringing Sociey.

We are still receiving quarter peals for the birth of Prince Andrew. The latest to be received is from Eastham, Wirral, Cheshire, rung on February 19th. Methods rung were Plain Bob Minor and Single Oxford and the band consisted of B. C. W. Jenks (first quarter) 1, G. Halford 2, Mrs. F. R. Ferris 3, R. E. D. Hamn 4, K. C. Edwards 5, F. R. Ferris 6.

Mr. Hugh Falkner, of the College of Technology, Kingston, Jamaica, is never certain of the sequence of the arrival of his 'Ringing World': This is how his copies have arrived this year, January 1st, January 15th, February 5th, January 22nd, February 12th, January 8th, January 29th and February 19th. He writes: 'I really wouldn't know what method of change ringing could produce that order from normal rounds.' He sends greetings to Cirencester and Croydon ringers.

In St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, on February 28th, the Very Rev. J. W. Armstrong, Dean of the Cathedral, dedicated a memorial brass peal board in the ringing chamber, erected in memory of Mr. R. S. F. Murphy, P.C., who was a member of the St. Patrick's Society of Change Ringers for 59 years and president for nearly 25 years. Members of the family and his fellow ringers were present at the ceremony.

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WEDDINGS

Two Slough Ringers Married

Slough ringers went all festive on Sunday, April 3rd, when two of their number, Mr. David Livingston and Miss Janet Adamson, were married at Slough Parish Church by the Rev. E. W. Perkins, Rector, and chairman of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

Mr. Livingston came to Slough a few years ago from Sidcup, Kent, in connection with his work in the Post Office Telephone Engineering Department, and was taught to handle a bell by Mr. George Gilbert, of Burnham, but later joined the Slough band. Miss Adamson began ringing at Slough, while still a pupil at Slough High School, and has rung a number of peals in various methods.

The wedding was held on Sunday as no choral services or wedding bells are allowed during Lent, and the Rector very kindly broke a year-old ban on Sunday weddings in the parish to please both David and Janet, and the ringers. The congregation included well over twenty ringing friends, and it was a great pleasure to have with them Mr. W. Hibbert and Mrs. Pat Lewington, of St. Laurence's, Reading, with whom the bride and bridegroom had rung a 'quarter' of Stedman Cinques a few days previously. Among the hymns chosen was 'The Ringers' Hymn,' and the choir was certainly not needed to help with that, as the 'ringers' choir' made their presence heard in no feeble manner.

After the ceremony the Rector, as president, made a presentation of china-ware to the happy couple, beneath the tower, on behalf of their ringing colleagues. They arrived at the church to the tune of Grandsire Caters and Bob Royal and left to the sound of Grandsire Caters and Cambridge Major. A quarter peal of Plain Bob Royal was rung in the evening, details of which appear elsewhere.

The reception was held at the bride's sister's home at Widbrook Common, near Cookham, where all the ringers present voted it the most enjoyable wedding they had ever been privileged to attend. The best man was Mr. John Norsworthy, captain of Bray-on-Thames ringers, and Miss Mary Adamson, sister of the bride, and also a Slough ringer, was bridesmaid. The happy couple are spending their honeymoon in South Devon, and on their return will live in Maidenhead.

A Blunsdon Wedding

Two well-known ringers—Mr. Brian Bladon and Miss Lesley J. Hawes—were married at Blunsdon, Wilts, on April 2nd, the ceremony being attended by local ringers and certain 'Friends of the Exercise.' The bridegroom taught the bride to ring at Stamford Hill, Tottenham.

The bride, dressed in ivory satin brocade, and wearing a coronet with short veil, was attended by two bridesmaids dressed in blue satin brocade. The best man was Anthony R. Peake.

The reception took place at 'The King's Arms,' Swindon, and the honeymoon is being spent in Somerset.

The bells at Blunsdon were rung before and after the service. A 720 of London Surprise Minor was rung by: B. S. Sheppard, Mrs. P. Mayne, W. H. Trueman, Miss F. Secker, Miss J. Secker and J. R. Mayne.

Tips For Beginners—16

If you wish to start conducting you will find it a help to remember that you can call three bobs in the same position in consecutive courses to give a complete touch in any method in which three bells are affected by a bob.

SERVANTS OF THE EXERCISE – No. 16



MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH,
President of the Ladies' Guild.

Mrs. P. J. (Jill) Staniforth can only be described as the gifted and talented daughter of brilliant parents, and the devoted wife of another equally brilliant ringer, Peter J. Staniforth. Her record is so remarkable that it should stimulate all ringing members of her sex (aye, and the other sex, too!) to emulate her achievements. Yet in spite of all this Jill is a most modest and unassuming young lady. She stands high up in the affections of all who know her.

Born in 1928, she commenced her education in the County Primary School, and from there went to Newark Grammar School, finishing at Leicester Commercial School. After working for the Leicestershire County Council she took up secretarial work with the organiser of the County Council's Home Help Department, at the age of 21.

Because of the 1939 war, Jill had to learn her ringing the hard way, for the bells had been silenced. Not to be deterred, however, she learned to ring on handbells, and rang her first peal (Stedman Triples) with her parents and A. H. Pulling in 1942, before she could ring on tower bells. Indeed, she rang nine peals 'in hand' before her first tower bell peal, again Stedman Triples, in 1944. She could only learn on silent tower bells—for, in spite of the war restrictions, the Leicester Cathedral band held regular silent practices.

The first opportunity she had to ring with the bells 'open' was when they were ordered to be rung for the El Alamein victory. Then she went forward with a rush, and in October, 1944, rang a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus—being only 15 years old, and the youngest of her sex to ring a peal of Maximus. Among the many other noteworthy performances of this extraordinary young lady are a peal of Stedman Sextuples (the second ever rung) and a peal of Treble Bob 14 in. on handbells. She is the only lady who has rung Cambridge Surprise on handbells from Minor to Maximus, and in November, 1954, conducted a peal of London Surprise Major which was her parents' 100th peal that year. She has rung peals in 19 Maximus methods, plus Spliced Surprise in 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8 and 10 Maximus methods. Bristol Surprise Maximus is also amongst her achievements.

She married Peter John Staniforth in 1951, and they have one daughter, Rosemary, who was made an honorary member of the Ladies' Guild when three weeks old. At the time this young lady was born, Jill was listening to a peal of Gartree Maximus, which was being rung at Leicester Cathedral, not far from the Nursing Home. Naturally, a lady with such fine accomplishments would soon be preferred for high office, and she served as secretary, Midland District, Ladies' Guild, from its formation; Central Council representative Ladies' Guild from 1951 to present date; District Committee member and District chairman, Leicester Diocesan Guild, and in 1959 was elected President, Ladies' Guild. Her peals total is tower 266, conducted 16, handbells 108, conducted one, 374 in all.

It is safe to predict that under Jill's capable leadership and example the Ladies' Guild will progress to even greater heights.

JAFUS.

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY

On March 12th, members of the Society were very fortunate in being able to hear a most interesting talk given by Mr. York-Bramble on the instruction of those learning how to ring. The meeting was held at Christ Church at the kind invitation of the Rector, the Rev. Mr. Calderwell, the University tower of St. Michael's being too small for the occasion. Professor Brocklehurst, the president of the Society, was in the chair.

Mr. York-Bramble, who is the Principal of the College of Campanology, gave a most instructive talk—a talk which, being delivered with such attention to important detail and covering the ground from teaching the beginner how to handle a bell to when he learns change ringing, was divided into two parts, the second half following after a most delicious tea in the Church Hall, to which the Rector had very kindly invited us.

Another popular occasion was the coach outing of the term which took place the following Saturday and was attended by most of the Society. Towers visited were Stone, Tewkesbury Abbey, Quedgeley and Dursley, all of which gave us much enjoyment and new experience, especially Tewkesbury Abbey, where although the tenor sometimes required three people to handle it, there was still polite rivalry as to who should ring it.

After admiring the Abbey we had tea in one of the many picturesque cafes in the town and finished up at Dursley after visiting Quedgeley on the way. We arrived back at Bristol at about 11 p.m. after what, I think, all would have called a very enjoyable outing.

M. B.

WEST DORSET RINGERS' GIFT TO CANON C. C. COX

Bell ringers from eight West Dorset towers gathered in Bridport Church House recently to make a presentation to Canon C. Carew Cox, who retired in December, after 31 years as chairman of the West Dorset Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild. Canon Cox received a wrist watch from the ringers, the presentation being made by Mr. J. Barrett, the West Dorset Branch secretary.

Mr. Barrett said that looking back through the minute book, he realised that considerable progress had been made by the branch during Canon Cox's 30 years as chairman. It was largely due to his untiring work for the branch that it was in its present healthy state.

There were about 50 members present and Mr. Barrett said the size of the gathering was indicative of the respect in which Canon Cox was held.

Thanking the members for their generosity and good wishes, Canon Cox said it had been a pleasure to work for such a smooth-running branch with such able officers and loyal members.

Members rang the bells of St. Mary's Church before and after the presentation.

A STAFFORDSHIRE VILLAGE TOWER



[Photo by permission of 'Stone Guardian.'

This picture is given as typical of English ringing in our villages today. It was taken on a practice night at St. Mary's, Swynnerton, near Stone. Left to right in front are three juveniles, Derek Howard, Leslie Howard and Malcolm Skiffins. In the centre is the Ringing Master (Mr. W. H. Watkins). Miss E. Hotston and Miss Ann Vickery, and behind is Mr. A. Vickery. Two other members of the company, W. Warrillow and Miss Antonie Vickery, are not in the picture.

Swynnerton was at one time the living of the late Rev. J. B. Frith, who was a member of the Central Council from 1932-35 as the representative of the North Staffordshire Association and was instrumental with Mr. W. R. Frith in getting the bells rehung in 1926, the work being done by James Groves, of Birmingham. He rang in a peal (Grandsire Doubles) on the bells on February 23rd, 1929, the other members of the band who came from Stone being Willis Buckley, Harry Hodson, Jack Heal, Arthur Rowley and Claude Templeton.

In 1939 the present tower master took over and Mr. Watkins has remained in office ever since. The bells were rehung in February, 1954, and were rededicated by the Bishop of Lichfield.

The weights of the light six are: Treble 4 cwt., second 4 cwt. 23 lbs., third 4 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lbs., fourth 4 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lbs., fifth 5 cwt. 19 qr. 4 lbs., tenor 7 cwt. 19 qr. 8 lbs. in A.

720 In 14 Methods — By Harold Chant

Containing: Treble Bob, Plain, Alliance, Special Alliance, Little and Little Court.

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5 6 3 4 2	B 6ths (Special Alliance)
4 2 6 3 5	Stedman (Plain)
3 5 2 6 4	B
—6 4 2 3 5	B 6ths
3 5 4 2 6	Stedman
2 6 5 4 3	B 6ths
4 3 6 5 2	Crayford (Little)
5 2 3 6 4	B 6ths
S 6 4 3 2 5	Bastow Little Court
—3 6 4 2 5	D Alliance (Ordinary)
4 3 5 6 2	Bastow
5 4 2 3 6	,,
S 2 5 4 6 3	B 2nds
3 4 6 2 5	A 2nds
5 6 2 3 4	B 2nds
4 2 3 5 6	Little Bob
6 3 5 4 2	Stedman
—4 2 5 6 3	Caernarvon Castle Delight (T.B.)
3 5 6 4 2	Warwick Castle Delight (T.B.)
2 6 4 3 5	Caernarvon C.
5 4 3 2 6	Warwick C.
6 3 2 5 4	,, ,,
—5 4 2 6 3	Stepney (Plain)
3 2 6 5 4	B 2nds
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2 5 3 4 6	A 2nds
6 3 4 2 5	B 6ths
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4 2 6 5 3	,,
—6 4 2 5 3	Hampstead (Ordinary Alliance)
2 6 3 4 5	Bastow
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—2 5 3 6 4	Lytham (Plain)
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A (Special Alliance) x.16.x.12.x.36.12.x.34. h.l. 1. l.e. 2nds 6 4 5 2 3. 6ths 5 6 3 4 2

B (Special Alliance) x.16.x.12.x.36.12.x.14. h.l. 3. l.e. 2nds 6 4 5 2 3. 6ths 5 6 3 4 2.

D (Ordinary Alliance) x.14,x.36,12,x,14. h.l. 3. l.e. 6ths 4 2 6 3 5.

The names of some of the methods I have not got, perhaps, indeed, they have never been named. When the Minor Collection makes its appearance in a few years time, the vexed question of names for many of these methods may be settled once and for all.

LECHLADE, GLOS.—On April 5th, at No. 14, Thames Street, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: H. N. Evans (first in hand and as cond.) 1-2, G. W. Land (first quarter at first attempt) 3-4.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Chertsey District

Owing, perhaps, to the warm spring weather, the meeting at Ottershaw on April 2nd attracted representatives from most towers in the district and also several visiting ringers from places as far distant as Amersham.

Prior to the service, conducted by the Rev. D. Hiam, those present stood in silence in memory of Mr. Bob Andrews, who had passed away during the week. Until his retirement, due to ill-health, five years ago, he was a faithful and respected member of the Ottershaw band, and it was with deep regret that all those who knew him received the news of his passing. He was a regular attender at Guild meetings and always inspired everyone with his friendly attitude and words of advice.

Following a very good tea at the Otter Hotel, a short business meeting was held. Mr. F. Hawthorne thanked the Vicar, organist and all those concerned in organising the meeting. Before returning to the belfry, where ringing continued until 8.45 p.m., a collection was made for the Cathedral Bells Fund.

H. E. P.

A different clergyman came to the village. On meeting a veteran in the churchyard, he said: 'So you are one of the ringers, John?' John replied: 'Yes, sir.' Clergyman: 'You have been ringing a good many years?' John gave the same answer. He then asked: 'Did ever you ring the old year out and the new year in?' John quickly replied: 'Oh yes, sir, hundreds of times.'—G. E. SYMONDS.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

STRAIGHT WORDS TO 'BIG FOUR' OF VARSITY RINGING

Dear Sir.—If, as Mr. Lakin believes, the other University Ringing Societies have been neglected by the 'big four,' how can he be certain of our ringing standards?

Where do our Southern contemporaries find cause to class themselves as the 'big four'—from the peal columns? The number of peals, relatively speaking, is no true guide to the standard of a ringing society. Some of the best striking in the country comes from ringers who have never taken part in a peal attempt. A well struck peal of Plain Bob, also, is often a much better achievement when people are learning (which is, I am told, what we come to University for) than one of a new Surprise method fired round—this despite the views of a certain well-known ringer who thought peals of Plain Bob were rung by some people as 'safe' to assist their peal totals.

If people were to read further into their 'Ringing World' they would not find the other Universities lagging so far behind. Of the advertised tours that of Manchester seems, besides being the longest, by far the most ambitious. Also a peal week is being planned for the early summer, and tours of the Lake District and Scotland have already been enjoyed this year.

Our handbell ringers at 'Tech' may not have the time or inclination to ring peals but their one achievement this year has been very great. To ring non-stop for 11 hours, whether or not the ringing followed Central Council decisions, is magnificent, and we must also remember it helped to raise money for very deserving charities—and who hold the record for Rag collections?

Although we cannot claim to be of the same resident size as Cambridge and others, eight bells are always rung at Salford and attendances of over 20 are normal at Tuesday night practices when up to 12-Spliced is rung. Members also avail themselves of the practices in the area, especially at the Town Hall and Cathedral, where opportunity is provided to learn proficiency on the higher numbers.

Manchester are bringing themselves up (or perhaps it's down) to the level of the other four by contemplating Central Council affiliation. Any idea the Southerners have that they form 'the big four' should here and now be scotched. And Manchester are sure there are other Societies as well as themselves who could scotch the theory.

As far as the Universities Association is concerned it provides little more than a marriage bureau (that's what you said, Mr. Roaf, I believe). Normally all their activities are definitely southern, both in origin and location. It is with some delight we see that they are coming as far north as Sheffield this year. I hope they bring plenty of soap!—Yours sincerely,

R. J. JOHNSTON.
Honorary Secretary,
Manchester University Guild
of Change Ringers.

A BELL RINGER'S ADVENTURE

Dear Sir.—With reference to the article 'A Bell Ringer's Adventure' on page 236, the original story was named 'The Man in the Bell,' and was written by W. E. Aytoun, who lived from 1813-1865.

Incidentally, I first read this story in bed at 12 midnight, with a howling gale outside!—Yours faithfully,

A. M. COOMBS.

Penarth, Glam.

FIRST PEAL AT HALKYN?

Dear Sir.—With reference to the peal at Halkyn, Flintshire, I am given to understand that a peal has never previously been rung at this tower. We did make an attempt in 1953, but were defeated by one of the ropes slipping wheel and the excessive noise in the ringing chamber. Since that time the bells have been overhauled and the wheels, which were in a bad condition, renewed. This 'go' is now quite good, although they are still somewhat noisy in the ringing chamber.

A further attempt was made last summer, but unfortunately our visit coincided with the village fete, and as the noise of the bells interfered with the performance of the band, the attempt had to be abandoned. Another band also made an unsuccessful attempt.

It is understood that this church was built by the first Duke of Westminster, and it is interesting to note that with one exception they were all dedicated to St. Mary. The churches concerned are: St. Mary, Eccleston; St. Mary the Virgin, Pulford; St. Mary without the Walls, Chester; St. Mary the Virgin, Halkyn, and St. John the Baptist, Aldford.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

Upton-by-Chester.

THE 1911 PEAL AT VANCOUVER

Dear Sir.—The letter from Mr. Weatherby, of Los Angeles, in your issue of April 1st, makes interesting reading, but the information which he gives concerning the peal at Vancouver in 1911 needs some correction.

Mr. Weatherby rightly mentions that all the band were Englishmen who were then resident in Canada. The ringers, however, were not as he states, but were as follows: Alfred C. Limpus (Windsor) treble, George W. Foster (Borden) conductor 2, Frank M. Bressy (Wanstead) 3, Gilbert Pearce (Bristol) 4, William R. Warner (South Weald) 5, Matthew G. Bennett (Burbage) 6, Reginald J. Carrier (Bedford) 7, Farrington Jones (Wolverhampton) tenor.

The time taken was 2 hours 59 minutes.

The full story of this peal and the history of the bells appeared in 'The Ringing World' of August 18th and 25th, 1916.—Yours faithfully,

P. L. PEARCE.

Filton, Bristol.

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THE ROYAL MAUNDY

An Historic Occasion at Windsor

Last year for the first time since the Middle Ages the Royal Maundy—the Sovereign's gift of specially minted silver coins—was distributed by the Queen at St. George's Chapel, Windsor Castle.

Among those privileged to receive the traditional purses was William Welling, of Old Windsor. I wonder if this is the first time a ringer has been so honoured?

It was a simple ceremony, not to be forgotten by those present—the warm spring sunshine filled the Chapel as the colourful procession of Military Knights, children of the Chapel Royal, choristers, clergy and almoners followed by the slight figure of Her Majesty the Queen passed up the nave into the Quire to the strains of 'Praise to the Holiest in the height.'

The great dishes containing the alms in little green and white and red and white purses were then borne on high by the Yeomen of the Guard.

The service proceeded and the Queen came down into the nave and gave away the little purses to her people of Windsor.

The triumphant strains of 'Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven' ended the ceremony and the Queen passed on her way leaving sunshine in the hearts of her people.

The distribution of alms and the washing of feet on the Thursday of Holy Week is of great antiquity. The Maundy can be traced back in England to the 12th century, and there are records of the distribution having been made on Maundy Thursday from the reign of King Edward I.

The service derives its name from the Latin word 'mandatum' meaning a commandment, and its opening words have always been 'A new Commandment give I unto you,' etc.

From the beginning of the 15th century, the recipients have numbered as many old men and as many old women as the Sovereign is years of age. Each of them receives, in the specially minted Maundy money, as many pence as the Sovereign is years of age. The Maundy is distributed in the traditional red and white purses. They are placed on the silver gilt Maundy dish which dates from the reign of King Charles II and is part of the regalia.

The Lord High Almoner and his assistants are girded with towels in remembrance of the feet washing which was once part of the service, and they carry nosegays of sweet herbs. The service used to be held whenever the Sovereign was in residence. For many years it took place in the old Chapel Royal (now the Banqueting Hall) at Whitehall. Since 1890 it has usually been held at Westminster Abbey. In 1955, however, it was held at Southwark Cathedral to mark the golden jubilee year of the diocese of Southwark, and in 1957 at the Cathedral and Abbey Church of St. Alban.

In mediæval times the Sovereigns sometimes 'kept their Maundy' at Windsor, but this would appear to be the first time that the service has been held in the existing Chapel of St. George.

G. E. BARKER.

SUNDAY SERVICE NEWS

Sapcote, Leics.

On April 3rd, six lady members of All Saints', Sapcote, Sunday service band rang a course of Cambridge Surprise Minor. They were: Dorothy Page 1, Mrs. M. E. Brown 2, Christine Stratford 3, Jennifer Stratford 4, Dorothy Stratford 5, Rita Stratford 6. Five of the above also rang a touch of London Surprise Minor, with Michael Brown to make the sixth. 'Our ladies grace our belfry with brains as well as beauty,' writes M. E. B.

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ALPHABET FOR BEGINNERS

By T. J. LOCK

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We continue our new series of articles dealing with terms and words met in change-ringing which will be of great help to beginners and also to many other readers. This list has been compiled by a member of the Central Council, who would like in the preparation of this glossary to acknowledge the help given by other well-known ringers.

CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS.—This is an advisory body which meets annually, its deliberations and conclusions being designed for the benefit of the Exercise as a whole. The Council consists of representatives members elected by affiliated societies; honorary members; and life members. Affiliated societies are required to subscribe to an undertaking loyally to abide by the rules and decisions of the Council. The first meeting of the Council was held on Easter Tuesday, 1891, and—well much more can be read in the Central Council Handbook containing seventy pages, on sale at two shillings and sixpence per copy.

CHANGE.—A change implies a different order in which the bells strike—a change from the previous order. To explain with figures 1 2 3 4 5 6 or rounds 2 1 4 3 6 5 first change as in Plain Bob Minor. 2 1 3 4 5 6 is also a change from rounds and could be rung in a tower where call changes are used to produce the music of the bells. In method ringing the rules require that to produce a change any bell may move only one striking position at each change.

CLEAN PROOF SCALE.—This term is applicable to Treble Dominated methods; that is, to methods in which the treble takes on a special work, different from that of the other bells, defining the structure of the method by periodically returning to lead. The LEAD is used as the unit for the proof of such methods, the process of proving being essentially that of determining what leads contain changes common to the first lead of the method; i.e., the lead beginning with rounds.

Confining our attention to symmetrical methods, the arrangement of places in the second half of the lead is a mirror image of that in the first half. This symmetry always makes it possible to ring one and the same lead both forwards and backwards. To put it another way, it is always possible to choose two leads beginning with different rows which are actually identical, the rows in one being arranged in the opposite order to those in the other.

Now in the case of methods where the treble plain hunts it is easy to show that the above kind of repetition is the only one that can occur—apart, of course, from the even more obvious one of ringing the same lead over again in the same direction. Such methods, e.g., Double Norwich Court Bob Major, are said to have a Clean Proof Scale, and this is the first sense in which the term may be used. The second sense, which is more complex, concerns methods where the treble hunt contains dodges. It is then possible for duplication of rows to occur by a mechanism different from that described above. The process of proof is still the same in essentials but more complicated in practice since it will often be found that there are many leads which share rows with the first lead. When these leads have been found the proof of the methods is strictly finished, but it is usually convenient to proceed a stage further and rearrange the information so that it is known to what courses the leads belong which are false against the leads contained in the plain course. Sometimes it will be found that no falseness occurs in courses where the tenors occupy the same relative position as they do in the plain course. In such cases, e.g., Bristol Surprise Major, the method is said to have a Clean Proof Scale with the tenors together, or, often more briefly, it is simply said to have a Clean Proof Scale.

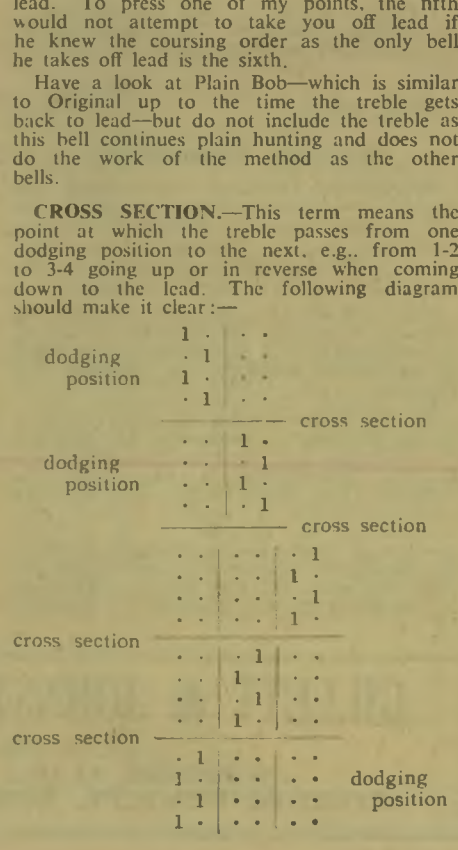
It should now be easy to understand other more specialised uses of the term. As an example, consider London Surprise Major. If calls are made at In and Fifths a composite course is formed comprising a section with the tenors parted sandwiched between two sections with the tenors together. This arrangement has the property that none of the leads false against the course beginning with rounds occurs in any of the other possible courses. Thus, provided only this type of course is employed, there is no possibility of falseness. This is expressed by saying that 'In and Fifths London has a Clean Proof Scale.'

COURSING ORDER.—Coursing order is one secret of success, so if you have desires of becoming a complete ringer, study this subject as much as you can by grasping the fundamentals from available literature, putting your pen to paper and then applying your knowledge in a practical way in the ringing chamber. It is an interesting subject and undoubtedly adds pleasure in the execution of ringing, moreover, it is so important that if each ringer knew only his coursing bell then there would be just nothing (indisposition, a broken rope, conductor miscalling, or the like excepted) which could go wrong in the completion of any touch or peal. Coursing order simply means the order in which the various bells are coursing each other. Admittedly it becomes complicated in some methods, particularly Surprise methods, but it will grow with you as you gain experience.

Write out the Plain Hunt or Original on six bells and you will see that the bells come to lead in the order 2, 4, 6, 5, 3, 1. This is the coursing order. Imagine you are ringing the second, you will see that the fourth takes you off lead, you then strike over or after the sixth, then the fifth, then the third, then the treble, when you will be up behind or at the back striking last. As you hunt down to lead you again strike 4, 6, 5, 3, 1, in that order which is the coursing order to the exclusion only of your bell. Now, imagine again that you are ringing the second, still to Original, and, we will say, the fifth took you off lead, you would be entitled to call to the fourth to take you off lead and to call to the fifth that he should be behind and coursing the sixth and certainly not be taking you off lead. To press one of my points, the fifth would not attempt to take you off lead if he knew the coursing order as the only bell he takes off lead is the sixth.

Have a look at Plain Bob—which is similar to Original up to the time the treble gets back to lead—but do not include the treble as this bell continues plain hunting and does not do the work of the method as the other bells.

CROSS SECTION.—This term means the point at which the treble passes from one dodging position to the next, e.g., from 1-2 to 3-4 going up or in reverse when coming down to the lead. The following diagram should make it clear:—



OBITUARY

MR. ROBERT J. ANDREWS

In our last issue we briefly announced the death of Mr. Robert J. Andrews, of Addlestone, Surrey.

Mr. Shepherd writes: Mr. Andrews came to Addlestone from the Dorking district and was a keen worker and supporter of the Chertsey District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild. While working as a welder he met with a serious accident in a gas explosion and this affected his eyesight, caused a serious illness and cut short his ringing career.

Affectionately known as 'Bob,' he did what he could in his quiet, but thorough, way and his love for a quarter peal on six or eight bells was great. He was only 48 when he was called to higher service and he was silently remembered on the day of his funeral (April 2nd), when his District met at Ottershaw, the tower where he loved to help, teach and conduct.

MR. H. E. WILLS

AN APPRECIATION

In our issue of March 25th, R.F.L. paid a tribute to the memory of Mr. H. E. Wills, who died on March 5th. Mr. T. A. Blow, leader of St. Peter's Society, South Croydon, sends the following appreciation of Mr. Wills' work for ringing during the years he was at Croydon:

For many years Mr. Wills was a member of St. Peter's band, South Croydon, joining in 1916. He held, at different times, all the offices of the Society and was elected leader in 1939. When the war came, he had to go to Yorkshire on Government work. During the periods he was able to spend in Croydon, in those years, he taught some of the members of the Girls' Club, attached to the church, to ring handbells and silent bells. This was of great help in forming the nucleus of a band to ring the open bells immediately it was allowed: the 1939 team being weakened through losses by death and members being retained in the forces.

In the belfry of St. Peter's Church, his name is recorded as having rung a peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal in May, 1931, and a peal of Stedman Caters in November, 1935. There is no doubt that he rang other peals, but his great interest was to help keep a band together for service and practice ringing.

MR. W. BAYLISS

With the death, at the age of 80, of Mr. W. Bayliss, Bradley, Staffs, has lost the last remaining link with past activities at St. Martin's Church.

'Bradley Bill,' as he was affectionately known locally, was a most conscientious service ringer, and until a few years ago could be seen at every meeting in the district. Although not a great peal ringer himself, his love of bells would take him almost anywhere to 'hear a peal.'

As the only survivor of the Bradley band, his joy was unbounded when, after a silence of some fifty years, the bells rang out again from this tower, just over two years ago, and a long cherished ambition became a reality as he took part in a few rounds on the new eight.

The same eight bells rang out half-muffled, for the funeral service, which took place on March 25th, conducted by the Rev. J. F. Heighway, Vicar of St. Martin's, assisted by the Rev. C. H. Barker, honorary clerical secretary, of the Archdeaconry of Stafford Society.

Later in the evening a last tribute to his memory was paid by the ringing of a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples with the bells half-muffled. Those taking part were W. Davies (first quarter) 1, E. E. Speake 2, C. R. Godfrey 3, E. Stitch 4, A. D. Collins 5, G. Hughes 6, J. D. Holden (cond.) 7, F. Holden 8.

The sympathies of his fellow ringers go out to his two sisters with whom he lived throughout his life.

J. D. H.

THE BELLS OF A HERTFORDSHIRE TOWER

Miss Jean Sanderson has compiled a brief history of the Church of St. Nicholas, Norton, Hertfordshire, which has been published by the Friends of the Church. With the growth of Letchworth Garden City this old church, dedicated between 1109 and 1119, is likely to be engulfed in the spread of urbanisation.

The tower was not built directly against the west end of the nave, but about eight feet away, and by 1453, when the tower's three stages were completed, the nave had been lengthened to join the tower, the extension giving more than forty square feet extra space. The tower has an internal staircase as far as the bells, after which access to the low, pyramidal roof with what is commonly called a Hertfordshire spike, is over the bell-frame and up ladders. In common with the rest of the church the tower was repaired in 1908.



ST. NICHOLAS', NORTON

THREE ORIGINAL BELLS

The bells of Norton have rung for centuries and their history is quite well recorded. In 1552 there were 'iij belles in the steple and a Saunce Bell.' Was this Sanctus bell hanging in the cote above the chancel arch?

The bell which is now the seventh of the ring of eight was certainly one of the original three. This is one of the earliest bells of the Four Evangelists, so described because on its crown it bears four emblems, a man, a lion, an ox, and an eagle. It is dedicated: 'Sancte Petre ora pro nobis.' Between 1420 and 1440 lived Richard Hille, a London bell-founder. He died and his wife continued the business, placing a lozenge-shape above the founder's stamp. This bell has the diamond above the 'cross and ring' shield, so it should really be credited to Joanna Hille.

The present tenor is unlikely to be one of the bells there in 1552, although it is impossible to tell exactly when it was cast, or by whom. From its lettering and ornamentation it is probable that Robert Oldfield (1605-1640) cast it, perhaps using a relative's stamp, for the style of the IHS closely resembles that of Henry Oldfield II, who died in 1619.

There is a long gap; then a treble bell was cast by John Briant, a Hertfordshire founder of very good reputation. The inscription is short: John Briant Hertford Fecit 1815.

This may have been the original treble recast and not an entirely new bell, because in 1813 the Archdeacon recommended that 'a new bell be also provided in the room of the old one which was crackt and spoilt.'

In 1827 the bell-frame was repaired by William Saville, of Barley.

Apparently the bells did not form a regular set of three, for the interval between the treble and tenor was a major third, and between treble and second a minor third. Perhaps this grated upon someone's ears, for in 1908 a suggestion was put forward that the bells should be rehung and new ones should be provided. Nothing more happened until 1940, when the estimates were revised for work including turning and tuning, and the belfry steps were repaired. The bells and frame were dismantled and rehung.

AUGMENTATION

In 1946 five more bells were cast by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. and were hung in June, 1947.

The new five all have inscriptions. Each has the inscription John Taylor and Co., Founders, Loughborough, 1946, in addition to the individual one.

Treble: In loving memory of Polly and Cornelius Smith, the beloved parents of Gypsy Smith, the Evangelist.

Second: To the glory of God and a thank-offering for our mother and father, Thomas B. Raban and Margaret, his sister.

Third: This bell was presented by Mrs. Annie Elizabeth Ashton (nee Chamberlain) in memory of the Chamberlain family, of Norton.

Fourth: Given by the people of Norton and their friends to the glory of God and in thankful remembrance of the men and women who served during the war, 1939 to 1945.

Fifth: Presented by the British Tabulating Machine Company and their employees in this Parish, as a thank-offering to God, for preservation from injury during the years of war, 1939-1945, and for ultimate victory.

A large share of the credit for this augmentation must be given to the late Thomas Werrett, whose enthusiasm did much to kindle local interest.

There are a few local customs at Norton. The 'sermon bell,' a single bell sounding just before the service begins, was rung here even in Elizabethan times. The bells were rung for the New Year, as in many places, but less common usage was the 'vestry bell' chimed before the annual vestry meeting. This has had to be abandoned in the last few years as the meetings have been held in St. George's Hall.

Details of the first peal on the bells, in 1948, are given on the memorial tablet to Mrs. H. Bailey on the east face of the tower arch. The oak board, bearing details of the Coronation peal, hangs on the south wall above the ringers' gallery. This gallery was erected late in 1950; access to it is by a vertical ladder as it was inadvisable to pierce the wall of the internal steps.

SUGGESTIONS FOR BELFRY PRAYERS

It is greatly to be desired that suitable prayers be used before ringing for service, and before practice. It is suggested that the captain of each tower shall use one or more of the following prayers, and that on some occasions all present shall join in the Lord's Prayer.

BEFORE RINGING FOR SERVICE

Almighty God, may the sound of these bells, which we ring to Thy glory, cheer the sick, comfort the sorrowful, warn the heedless, and call all willing hearts to praise, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, who by the mouth of Thy servant Moses didst command to make two silver trumpets for the convocation of solemn assemblies, grant that the church bells may continually call together Thy faithful people to praise and worship Thy Holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Grant, O Lord, that whosoever shall be called by the sound of the bells to Thine House of Prayer, may enter into Thy gates with thanksgiving, and into Thy courts with praise: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Grant, O Lord, that all who are hindered by sorrow or sickness, or any other adversity, from assembling themselves together for Thy worship may, by the bells, be reminded to their exceeding comfort, of the prayers of the church, and may rejoice in the communion of saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BEFORE PRACTICE

Almighty God, who hast called us to fulfil the office of bell ringers in the Church; grant us to be of one heart and mind in Thy service, that the pealing of the bells may be dedicated to Thy glory and to the benefit of Thy Holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Grant, O Lord, that they who with their outward ears shall, in their daily calling, hear the sound of the bells, may be stirred inwardly in their hearts, and draw nearer in spirit unto Thee, the God of their salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Grant, O Lord, that all they who shall minister to Thy service by ringing the bells of Thine House of Prayer may be filled with all reverence and godly fear; and, mindful of the sacredness of Thy House, may both in the discharge of their service, and in the whole course of their daily life, keep themselves pure, both in word and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

FOR THE ASSOCIATION

Almighty God, giver of strength and skill, who alone makest men to be of one mind: Bless we beseech Thee, the work of our Association. Do Thou so guide us in the exercise of our art, that we may ring prosperity to Thy Church, peace and good neighbourhood to all our members, and eternal glory to Thy Holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GENERAL

Prevent us, O Lord, in all our doings, with Thy most gracious favour; and further us with Thy continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in Thee, we may glorify Thy Holy Name, and finally, by Thy mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GRACE

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.

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FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

WOODHAMS—LOVELL.—The marriage of Denis Woodhams to Miss Maureen Lovell will take place at Immanuel Church, Streatham Common, on Saturday, April 23rd, at 1.45 p.m. All ringing friends are welcome at the church. 5715

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of Mr and Mrs. G. Marriner is now 6, Leach Grove, Leatherhead, Surrey. 5710

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MISCELLANEOUS

MASONIC RINGERS' DINNER AND MEETING.—Arrangements have now been made to hold the above meeting in London on Saturday, May 21st, 1960. Details to be obtained from Peter J. Staniforth, 150, Narborough Road South, Leicester. Please give rank and lodge number. 5659

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—No practice Tuesday, April 19th.—G. Marriner. 5711

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MEETINGS

ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL.—Practice on Saturday, April 16th, 6-7.30 p.m. All welcome. 5651

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A.G.M., Bridgwater, Easter Monday, April 18th. Service 12 noon, St. Mary's. Lunch 1 p.m., Tudor Cafe. Meeting at St. Mary's Hall, 2.30 p.m. The following rings are available: Ashcott (6), 10 to 11; Huntspill (6), 10 to 11; North Petherton (6) 10 to 11; Cossington (6), 10.30 to 11.30; Woolavington (6), 10.30 to 11.30; Bridgwater (8), 10.30 to 12, 4.30 to 5.30 and 7 to 8; Chilton Trinity (5), 5 to 6; Durleigh (6), 5 to 6; Cannington (6), 6 to 7; Spaxton (6), 6 to 7; Wembdon (6), 7 to 8. Tickets for luncheon, 6s. (which are essential), can be obtained upon receipt of a S.A.E. (send no money now) from D. Hoare, 13, Coombend, Radstock. 5938

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION. — Annual meeting Easter Monday, April 18th, to be held at Sutton-in-Ashfield. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5. Bells 6.30-8 p.m. Sorry for lateness of notice, previous one inadvertently omitted at 'R.W.' office. Names to B. A. Sollis, Pendene, Haddon Street, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Notts.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 5656

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will take place on Easter Monday, April 18th, at Ely. Ringing arrangements: Swavesey (6), 10 to 12; Over (8), 10 to 12; Longstanton (8), 10.30 to 12.30; Willingham (6), 11 to 1; Cottenham (6), 12 to 2; Swaffham Prior (6), 12 to 2; Burwell (8), 12 to 2; Soham (10), 1 to 3; Wilburton (6), 1 to 3; Haddenham (6), 1.30 to 3; Stretham (6), 2 to 3.30; Littleport (8), 2 to 3.30. Service in Ely Cathedral 4.15 p.m. General business meeting after tea. Towers available after tea: Stretham, Wilburton, Littleport and Sutton (6).—H. S. Peacock, Gen. Sec., 8, Rosecea Terrace, St. John's Street, Huntingdon. 5636

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Worplesdon (8), Monday, April 18th, 6-9 p.m.—W. W. Wright, Hon. Sec. 5653

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Bromley, Easter Monday, April 18th. Service 12 noon. Lunch 1 p.m. Bell Hotel. Requests for tickets at once to Mr. B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, Bobbing, Sittingbourne. Towers available: Beckenham 10-11 a.m.; Bromley SS. Peter and Paul, 10.30-11.45 a.m.; Bromley, St. Luke, 10.30-11.30, 4.30-6.30; Chislehurst, The Annunciation, 4-5.30; Chislehurst, St. Nicholas', 5.45-7; Greenwich 4-6; Hayes 10.30-11.30, 6-7; Lewisham 4-6; West Wickham 10.30-11.30.—E. S. J. Hatcher. 5670

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Worcester, Easter Monday, April 18th. Service, All Saints' 11.15 a.m. Business meeting, College Hall, 12.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Bells available: Cathedral (12) 6-7.30 p.m., All Saints' (10) 10-10.30, 11-11.10 a.m. and 7-9 p.m. Claines (10), St. John's (8), S. Swithun's (6) and Kempsey (6) all 2.15-4.30 p.m.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 5635

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting Easter Monday, April 18th. Felixkirk (6). Bells from 2 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Selected method, Cambridge.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Sec., Singleton Cottage, Sharow, Ripon. 5678

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Axbridge Deanery. — Quarterly meeting at Compton Bishop, Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—David H. White. 5685

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bosley (6), on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells 3 p.m., Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, April 19th, to H. C. Lonyon, 8, Cardigan Close, Macclesfield. Buses Macclesfield - Leek route. 5647

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Wrenbury, April 23rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by April 20th. No name no tea.—W. Kerr, 102, Moreton Road, Crewe. 5699

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Coventry, April 23rd. St. Michael's, Stoke, Coventry, bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service in the Chapel of the Cross in the new Cathedral, Coventry, at 4.30 p.m. Tea in the Huts in the Cathedral precinct after the service. Business meeting will follow in the same huts, at which proceeds from the Television Raffle will be handed over to the Provost, All Saints', Allesley, bells will be available after the meeting. Names for tea must be in by April 19th at the latest, to me, J. L. Garner-Hayward, 8, Orchard Crescent, Coventry. No names no tea. 5696

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Derby, April 23rd. Committee St. Peter's Parochial Hall, 3.15 p.m. Service, St. Peter's Church, 4.15 p.m. Preacher, the Lord Bishop of Derby. Tea, St. Peter's Hall, 5 p.m. for those who send in names by April 19th, to B. P. Morris, Gable End, Greenway, Ashbourne, Derbyshire. Bells: St. Luke's (8) 2.30-4 p.m., St. Peter's (8) 3-4.15 p.m. and after meeting, also Cathedral (10) after meeting. 5655

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Tickhill, April 23rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Thursday, 21st, to Mr. J. Cannings, 15, Northgate, Tickhill.—R. J. Sanderson. 5701

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Terrington St. John, Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 5718

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Quarterly meeting, April 23rd, Walthamstow. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in nearby hall. Names for tea, please, to Mr. H. Rumens, 32, Woodstock Road, E.17. 5674

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Saturday, April 23rd, 2.15 p.m. at Christ Church Parish Hall, Devizes Road, Swindon. Lunch 5s. 6d. at 1 p.m. Tea at 5.15 p.m. 2s. 6d. only for names received by April 16th. Names to E. Sutton, 15, Springfield Road, Swindon. Service at Christ Church 4.30 p.m. Ringing arrangements: Christ Church 11-12.30 and 6-9, St. Mark's 10.30-12.30, Rodbourne Cheney 10.30-12.30, Stratton St. Margaret 10-12 noon.—Charles Rouse, Hon. Sec., Churchdown, Glos. 5666

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—South-West Branch.—Quarterly meeting, April 23rd, Ugborough (8 bells) from 2.30 p.m. Tea and meeting, Anchor Inn, 5 p.m. Names by April 18th to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 5995

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—Meeting, Newton St. Cyres, Saturday, April 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m.—W. J. Andrews, Broadpark, Brampford Speke. 5720

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting at Puttenham, Saturday, April 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Look up Double Court and Wells. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, to S. Pontings, Highdown, Milford Heath, Milford, Godalming 2176. 5714

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION.—Ringing meeting Elland, April 23rd. Bells available 3-4.30 and 6.30 to 8 p.m. Teas provided at 2s. 6d. each. Please notify by April 16th, Mr. F. Linfoot, The Mouth, Wistons Lane, Elland. No names no tea.—A. Farrand, Sec. 5606

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Clun District.—Quarterly meeting, Knighton, Saturday, April 23rd, 3 p.m. Those requiring tea please inform, by 21st, Thomas Davies, No. 1, Church Street, Craven Arms. All welcome. 5721

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting on Saturday, April 23rd, at Watford. Service 4.30 p.m., Tea 5.15 p.m. Important Business: (1) Proposed that the Benevolent Fund be wound up. (2) Alteration to Rule 10. Proposed that all peal fees, etc., be sent to the Peal Secretary. (3) Alleged lack of Guild interest. Bells available: Langleybury (6) 9.30-11, Rickmansworth (10) 11.30-1, Bushey (8) 10-11.30, Elstree (6) 2-3, Aldenham (8) 2-3.45, Watford (10) 3 p.m. onwards. Names for tea by Wednesday, April 20th, to R. G. Bell, 131, Hamper Mill Lane, Watford. —H. V. Frost, Hon. Gen. Sec. 5668

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Teynham (6), Saturday, April 23rd. Bells 2 p.m., Service 4, Tea (2s. per person) 5 p.m. Names together with cash by Tuesday, April 19th, to Mr. V. Page, No. 1, The Crescent, Teynham, Sittingbourne. 5608

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Great Chart, Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m., Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Thursday, to Mr. L. Day, 3, Ivy Cottages, Great Chart, Ashford.—C. T. H. 5672

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting, Tunstall, Saturday, April 23rd. Bells 3 p.m., Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to T. Barton, 30, West Ridge, Sittingbourne. 5676

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Meeting at Helmshore, on Saturday, April 23rd. Ringing at 3 p.m. Cups of tea at 5 p.m.—J. Porter, Branch Sec. 5706

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Deane, Saturday, April 23rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Business follows tea. Tea 5 p.m. Cups of tea only. Look up Yorkshire.—Thornley, Hon. Sec. 5717

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The annual general meeting will be held on Saturday, April 23rd, at Leeds Parish Church. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea at local cafe. 5698

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, April 23rd. Bells available: Sileby (8) 10.30-11.30, Cossington (5) 11.45-12.15, Syston (8) 12-1, Kibworth (8) 12-1, Great Glen (6) 1.30-2.15, Oadby (6) 2.30-3.15, Leicester All Saints' (8) 2-3.30, Leicester St. Margaret's (middle 8 ONLY) 2-3, Leicester St. John-the-Divine (10) 2.30-3.30, Leicester Cathedral (12), 3-3.55, Aylestone (8) 7-8.30, South Wigston (8) 7.30-8.30. Service in Cathedral 4 p.m. Tea followed by meeting, in Aylestone Parish Church Hall 5 p.m. A bus will leave Cathedral at 4.40 p.m. to convey ringers and friends free to Aylestone. Numbers for tea, anticipated cost 2s. 6d., and numbers of seats on bus to undersigned by first post Friday, April 22nd (none accepted later). General Committee meet in Vestry of St. John-the-Divine, Wednesday, April 20th, 7.45 p.m.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec., 12, Dorothy Avenue, Glen Hills, Leicester. (Tel: Wigston 3244). 5629

MAIDSTONE GRAMMAR SCHOOLS' SOCIETY.—Meeting Linton, Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Please bring sandwiches. All members welcome, non-members cordially invited.—Pamela J. Usborne, Sec., 315, Loose Road, Maidstone. 5621

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Next meeting, Netherseale, Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. All welcome. —J. W. Cotton. 5700

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Interim meeting at North Creake, on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m., Service 4.30 p.m. Please bring your own teas.—C. Tovell, Branch Sec. 5679

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, April 23rd, at Pulham St. Mary. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, April 19th, to Mr. E. Whiting, 25, Norwich Road, Pulham St. Mary, Diss, Norfolk.—C. F. W. Phillippo, Hon. Sec. 5660

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting Saturday, April 23rd, at High Wycombe. Ringing, Hughenden, 2.30 p.m. Service, Wycombe, 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Annual meeting 6 p.m. Names for tea by 19th.—Butler, 10, The Avenue, Old Windsor. 5713

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Somerton (6), Saturday April 23rd. Bells 2.30 p.m., Service 4 p.m. followed by tea and business. Afterwards Steeple Aston (6) 7 p.m. Names for tea by April 20th, to H. L. Roper, Adderbury, Banbury. 5667

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Empingham (6 bells). Saturday, April 23rd. 3 p.m. Names for tea by previous Tuesday, to W. Clark, Middle Street, Wing, Oakham. 5675

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Culworth Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Moreton Pinkney, on Saturday, April 23rd. Service 4 p.m. Usual arrangements. Names for tea not later than Tuesday previous, to A. E. R. Walker, Hon. Branch Sec., Eydon, Rugby. 5695

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Castor (6), April 23rd. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous, please, to G. S. Bush, 18, Princes Street, Peterborough. 5658

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, April 23rd, Tisbury. Service 4.15 p.m., Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, by April 19th, to Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 5671

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Preston on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (6) 3.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, April 20th, to G. H. Perry, 65, Preston Road, Preston, Weymouth, Dorset. 5654

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting at Whitechurch Canonicorum, Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please.—Barrett, 120, Gerrards Green, Beaminster. 5683

SOUTH WALES NOMADS.—Practice meeting, Llancarfan, Glam, Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (4) 3.30 p.m. All ringers welcome, especially learners.—D. P., Hon. Sec. 5690

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Annual meeting, April 23rd. Towers open: Mansfield 2.30-4.15 and 6.30-8, Warsop and Mansfield Woodhouse 2-3.45. Service at Mansfield 4.15 p.m. Tea in Church Hall, Mansfield 4.45 for those who notify by Wednesday previous, Mr. S. W. Fossey, 2, Patterson Place, Ravensdale, Mansfield. Business meeting following tea.—J. W. Raithby, Gen. Sec. 5665

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Bury St. Edmunds, Saturday, April 23rd. St. Mary's (8) 2-3 p.m., Cathedral (10) 3-4, Service Cathedral 4. Tea 5 p.m., Palmers Restaurant. Business meeting 5.45 p.m., Abbot Anselm Institute. Cathedral 7-8 p.m. St. Mary's 8-9 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, April 20th, to me.—J. W. Blythe, Gen. Sec., 29, Holton Road, Halesworth, Suffolk. 5664

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division. —Practice meeting at Ewhurst on April 23rd. Tea 5 p.m. Please send names for tea to F. Beeney, Sec., Hillbrae, Carters Corner, Hailsham. 5691

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting at Wootton St. Lawrence, on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John, Basingstoke. 5716

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Micheldever, on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (6) available 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in Village Hall at 2s. 6d. each. Names for tea essential by previous Tuesday, to P. Dickinson, Riverbank Cottage, Cheriton, near Alresford, Hants. 5719

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting, Howden, Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (8) 2.30 till 9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Hall. Names by April 20th, to Mr. E. A. Newham, 31 Pinfold Street, Howden, near Goole, Yorkshire.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5652

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Corporate Communion at Yatton on Sunday, April 24th. Bells 7 a.m. Communion service 8 a.m. followed by breakfast.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 5606

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting at Derby, Saturday, April 30th. Lunch (8s.) will be arranged at St. James' Hotel, St. James' Street, 1 p.m., for those notifying, by April 25th, Mr. J. F. Smallwood, Heatherbrae, South Park Avenue, Darley Dale, Matlock. Towers available: St. Alkmund's (8) 10.45-11.45 a.m., Cathedral (10) 11.45 a.m.-12.45 p.m., St. Peter's (8) 2.30-3.15, St. Luke's (8) 4-5.30, St. Andrew's (10) 5.30-7.30 p.m. Business meeting 3.15 p.m. at St. Peter's Parochial Hall. Train departs St. Pancras 7.55 a.m., due Derby 10.21 a.m. Party rate tickets available for those notifying me by April 25th. John Chilcott, Hon. Sec., Kirklake, 67, Farley Road, Selsdon, Surrey. 5680

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Littlebury (6) on Saturday, April 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. New incumbent, please support.—G. Blake, Dis. Sec., Roydon Hamlet, Harlow. 5704

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Lewisham District) and THE LADIES' GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, St. Martin of Tours', Chelsfield, Saturday, April 30th. 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, 27th, to Miss M. R. Andrews, 43, Wansunt Road, Bexley. 5687

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Norwich on Saturday, April 30th. Service, St. Peter Mancroft Church, 4.15 p.m., conducted by the Rev. Michael Pavey, address by the Rev. Gratton Guinness, of Starston. Tea, Chantry Hall, 5.15 p.m. Business meeting to follow immediately after tea. Ringing arrangements: St. George Colegate (6), St. Giles' (8), St. Miles' (8), 2-4 and 7-8 p.m. if required, St. Peter Mancroft (12), 3.30-4.10 and 7-9 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, April 27th, to Mrs. F. N. Golden, 26, Brabazon Road, Cromer Road, Norwich. Cost 2s.—W. Love, Gen. Sec. 5705

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Meeting at Sandiacre, April 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea arrangements. Ringing evening at Stapleford. Names for tea early, please.—A. Henson, 23, Seymour Road, West Bridgford. 5703

SUFFOLK GUILD.—West Central District. —Meeting, Buxhall (6), Saturday, April 30th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Great Finborough (6) evening. Names for tea must be in by April 27th.—H. Mitson, Sec., Buxhall, Stowmarket. 5697

SUFFOLK GUILD.—S.W. District.—Meeting at Hartest (5) on Saturday, April 30th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, April 27th, to Mr. George Garwood, The Green, Hartest, Bury St. Edmunds. 5686

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. John's, Croydon, on April 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and meeting in new hall adjoining. Notification for tea by April 26th, to F. E. Collins, 17, Hamilton Road, Thornton Heath.—R. I. P. Parsons, Hon. Gen. Sec. 5693

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Sheffield on April 30th. Bells available: St. Marie's R.C. (8, 25 cwt.) 3-5 p.m. St. John's, Ranmoor (10, 17 cwt.) 3-4.30 p.m. Cathedral (12, 40 cwt.) 6.30-9 p.m. Tea (2s. 6d. per head) served in the Wolstenholme Hall at 5.15 p.m., followed by the business meeting. Names for tea by the 28th inst., to Mr. H. O. Chaddock, 1, Hemsworth Road, Sheffield 8. Subscriptions are now due, and reports will be available.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Bradford 9. 5677

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. District.—Meeting Purleigh, Saturday, May 7th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury. 5712

HOLY TRINITY, HULL.—An open invitation to an augmentation and rededication service on Saturday, May 14th. Service commencing at 2 p.m. Bells (12) available until 9 p.m. Teas available at Manor Cafe (2 min. from tower) until 5.30 p.m. Approx. numbers to F. G. Reed, 127, Holmgarth Drive, Bellfield Avenue, Hull. 5707

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.—Est. 1623.—Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (12) available from 11 a.m. 12 bell ringing guaranteed. Outing secretaries please note.—L. E. Pitstow, Sec., 4, Highfields. 5708

LATE NOTICES

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—April 23rd meeting, Holy Trinity, Darlington, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Numbers for tea by April 21st, to Mr. W. N. Park, 20, Bracken Road, Darlington. 5722

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting, Lincoln, April 30th. Cathedral Evensong 4.30 p.m. Tea in The Chapter House 5.15 p.m. Business meeting to follow in The Consistory Court. Those requiring tea, notify by Wednesday previous, Mr. J. A. Freeman, 95, Sincil Bank, Lincoln. Usual ringing arrangements.—J. Bray, Hon. Sec. 5723

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RINGING IN SUFFOLK

THE year 1960 is an important year in the annals of the Suffolk Guild of Ringers, as it saw the birth of the reorganisation of the Districts. From 15 the number has been reduced to six. Some of the old Districts were woefully short of members—Hadleigh had six, Framlingham eight and Eye nine. Organisation on such basis is not justified. The new arrangement has the full backing of the members, and the general secretary (Mr. John W. Blythe) reports: 'Officers have been ready and willing to undertake the duties involved, and I wish them every success; if all members play their part the seal of success will be guaranteed.'

The past year has been 'full of life and promise.' An increase of over 30 brings the total of honorary and ringing members to 493. The report continues: 'There are signs of youth coming along in many parts of the diocese, and it is up to the more experienced ringers to help, instruct and encourage them in the art and so build a foundation which will enable our work to be carried on in sure hands in the years to come.'

Mr. Leslie G. Brett, the Ringing Master, reports 78 peals rung for the Guild in 1959. These came from 39 towers in the county and five on handbells. Although four of these were peals of Doubles and one of Plain Bob Major, it is most encouraging that this interesting technique of the art has again been revived. The total for the year falls below that of the last four years—four less than in 1958—and much below the vintage year of 1957, when no fewer than 135 peals were rung.

No ringer rang 25 peals for the Guild during the year. Heading the list is Robert E. Lester, of Stowmarket, with 18, while the table of conductors was headed by John W. Blythe with 11 peals, followed by Roderick W. Pipe with 10. Peals were called by 25 ringers. As to the quality of peals, these were rung on all numbers of bells, except Cinques. Worthy of comment was the peal of London Surprise Royal at Grundisburgh; although rung by a mixed band it was the first for the Guild. Personal praise goes to Frank C. Pipe in ringing 9–10 and conducting Bob Royal, also at Grundisburgh. The report also congratulates George E. Symonds on again calling Holt's Original.

Financially the Guild is in a sound position, with a balance on the General Fund of £152, some £4 less than last year. The major expense is printing the Guild report, £63, but towards this cost peal fees produced £11 16s. and advertisements £12 10s. In the Bell Restoration Fund there is a balance of £36 6s. 6d., grants having been made to Marlesford (£10 10s.) and Offton (£5 5s.). These were the only two restorations to take place during the year, but it is hoped in 1960 to complete both Aldeburgh and Eye. At Aldeburgh the work consists of rehanging in a new frame capable of taking another two bells, and retuning. It is hoped that the bells will be reinstated by the middle of this year. There was also a new treble to make six at Great Thurlow.

The Guild is fortunate in having a technical adviser in the person of Mr. R. W. M. Clouston. During the year he has submitted a further 46 reports on the church towers in the diocese, making a total of 187. Of these reports, 15 covered rings of bells and, alas to state, only six are ringable. One of these towers was Covehithe, where changes were rung for the first time since 1939. Mr. Clouston's report concludes with this appropriate observation: 'There are now quite a number of parochial authorities in no doubt about the unsatisfactory state of their bells. It must be the duty of every member of the Guild to do what they can to get the necessary work undertaken and to see that the bells are in good order and regularly rung for Sunday services.'

ST. SIDWELL'S, EXETER

THE dedication is quite unusual and the writer has failed to trace a similar one. In 1942 the church was severely damaged and the tower had a hit which tore away half of it from top to bottom. The fine ring of ten bells fell and was buried in the debris, but the front nine were taken to Loughborough without the tenor, which remained buried for some years until discovered during clearing operations.

To see St. Sidwell in stained glass I used to visit Exeter Cathedral and look at the east window, where she could be seen with a scythe at her side and a well behind her. This window was a replacement (1381) of the original window, and the only other place where this British lady of high rank in the 8th century is commemorated in stained glass is in the north transept at Wimborne Minster.

In order that readers can know something of St. Sidwell herself, the church now being restored, together with some bell history, here is the result of some amateur researches.

In Leland, Volume III, folio 34, the following is recorded: 'The Suburbe that lyith without the East Gate of Excester is the biggest of al the Suburbes of the Towne, and berith the name of S. Sithewele, where she is buried, and a Church dedicate ther to her name.' St. Sidwell, or St. Sativola, was an Exeter saint, the eldest of four sisters, the others being Juthwara, Wilgitha and Eadwara. Baring Gould says she had a brother named Paul who founded the church of St. Paul in Exeter. Benna, her father, appeared to be a man of wealth who lived outside the city

walls early in the 8th century. After his death her step-mother coveted the fortune left to Sidwella by her first father, so she arranged with one of the servants, a reaper, to kill her. Tradition says that this was done while she was engaged in devotion at a spot beside a well near the church. Her head was cut off with a scythe in the year 740, but Professor Freeman gives the date as 678. St. Sidwell was a Britisher who died for her faith, and a church was erected to her memory about the year 749.

Bell history does not tell us much, but during the siege by the Parliamentarian Army the ancient church of St. All-hallows-on-the-Wall had a culverin (long cannon) placed on it by the Royalists, and it was practically demolished in the fight. Afterwards the Republican Governor ordered the three bells in its ruined tower to be melted down for cannon. Then it was that a worthy brewer of St. Sidwell's, a churchwarden named George Cheeke, went privately by night with his dray and several horses and, helped by some enthusiastic parishioners, carried them to his own belfry for safety. In the records of Allhallows-on-the-Wall. three bells, formerly in the old tower, were sold for £30, about 1657.

Those who assert that St. Sidwell's obtained the back eight bells from the old Allhallows Church in Goldsmith Street have overlooked one point, viz.: Did this church ever have eight bells? Tiverton had the first eight in the county. It is on record that Allhallows sold their bells to St. Sidwell's in 1767 because they were in debt, but the actual number is not known. That St. Sidwell's did have eight bells at that period is confirmed by an entry dated February, 1774, where a licence was decreed by the Bishop to take down the eight old bells and recast them into eight. Pack and Chapman supplied the back eight in 1773, and two trebles were added by Mears and Stainbank in 1891.

I hope the day is not far distant when the bells of St. Sidwell's Church will ring again.

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

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Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.

*CYRIL SAVAGE	*Treble*	BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON	6
ELISABETH A. G. BOWDEN	2	ERIC J. HITCHINS	7
MARY H. HALL	3	RICHARD J. BOWDEN	8
REGINALD G. HOOPER	4	FRANK D. MACK	9
†JOHN H. GILBERT	5	D. JOHN HUNT	*Tenor*

Composed by W. P. WHITEHEAD. Conducted by REGINALD G. HOOPER.
* First peal of Caters. † 75th peal.
Rung by members of the Society of Friends of the Exercise as a wedding compliment to Mr. Brian Bladon and Miss Lesley Hawes, who were married on April 2nd.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., April 9, 1960, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRUNDISBURGH SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

JAMES BENNETT	*Treble*	FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD	6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	2	JOHN R. MAYNE	7
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY	3	HILDA G. SNOWDEN	8
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	4	RODERICK W. PIPE	9
JAMES B. MORLEY	5	CECIL W. PIPE	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
First peal in the method.
A birthday compliment to George W. Pipe.

GRUNDISBURGH SURPRISE ROYAL
—30—4—12—1230—14—30—16—5—16—5
10ths place lead-end 1426385079. 4ths place bob.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

CHERTSEY, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 19, 1960, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 14 lb.

SALLIE BUCHANAN	*Treble*	*MARTYN W. HARBOTT	5
DENNIS G. BLOWS	2	STANLEY G. PONTING	6
JOHN F. M. MAYBREY	3	ROY COLLINS	7
DAVID G. WRIGHT	4	E. JOHN WELLS	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by E. JOHN WELLS.
* 25th peal.

MOORSIDE, OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 19, 1960, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's variation. Tenor 18 cwt.

HAROLD HAMER	*Treble*	GORDON ROTHWELL	5
MICHAEL D. FISHWICK	2	PHILIP J. H. HUDSON	6
JOHN P. PARTINGTON	3	IVAN KAY	7
JOSEPH THORNLEY	4	COLIN S. TAYLOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by IVAN KAY.
Rung as a welcome to Eileen Elizabeth Ann, daughter of the sixth ringer, born February 28th, 1960. Also as a 32nd wedding anniversary compliment to the conductor and Mrs. Kay.

NORTON, MALTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 26, 1960, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14¾ cwt. in F.

FRED HODGSON	*Treble*	*WILLIAM HUDSON	5
HAROLD SPENCER	2	HAROLD PARKER	6
WILLIAM FAY	3	THOMAS M. COX	7
JOHN A. ROBERTSHAW	4	BERT SUTTON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. HOWLETT. Conducted by BERT SUTTON.
* First peal of Bob Major 'inside.'

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Blackburn Branch.)
On Sat., April 2, 1960, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25¼ cwt.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON	*Treble*	JOHN PILKINGTON	5
BRIAN A. TOMLINSON	2	VICTOR J. C. WOOD	6
LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS	3	NORMAN SMITH	7
CHARLES CLEGG	4	ERNEST J. GOWER	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by NORMAN SMITH.
Rung to mark the wedding of M. John Halliwell (the local captain) and Joan Wilkinson.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 2, 1960, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

MRS. B. HOLMES	*Treble*	JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM	5
PAT A. M. HALLS	2	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	6
HOWARD SCOTT	3	H. DAVID HOLLAND	7
GORDON A. HALLS	4	RICHARD E. PRICE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

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ECCLES, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 2, 1960, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19½ cwt.

CAROL FERNLEY	*Treble*	A. PETER WHITEHEAD	5
SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN.	2	NEIL BENNETT	6
FREDERICK SHALLCROSS	3	DEREK TAYLOR	7
IVOR JENKINS	4	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.
A birthday compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Hough, jun.

FARNWORTH-WITH-KEARSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 2, 1960, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in G.

HAROLD HAMER	*Treble*	*GORDON ROTHWELL	5
JOHN P. PARTINGTON	2	GEOFFREY S. MILLS	6
*MICHAEL D. FISHWICK	3	ROGER LEIGH	7
GEOFFREY FOTHERGILL	4	J. BARRY PICKUP	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.
* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 2, 1960, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In seven methods, comprising 1,280 Rutland, 960 London, 640 each of Wembley, Yorkshire and Bristol, 480 each of Superlative and Cambridge, with 129 changes of method. Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

CLAIRE DILLAMORE	*Treble*	GEORGE H. RANDLES	5
MARGARET A. SWANN	2	GEOFFREY R. PARKER	6
NORAH M. RANDLES	3	JOHN WALDER	7
*PETER A. SHARP	4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Tues., April 5, 1960, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

MURIEL R. PAGE	*Treble*	WALTER RUFFLES	5
WILLIAM J. BUTTON	2	CHARLES W. BEECROFT	6
JAMES M. BAILEY	3	ALAN R. BRIDGES	7
WALTER W. MILLER	4	LESLIE G. BRETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.
A birthday compliment to W. J. Button, who has now 'circled the tower' twice.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., April 5, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5184 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

BERNARD F. L. GROVES	*Treble*	CAROL FERNLEY	5
WILLIAM H. DOWSE	2	*ROLAND F. ECCLES	6
EILEEN M. FEARN	3	PETER LAFLIN	7
BASIL JONES	4	BRIAN HARRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. PARKER. Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.
* First peal of Superlative Surprise Major.
Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter (Elizabeth) to Shirley and Brian Harris.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., April 7, 1960, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

*CHRISTINE B. CLAYTON	*Treble*	*KEITH ABBOTT	5
F. JOHN NELSON	2	†MICHAEL D. FISHWICK	6
†JOHN P. PARTINGTON	3	DEREK OGDEN	7
GORDON ROTHWELL	4	JOHN ROBINSON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.
* First peal in the method. † 25th peal together.

ANDOVER, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 9, 1960, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5184 ROSE OF ENGLAND TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

MAURICE J. BUTLER	*Treble*	ADRIAN J. TUMBER	5
REGINALD W. REX	2	GEOFFREY K. DODD	6
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	3	TOM CHAPMAN	7
ROBERT C. KIPPIN	4	R. ROGER SAVORY	*Tenor*

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by R. ROGER SAVORY.
First peal in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Guild.
Rung for the engagement of H.R.H. Princess Margaret Rose. Also as a birthday compliment to Maurice J. Butler.

ASHOVER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., April 9, 1960, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt.

J. FRANK SMALLWOOD	*Treble*	GEORGE H. PAULSON	5
CYRIL WRIGHT	2	BURLEY P. MORRIS	6
HERBERT T. ROOKE	3	DENIS R. CARLISLE	7
HAROLD WAGSTAFFE	4	DOUGLAS ROOKE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by DENIS R. CARLISLE.

BURNHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 9, 1960, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Pritchard's Four-part. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

*JOAN BACON (14)	*Treble*	EDGAR G. SWIFT	5
HOWARD OGLESBY	2	RICHARD E. DEAN	6
GEORGE COUSSINS	3	WILLIAM HENLEY	7
MARY R. JAYCOCK	4	GORDON W. LIMMER	*Tenor*

Conducted by GORDON W. LIMMER.
* First attempt for Major. First attempt as conductor to Major.
A birthday peal (14th) for Miss Jaycock.

CHESWARDINE, SALOP.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 9, 1960, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Bruerton's Twelve-part. Tenor 9¾ cwt.

ANN TYLER	*Treble*	G. ARNOLD MOORE	5
ELIZABETH ROBERTS	2	ERIC YOUNG	6
ALBERT LAWTON	3	WILLIAM TALBOT	7
HAROLD ROBERTS	4	WILLIAM WATKIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. ARNOLD MOORE.
A 75th birthday compliment to Frederick Cope, a life-long worker at this church.

ELHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 9, 1960, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

IAN H. ORAM	*Treble*	RALPH BIRD	5
*A. PATRICK CANNON	2	JOHN R. COOPER	6
CRAWFORD T. HILLIS	3	DENNIS A. CHAPMAN	7
THOMAS E. SONE	4	MARK W. MARSHALL	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by RALPH BIRD.
* 775th peal.

GREAT HOLLAND, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION
On Sat., April 9, 1960, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

*RACHAEL NEWSTEAD	*Treble*	PETER G. BARNES	5
†WILLIAM J. BRUNT	2	GEORGE W. BARNES	6
†DOREEN A. FAIRHEAD	3	†FRANK G. OLIVER	7
DENNIS M. WHENT	4	BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD	*Tenor*

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD.
* First peal. † First of Plain Bob Major.
Rung by the Sunday service ringers of the Church of St. Leonard-at-the-Hythe, Colchester.

GUISELEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 9, 1960, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,
A PEAL OF 5280 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. in F.

ERNEST H. SIMPSON	*Treble*	*GEOFFREY P. COOPER	5
*B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD	2	WILLIAM DIXON	6
*RITA M. JOWETT	3	*PETER DAWSON	7
*JOHN H. FIELDEN	4	*ALLAN WEAR	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by ERNEST H. SIMPSON.
* First peal in the method.
Rung as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Simpson, a 20th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Schofield, a birthday compliment to Mrs. Schofield and her daughter, Gillian, and for the birth of a daughter (Elizabeth Anne) to Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Cooper.

HERSHAM, SURREY.
THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
On Sat., April 9, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. in G sharp.

*SHELAGH R. COLLINS	*Treble*	ROBIN J. TREBILCOCK	5
J. MICHAEL LAKIN	2	ANTHONY V. QUEEN	6
MIKAELA ERIK	3	DEREK E. SIBSON	7
GEOFF. PRATT	4	PHILIP M. J. GRAY	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by J. MICHAEL LAKIN.
* 75th peal. First in the method by all the band except the treble and tenor ringers.

HOLLESLEY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., April 9, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5056 GRUNDISBURGH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 11 lb. in F.

Phyllis M. Mayne	*Treble*	Roderick W. Pipe	5
Charles J. Sedgley	2	Cecil W. Pipe	6
Claudia A. Critchley	3	*Hilda G. Snowden	7
G. William Critchley	4	John R. Mayne	*Tenor*

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley. Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.
* 250th peal. First of Major in the method.
A birthday compliment to George W. Pipe.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 9, 1960, *in* 11 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF 22400 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9¾ cwt.

Ronald W. Steward	*Treble*	Dennis A. S. Symonds	5
Alan R. Andrews	2	Howard W. Egglestone	6
Peter J. Eves	3	Frank B. Lufkin	7
Norman V. Harding	4	Walter Arnold	*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. Trollope. Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
The greatest number of changes rung by one set of ringers on church bells.

ORMESBY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 9, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Cuthbert,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 18 cwt. 14 lb. in E.

Frederick Hodgson	*Treble*	*George S. Deas	5
John E. Anderson	2	Thomas M. Cox	6
Doris M. Killingley	3	J. Alan Ainsworth	7
Thomas Cooke	4	*Eric N. Harrison	*Tenor*

Conducted by Eric N. Harrison.
* 50th peal together.

PULHAM ST. MARY, NORFOLK
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 9, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

Pauline Adcock	*Treble*	Leonard J. Minns	5
Cecil A. Thompson	2	Charles R. Catchpole	6
E. Austin Head	3	Ernest Whiting	7
*Anthony H. Roberts	4	L. Edward Etheridge	*Tenor*

Composed by Nolan Golden. Conducted by Ernest Whiting.
* First peal on eight bells.

SALFORD PRIORS, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 9, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. Matthew.
A PEAL OF 5088 GAINSBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 14 lb. in F sharp.

*Jacqueline A. Roberts	*Treble*	*William B. Pomeroy	5
*Paul Cattermole	2	*Martyn Hawkes	6
*Michael G. Selby	3	Gerald C. Hemming	7
*Gordon T. Brown	4	Geoffrey J. Hemming	*Tenor*

Composed by Nathan J. Pitstow.
Conducted by Geoffrey J. Hemming.
* First peal of Gainsborough Surprise.

SHIPLAKE, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 9, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes.*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in F sharp.

*John A. Cobb	*Treble*	John N. Diserens	5
Noel J. Diserens	2	Donald E. Cobb	6
Ronald F. Diserens	3	Frank W. Lewis	7
Ronald K. Russ	4	Tudor P. Edwards	*Tenor*

Composed by E. W. Tipler. Conducted by Noel J. Diserens.
* First peal of Surprise.
Rung for the wedding of Mr. Derek Healey to Miss Olive Smith, a ringer at this tower.

SHIRLEY, SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., April 9, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James-the-Great,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 6¼ cwt. in B flat.

Vincent A. Hemming	*Treble*	*John K. Foot	5
Peter S. Bennett	2	Michael Hart	6
*Roger E. Tallis	3	*Maurice C. Hughes	7
*Pamela M. Turner	4	Edward T. Lloyd	*Tenor*

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Vincent A. Hemming.
* First peal on eight bells.

GRUNDISBURGH SURPRISE MAJOR
—38—4—12—1238—14—3—16—5
8ths place lead-end 14263857. 4ths place bob.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

BRAUNSTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 30, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

Edward M. Thresher	*Treble*	Richard J. Danby	4
Gillian A. Tavener	2	David J. Marshall	5
*Malcolm R. Hensher	3	John E. Goddard	*Tenor*

Conducted by Edward M. Thresher.
* First peal.

HARLESTONE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 18, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 20 cwt. 9 lb. in E flat.

Edward M. Thresher	*Treble*	Eric E. Billings	4
Edward A. Gautrey	2	Robin Wilson	5
Martin J. Bailey	3	Michael R. Bennet	*Tenor*

Conducted by Edward M. Thresher.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 26, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in eight methods: (1) Ipswich Surprise, (2) Single and Double Oxford, (3) St. Clement's, (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) Oxford Treble Bob, (6) Kent Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.

Peter J. Milton	*Treble*	Ralph Bird	4
Andrew M. Macve	2	Colin F. McGill	5
Maxwell F. Oakshett	3	Frank E. Darby	*Tenor*

Conducted by Ralph Bird.
Quickest peal on the bells.

CRANFORD, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 2, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in seven methods, viz.: Single Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Childwall, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb.

Raymond Henman	*Treble*	Eric E. Billings	4
John E. Goddard	2	Allan Jones	5
Bernard E. Frost	3	Edward M. Thresher	*Tenor*

Conducted by Edward M. Thresher.

MONKS-ELEIGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., April 2, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

Harry Whymark	*Treble*	Alan R. Andrews	4
Keith W. Whittle	2	John W. Euston	5
Harry D. Lister	3	Edward E. Davey	*Tenor*

Conducted by Harry D. Lister.
Rung to the memory of William Stiff, some time a ringer at this church who, in April, 1922, with the same treble ringer, conducted the first peal rung by the ringers of 2, 3, 5 and 6.

STEBBING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 2, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12¼ cwt. in F sharp.

William Chapman	*Treble*	Alfred H. Little	4
Alan R. Syder	2	H. Walter Smith	5
George Saunders	3	Peter L. Wood	*Tenor*

Conducted by Peter L. Wood.
A birthday compliment to George Saunders.

ULCOMBE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 2, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents: (1) Double Bob and Single Oxford, (2) St. Clement's, (3) Double Oxford, (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) Oxford T.B., (6) Kent T.B., (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. in F.

Thomas Cullingworth	*Treble*	Ralph Bird	4
Andrew M. Macve	2	Ian H. Oram	5
Crawford T. Hillis	3	A. Patrick Cannon	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.

CHART SUTTON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 2, 1960, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being an extent each of York, Beverley, Surfleet, Annable's London, Norwich, Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr.

A. PATRICK CANNON ..	*Treble*	IAN H. ORAM	4
CRAWFORD T. HILLIS	2	RALPH BIRD	5
ANDREW M. MACVE	3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

First peal of Minor on the bells.
Rung as a compliment to Brian Bladon and Lesley Hawes, married this day at Broad Blunsdon, Wiltshire.

WOODHOUSE EAVES, LEICESTERSHIRE
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 2, 1960, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being nine methods in seven extents: (1) York, (2) Chester, (3) Munden, (4) Cambridge, (5) Primrose, (6) Berwick and Hexham, (7) Beverley and Surfleet. Tenor 10 cwt. 18 lb.

*G. E. TEBBUTT	*Treble*	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD ..	4
†‡CELIA COWLEY	2	†FRANK CHAMBERS	5
C. WILLIAM HALL	3	ROLAND BENISTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

* First peal. † First in nine Surprise Minor methods. ‡ 25th peal.

SELATTYN, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., April 3, 1960, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 11 extents each of Stedman and Grandsire, and 20 of Plain Bob. Tenor 5 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.

COLIN SMITH	*Treble*	VALERIE LEE	3
GUY PICKAVANCE	2	JOHN R. THOMAS	4
ROGER W. POWELL	*Tenor*		

Conducted by COLIN SMITH.

First peal of three Doubles methods by all the band. First of Doubles as conductor. First on the bells.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., April 5, 1960, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Oxford T.B., Cambridge Surprise, Childwall Bob, St. Clement's College Bob, Double Oxford, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

MICHAEL D. FISHWICK ..	*Treble*	GORDON ROTHWELL	4
JOHN P. PARTINGTON	2	ROGER LEIGH	5
GEOFFREY S. MILLS	3	JOHN H. FIELDEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.

First peal in seven methods for all except the conductor.

SWEPSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Tues., April 5, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents: (1) Single Court, (2) St. Clement's, (3) Single Oxford, (4) Cambridge, (5) Oxford T.B., (6) Plain Bob, (7) Kent T.B. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.

W. GEOFFREY HAIR	*Treble*	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD ..	4
WILLIAM H. CURZON	2	WILLIAM F. WOODWARD ..	5
JOSEPH W. COTTON	3	DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

LANGHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., April 7, 1960, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Single Court and two each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

URBAN W. WILDNEY	*Treble*	*ADRIAN SEMKEN	4
EVELYN R. M. CANSDALE ..	2	FELIX H. ERITH	5
ALLEN W. CANSDALE	3	BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD.

* First peal in four methods.
Rung as a birthday compliment to A. W. Cansdale.

SADDLEWORTH, YORKSHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., April 8, 1960, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B., and five different extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

GORDON ROTHWELL	*Treble*	ALLAN SMITH, JUN.	4
JOHN P. PARTINGTON	2	JOHN PILKINGTON	5
F. JOHN NELSON	3	KEITH ABBOTT	*Tenor*

Conducted by KEITH ABBOTT.

First peal in three methods as conductor.
Rung to welcome Jeremy Amos, grandson of the Rev. R. E. Rodgers, Vicar of Saddleworth; also for the successful conclusion of the Christian Giving Campaign recently held in the parish.

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 9, 1960, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-A-BECKET,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods: (1) Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Sandal, Capel and Oxford T.B.; (2) Kingston T.B.; (3) Capel T.B.; (4) Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Sandal and Capel T.B.; (5) Cambridge Surprise; (6) Kent T.B.; (7) Oxford T.B. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

ROBERT B. SMITH	*Treble*	JOHN R. KENNETT	4
DOROTHY M. STAFFORD ..	2	BERNARD F. L. GROVES ..	5
WILLIAM H. DOWSE	3	FRANK OSBALDISTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK OSBALDISTON.

Mr. Dowse has rung each bell in this tower to a peal.
Rung in memoriam William Willett.

DUNSFOLD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 9, 1960, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent of London Surprise and two each of Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in A flat.

*JILL M. LANE	*Treble*	*STANLEY G. PONTING ..	4
*EDWARD J. BRAGG	2	*TOM PAGE	5
WILLIAM T. BEESON ..	3	*HAROLD A. MAY	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD A. MAY.

* First peal in four Surprise Minor methods. First of Surprise Minor as conductor.

IGHTFIELD, SALOP.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 9, 1960, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising one extent of Kent Treble Bob and six of Plain Bob, differently called. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in G.

*TONY WHITE	*Treble*	F. HECTOR BENNETT	4
HAROLD F. WHITE	2	REGINALD H. NEWTON ..	5
PHILIP EVANS	3	†HARRY POYNER	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY POYNER.

* First peal. † 200th peal.
Rung to welcome the Rev. Mr. Upton-Dawes, who was inducted to the living of Calverhall and Ightfield on March 31st.

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STOWTING, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 9, 1960, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 6¼ cwt.

NICHOLAS J. DAVIES .. .. *Treble* | IAN H. ORAM 4
RITA A. GOWER .. .. 2 | CRAWFORD T. HILLIS 5
RALPH BIRD .. .. 3 | A. PATRICK CANNON .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by CRAWFORD T. HILLIS.

The conductor's 100th peal — all rung in Kent for the above Association.

WESTON UNDERWOOD, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 9, 1960, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr.

ERIC E. BILLINGS .. .. *Treble* | *RAYMOND HENMAN 4
*ANNE FOWLER .. .. .. 2 | EDWARD M. THRESHER .. 5
TIMOTHY A. WOODING .. 3 | ALLAN R. JONES .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by ALLAN R. JONES.

* First peal in the method.

Rung in honour of the christening of H.R.H. Prince Andrew.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 9, 1960, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents: (1), (2) and (3) Plain Bob, (4) and (5) Kent Treble Bob, (6) Cambridge Surprise, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

MARY ROAST .. .. .. *Treble* | *JAMES TOWLER 4
RICHARD J. HARRISON .. 2 | PATRICK W. SALTMARSH .. 5
A. EDWARD LEGGETT .. .. 3 | JOE E. G. ROAST .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

* First peal in more than one method 'inside.'

HANDBELL PEALS

SELBY.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Selby and District Society.)
On Sat., March 26, 1960, in 1 Hour and 50 Minutes,
IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF THE ABBEY (SS. MARY AND GERMANUS).
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in five methods: six extents each of St. Simon's, St Martin's and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, and 12 extents each of Plain Bob and Grandsire.
Tenor size 8 in C.

ALAN GRUNDY .. .. .. 1—2 | RONALD R. WARFORD .. 3—4
BETTY MARTINSON .. .. 5—6

Conducted by RONALD R. WARFORD.

First peal in five methods by all.

SELBY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Selby and District Society.)
On Sun., April 3, 1960, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes,
IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF THE ABBEY OF SS. MARY AND GERMANUS.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in three methods: 12 extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob and 18 of Grandsire.
Tenor size 15 in C.

ALAN GRUNDY .. .. .. 1—2 | RONALD R. WARFORD .. 3—4
*JANE WILKINSON .. .. 5—6

Conducted by RONALD R. WARFORD.

* First peal.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., April 6, 1960, in 1 Hour and 53 Minutes,
AT 19, CROMLEY ROAD.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 40 120's (ten callings) and one 240 (Morris's). Tenor size 15 in C.

ROBERT B. SMITH .. .. 1—2 | *BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 3—4
†BRIAN HARRIS .. .. .. 5—6

Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.

* 200th peal. † 200th peal for the Guild. First in the method 'in hand' by all.

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HALF PEAL

FAREHAM, HANTS.—On Feb. 27th, 2,528 Plain Bob Major: Doris Bray 1, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 2, P. Richardson 3, J. Ball 4, G. Miles 5, E. Treagus 6, A. Sturgess 7, M. Marshall 8. Rung for the wedding of Margaret Marshall and David Jones, married at Havant earlier in the day.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On April 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Fletcher 1, Ruth Perrin 2, J. C. Perrin 3, P. J. Milton 4, A. M. Macve (cond.) 5, C. F. McGill 6. Also on Feb. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. McRae 1, Ruth Perrin 2, J. C. Perrin 3, P. J. Milton 4, A. M. Macve 5, C. F. McGill (cond.) 6.

ARDLEIGH, ESSEX.—On April 9th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: P. Brand 1, F. Southgate 2, A. Cole 3, A. Semken 4, M. Bantick 5, F. H. Frith 6, D. C. Andrews 7, B. W. Fairhead (cond.) 8. A farewell to D. C. Andrews, who is leaving the district.

BARKING SUFFOLK.—On Mar. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Davidge (first quarter) 1, Mrs. R. E. Lester 2, C. Snowden 3, J. J. Prentice 4, R. E. Lester (cond.) 5, H. A. Mitson 6. For Mothering Sunday.

BOW, LONDON.—On April 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: S. Penfold 1, J. Carrott 2, A. Grainger 3, F. V. Gant (cond.) 4, M. Bland 5, T. East 6, A. J. Salisbury 8. For Matins.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At the Church of St. Peter, on April 9th, 1,350 Grandsire Caters: Betty Stephenson 1, G. North 2, C. W. T. Riddleston 3, W. A. Riddington 4, H. W. Woolven (cond.) 5, A. Griffin 6, P. F. Romney 7, F. Page 8, A. W. Bond 9, F. Lewis 10. Rung for the institution and the induction of Rev. John Nevill Keeling, M.A., as Vicar of Brighton.

CHALFONT ST. GILES, BUCKS.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: T. Bonam 1, B. Edwards 2, Mrs. Pamela Cracknell 3, Peter Atkins 4, B. Cracknell (cond.) 5, J. Onians 6. First quarter first attempt for 1 and 6. Rung as a compliment to Mr. G. S. Strode on the occasion of his retirement. Believed to be the first quarter by a local band since the war.

CHELSFIELD, KENT.—On April 3rd, 1,272 Plain Bob Minor: A. Smith 1, Ann Buncombe 2, D. Parker 3, N. Martin 4, J. Parker 5, D. Manger (cond.) 6. First of Minor by the local band. Rung to commemorate the birth of a daughter, Katherine Elizabeth, to Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Parker.

EAST BRIDGFORD, NOTTS.—On Mar. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Mills 1, R. Blackshaw 2, R. Wilde (first quarter) 3, D. Armstrong 4, F. Bradley 5, J. Higgs 6. Conducted by F. Bradley and D. Armstrong. Also on April 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Mills 1, R. Blackshaw 2, N. Wilde (first quarter) 3, D. Armstrong 4, F. Bradley 5, J. Higgs 6. Conducted by F. Bradley and D. Armstrong.

EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sheila P. Miller 1, G. F. Tizzard 2, Evelyn D. Wallis 3, Evelyn M. Hicks 4, J. A. Howard 5, R. H. Peters 6, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 7, J. Leppard (first quarter) 8. First of Grandsire Triples by 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6. For the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Tizzard (December 25th). Also on Feb. 7th, 1,200 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles (with 6, 8 behind): Christine M. Morrison (14, first quarter) 1, M. P. Howard 2, Patricia M. Howard 3, F. H. Hicks 4, J. A. Howard (cond.) 5, Sheila P. Miller 6, O. J. Walden 8. For the 21st birthday of the conductor. Also on Feb. 28th, 1,188 Plain Bob Minor: G. F. Tizzard 1, Patricia M. P. Howard 2, Evelyn M. Hicks 4, M. P. Howard 5, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 6, J. A. Howard 7, R. H. Peters 8. For the Royal birth and for the engagement of H.R.H. Princess Margaret and Mr. Antony Armstrong Jones. Also on March 20th, 1,152 Plain Bob Major: G. F. Tizzard 1, M. P. Howard (first of Major) 2, Patricia M. Howard 3, E. R. Rapley 4, F. Roberts 5, R. H. Peters 6, F. H. Hicks 7, J. A. Howard (first of Major as cond.) 8. For Evensong—to welcome the Vicar home from Switzerland.

QUARTER PEALS

EVESHAM, WORCS.—On April 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. G. Haines 1, D. C. Gould 2, R. J. Gould 3, G. J. Hemming (cond.) 4, G. C. Hemming 5, M. J. Butler 6. First quarter for 1, 2, 3 and 6.

FARNWORTH, LANCS.—On Mar. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Froome 1, J. Thornley 2, Elaine A. Richardson 3, Christine B. Clayton 4, J. P. Partington 5, M. D. Fishwick 6, P. J. H. Hudson (cond.) 7, G. Rothwell 8. Rung as a welcome to Eileen Elizabeth Ann, daughter of 7th ringer, born February 28th, 1960.

HAXEY, LINCS.—On Mar. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. H. Baker 1, Miss P. Bull 2, Miss D. E. Smith 3, J. Underwood 4, T. A. Gilbert 5, G. L. A. Lunn (cond.) 6. Rung as a welcome to the new Rector, Rev. Mr. Stocks, on the day of his induction.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On April 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. Meredith 1, D. Armstrong 2, R. Blackshaw 3, M. Harrison 4, A. Larkin 5, F. Bradley (cond.) 6. For the wedding of Miss Margaret Elsie Tye and Mr. Robert Hemphrey Brown, married at the above church this day. Also on April 3rd, 1,260 Minor (540 Plain Bob, 720 Oxford Treble Bob): S. Meredith and R. Blackshaw 1, R. Blackshaw and D. Armstrong 2, B. Mills 3, M. Harrison 4, D. Armstrong and A. Larkin 5, F. Bradley (cond.) 6. For Evening service

KIRK ELLA, YORKS.—On April 10th, 1,260 Minor (720 Cambridge Surprise, 540 Plain Bob): I. N. Goldthorpe 1, J. R. Perrett 2, J. S. Rank 3, P. J. Came 4, K. Goldthorpe 5, D. S. Johnson (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

LITTLE HORKESLEY, ESSEX.—On Mar. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (Winchendon Place Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, St. Nicholas', St. Simon's Bob, St. Martin's Bob, St. Osmund Bob, Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob): A. E. Leggett 1, Marian Mills 2, B. E. Gibbons 3, U. W. Wildney 4, B. W. Fairhead (cond.) 5.

LONG BUCKBY, NORTHANTS.—On Mar. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of Spliced, St. Simon's, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and 300 Grandsire): R. M. Partridge (first quarter) 1, E. A. Gautrey 2, J. E. Goddard 3, E. M. Thresher 4, M. J. Bailey (first as cond.) 5.



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LITTLE SHELFORD.—On April 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. J. Sibson 1, A. R. Hurst 2, T. Sherman 3, G. Easy 4, D. E. Sibson (cond.) 5. For Confirmation service.

MERROW, SURREY.—On April 11th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob, April Day, Reverse St. Bartholomew and Grandsire): Susan A. Bull (most methods) 1, Jill M. Lane (cond. first 480) 2, Valerie A. Bundy 3, A. Pamela Warren (cond. last 780) 4, D. A. R. May 5, B. A. Todd 6. For Evensong. Also on April 12th, 1,260 Doubles (St. Simon's Reverse Canterbury, Reverse St. Bartholomew, April Day and Dedworth, Plain Bob and Grandsire): B. A. Todd (first away from tenor) 1, Jill M. Lane 2, P. G. Smart 3, D. A. R. May (cond. first 600) 4, R. I. Vaughan (cond. last 660) 5, R. F. Warren 6. First in 7 methods by all. For Evensong. Also on April 13th, 1,440 Surprise Minor (Wells and Cambridge): Valerie A. Bundy 1, Jill M. Lane 2, A. Pamela Warren 3, R. I. Vaughan 4, D. A. R. May 5, P. G. Smart (cond.) 6. First extent of Wells by all. For Evensong.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.—On April 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss R. Reay (first quarter) 1, J. Murphy 2, Miss B. Forder (first quarter) 3, C. Taylor 4, R. H. Reed (cond.) 5, J. Dacombe 6. For family service.

SHERFIELD ENGLISH, HANTS.—On April 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Gladys D. Kitcher (first of Triples) 1, M. D. G. Northway 2, Mavis P. Coffin 3, M. L. Northway (cond.) 4, Audrey J. Knight 5, K. J. Jacobs 6, C. J. Herbert 7, R. Buchanan 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Mr. M. D. G. Northway.

STOKE-NEXT-GUILDFORD, SURREY.—On April 8th, 1,440 Surprise Minor (London and Cambridge): Janet Cleeve 1, Jill Lane 2, Angela Martin 3, E. J. Wells 4, D. A. R. May (cond.) 5, P. G. Smart 6.

TARLETON, LANCS.—On Mar. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: Miss M. Crossthwaite 1, Miss J. Moir 2, S. Walmsley 3, J. Couperthwaite 4, K. Durow (cond.) 5, D. Lawson 6. First of Doubles for 1, 2 and 6. A birthday compliment to Mr. D. Lawson.

THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.—On April 10th, 1,260 Minor (720 St. Clement's, 540 Plain Bob): P. W. Mills 1, Mrs. P. W. Mills 2, Mrs. R. Rouse 3, E. E. Davey (cond.) 4, F. Harvey 5, W. Downs 6. Rung for service of the cantata, 'Olivet to Calvary.'

WEST HOATHLY, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 9th, 1,280 Grandsire Doubles: D. Slater (first quarter) 1, Evelyn M. Hicks 2, J. Leppard (first 'inside') 3, J. A. Howard 4, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 5, Sheila P. Miller 6. For the birth on February 4th, of Alison Hilary, daughter of the treble ringer and Mrs. Slater.

WHITCHURCH, OXON.—On April 3rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: C. Carter 1, J. A. Harland 2, Mrs. Pamela S. Cracknell 3, R. K. Russ 4, J. F. Carter 5, B. A. Cracknell (cond.) 6. First of Minor at first attempt for 1 and 5. Rung for Matins on the occasion of the visit of the Lord Bishop of Oxford.

WITHINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.—On April 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Daniels 1, L. T. Mainwaring 2, Miss R. Bray 3, R. J. Herbert 4, L. Evans (cond.) 5, R. J. Herbert sen., 6. Rung for the Royal Christening.

WOLVERHAMPTON.—On April 10th, at St. Peter's Collegiate Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Stallard 1, H. Boswell 2, F. Brotherton 3, E. E. Speake 4, A. D. Collins (cond.) 5, A. Richards 6, H. Griffiths 7, V. Thompson 8. First quarter 1 and 8.

WOOLTON HILL, HANTS.—On April 5th, 1,440 Surprise Minor (720 Durham Surprise, 720 York Surprise): E. Woolgrove 1, Miss H. White 2, Miss C. White 3, B. Mills 4, R. W. Rex 5, G. K. Dodd (cond.) 6. First quarter in these two methods by all the band.

WOOTTON WAWEN, WARWICKS.—On April 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Morrison (first in the method) 1, A. A. Upton 2, M. C. Hughes 3, P. S. Bennett (first in method as cond.) 4, R. E. Tallis jun. 5, J. Stockley 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss J. Morrison, daughter of the treble ringer and a ringer at this church.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The peal at Norton, Yorks, though not arranged as such, was in a sense a farewell peal for the ringer of the second—Mr. Harold Spencer, of Scarborough—who is returning to Somerset after 14 years in Yorkshire. The peal also marked 50 years of ringing by Mr. John A. Robertshaw, the ringer of the fourth.

The peal rung at Cullompton, Devon, on April 9th, was the third for the Society of Friends of the Exercise. It was a wedding compliment to two members, Mr. Brian Bladon and Miss Lesley Hawes.

The Central Council publication 'On Conducting' is now out of print.

One of those unexpected pleasures befell Mr. G. Arnold Moore, and his band after ringing a peal at Cheswardine, Staffs, as a 75th birthday compliment to Mr. Frederick Cope.

Dr. R. J. Brocklehurst, president of Bristol University Society, who has been vicar's warden at Stoke Bishop, Bristol, for 21 years, has retired from office. He rang in a quarter peal to mark his retirement.

A sign of good progress comes from Woolton Hill, Hants, with the ringing of a quarter peal of Durham and York Surprise Minor, the outcome of regular practices in Surprise Minor. The band hope eventually to score a peal of seven Surprise Minor methods.

What we hope will be regarded as a 'good relationship' quarter was rung at Chalfont St. Giles, Bucks, on March 29th. It was a compliment to Mr. G. S. Strode, general manager of B.B.C. Publications, on his retirement after 35 years' service. Will our friends at the B.C.C., please note!

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest H. Simpson, of Saltaire, Shipley, on their golden wedding anniversary on March 26th. The happy event was commemorated by a peal at Guiseley on April 9th. Mr. Simpson joined the Yorkshire Association as far back as 1906, being a member of Bradford Cathedral band. He has rung about 169 peals for the Association.

We are sorry to learn that Mr. George Gilbert, of Burnham, has been out of ringing for eight weeks owing to a fall and has to keep his legs up all day. His deputy at Burnham, Mr. Gordon Limmer, who hesitated to conduct in the presence of George, called a good peal of Bob Major on April 9th.

Mr. Peter N. Bond is entering Rochester Theological College next September. He is an active licensed lay-reader.

Will the organiser of the outing party, who wrote to the Rector of Alverstoke, asking permission to visit St. Mary's, later in the year, please contact H. A. Nobes, 26, Peel Road, Gosport.

The tower of St. Mary's Church, Ely, is undergoing a repair which is estimated to cost about £3,000, and for which an appeal has been launched. The top 11 feet of the spire has to be rebuilt and this is now removed. Consequently, all ringing is suspended until the repairs are completed.

The veterans' reunion being arranged in London on June 18th, by Mr. John Euston, is not a new venture to those most successful gatherings promoted by Mr. Albert Coles. What has happened is that the mantle of Elijah has fallen on Elisha. We hope the same enthusiastic support will be accorded to Mr. Euston as to his predecessor.

The fact that Mr. A. P. Cannon's braces broke during the peal at Stowting on April 9th was more probably due to the quality of the elastic rather than the weight of the tenor (6¼ cwt.). In spite of this, and a five mile walk to Elham for a peal of Yorkshire, the tenor king produced a fine burst of speed when sprinting to catch his train home from Ashford.

An attempt was made at Hughenden on April 2nd to ring a new Plain Major method. The peal unfortunately was lost, but a good quarter peal was rung. Our correspondent writes: 'As the peal "went west" we felt we couldn't name the method, and to send up the quarter as 1,260 C.C.C. 158 sounded a bit barmy, so we decided to forget it as far as official publication was concerned.'

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A great achievement was accomplished at St. Michael's Church, Kirby-le-Soken, Essex, on Saturday, April 2nd, when a record length peal of 22,400 Plain Bob Major was rung, conducted by Mr. Frank B. Lufkin. This is the greatest number of changes ever to be rung to a peal. The time taken was 11 hours 45 minutes.

All peal ringers will join with us in giving our warmest congratulations to the band.

The full story of the peal has been promised for our next issue.

CONGRATULATIONS

Dear Sir,—On behalf of the band who rang 21,600 Bristol Surprise Major on November 4th, 1950, at Over, Cheshire, we congratulate Mr. F. B. Lufkin and his band on ringing the 22,400 Plain Bob Major at Kirby-le-Soken.—Yours respectfully,

JOHN WORTH.

Macclesfield, Cheshire.

FORMER RINGER'S GIFT

The five bells at St. Peter's Church, Bentley, near Doncaster, are to be removed to the Loughborough Foundry shortly after Easter, where they are to be retuned and overhauled.

The present 3rd bell was cast by J. Warner and Sons in 1896, and the remaining four bells were cast by Mears and Stainbank Ltd., in 1902, with a tenor of almost 6 cwt.

The cost of the work is being met by a bequest from the late Mr. Percy Elton, one-time ringer at this church.

It was hoped to add a sixth bell, but owing to the Church Council's heavy financial commitments, it was not possible to augment the bequest.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

Andover District

One of the most successful meetings in recent years was held at Thruxton on April 2nd, the fine weather and three towers open for ringing drawing a big crowd of over 60 ringers during the afternoon and evening.

Ringing took place during the afternoon on the good six at Thruxton, followed by the service conducted by the Rev. Mr. Crecy, Vicar. A good tea was provided by the local ringers and their wives.

Mr. A. W. Alliston presided at the business meeting. There is to be a three district combined meeting at Stockbridge on May 21st, when it is hoped to have eight towers open for ringing and a combined meeting with the Newbury District on June 18th, at Highclere, Thatcham, and, it is hoped, Newbury.

A motion brought by Mr. G. Dodd to alter Rule 18 so that members need no longer pay the 6d. peal booking fee unless they wish their peal to appear, in full, in the triennial report, was heavily supported and this will go before the annual general meeting at Whitchurch, on July 2nd.

Ringing followed at Amport and Abbot's Ann. G.K.D.

Tips For Beginners—17

When ringing Cambridge Major you will find knowledge of your course bell and after bell helpful. These are the only bells you dodge with out behind and are met in 3/4 and 5/6.

SERVANTS OF THE EXERCISE – No. 17



MR. GEORGE E. SYMONDS,
Ipswich.

Mr. George E. Symonds is living proof of the truth of the old assertion 'Ringing keeps you young.' He has been active in the art for 74 years, and is still able—even eager to learn and ring peals in new methods. Together with another famous Ipswich ringer (who will appear in this series shortly) he led the Ipswich band to such heights of achievement that could hardly have been dreamed of by Motts, Pemberton and others well-known in Ipswich history.

Born at Oakley, North Suffolk, in 1875, he learned to ring at Brome, in 1886, and took part in the ringing for Queen Victoria's Jubilee in 1887. He went to live in London in 1895, and rang his first peal at St. Giles', Camberwell, which was Kent Royal, conducted by H. N. Davis.

On returning to his native county he had, by 1919, rung no less than 130 peals, of which he conducted 81. He joined the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich, and was appointed honorary secretary, a position he has held for 40 years. On the death of James Motts he was appointed conductor of this famous 12 bell Society. Mr. Symonds has conducted all the different lengths up to 5,184 of Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Kent and Oxford T.B., and Cambridge Surprise Major, also peals of Plain Bob on all numbers of bells from 5 to 12. He conducted the first peals ever rung of Superlative, New Cambridge, Pudsey and Rochester Surprise Maximus, and Little Albion Treble Bob Maximus. In 1926 he conducted three unique peals of Maximus, Short Course Plain Bob, Forward, and Duffield, which require 448 bobs and 6 singles, and peals of T.B. Maximus in 5, 6, 7 and 8 courses.

Early in his career he took part in Holt's Original (non-conducted) at St. John's, Waterloo Road, S.E. (1898). He conducted a 'George' peal of Kent T.B. Major on St. George's Day in 1927, and a peal of Double Norwich C.B. Major at Stowmarket in 1931, in which all the ringers were named Symonds. His peals total to date is 439, conducted 253, including, on handbells 37, conducted 27. He has conducted, on handbells, peals of Grandside Triples, Caters and Cinques, Plain Bob Major, Royal and Maximus, and Kent and Oxford T.B. Major, Royal and Maximus. The peal of Oxford T.B. Maximus was the first on handbells for 112 years. From 1948 until 1957 he was a representative of the Suffolk Guild on the Central Council.

Mr. Symonds has travelled about the world, and a few years ago had the pleasure of listening to the carillons at Bruges, and at the Victory Tower, Niagara Falls. He has also rung on the Whitechapel bells at Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria, Vancouver Island, B.C. Mr. Symonds is the possessor of a very deep sonorous voice, and the late Fred Tillett (famous tenor man) used to say he could see George's chest begin to swell in readiness for calling a deep down bob! What a pleasure it is to have known such a man as George E. Symonds, and what a privilege to write about only a few of his wonderful achievements! He has set a most inspiring example to us all.

JAFUS.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Tonbridge District

The fair number of members who attended the Tonbridge District meeting at Penshurst on April 2nd noticed that the bells sounded much more pleasant outside the tower now that the louvres had been partially blocked up. Inside, however, the bells are still spoiled by a long draught, and they are very difficult to hear because of the rattle of the ropes in the rope-guides.

In spite of this, ringing was enjoyed until 4.15, when a service was held, conducted by the Rector, the Rev. W. S. Pears.

At 5 o'clock, 38 sat down to an ample tea in the Village Hall, and the large proportion of young members was very noticeable. After tea, the business meeting was held, and Mr. P. A. Corby was elected to the chair. A record number of new members was elected—25! Belfry elections prior to peal attempts of two non-resident members were also confirmed. Of the new members, a large number are from the new tower of St. Mark's, Biggin Hill. To these we extend a welcome, and hope to see them at our district meetings in the future.

For the by-meeting in May, Sundridge had been arranged, and after some discussion it was agreed to include Brasted, if possible. A vote of thanks was proposed to the Rector and to Mr. L. Goater, for making local arrangements.

Members returned to the tower for further ringing, which ranged from rounds and call-changes to Bristol and a course of London, which produced the best striking of the day.

S.J.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Mansfield District

Forty ringers, representing 10 towers, attended the Mansfield District meeting held at Farnsfield on March 26th. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. and continued until 4.30 p.m., when a short service was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. A. Medforth, with a local ringer, Mr. J. Bradbury, playing the organ. A very good but inexpensive tea was served in the Church Hall by the local ladies.

Mr. J. Raithby took the chair at the short business meeting. Apologies for absence were received from the chairman, Mr. S. W. Fossey, and the secretary, Mr. D. H. Rooke. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Selston on May 28th. The Bell Fund collection amounted to 12s.

Mr. J. Raithby showed members present the design for a new badge. It was agreed that the design was good but the size should be considerably reduced. Five new ringing members were elected viz:—Miss J. Robson and M. Bennett (Warsop), N. Cracknell, J. Bradbury and M. Clayton (Farnsfield). Votes of thanks were recorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells and to the ladies for providing tea.

Handbells were rung as an accompaniment for the singing of grace and also after the meeting, both in changes and tunes.

Ringing again took place until shortly after 8 p.m. Methods rung during the day included Plain Bob, Grandsire, St. Simon's, Stedman, and Reverse Stedman, with rounds and call changes for the learners.

D.H.R.

ALPHABET FOR BEGINNERS

By T. J. LOCK

"D"

DELIGHT Method—is a Treble Bob method having an internal place made at all but one cross-section in each half lead.

DODGING.—One essential condition of change ringing in order to produce anything more than a plain course of Original is what is termed 'dodging.' It has no sinister meaning such as dodging the column or dodging the truth in order to free oneself of some unwanted imposition or situation, but it means, correctly, by forethought and design, changing the striking position in a reverse direction for one blow only, at either handstroke or backstroke. Refer to Plain Bob Minor, which is the simplest variation of Original on six bells, and you will see that two changes before the first lead end of a plain course—3 1 5 2 6 4—the second bell is fourth in order of striking. The next change —1 3 2 5 4 6—the second bell strikes third, the change following, which is at the lead end, it strikes fourth once more—1 3 5 2 6 4—and the next change—3 1 2 5 4 6—the bell is once again the third to strike. This sequence is known as dodging in 3-4 down—down because the path of the bell is going down to lead. A bell, of course, cannot dodge on its own so now study the fifth bell and you will see that in these four changes it strikes third, fourth, third and fourth. This is known as dodging in 3-4 up—up because the fifth bell has just come from the lead and is hunting up to the back. Remember that dodging occurs only when a bell is hunting up or down as it moves from one striking position to the next at each successive stroke.

DOUBLE Method.—What may be the simplest way to explain a double method is by stating that the work the several bells do at the lead end so they do 'upside down' at the half lead, but this may not be the simplest way to understand.

Assume that seconds place is made at the lead end whilst two bells dodge in thirds and fourths places from the front (a normal 3-4 dodge) as actually happens in Plain Bob. Now turn this upside down and you will get the treble lying at the half lead with one bell making a place under it—seconds from the back so to speak—and two other bells dodging together in thirds and fourths places from the back. An illustration will perhaps help:

	a b l · ·	· · l b a
	a l b c ·	· c b b l a
	l a c b ·	· b c a l
lead end	l a b c ·	· c b a l half lead
	a l c b ·	· b c l a
	a c l · ·	· · l c a

Double Bob and Bristol Surprise Major are the best examples of Double methods.

DUTY.—Progress in the art of bell-ringing depends so much upon team spirit wherein all who take part show a sense of duty. As a Christian you should work for God and His Church, and I always like to think we are each chosen to help in doing a certain section of this work. If you appreciate that the person who taught you to ring a bell was doing his part of a duty and that he was endeavouring to encourage you to make a better ringer than he, why not take up the challenge? But you will have to honour authority, do your best to comply with instructions, be reliable, punctual and regular in attendance and exhibit keenness. And these attributes are catching you know.

A learner who starts with a local company having a good team spirit soon falls in line, or if the learner is of the 'wrong type' he soon disappears, thus saving much valuable time to the instructor.

Just imagine eight ringers in an eight bell tower and the captain calls for a touch in a certain method which would be creditable for the band to ring but one, and only one, certain member does not care for the method and says, 'No. I am not going to ring that.' So it is decided to ring the same method to Minor instead of to Major, compelling one other ringer to sit out. The alternative is to change the method to suit the one person who shows the least team spirit—not a happy situation, so please do not be anything like this one person.

Above all, as part of your duty, attend as regularly as possible the services for which you ring but do not stay away from ringing just because you will not be able to attend the service which follows. Silent bells give no message.

AUSTRALIAN RINGERS OF MAXIMUS STANDARD



The band who rang the first quarter of Maximus outside Britain at St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, in 1959 for the 25th anniversary of 'The Great Adventure.' Left to right: C. H. Bagot (Adelaide) 8, J. J. Cummins (Sydney) 9, W. Watson (Sydney), A. H. Fisher (Melbourne) 5, Miss E. L. Roberts (Adelaide) 4, G. W. Heyes (Melbourne) 10, R. Ferris (Sydney) 7, J. J. Roper (Melbourne) tenor, Mrs. G. W. Pipe (Melbourne) 3, G. W. Pipe (Melbourne) conductor 2, and daughter, Miss B. J. Beeson (Melbourne) 6, K. J. Minchinton (Melbourne) treble, J. Fryer (Sydney), T. W. Goodyer (Sydney) 11.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Devizes Branch

The quarterly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at Holy Trinity, Bradford-on-Avon, on April 2nd, when 30 members attended with visitors from Swindon. The Guild service was conducted by the vicar, the Rev. Mr. Osborne.

At the business meeting new ringing members were elected from Melksham and Erlestoke. It was decided to carry on with the weekly practices for the month of April. Meetings were arranged for Chirton (June) and Westbury (July). Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells and to the ladies for providing tea. After tea the bells of Christ Church were available for ringing. Methods rung ranged from rounds to Double Norwich Court Bob Major.

REDEDICATION

LANGDALE, WESTMORLAND

An important event in the life of Holy Trinity Church, Langdale, took place on the evening of April 4th with the service of dedication of the new frame and the rededication of the rehung ring of six bells. The church was packed to capacity, with parishioners, friends and visiting ringers.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. G. W. Ellison, assisted by the Vicar of Hawkshead, the Rev. R. Lindsay, and the dedication was performed by the Rt. Rev. S. Bulley, Bishop of Penrith.

These bells were found to be in bad condition about two years ago, and have been silent for over a year. Langdale is a very thinly populated country parish, and it looked a formidable task to try to raise the £1,300 required to carry out the necessary work. However, such was the interest aroused and the willing effort of everyone concerned that the required amount was to hand before the completion of the work by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

After the service the bells were made available to visiting ringers, about 30 of whom had gathered from a wide area. Everyone was delighted with the improved 'go' of the bells. Refreshments were provided by the ladies of the parish, for all who cared to partake.

N. M. N.

A DATE TOUCH

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.—On April 10th, 1960 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Spring (first quarter) 1, Ann George (first in the method 'inside') 2, G. Fry 3, Margaret A. Ladd 4, E. J. Ladd 5, E. J. Jenner 6, S. Jenner (cond.) 7, B. V. Collison 8. For Evensong.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

NOISE ABATEMENT BILL

Dear Sir,—Officers of the Council, together with Mr. W. B. Cartwright, have given serious consideration to the above Bill during the past few weeks. A Diocesan Bishop was also consulted. It was decided that as bells are a matter of concern to the Church as a whole, the best course would be to ask the Archbishop of Canterbury if he would be good enough to arrange for a watch to be kept on the Bill during the remainder of its passage through Parliament. I am glad to say the Archbishop's secretary has replied that His Grace bade him say he would certainly do so.

We are most grateful to Mr. W. B. Cartwright for his advice and assistance in this matter.—Yours faithfully,

E. A. BARNETT.
Honorary Secretary,
Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.

A REQUEST TO LEICESTER GUILD

Dear Sir,—I must thank Mr. Mayne for correcting me regarding the Surprise Royal methods rung by the Leicester Diocesan Guild. As he points out, Lyme and Whitwick Surprise Royal are not extensions of Lyme and Whitwick Surprise Major, but Morecombelake and Coalville Surprise are extensions of Lyme and Whitwick Surprise Major. The late Harold J. Poole conducted a peal in a new method and named it Rutland Surprise Maximus. The Methods Committee informed him that it was not an extension of Rutland Surprise Major or Royal, so he changed the name to Belvoir Surprise Maximus. Is it too much to hope that the present leading conductor of the Leicester Diocesan Guild will change the names of the above Royal methods, thus following the excellent example set by his truly great predecessor?

Mr. A. Cutler and Mr. J. Mayne have informed me of the following important corrections which should be made in Corrigan's Collection and also in Campanologia.

Woodston Surprise Major:
-58-16-56-36.14-14.58.16-16.h.l. 78, l.h. 12d

Elstree Surprise Major:
-38-14 58.12-38-14-38-16.34 h.l. 18, l.h. 12a

Napsbury Surprise Major:
-38-14-56-16-14-58 14.56.14 h.l. 38, l.h. 12e

Mr. Mayne has given me a complete list of corrections to my collection of Surprise methods 1821 to 1950, and I can let others have this if they will send me a stamped addressed envelope.

Regarding Derwent Surprise Major, regardless of Professor Dodge's statement, this was the first published regular Surprise method, being given by Stedman in his Campanologia of 1677 under the title of Imperial Major. Mr. Moreton is correct in saying that this method has been included in peals, but as far as being renamed a precedent has already been set, by the Yorkshire ringers, when they unnecessarily renamed Lindoff's London as Elford Surprise Major.

Mr. G. B. Thompson should realise that hunt controlled methods are no longer invented or composed, but are simply written down. Of the methods he gives, the first is useless, the second is absolutely irregular, and the third was first rung several years ago, spliced with Stanwell Little Bob, and has been included in four peals, as Shepperton Alliance Doubles. These and other Little and Alliance Doubles have been published and are still available from me.

Mr. York-Bramble is correct in his criticism of Professor Dodge's Questionnaire. Also it should be pointed out that Cambridge Surprise Minor was not the first published regular Surprise method. The first was Derwent Surprise Major. Also it is impossible to prove that peals of Grandsire Triples without singles are not possible. Shipway composed 5,040 without singles before 1813. W. H. Thompson proved that 5,040 could not be obtained using common bobs only, but we should remember that Rev. C. D. P. Davies arrived at the same result just after Thompson.—Yours sincerely,

FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

57, St. Andrew's Crescent,
Windsor.

BAKEWELL BELLS AT FOUNDRY

Dear Sir.—Bakewell, Derbyshire, will be without their octave (tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.) for nearly six months. The bells have been removed to the foundry of John Taylor and Co., at Loughborough, for retuning, quarter turning and to be fitted with new headstocks.

Owing to being unsafe the tenor has not been rung since last October. Water dripping from the spire has rotted the headstock and the seventh was being affected.

There is a record that 'The new bells were opened by the Sheffield ringers on February 2nd, 1797, so these bells will be approximately 160 years old.—Yours truly,

C. COMAIN.

Bakewell, Derbys.

'AND IT WAS GOOD'

Dear Sir.—My exhortation—'Ring what you like, so long as it is good'—quoted on page 250 of 'The Ringing World' in the account of the visit of the Manchester University Guild to Scotland, requires the addition of three words: 'It was good.'

It was a pleasure to have our bells rung on a Sunday morning as, unfortunately, our ringing has been limited to Sunday evenings for many years.

Thank you, Manchester. Come again.—Yours faithfully.

E. BOUMPHREY.

St. Mary's Cathedral,
Glasgow

A WRONG NAME

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Woodruffe's request for details of Northchurch Surprise Major, it was originally rung as Lessness at Erith on February 22nd, 1937, and then as Northchurch, at Northchurch, on February 11th, 1939.

Lessness: -38-14-56-16-12-58-14-58. l.e. 2nds pl.—Yours sincerely,

Prittlewell. D. E. BELCHAM.

NOTE.—D. Peter J. Bruce, of Idle, gives the method as —38—14—56—16—12—58—14—Editor.

NETHERTON SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir,—In reply to Messrs. Pattison and Woodruffe, I would like to say that the above method was first rung to a peal on October 14th, 1954. But it had previously been rung and published as Oxfordshire. There is no 8ths place variation of the latter method. The notation for Wicken is correct. (See page 253.)—Yours sincerely.

E. W. TIPLER.

Lutterworth.

HERTFORDSHIRE GRIEVANCE

Dear Sir.—Is it not time to bury the Hatchett?—Yours, etc.,

S. E. DARMON, K. R. DUNSTAN,
N. JENKINS, J. E. ROOTES,
C. F. WHITFELD, J. M. WILCOCKSON,
C. W. WOOLLEY.

The White Hart,
Bushey.

DOSTOYEVSKI AGAIN

Dear Sir.—Seeing that Mr. R. G. Leale and Mr. P. I. Chapman have, in past issues of 'The Ringing World,' both made use of the term 'Bolshevik revolutionary' in connection with Dostoyevski and the Rothwell peal, I am at a loss to fathom out **why** Mr. Wilfred E. Box has thought fit to pick on myself **in particular** to refute this.

Is a little bit of spite or personal prejudice behind his letter in your issue of April 8th? If this be so, he'd best 'put it in a Box.' (Dostoyevski with it), tie it with a ribbon—yes you know the rest of the sentence I suppose, Wilfred?

Or perhaps he would oblige by putting **in writing** what his 'spite,' 'prejudice' or otherwise is, in the form of a letter to me personally.—Yours sincerely, P. AMOS.

Weston Favell.

NOTE.—Had we thought there was spite behind Mr. Box's letter we would not have published it. It was, in our opinion, a gentle leg-pull.—Editor.

THE BOOMERANG

Dear Sir.—I have just visited the Professor in order to ascertain his views on 'the Boomerang' in the issue of April 8th. To my surprise I found him quite unperturbed. I would like to make public the gist of his observations on this unprovoked aggression.

He is very grateful to Mr. York-Bramble for his masterly interpretation of the rules of the C.C. with respect to Grandsire and similar methods and for his quotations from the Handbook.

Had he been aware of the correct position of the lead-heads and lead-ends in such methods, his statement No. 7 in his Questionnaire would have been worded quite differently, e.g.

(7) There are methods in common use to-day that (a) ring the last row before the first, **or** (b) do not begin with rounds, **or** (c) start with the treble in 2nds place or similar apposite, but equally stupid statements.

He has no doubt, he says, that this would have showered upon him a whole series of Boomerangs (including one from Mr. York-Bramble), not that this would have worried him but, he maintains, he always likes to upset the minimum of people and is very sorry if he has upset Mr. York-Bramble.

'It amuses me,' said the Professor, 'to speculate in my idle moments (and he has very few) whether Mr. York-Bramble would have had to refer to the answers to see what on earth I was talking about!'

In view of the now evident correct position of the lead-heads and lead-ends he wonders (he says) why all publications containing Grandsire, including those of the C.C., still continue to print rounds at the head of the column of figures. Surely this is now an unnecessary, illogical, not to say misleading, procedure?

Concerning the effect of a 'Single' in Plain Bob he says that Mr. York-Bramble's arguments are based on mere word-quibble. He is, however, quite prepared to believe that after the first 'Single' has been called in Bob Minor, Mr. York-Bramble will continue to ring in-course lead-ends whilst everyone else rings out-of-course lead-heads.

In reply to Mr. York-Bramble's generous offer with regard to joining the College of Campanology, he is, he says, prepared to take over the leadership of the college when the present Principal relinquishes it. The instruction, he says, might not be quite so erudite but he will endeavour to make it more interesting.—Yours sincerely,

H. CHANT.

Ryhill, Wakefield.

NEW CUMBERLAND SURPRISE

Dear Sir.—New Cumberland **does** appear in Corrigan's Collection under the list of Irregular Methods. Its notation is:

j 56 x 56.8 x 56 x 36 x 34 x 1.34 x 34.7

What makes New Cumberland an 'irregular' method, apart from the fact that Corrigan indicates a 6ths place bob (i.e. similar to Kent Treble Bob)? If a 4ths place bob is used, surely there isn't anything irregular about the method.

Rarely, Mr. Amos, have I read such unmitigated nonsense as your concluding paragraph in the current 'Ringing World' (April 8th). How can you possibly compare April Day and Plain Bob with Yorkshire and Braunston? April Day **is** a **variation** of Plain Bob Doubles in that the former is the latter with a Grandsire Doubles bob. Braunston is a variation of Yorkshire in that the construction of the plain courses differs and therefore the two qualify as different **methods.**

Therefore, Mr. Amos, back to your variations and let those who want to ring on higher numbers without interruption from jealous five-bell ringers get on with it.—Yours sincerely.

BRYAN PATTISON.

Bedford.

ON THE USE OF CALLS

BY 'JUNIOR'

'When the handstroke of the whole-pull lead of the treble has been rung, the next blow may be one of two, according as we elect to pass by the mode termed "bob" or by that termed "plain-lead," but when once this has been settled, we have entered on a new lead, and nothing can infringe its integrity. . . .'

This passage, from Davies' 'Surprise Methods,' sound though it is, leaves untouched, or only hinted at, the fact which forms the basis of my argument: namely, that, except in the case of a plain-lead, no rules of the Exercise govern 'the changes by which we elect to pass,' and that for this reason there would appear to be no valid argument against ranging the form of bobs and singles, or introducing new and even revolutionary calls into our methods in the interests of music, interest, or variety. The main innovation, needless to say, would be free licence to use 4ths place and 6ths place bobs indiscriminately in methods with either 2nds or 8ths place at the lead-end. The new-fangled bob, I would call a 'hic,' borrowing an expression from the primitive practice of Grandsire, and its corresponding single, a 'double.' A few examples will make this clear:

	Bob	Single
Bob Major:		
Handstroke	13254768	13254768
Backstroke	12357486	13257486
Double Norwich:	Bob	Single
Handstroke	16847253	16847253
Backstroke	18674235	18674253

To these calls I will return later. However, more unusual lead-end combinations are possible, and are denoted below, the figures referring to the places made at the lead-end.

(a) In-course changes: 12, 14, 16, 18.

(b) Out-of-course, or 'single' changes: 1456, 1458, 1478, 1678.

(c) In-course stagnation changes: 123456, 123458, 123478, 123678, 1234, 1236, 1238, 1256, 1258, 1278, 125678, 145678.

While, of course, most of these calls will never or only seldom be used, some very pretty touches are possible by their employment, of which I give some specimens below:

96 changes Bob Major

12345678
13527468 1278
13572468 1458
Twice repeated.

128 changes Bob Major

12345678
12354678 1458
12354768 1678
12346578 1478
13246578 1238 Repeated.

Such calls could, of course, also be used as openings to touches or peals. But to return to the more serious business of using 'hics' (for which there is precedent in a peal of Cambridge by Thackrah), I believe that the music, the flexibility in composition, and the interest offered by these calls is more than adequate justification for their introduction. The hic I mark, either by a double dash similar to an 'equals' sign, or where more than one is in question (as in the case of calls 'Before,' by Roman numerals to distinguish them from bobs. The touch of 832 changes which is given below illustrates, I think, the merits of this type of call when used together with common bobs. The touch may be extended to 1,664 changes, by calling single for bob 'W' at corresponding positions in the two halves of the touch, or may be shortened by calling W. 2B. H for the last two courses of any part, which cuts out 112 changes. By this means, an excellent quarter peal of 1,328 changes may be had.

832 changes Bob Major

W B I 23456
— I II 32546
— I 32465
— I 32654 Repeated.

A neat bob-course may be had by calling the same bell to make the place at a bob and a hic and several variants of this 128 are shown below:

23456
23456 W, I with a hic
23456 V with a hic, M.
23456 B, H with a hic (or B with a hic, H)

Variants and extensions of these touches may be rung by the substitution of singles and doubles for bobs and hics: such touches could provide a useful introduction into the use of unorthodox calls.

The use of hics to provide new and more varied peals is a field of study rewarding both in interest and in music. A peal of Major (any method with a 2nds place lead-end) may be had by the use of calls 'H' alone, and in methods with an 8ths place lead-end by calls at 'B' alone. The peal of Major given below is on this plan, and contains the 6th her extent right and wrong with each of 3, 4, 5, 6, and 2 never in 5-6.

Hic	Double
13254768	13254768
12345786	12345768
Hic	Double
16847253	16847253
18642735	16842735

6,048 changes Major (by 'Junior')

23456 H

42635 =
64235 —
26543 =

52364 = Five times repeated.
35264 — Single for bracketed
23564 — bob in parts
3 and 6.

52436 =
45236 (—)
24536 —

It proved impossible to obtain a regular 5-part peal of Cambridge using calls 'H' alone, but while experimenting with this end in view, I stumbled across the following, which, as may be seen, will go true to Superlative.

5,600 changes Superlative Surprise Major

23456 H

42356 —
34625 =
63425 —
46325 —
34562 = Four times repeated.

These few notes are too scanty to do more than throw a few ideas haphazardly into circulation, in the hope that some of our more penetrative composers may make better use of them than myself. But if they lead only to more interesting touches and peals of Bob Major for a few enterprising, if not expert, bands, I shall be amply rewarded. One further note. If any of the peals I have composed should prove to be false I would be grateful if someone would publish this fact as soon as possible, to avoid a mournful 'peal withdrawal.' For the reward of the enterprising should be distinction, not ignominy, and I would be unwilling so to 'let down' any band bold enough to attempt one of these compositions.

INVITATION TO EVESHAM

Come on Cannon, on your toes,
Let's see how Evesham tenor goes,
The quickest time is three thirteen,
For real fast ringing she's a Queen.

You ring a good peal, not too slow,
And strike the tenor, 'Go man, go.'
The Cannon time should be three ten,
If not give up and chime 'Big Ben.'

And with the energy still in store,
Do your usual hand presses on the floor,
There's only been one Tenor King,
Who can a **heavy** tenor ring.

It's all laid on, we only wait,
For you to hurry and choose the date;
Until that time the record stand,
With Stephen Ivin and his band.

G. D.

5,184 ROSE OF ENGLAND TREBLE BOB MAJOR

By NOLAN GOLDEN

23456	M	B	W	H
42356	—	—	—	—
42563		—		—
26435		—		
63425	—	—		
43265	—	—		—
24365	—	—	—	—
32465	—	—	—	—
35264		—	—	—
23564	—	—	—	—

Repeat Twice.

Contains all combinations of 4, 5 and 6 in 5-6.

Rung at Andover, April 9th, 1960. Conducted by R. R. Savory.

ANOTHER CLARE

Dear Sir,—This comes by way of letter,
In lyric form, by far the better;
Both strong and loudly to disclaim
The poem written in my name;
Alas, my rhyming's not so hot,
In fact, my metre's gone to pot;
All friends and comrades, please take note,
I that 'Clare' poem never wrote,
Please believe me, please be fair,
I must have been another 'Clare.'

CLARE.

St. Albans.

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RUNCORN, CHESHIRE.—On April 5th, 1,280 London Surprise Major: J. Hayes 1, Mrs. Dougles Lowe 2, D. Maddock 3, J. E. Bibby 4, C. Valentine 5, W. E. Allman 6, D. Lowe 7, W. Allman (cond.) 8. First in the method for 1, 2 and 7.

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FENLAND TOWERS

BY T. A. BEVIS

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, SUTTON-IN-THE-ISLE

IN an area famed for the excellence of its church towers, a place to the fore must undoubtedly be given to St. Andrew's Church, Sutton-in-the-Isle. Greatly enhanced by its prominent position on a high ridge of land—an island in mediæval days—this immensely impressive tower lends strength and grace to the countryside and its unique silhouette is quite outstanding from great distances in the surrounding fen.

The tower, with the church nave, was erected in the 14th century and consists of four stages, surmounted by an octagonal stage to which is added a small lantern structure. The bell-frame is a good example of the olden-day bellhanger's craft, and several of the timbers are at least three-hundred years old. They support a heavy ring of six bells (tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. in E), and these, with the frame, were last overhauled by A. Bowell, in 1931. The tower clock occupies an uncommon position, being contained in a cage above the bells.

Four founders are represented at St. Andrew's. The oldest bell (the second) was cast in 1654 by Miles Graye, who had his foundry at Colchester. Charles Newman cast the third and fourth bells in 1691 and 1700 respectively, the latter bell bearing an ornate border. This founder was introduced into the craft by Christopher Graye at the Haddenham foundry and after a time moved to King's Lynn.

Henry Penn, of Peterborough, made the fifth and tenor bells in 1722, and inscribed them: (5) 'I call the people, convoke the priests'; (6) 'I bewail the dead, I warn the living.'

Penn had a very unfortunate end to his career. He was responsible for casting a ring of bells for St. Ives, Hunts, but the parishioners were evidently dissatisfied with the bells (unreasonably so) and a tedious lawsuit commenced between Penn and the churchwardens. After a time it was decided in favour of the founder, who had ridden from Peterborough to St. Ives in order to be present at the Assizes. As Penn mounted his horse for the journey home, he fell down dead from over-excitement at his acquittal.

The treble is by William Dobson, of Downham Market, Norfolk, 1819.

A peal in seven methods (believed to be the first on the bells) was rung on Sunday, April 29th, 1934, and was conducted by the late Frank Warrington.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, HADDENHAM

HADDENHAM also occupies an 'island' in the Fenlands, and is situated but a few miles from Sutton. It is regarded by many as being the most attractive village in the Fens.

Thomas Newman had a soft spot in his heart for this place, and considered it to be a suitable locality for his thriving bell-foundry business.

The fine tower of Holy Trinity marks the highest and southernmost part of the Isle-of-Ely and is attached to a church (mostly rebuilt) founded in 673 A.D. by Ovin, steward to Etheldreada of Ely. Originally consisting of three stages built in the 13th century, the tower was completely taken down and rebuilt with the old material in 1876, and it is adorned with very elaborate tracery and ball-flower decorations.

The spacious ringing chamber is reached by climbing a turret stairway entered from the church exterior.

Four of the six bells (treble, second, third and fifth) were cast by Thomas Newman in 1706, and the fourth was cast in 1741 by Joseph Eayre, who had a brick foundry at St. Neots, Hunts, in the shape of a bell; he has been referred to as being a 'first-rate founder of dish-bells,' and he had a tendency to inscribe his bells with 'Labor Ipse Voluptas' (Work itself is pleasure), as is the case at Haddenham.

The tenor (14 cwt. in F), inscribed 'All glory be to God on High' carries the stamp of G. Oldfield, Nottingham.



St. Andrew's, Sutton-in-the-Isle.
[Photo: A. M. French.

It is unusual that a founder cast his bells in a church. This occurred at Haddenham, where there has been found evidence of foundry work beneath the tower, when during renovations a certain amount of mussel shells and bell metal was brought to light. The founder concerned was most probably Thomas Newman who resided at Haddenham for several years in the late 17th and early 18th centuries. Originator of the Haddenham foundry is supposed to have been Christopher Graye, who passed on the business to Charles Newman. Thomas Newman, born at Haddenham in 1682, took over the foundry from his father.

An amusing incident is recorded as having taken place in the village to the effect that there lived a bell founder in this place in the olden times and that on one memorable occasion, when the operation of melting the metal had reached a critical stage, it was found that there was a deficiency in the supply of materials; a few moments more and the process would be endangered if not ruined. Acting at once on the maxim 'The end justifies the means,' our traditional man of metal rushed frantically from his foundry and made his way to a neighbouring inn, making an unceremonious raid on the establishment, 'whipping up' the pewter pots and measures, as well as the culinary vessels available for the purpose. These were hurriedly conveyed home and cast into the furnace, in time, let us hope, to meet the exigencies of the case.

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY

The Barnsley District Society held its monthly meeting at St. Michael's, East Ardsley, near Wakefield, on April 9th, when ten towers were represented. This was the first visit to East Ardsley after a lapse of 12 years, and what a hearty welcome was received!

A vote of thanks was offered by Mr. Trevor Tarbatt to Mr. Ernest Watson and local company for the arrangements. The Vicar responded on behalf of the local company. The next meeting will be held at Ecclesfield, near Sheffield, on May 14th.

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GOLDEN WEDDING

HISCOTT—SEARLE.—On April 19th, 1910, at St. James' Parish Church, Torpoint, Cornwall (by the Rev. C. Vincent Kennerly), William George, of Plymouth, to Florence Annie, of Torpoint, Cornwall. Present address: Addington, Liskeard, Cornwall. 4692

DEATHS

BIFFIN.—Edward W. (Ted), at Exeter on April 8th, 1960. Ringing Master, Exeter St. Thomas', and Exeter Branch. The Guild of Devonshire Ringers. 5661

FIELD.—Florence, the much beloved wife of E. T. Paul Field, Marshfield, Knole, Langport, suddenly at Haresfield, Glos, whilst on holiday, on Easter Eve, 1960, aged 51. "The end of a perfect course of Spliced."

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'I AM the Resurrection, and the Life: He that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live.' (John ii, 25.)

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MEETINGS

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bosley (6), on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells 3 p.m., Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Buses Macclesfield - Leek route. 5647

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Coventry, April 23rd. St. Michael's, Stoke, Coventry, bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service in the Chapel of the Cross in the new Cathedral, Coventry, at 4.30 p.m. Tea in the Huts in the Cathedral precinct after the service. Business meeting will follow in the same huts, at which proceeds from the Television Raffle will be handed over to the Provost, All Saints', Allesley, bells will be available after the meeting. 5696

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Derby, April 23rd. Committee St. Peter's Parochial Hall, 3.15 p.m. Service, St. Peter's Church, 4.15 p.m. Preacher, the Lord Bishop of Derby. Bells St. Luke's (8) 2.30-4 p.m., St. Peter's (8) 3-4.15 p.m. and after meeting, also Cathedral (10) after meeting. 5655

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Terrington St. John, Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 5718

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Quarterly meeting, April 23rd, Walthamstow. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in nearby hall. 5674

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—Meeting, Newton St. Cyres, Saturday, April 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m.—W. J. Andrews, Broadpark, Brampford Speke. 5720

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting at Puttenham, Saturday, April 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Look up Double Court and Wells. 5714

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting on Saturday, April 23rd, at Watford. Service 4.30 p.m., Tea 5.15 p.m. Important Business: (1) Proposed that the Benevolent Fund be wound up. (2) Alteration to Rule 10. Proposed that all peal fees, etc., be sent to the Peal Secretary. (3) Alleged lack of Guild interest. Bells available: Langleybury (6) 9.30-11, Rickmansworth (10) 11.30-1, Bushey (8) 10-11.30, Elstree (6) 2-3, Aldenham (8) 2-3.45, Watford (10) 3 p.m. onwards. —H. V. Frost, Hon. Gen. Sec. 5668

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Great Chart, Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m., Service 4.30 p.m.—C. T. H. 5672

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting, Tunstall, Saturday, April 23rd. Bells 3 p.m., Service 4.30 p.m. 5676

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Next meeting, Netherseale, Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. All welcome. —J. W. Cotton. 5700

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, April 23rd, at Pulham St. Mary. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—C. F. W. Phillippo, Hon. Sec. 5660

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting Saturday, April 23rd, at High Wycombe, Ringing, Hughenden, 2.30 p.m. Service, Wycombe, 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Annual meeting 6 p.m. 5713

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, April 23rd, at Wilby. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. C. W. Partridge, The Bakery, Wilby, Wellingborough. 5659

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Preston on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (6) 3.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. 5654

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch. —Meeting at Whitechurch Canonicorum, Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 5683

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Annual meeting, April 23rd. Towers open: Mansfield 2.30-4.15 and 6.30-8, Warsop and Mansfield Woodhouse 2-3.45. Service at Mansfield 4.15 p.m. Business meeting following tea.—J. W. Raithby, Gen. Sec. 5665

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Bury St. Edmunds, Saturday, April 23rd. St. Mary's (8) 2-3 p.m., Cathedral (10) 3-4, Service Cathedral 4, Tea 5 p.m., Palmers Restaurant. Business meeting 5.45 p.m., Abbot Anselm Institute. Cathedral 7-8 p.m. St. Mary's 8-9 p.m. 5664

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Wivelsfield (6), Saturday, April 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5. Service 6 p.m. Please notify numbers to George North, 11 Richmond Terrace, Brighton. 5662

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division. —Practice meeting at Ewhurst on April 23rd. Tea 5 p.m. 5691

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting at Wootton St. Lawrence, on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 5716

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting, Curdridge, Saturday, April 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mrs. Pritchard, The Burns, Lake Road, Curdridge, Southampton. 5663

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Micheldever, on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (6) available 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in Village Hall at 2s. 6d. each. 5719

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting, Howden, Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (8) 2.30 till 9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Hall. —H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5652

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.—A.G.M., Clare College, Wednesday, April 27th, 9 p.m.—J. R. Taylor, Sec. 5690

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting at Derby, Saturday, April 30th. Lunch (8s.) will be arranged at St. James' Hotel, St. James' Street, 1 p.m., for those notifying, by April 25th, Mr. J. F. Smallwood, Heatherbrae, South Park Avenue, Darley Dale, Matlock. Towers available: St. Alkmund's (8) 10.45-11.45 a.m., Cathedral (10) 11.45 a.m.-12.45 p.m., St. Peter's (8) 2.30-3.15, St. Luke's (8) 4-5.30, St. Andrew's (10) 5.30-7.30 p.m. Business meeting 3.15 p.m. at St. Peter's Parochial Hall. Train departs St. Pancras 7.55 a.m., due Derby 10.21 a.m. Party rate tickets available for those notifying me by April 25th, John Chilcott, Hon. Sec., Kirklake, 67, Farley Road, Selsdon, Surrey. 5680

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Quarterly meeting at Wrington (10), Saturday, April 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Divine service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 5607

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Wanstrow (6), Saturday, April 30th. Usual arrangements.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton, Bath. 5678

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—St. Bridget's, West Kirby, April 30th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea provided free for those notifying by Wednesday previous. —Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 5696

CHESTER GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting New Mills, April 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. For tea, please inform Mrs. G. M. Comley, Peak House, Spring Bank, New Mills, via Stockport.—C. K. Lewis, Sec. 5701

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Meeting, Saturday, April 30th. Brailes (6, 31 cwt.) 3 p.m. 'A challenge to Surprise method ringers.' Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Sutton-under-Brailes 11 miles (5, 9 cwt.) also available 3-4 and 6.30-8 p.m. Names for tea to P. A. Oram, 15, Henley Road, Leamington Spa. 5673

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Bishopwearmouth, Saturday, April 30th, 3 p.m. Names for tea, not later than April 27th, to Mr. R. Bell, 22, Brinkburn Street, Sunderland. 5676

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting Hemingford Grey, Saturday, April 30th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Hemingford Abbots available after tea.—Michael J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 5688

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Littlebury (6) on Saturday, April 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. New incumbent, please support.—G. Blake, Dis. Sec., Roydon Hamlet, Harlow. 5704

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Rural Branch.—Meeting at Bitton (8), April 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—F. Hussey, 39, Gordon Avenue, Whitehall, Bristol 5. 5693

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Meeting at Eastington, April 30th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. S. T. Price, 12, Regent Street, Stonehouse, Glos. 5675

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cheltenham Branch.—Monthly meeting Bishop's Cleeve (8), April 30th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by April 26th.—Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Cheltenham. 5683

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Forest Branch.—Meeting Hewelsfield, Saturday, April 30th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Coombe, Oaklands Farm, Newnham, Glos. 5680

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting at Bentley (6) on Saturday, April 30th, from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Tuesday, to W. W. Wright, Grange Hostel, Hawley Lane, Farnborough, Hants. 5694

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—Quarterly meeting, Cound, Saturday, April 30th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Teas.—G. Randle, Ashford, Ludlow. 5669

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Lewisham District) and THE LADIES' GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, St. Martin of Tours', Chelsfield, Saturday, April 30th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, 27th, to Miss M. R. Andrews, 43, Wansunt Road, Bexley. 5687

LADIES' GUILD.—Beds and Northants Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, April 30th, at Daventry. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by April 27th, to Mr. P. Chapman, 50, High Street, Daventry.—Kathleen A. Rivett. 5660

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—The meeting at Melton Mowbray, on April 30th, is now cancelled, but will be held instead on May 21st. 5664

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Meeting Barwell, April 30th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday previous, to Mr. C. R. Belton, Westgate, Hinckley Road, Barwell. The annual district striking contest will take place in the evening following the business meeting. Further details and copies of the rules may be obtained from the District Secretary.—M. Vernon, Dis. Sec. 5687

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton Mowbray District.—Meeting, Saturday, April 30th, at Harby. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in Harby Village Hall at 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, April 27th, to Mr. J. Butcher, Trotwood, Harby.—T. Templeton, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5672

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting, Lincoln, April 30th. Cathedral Evensong 4.30 p.m. Tea in The Chapter House 5.15 p.m. Business meeting to follow in The Consistory Court. Those requiring tea, notify by Wednesday previous, Mr. J. A. Freeman, 95, Sincil Bank, Lincoln. Usual ringing arrangements.—J. Bray, Hon. Sec. 5723

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting at St. Catherine's, Feltham, on Saturday, April 30th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Parish Hall Business in Church Hut. Ringing arrangements: Bedfont and Stanwell, 2.30 to 4 p.m. Feltham 3 p.m. onwards.—T. J. Lock, Sec. 5667

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Norwich on Saturday, April 30th. Service, St. Peter Mancroft Church, 4.15 p.m., conducted by the Rev. Michael Pavey, address by the Rev. Gratton Guinness, of Starston. Tea, Chantry Hall, 5.15 p.m. Business meeting to follow immediately after tea. Ringing arrangements: St. George Colegate (6), St. Giles' (8), St. Miles' (8), 2-4 and 7-8 p.m. if required. St. Peter Mancroft (12), 3.30-4.10 and 7-9 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, April 27th, to Mrs. F. N. Golden, 26, Brabazon Road, Cromer Road, Norwich. Cost 2s.—W. Love, Gen. Sec. 5705

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Stanford-in-the-Vale, Saturday, April 30th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, April 27th, to R. F. J. Gilling, Branch Sec., Fernham, Faringdon, Berks. 5683

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, April 30th, at Lambourn. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. East Garston bells available from 6.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, April 27th, to the Rev. D. Tyndall, The Vicarage, Lambourn, Newbury, Berks. 5699

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Meeting at Brixworth, Saturday, April 30th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous, to E. Billings, 61, Melville Street, Northampton. 5689

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oundle Branch.—Meeting Benefield, April 30th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Teas and transport from Oundle arranged on request, not later than Tuesday previous, Mrs. P. E. Clarke, 7, Bassett Place, Oundle. 5709

SALISBURY GUILD.—Calne Branch.—Wootton Bassett, April 30th, meeting arranged as a compliment to Mr. Wilson on his diamond wedding anniversary. Usual arrangements. Names for tea please E. Brooks, 14, Templars Firs, Wootton Bassett, Wilts. 5677

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting at Brentwood, on Saturday, April 30th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. 5684

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Meeting at Sandiacre, April 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea arrangements. Ringing evening at Stapleford. Names for tea early, please.—A. Henson, 23, Seymour Road, West Bridgford. 5703

SUFFOLK GUILD.—West Central District.—Meeting, Buxhall (6), Saturday, April 30th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Great Finborough (6) evening. Names for tea must be in by April 27th.—H. Mitson, Sec., Buxhall, Stowmarket. 5697

SUFFOLK GUILD.—S.W. District.—Meeting at Hartest (5) on Saturday, April 30th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, April 27th, to Mr. George Garwood, The Green, Hartest, Bury St. Edmunds. 5686

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. John's, Croydon, on April 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and meeting in new hall adjoining. Notification for tea by April 26th, to F. E. Collins, 17, Hamilton Road, Thornton Heath.—R. I. F. Parsons, Hon. Gen. Sec. 5693

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting at Sheffield on April 30th. Bells available: St. Marie's R.C. (8, 25 cwt.) 3-5 p.m. St. John's, Ranmoor (10, 17 cwt.) 3-4.30 p.m. Cathedral (12, 40 cwt.) 6.30-9 p.m. Tea (2s. 6d. per head) served in the Wolstenholme Hall at 5.15 p.m., followed by the business meeting. Names for tea by the 28th inst., to Mr. H. O. Chaddock, 1, Hemsworth Road, Sheffield 8. Subscriptions are now due, and reports will be available.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Bradford 9. 5677

GNOSALL, STAFFS.—Sunday, May 1st will be observed as Ringers' Day. Ringing: 7.30-7.55 a.m.; 10.15-10.55 a.m.; 5.30-6.25 p.m., and after Evensong. Special preacher at 6.30 p.m. the Bishop of Shrewsbury. Visitors cordially invited. 5657

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. District.—Meeting Purleigh, Saturday, May 7th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury.

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Ashtead, Saturday, May 7th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Thursday, please, to J. Symonds, Sherborne, West Farm Avenue, Ashtead. 5666

LADIES' GUILD.—Central and Southern Districts.—Joint meeting, May 7th, St. Peter's, Staines, 3 p.m Service and tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, May 5th, to Mr. Ron Shepherd, 17, Wheatsheaf Lane, Staines, Middlesex, St. Mary's, Staines, available 6.45-8.15 p.m. Everyone welcome. 5671

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, May 7th, Rippingale. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, May 2nd, to Mr. W. Marsh, Rippingale, near Bourne, Lincs.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 5689

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester and District Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Souldern (6) on Saturday, May 7th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea by May 2nd, to C. Kinch, Causeway, Bicester, Oxon. 5685

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Cup Contest meeting and election of President at Beighton, on Saturday, May 7th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea available. Bring own food.—J. Seager, Sec. 5686

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—Annual general meeting, St. Olave's Parish Hall, Mark Lane, E.C.3, Saturday, May 7th, at 5.45 p.m. Ringing at St. James', Clerkenwell, 2 p.m., St. Olave's 3.30 p.m. 5700

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Christchurch District.—A practice meeting will be held at Bournemouth on Saturday, May 7th. Ringing at St. John's Church from 3 p.m., and at St. Peter's Church from 6 to 7.15 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea.—W. T. Godfrey. 5684

DO NOT FORGET.—City of Bristol Festival of Ringing, Saturday, May 14th. Luncheon tickets (8s. 6d.) and programmes essential, before May 9th.—A. Bennett, 151, Kingsway, Bristol 5. 5697

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual festival, Eccleston, near Chester, Saturday, May 14th. Service 4 p.m., in the Parish Church, preacher The Lord Bishop. Tea 5.15 p.m., in the Village Hall, followed by business meeting. Tickets for tea 3s. 6d. each if purchased before May 7th. 4s. afterwards, obtainable from Branch Secretaries or Mr. R. C. H. Sibley, 35, Appleyard Lane, Handbridge, Chester. Towers available: Eccleston (8) 2-4 p.m. and after tea, Handbridge (8) after tea, or by arrangement, before the service, Pulford (8) 2.30-3.15 p.m., Dodleston (6) 2.30-3.15 p.m.—Henry O. Baker, Hon. Sec. 5670

THE RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Birmingham, Saturday, May 14th. Bells available: 11 a.m.-12 noon Edgbaston (8), 12.15-1.15 p.m. Lunch in City, 1.30-2.15 St. Chad's R.C. Cathedral (8), 2.30-3.15 Cathedral (12), 3.30-4.30 p.m. Aston (12). Tea at the Co-operative Restaurant in High Street, 5 p.m. Ringing at St. Martin's (12) after meeting. Will those who are attending, please advise Hon. Gen. Sec. giving B.R.S. Association No.—J. Arthur Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Fforestfach, Swansea. 5674

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.—Est. 1623.—Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (12) available from 11 a.m. 12 bell ringing guaranteed. Outing secretaries, please note.—L. E. Pitstow, Sec., 4, Highfields. 5708

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QUARTER PEALS

ASTON, WARWICKS.—On April 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor; R. C. Ingram 1, A. Burbidge 2, M. Ingram (first 'inside') 3, D. Ingram 4, W. Pettigrew 5, E. J. Franklin (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

ASTBURY, CHESHIRE.—On April 11th, 1,440 Surprise Minor (Cambridge, London, Wells, York, Durham, Surfleet): J. Riley 1, N. Sherratt (cond.) 2, W. Sherratt 3, R. Challinor 4, P. Mason 5, R. Worrall 6.

COMBE MARTIN, DEVON.—On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Rooke 1, K. Walters 2, Linda Kew 3, C. Rook 4, L. Walters 5, F. Yeo 6, F. Sangwin (cond.) 7, A. Smallridge 8. For Evensong.

OXFORD.—On April 6th, at the Church of St. Aldate, 1.260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. M. Godwin 1, D. P. Tocock 2, P. R. Tocock (first 'inside') 3, J. H. Gardner 4, P. H. Tocock (cond.) 5, R. Allsworth 6. For Confirmation service.

QUEDGELEY, GLOS.—On April 2nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Peggy Clark 1, Ann Cox (first of Minor) 2, S. Pugh 3, T. Hurcombe 4, G. Green (cond.) 5, C. Wixey 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam John Pitts, for many years Rector's warden.

SEVENHAMPTON, WILTS.—On April 9th, 1.320 April Day Doubles: P. Naylor (first of Doubles) 1, T. R. Collins 2, J. Sawyer 3, M. J. Stanley (first of Doubles) 4, A. T. Collins (cond.) 5, I. Hawkins 6. First quarter in the method by all the band and on the bells.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On April 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mary Adamson (first of Grandsire Triples) 1, J. K. Ward 2, F. R. Scott 3, Pamela M. Jervis 4, B. T. Lister 5, J. C. Birt (cond.) 6, W. Birmingham 7, E. L. A. Hudson 8.

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ANOTHER RECORD

THE tale of progress in human achievement seems continuous, and we as ringers can take a just pride in the performance of Mr. Frank B. Lufkin's band in giving to the Exercise a new long-length record peal by ringing 22,400 Plain Bob Major at Kirby-le-Soken on April 2nd. It will be talked about for a season wherever ringers meet. It has taken nine-and-a-half years to surpass the record of 21,600 changes of Bristol Surprise Major rung at Over by Mr. John Worth's band, and the first letter of congratulation we received on the performance was from Mr. Worth. Such is the friendliness and chivalry of the Exercise.

Apart from bell ringers, Mr. Lufkin has received the congratulations of the people of his own county. The 'East Essex Gazette' devotes its first leader to the performance and appropriately heads it 'Well done—long may they ring!' Their congratulations are happily phrased as follows:

> 'The sound of church bells ringing has been one of the pleasantest sounds associated with the English scene for many years. In town and country, city and hamlet alike, their melodious message is heard—but never before so continuously as at Kirby-le-Soken last week-end.
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> 'On Saturday last bell ringers at Kirby played 22,400 changes of Plain Bob Major—a record. Congratulations to them. Not merely upon their record, though that is a fine achievement, but also because they are exponents of an art which is being threatened, as so many traditional arts are, by way of "progress."
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> 'Soon after the Kirby triumph, one of television's most popular programmes, "To-night," was talking about the decline of "live" campanology. The ringers are being superseded by electronic bells. What a horrid substitution—and how pleasant to know that at Kirby at least there are still men who take pride in this ancient and honourable art.
>
> 'Long may they ring.'

Straight away we refute the suggested decline of 'live campanology.' Had any of these electronic people examined the issues of this journal dealing with the congratulatory ringing for the birth of H.R.H. Prince Andrew they would have taken a different view. True, they have a wonderful field for exploiting their mechanical contrivances in the tiny turrets of many of our new churches, but the ringers' meetings of today, with eager and enthusiastic boys and girls joining our art, speak volumes as to the continuity of the Exercise. And after all, change-ringing is not an art where proficiency is gained in six lessons. It is a long and arduous process.

Is the hold that change-ringing has today associated with the fact that ringers are the servants of the Church? We know that there are black spots over Sunday service ringing and much spade work has to be done before all the ringable bells of this country sound out on Sundays their call to worship. On the other hand we are encouraged by the large number of proficient Sunday service bands as the Survey indicated. Not all bell ringers are peal ringers; there are some people who take an uncharitable view about peal ringing and do not hesitate to condemn peal ringers. If they had their way, the performance at Kirby-le-Soken would be relegated to a paragraph in small type, and the part peal ringing has played in the advancement of the art completely ignored.

These people, who profess to be so keen about the ringing of bells on Sundays, are not behind the Sunday Service Survey. This survey, one of the biggest things the Central Council has undertaken, was initiated by ardent peal ringers. A member of the small committee who undertook this work was Mr. Frank B. Lufkin, the conductor of the Kirby-le-Soken peal. In fact, if the personnel of this committee is examined, there is not a man who is not an ardent peal ringer and an enthusiast in the art of instruction.

We are living in a period when a number of eyes and hearts are fixed on the possibility of achieving the extent of Major. One effort has reached 28,500 changes, which is a longer ring than the latest record, but it was not a true peal. There are certain lessons to be learnt from Mr. Lufkin's performance. The first was the discipline while ringing, when for hours the only voice heard was that of the conductor. There are some people today who do not approve of this strict discipline; we have heard of peals being rung where there was quite a conversation between ringers. The writer might be old-fashioned but he was brought up in the traditional school that in all ringing, whether for Sunday service, peal or practice, the conductor was the only person allowed to speak, and if any correction was necessary it would be done by him.

The next thing was in the selection of the men who participated. The average age was 42 years. In the recent attempts at Loughborough the average age of the bands has been very much lower. The youngest ringer at Kirby-le-Soken was 23 and the next 30, while the senior member was 58, and he, incidentally, had already a long length of 18,000 to his credit. While in no sense disparaging the young ringers of today—and this age has as fine a coterie

of young ringers as in any period—we are of opinion that the age range between 30 and 45 is the best period of life for entering upon such an exploit. Maturity and discipline are very big factors as an aid to concentration.

Many peal ringers would question the selection of the method. 'The monotony of ringing Plain Bob Major hour after hour would cause me to break down,' remarked a well-known peal ringer. 'Why did they not attempt Bristol like John Worth's band?' Is the idea of selecting Plain Bob to turn the ringer into an automaton that would eliminate mental fatigue? We do not know; but this we do know, it was a jolly fine performance, and congratulations to all the band. In the present mood of the Exercise we feel certain that the laurels of Kirby-le-Soken will soon be wrested from them—perhaps even by a young band to refute the arguments mentioned above!

TWELVE BELL PEALS

READING, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 9, 1960, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,
A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Comprising 1,920 Pudsey, 1,920 Yorkshire and 1,440 Cambridge, with 100 changes of method. Tenor 23 cwt.

RUTH M. BORDER	*Treble*	WILLIAM T. COOK	7
WILFRED WILLIAMS	2	STEWART F. KIMBER	8
TUDOR P. EDWARDS	3	PHILIP MEHEW	9
JOHN D. ROCK	4	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	10
RONALD F. DISERENS	5	BRYAN PATTISON	11
ALAN F. THIRST	6	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Arranged by GEORGE E. FEIRN. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.
First peal of Spliced Surprise Maximus by all the band, and by the Guild. First of Maximus in these three methods.

NORWICH.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Easter Monday, April 18, 1960, in 3 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT.
A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 37 cwt.

CHARLES J. SEDGLEY	*Treble*	TERRY EARLE	7
MICHAEL P. MORETON	2	CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON	8
J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE	3	STEWART F. KIMBER	9
RODERICK W. PIPE	4	CECIL W. PIPE	10
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD	5	FREDERICK E. COLLINS	11
DEREK P. JONES	6	JOHN H. CRAMPION	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN H. CRAMPION.

TEN BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., March 31, 1960, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

MURIEL REAY	*Treble*	MICHAEL ELSON	6
RUTH M. BORDER	2	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	7
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Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., April 7, 1960, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3 version. Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

ANTHONY AGER	*Treble*	GEORGE E. FEARN	6
*ELIZABETH M. YARDLEY	2	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	7
RUTH M. BORDER	3	RALPH G. EDWARDS	8
JOHN PINFOLD	4	JOHN ANDERSON	9
MICHAEL ELSON	5	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* First peal of London Royal.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., April 9, 1960, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

SIDNEY HARRISON	*Treble*	JOSEPH W. COTTON	6
DEREK P. JONES	2	ERNEST MORRIS	7
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	3	A. JAMES POYNOR	8
*JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS	9
FRANCIS R. LOWE	5	JOHN M. JELLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
* First peal of Surprise Royal. First of Surprise Royal for the Guild.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 11, 1960, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

ERNEST MORRIS	*Treble*	JOSEPH W. COTTON	6
ALAN E. HARTLEY	2	GORDON A. HALLS	7
JOHN M. JELLEY	3	JOHN A. ACRES	8
RICHARD J. CLIFTON	4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS	9
MRS. PAT A. M. HALLS	5	G. RONALD EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY (Circuit A-X).
Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

NEWARK-ON-TRENT, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 18, 1960, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 32 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb.

DENNIS SIMPSON	*Treble*	GEOFFREY R. PARKER	6
MARGARET A. SWANN	2	HAROLD STEVENSON	7
JACK L. MILLHOUSE	3	JOHN WALDEN	8
FREDERICK G. HOOPER	4	WILLIAM L. EXTON	9
JAMES W. RAITHBY	5	F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER	*Tenor*

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
First peal of Stedman on the bells.
Rung for the Easter Festival.

BECCLES, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., April 18, 1960, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CAMPANILE OF THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 25¼ cwt. in D flat.

GEORGE W. HOWLETT	*Treble*	WILLIAM B. DUNCAN	6
EDWIN R. GOATE	2	PETER G. W. NEWSTEAD	7
MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS	3	REV. GILES GALLEY	8
*CHRISTOPHER ROGERS	4	HAROLD W. ROGERS	9
FRANCIS R. LOWE	5	SYDNEY J. MERRY	*Tenor*

Composed by EDGAR GUISE. Conducted by EDWIN R. GOATE.
* First peal of Grandsire.
A birthday compliment to the ringers of the treble, second and seventh.

BEDFORD.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 18, 1960, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in D.

HELEN NEVIN	*Treble*	KEITH WAKEFIELD	6
BRYAN PATTISON	2	FRANK E. DARBY	7
ANGELA GRAINGER	3	JOHN B. LONG	8
JENNIFER M. DAVIES	4	JAMES R. TAYLOR	9
RONALD J. SHARP	5	JAMES H. EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by ALBERT M. TYLER. Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.

SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 18, 1960, in 3 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 40 cwt.

RONALD H. BULLEN	*Treble*	JOHN A. ANDERSON	6
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	2	NORMAN V. HARDING	7
IAN M. HOLLAND	3	BARRY HOLLAND	8
H. DAVID HOLLAND	4	RALPH G. EDWARDS	9
*JOHN S. SEAGER	5	RICHARD E. PRICE	*Tenor*

Composed by WM. PYE. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
* First peal of Surprise Royal.

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PRESTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Preston Branch.)
On Mon., April 18, 1960, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB CATERS
Tenor 24¼ cwt. in D.

THOMAS BARKER	*Treble*	CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE	6
*MRS. M. CROSSTHWAITE	2	G. ALEC DIMMOCK	7
*MARYL R. CROSSTHWAITE	3	FRANK STEAD	8
*BETTY FAUNCH	4	†STANLEY WALMESLEY	9
†LAWRENCE WALMESLEY	5	‡ALAN GARDNER	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE.
* First peal on ten bells. † 25th peal together. ‡ First peal. First in the method for all the band.
Rung for the Easter Festival.

STAFFORD.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Mon., April 18, 1960, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 19 cwt. 11 lb.

CYNTHIA BIBBY	*Treble*	DAVID W. BRUNNING	6
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	2	*GEOFFREY DAVIES	7
*CHARLES A. S. WEBB	3	RICHARD J. WARRILOW	8
BARNABAS G. KEY	4	DAVID W. FRIEND	9
ROBERT J. WARRILOW	5	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.
* First peal of Surprise Royal. The conductor's 100th peal for the Society.
Rung for the birth of a daughter (Susan) to Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Hone, both ringers at this church.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., April 19, 1960, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 19 cwt. 12 lb.

A. H. WINCH	*Treble*	B. HAWKINS	6
R. DAVIES	2	A. CHEESMAN	7
MRS. H. OATWAY	3	*REV. C. MARSHALL	8
*CATHERINE POWELL	4	W. OATWAY	9
*REV. E. WOOD	5	A. H. SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by A. H. SMITH.
* First peal of Royal. First of Royal as conductor. 60th peal on the bells for A. H. Winch.
Rung as a farewell to the Rev. C. and Mrs. Marshall, who are leaving Leatherhead for Crewkerne, Som. in May.

WATFORD, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., April 19, 1960, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5020 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E flat.

D. KAY ADKINS	*Treble*	†DENNIS LAUD	6
*ROSEMARY S. HAWKES	2	HAROLD V. FROST	7
RICHARD G. BELL	3	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	8
RAYMOND G. SMITH	4	GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN	9
WALTER G. PAUL	5	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE W. DEBENHAM.
* First peal and first attempt. † First on ten bells.
Rung on the day of the marriage in this church of Jane Downward, daughter of the Rev. J. G. Downward (Vicar of Watford), to Duncan Stafford, as a compliment from the ringers.

WIMBORNE, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 18, 1960, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE MINSTER CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBURGA,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in D.

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	*Treble*	JAMES E. DANIELS	6
DOROTHY T. GARDINER	2	FRANK L. HARRIS	7
HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS	3	MICHAEL J. BEST	8
COLIN CONWAY	4	RONALD N. MARLOW	9
PHILIP N. TUBBS	5	LEWIS F. COBB	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., March 27, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F sharp.

*LINDA M. HUGHES	*Treble*	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	5
*ALMA M. GREAVES	2	GEORGE E. FEARN	6
RUTH M. BORDER	3	GERALD C. HEMMING	7
MURIEL REAY	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER BORDER
* First peal of Surprise Major.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., March 28, 1960, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

ERNEST MORRIS	*Treble*	JOSEPH W. COTTON	5
JOHN M. JELLEY	2	ALAN E. HARTLEY	6
A. JAMES POYNOR	3	RUSSELL S. MORRIS	7
RICHARD J. CLIFTON	4	G. RONALD EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., April 2, 1960, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND,
A PEAL OF 5120 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in F.

JOHN ANDERSON	*Treble*	GEORGE E. FEARN	5
ANN R. BARR	2	MICHAEL ELSON	6
ELIZABETH M. YARDLEY	3	RODERICK J. LEES	7
ANDREW N. STUBBS	4	JOHN MCDONALD	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by JOHN MCDONALD.

BOLLINGTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 9, 1960, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16¼ cwt.

MRS. A. RICHARDSON	*Treble*	*JOHN ROBINSON	5
FRANK OSBALDISTON	2	BRIAN SCHOFIELD	6
CAROL FERNLEY	3	SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN.	7
EILEEN FEARN	4	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES TOPP. Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.
* First peal of Major.
Rung to mark the coming-of-age of Miss Wendy Sage, of Wilmslow.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., April 9, 1960, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in F.

*MARGARET A. TURNER	*Treble*	HENRY H. FEARN	5
GEORGE E. FEARN	2	MICHAEL ELSON	6
ELIZABETH M. YARDLEY	3	JOHN MCDONALD	7
RODERICK J. LEES	4	JOHN ANDERSON	*Tenor*

Composer unknown. Conducted by JOHN MCDONALD.
* First peal of Major.

HAYFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 9, 1960, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

PETER J. SKINNER	*Treble*	*JOHN MURFIN	5
MRS. PAT A. M. HALLS	2	WM. ARNOLD MORLEY	6
JOHN R. KENNETT	3	GORDON A. HALLS	7
ALEX. RICHARDSON	4	ROY STEPHENSON	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by GORDON A. HALLS.
* First peal of Surprise.
Rung to mark the engagement of Mr. J. Holland to Miss M. Archer.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., April 9, 1960, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5152 DERBY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

*ERNEST MORRIS	*Treble*	FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	5
A. JAMES POYNOR	2	RUSSELL S. MORRIS	6
JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	3	*JOSEPH W. COTTON	7
JOHN M. JELLEY	4	DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
* 200th peal together. First in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Guild.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 9, 1960, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 11 methods, being 1,280 London, 960 Rutland and 320 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Cray, Lincolnshire, New Gloucester, Pudsey, Superlative, Wembley and Yorkshire, with 139 changes of method.
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

WILLIAM H. DOWSE	*Treble*	BASIL JONES	5
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	JOHN WORTH	6
BERNARD F. L. GROVES	3	PETER LAFLIN	7
C. KENNETH LEWIS	4	BRIAN HARRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., April 14, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

G. Ronald Edwards	*Treble*	A. James Poynor	5
Richard J. Clifton	2	John A. Acres	6
Ernest Morris	3	Joseph W. Cotton	7
John M. Jelley	4	Russell S. Morris	*Tenor*

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley (No. 7).
Conducted by John M. Jelley.

FARNWORTH-WITH-KEARSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., April 17, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Heywood's. Tenor 12¼ cwt. 8 lb. in G.

Norman Tompkins	*Treble*	John P. Partington	5
Gordon Rothwell	2	Michael D. Fishwick	6
Joseph Thornley	3	Brian A. Tomlinson	7
Geoffrey Fothergill	4	Harold Hamer	*Tenor*

Conducted by Brian A. Tomlinson.
First peal of Double Norwich Court Bob as conductor.
Rung to celebrate the Feast of the Holy Easter.

BARTHOMLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 18, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Bertoline,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Bruerton's Twelve-part. Tenor 13¼ cwt.

J. George Mead	*Treble*	Eric B. Allman	5
Jack Timis	2	Albert Lawton	6
G. Arnold Moore	3	Brian Ryles	7
Eric Young	4	George Astbury	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. Arnold Moore.
Rung for the wedding of John Beardmore and Lillian Rofe.

BLEWBURY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 18, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Taylor's Six-part. Tenor 19½ cwt.

*Peter Corderoy	*Treble*	Alex. R. Woodley	5
†Harold W. Dunsden	2	Robert B. Blond	6
Henry L. Bishop	3	Claude Corderoy	7
Frank E. Godden	4	Alec F. F. Samler	*Tenor*

Conducted by Robert B. Blond.
* First peal and first attempt. † First of Grandsire 'inside.'

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 18, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF 5056 LEATHERHEAD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt.

Mrs. T. J. Lock	*Treble*	George A. Spencer	5
Claudia A. Critchley	2	G. William Critchley	6
Christopher W. Woolley	3	Jack S. Dear	7
Colin A. S. Harwood	4	*Thomas J. Lock	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Christopher W. Woolley.
* 50th peal for the Association. First in the method by all except the ringer of the tenor.

HARWELL, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 18, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Matthew.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Taylor's Six-part. Tenor 16½ cwt.

William L. Gilks	*Treble*	†Douglas R. Bosley	5
*John H. Napper	2	Alfred H. Webb	6
George W. Bishop	3	William Corderoy	7
Michael Bishop	4	*Leonard F. Cox	*Tenor*

Conducted by Alfred H. Webb.
* First peal. † First of Triples 'inside.'

NORTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 18, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 lb. in A flat.

G. William Critchley	*Treble*	*Jack S. Dear	5
Jean Sanderson	2	*Colin A. S. Harwood	6
June I. Dear	3	Robert E. Day	7
Claudia A. Critchley	4	Edwin G. Buck	*Tenor*

Composed by F. Hopgood. Conducted by G. William Critchley.
* 50th peal together.
Rung as a farewell to the Rev. G. G. S. Kenyon and Mrs. Kenyon.

TANFIELD, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 18, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Margaret,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt.

Kenneth W. Cheeseman	*Treble*	Charles N. Lea	5
John E. Anderson	2	Robin G. Turner	6
George S. Deas	3	Kenneth Arthur	7
Eric N. Harrison	4	J. Alan Ainsworth	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. Sedgley (No. 10).
Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

SIX BELL PEALS

CHURCH BROUGHTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE SOUTH DERBYSHIRE & NORTH LEICESTERSHIRE ASSN.
On Sat., April 2, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 7½ cwt.

*David Parkins	*Treble*	Christopher Hughes	4
†Dorothy Atrill	2	Reginald J. Stretton	5
†Edward H. Willows	3	David K. Walklate	*Tenor*

Conducted by David K. Walklate.
* First peal. † First of Minor 'inside.'

WORTH, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., April 5, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in A.

*Susan J. Beresford	*Treble*	Raymond A. Brown	4
Bryan C. Burrough	2	Robin J. Elliott	5
Geoffrey R. Crisp	3	Frank H. Hicks	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank H. Hicks.
* First peal at first attempt.

KIRBY HILL, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 9, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Hallows,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In 12 methods, being (1) Double Court, (2) Canterbury Pleasure and Reverse Bob, (3) College and Wavertree College, (4) St. Clement's and Childwall, (5) Double Oxford and Thelwall, (6) Double Bob and Fulbeck Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 8¾ cwt.

*Margaret E. Wilkinson	*Treble*	*Peter Scholfield	4
*Colin Reeves	2	*James A. D. Woolford	5
W. Eric Critchley	3	Richard E. Price	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.
* First peal in 12 methods.

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BEIGHTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE SOUTH DERBYSHIRE & NORTH LEICESTERSHIRE ASSN.
On Sat., April 9, 1960, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

Edward H. Willows	*Treble*	Christopher Hughes	4
Dorothy Atrill	2	Reginald J. Stretton	5
*David Parkins	3	David K. Walklate	*Tenor*

Conducted by David K. Walklate.

* First peal 'inside.'

THORINGTON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 9, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods: (1) London, (2) Wells, (3) York, (4) Beverley, (5) Surfleet, (6) Ipswich, (7) Cambridge. Tenor 9 cwt. 22 lb.

James Towler	*Treble*	Richard J. Harrison	4
Mary Roast	2	Joe E. G. Roast	5
Ernest E. S. Johnson	3	Patrick W. Saltmarsh	*Tenor*

Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.

AMERSHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 16, 1960, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb.

Mrs. E. G. Swift	*Treble*	Michael G. Swift	4
*Rosalind Hicks	2	John E. Camp	5
Anthony K. Fortin	3	Edgar G. Swift	*Tenor*

Conducted by John E. Camp.

* First attempt. The conductor's first peal. Believed to be the first peal on the bells for 25 years.

CAWTHORNE, BARNSLEY.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Barnsley and District Society.)
On Mon., April 18, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being 720 each of Snowdrop, Sandal, London Scholars', Kingston, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 9 cwt.

Douglas N. Stables	*Treble*	Trevor Tarbatt	4
*Rodney Pagden	2	Herman Rusby	5
Eric Stainrod	3	Noel F. Moxon	*Tenor*

Conducted by Noel F. Moxon.

* First peal. 25th peal on the bells for the Yorkshire Association. Rung for the Easter Festival.

MANSFIELD WOODHOUSE, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 18, 1960, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Edmund,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 19¼ cwt.

Arthur Brown	*Treble*	Douglas H. Rooke	4
L. William Jacques	2	Brynley A. Richards	5
George Challans	3	Herbert T. Rooke	*Tenor*

Conducted by Douglas H. Rooke.

First peal of Minor on the bells.

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. L. Shorland-Ball, who is taking the living of East Retford. Also in honour of the birth of a son, David James, to the conductor.

NEWTON HALL, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 18, 1960, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Beverley Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

Thomas Sewell	*Treble*	Kenneth W. Cheeseman	4
George S. Deas	2	J. Alan Ainsworth	5
Charles N. Lea	3	Eric N. Harrison	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

OAKLEY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., April 18, 1960, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt.

Pauline Adcock	*Treble*	Cecil A. Thompson	4
Leonard J. Minns	2	Ernest Whiting	5
Anthony H. Roberts	3	L. Edward Etheridge	*Tenor*

Conducted by Ernest Whiting.

SHARDLOW, DERBYSHIRE.
THE SOUTH DERBYSHIRE & NORTH LEICESTERSHIRE ASSN.
On Mon., April 18, 1960, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent Kent T.B. and six Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.

*Edward H. Willows	*Treble*	*Christopher Hughes	4
*Dorothy Atrill	2	Reginald J. Stretton	5
*David Parkins	3	David K. Walklate	*Tenor*

Conducted by David K. Walklate.

* First peal of Minor in two methods. The conductor has now 'circled' the tower.'

Rung for the Festival of Easter.

WHITNASH, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 18, 1960, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Margaret,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

Percy A. Oram	*Treble*	Jean M. Addicott	4
*Stella T. Trindall	2	William H. Male	5
*Christine Sanders	3	*Ian C. Maycock	*Tenor*

Conducted by William H. Male.

* First peal in the method.

Rung in honour of the 25th anniversary of the Rev. C. H. Gleave as Rector of this parish.

ABBOTTS LEIGH, SOMERSET.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., April 19, 1960, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
At the Church of The Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

*Michael J. Hobbs	*Treble*	‡Geoffrey H. Pullin	4
†Donald E. Cobb	2	†Brynley A. Shackleton	5
†Gillian M. Hussey	3	§D. John Hunt	*Tenor*

Conducted by D. John Hunt.

* First peal. † First of Kent. ‡ First of Minor and Kent. § First of Kent Minor.

LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., April 20, 1960, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 FLAMSTEAD SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout.
Tenor 8 cwt. 13 lb. in A

Phyllis M. Mayne	*Treble*	Raymond G. Smith	4
John R. Mayne	2	Kenneth R. Dunstan	5
Dennis Laud	3	Christopher W. Woolley	*Tenor*

Conducted by John R. Mayne.

First peal in the method.

WANLIP, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., April 20, 1960, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
At the Church of Our Lady and St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5040 REVERSE CANTERBURY PLEASURE BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (eight callings). Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

*Malcolm D. Barsby	*Treble*	Ernest Morris	4
B. Stedman Payne	2	Derek M. Sawyer	5
J. C. Shirley Scott	3	J. Richard Perkins	*Tenor*

Conducted by B. Stedman Payne.

* First peal on tower bells. First of Canterbury Doubles on the bells, and by all the band except the conductor.

A wedding compliment to Mr. Peter R. Johnson and Miss Patricia A. James, both of whom are connected with this church.

FLAMSTEAD SURPRISE MINOR
—36—14—12—1236—12—1
6ths place lead-end 142635

HANDBELL PEAL

DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., April 17, 1960, in 1 Hour and 47 Minutes,
At 38, Castle Hills Road, Scawthorpe,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents

*T. David Spencer	1—2	Howard Scott	3—4
		W. Eric Critchley	5—6

Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.

* First peal of Minor.

HALF PEAL

QUENIBOROUGH, LEICS.—On April 16th, 2,520 Grandsire Doubles: E. F. Payne 1, J. R. Perkms 2, G. Stonehouse 3, B. S. Payne (cond.) 4, R. Wilmore 5.

AMERSHAM, BUCKS.—On Easter Day, 1,280 Little Bob Minor: R. F. Peers 1, Rosalind Hicks 2, D. C. Lawson 3, G. Orchard 4, A. K. Fortin 5, J. E. Camp (cond.) 6. First in method for all. Rung for Evensong.

AUGHTON, LANCS.—On April 20th, at Christ Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. W. Lunt 1, J. Marsh 2, A. L. Pearson 3, D. Lawson (first of Triples) 4, K. Rothwell 5, J. Lunham (cond.) 6, K. Durow (first of Triples) 7, H. Moorcroft 8. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the Vicar's mother who was interred this day.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Elizabeth Farrow (first quarter) 1, Elizabeth Layton 2, H. N. Pitstow (cond.) 3, G. R. Smerdon 4, D. J. Pitstow 5, N. Hobden 6, M. F. Layton 7, A. E. Cheesman 8. For Evensong.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICS. — On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. D. Barsby 1, B. S. Payne 2, G. B. Lowe 3, J. R. Perkins 4, G. J. Lowe (cond.) 5, M. Godwin 6. For Evensong.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On April 10th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. K. Chilcott 1, Miss B. Holm 2, Miss J. Lavender 3, Miss J. Winchester 4, Miss E. Cooper 5, E. G. Talbot 6, L. Bance 7, L. A. Reece 8, S. F. Kimber (cond.) 9, F. D. Jennings 10. For Evensong.

BEDFORD.—At St. Paul's Church, on Easter Day, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Helen Nevin (first of Stedman) 1, P. J. Shipton 2, Jennifer M. Davies 3, J. H. Edwards 4, R. L. Piron 5, J. R. Taylor 6, B. Pattison (cond.) 7, D. Thompson 8. For Holy Eucharist. Also 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Thompson 1, Jennifer M. Davies 2, Helen Nevin 3, B. Pattison (cond.) 4, R. L. Piron 5, J. R. Taylor 6. On the front six for Evensong.

BEXHILL-ON-SEA, SUSSEX.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 7, 4, 8 covering): Miss J. Kenwood 1, Miss A. Eldridge 2, C. Johnstone 3, D. George 4, Miss D. J. Pankhurst 5, C. E. Verdon (cond.) 6, J. M. Swift 7, C. Pilbeam 8. Rung to celebrate the golden wedding anniversary of the Rev. H. B. W. Denison, M.A., a former Rector.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Corderoy 1, R. H. Mills 2, Mary Wells 3, H. W. Dunsden 4, E. J. Grace 5, J. P. Blond (cond.) 6, R. B. Blond 7, C. Corderoy 8. For Matins.

BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. J. Brown 1, Miss L. Doone (first 'inside') 2, V. J. C. Dale 3, W. R. Chandler 4, Miss B. Fisher (first as cond.) 5. For morning service.

BROMHAM, BEDS.—On April 13th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Philippa M. Stratton (first on eight) 1, Jennifer M. Davies 2, Kathleen A. Rivett (first in method) 3, F. W. Rivett (first in method) 4, J. H. Edwards 5, R. L. Piron 6, J. R. Taylor 7, B. Pattison (cond.) 8.

CLECKHEATON, YORKS.—On April 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: T. Stamp 1, Beryl Abbott 2, Gael Brown (first quarter) 3, N. Dyson 4, B. Dove (cond.) 5, G. Armitage 6.

CRANFORD, MIDDX.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Susan Goodfellow 1, Josephine Pole 2, June Richardson (first as cond.) 3, D. Fowles 4, P. Woodgyer 5, J. Goodfellow 6.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.—At St. Cuthbert's Church, on Easter Day, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Miss J. Warwick 1, Miss P. Dowse 2, Miss B. Cooke 3, Mrs. T. Cooke 4, E. Pannell (first in the method) 5, T. Cooke (cond.) 6, W. E. Mashiter 7, F. Hodgson 8. For Evensong.

DRIGHLINGTON, YORKS.—On April 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: T. Stamp 1, Beryl Abbott 2, Gael Brown 3, N. Dyson 4, B. Dove (cond.) 5, G. Armitage 6.

EALING, MIDDX.—On Easter Day, at Christ-the-Saviour, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Scrutton 1, W. G. Wilson 2, D. Morgan (first 'inside') 3, H. Eldred 4, G. Harvey 5, A. Fulwell 6, S. Croft (cond.) 7, D. Theedom 8. For Easter.

QUARTER PEALS

EDGWARE, MIDDX.—On Mar. 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Christine E. Culley 1, Gillian Howells (first 'inside') 2, A. M. Warris 3, D. J. L. Ward 4, H. E. Clayton (cond.) 5, P. Robinson 6. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Ann Mason and Mr. Tony Warris and as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Christine Culley.

FENHAM, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. Prophet 1, Mrs. R. W. Smith 2, E. N. Harrison 3, J. A. Ainsworth 4, N. H. Hewett 5, P. Wishart 6, K. Arthur (cond.) 7, P. Reave 8. For children's service.

GREAT HALE, LINCS.—On Easter Day, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: G. T. Brown (first on treble) 1, Daphne P. Brown 2, A. Bird 3, R. Brown 4, E. A. Cole (first in method as cond.) 5, Sylvia A. E. Brown (first quarter) 6. Rung for Evensong.

HARBURY, WARWICKS.—On April 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. T. Hauley 1, R. J. Edden 2, Miss J. M. Addicott 3, G. H. Reeves 4, G. L. P. Aldhouse 5, H. M. Windsor (cond.) 6. First of Minor for 1 and 4. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. M. E. Mackley.

HARMONDSWORTH, MIDDX.—On April 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Perrett 1, Miss J. Hitchcock 2, D. Morgan 3, D. Shaw 4, G. Harvey (cond.) 5, J. Mudd 6. For Evensong, and as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss J. Hitchcock.

HARSTON, CAMBS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Turner 1, C. W. Cook 2, I. G. Stracey 3, G. Turner 4, M. Stracey (cond.) 5, W. Hedger 6. For Choral Eucharist. Also 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Turner 1, C. W. Cook 2, G. Thoday 3, G. A. Lucas 4, D. F. Murfet 5, M. Ginn (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

HOOLE, CHESTER.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Maund (first of Minor) 1, Mrs. R. G. Corby 2, E. C. Crewe 3, T. Holmes 4, S. W. R. Crewe 5, R. G. Corby (cond.) 6. Rung for Evensong and also as farewell compliment to Brian Maund, a local ringer, who was to emigrate to Edmonton, Canada, on April 21st.

KENT, CONNECTICUT, U.S.A.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Hamilton 1, H. Hardcastle 2, D. Stuart 3, R. Crosbie 4, J. Headden (cond.) 5, J. Phyfe 6. First quarter for all the band.

KIMPTON, HERTS.—On April 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: S. W. Cull 1, Miss I. M. Lander 2, D. L. Cull 3, A. F. Cull 4, J. G. Cull (cond.) 5, L. F. Cull 6. Rung prior to the baptism of Nigel Greenwood, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Cull.

LIGHTCLIFFE, YORKS.—On April 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: T. Stamp (first quarter) 1, H. Renshaw 2, J. Pearson 3, N. Dyson 4, B. Dove (first quarter as cond.) 5, G. Armitage (first quarter) 6.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Doubles in seven methods (St. Martin's, St. Nicholas, Winchendon, St. Simon's, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Plain Bob and Grandsire): M. J. Hill 1, J. B. Dinenage 2, D. W. Barr 3, E. W. Colley 4, M. W. Fairey (cond.) 5, R. Paxton 6.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes, on Easter Sunday, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. M. Salisbury 1, Mrs. P. K. Salisbury 2, F. G. Richardson 3, J. Fowler 4, A. J. Salisbury 5, F. V. Gant 6, T. East (cond.) 7, A. Ammerlann 8. For Matins.

MANSFIELD WOODHOUSE, NOTTS.—On April 10th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. Brown 1, L. W. Jacques 2, G. Challans 3, D. H. Rooke (cond.) 4, B. A. Richards 5, H. T. Rooke 6. For Evensong.

NORTHIAM, SUSSEX.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Wendy Hughes (first quarter) 1, Mrs. G. Reece 2, R. Seeley 3, R. Barnes 4, W. Button (cond.) 5, F. Tedham 6. For morning service, also for the engagement of Miss Janet Button and Mr. P. Sharples, of St. Albans.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.—On April 17th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. H. Bates 1, E. Armstrong 2, J. Coombs 3, D. W. Stone 4, R. Wawman 5, C. Watson 6, W. Butler (cond.) 7. To honour the 75th birthday of W. Welling.

ORSETT, ESSEX.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. Mason 1, Mrs. F. W. Blatch 2, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 3, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 4, R. Hills 5, F. W. Blatch 6.

PAUL, CORNWALL.—On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Christine Worth (first quarter) 1, Ethel M. Jones (first quarter) 2, Marlene Ladner 3, B. Rodda 4, W. R. Curtis (cond.) 5, J. Ladner 6. For morning prayer.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—On Easter Day, at St. Andrew's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. J. Collings (first of Stedman) 1, Miss Y. C. Porter 2, F. E. Day 3, H. W. Milford 4, H. F. Myers 5, D. F. Wheeler 6, T. G. Myers (cond.) 7, W. H. Marks 8. For Evensong.

REDRUTH, CORNWALL.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Williams (first quarter) 1, K. Ruscoe 2, A. Ince 3, P. R. C. Williams 4, E. V. Williams (cond.) 5, R. Curnow 6. Rung after Evensong.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On Easter Monday, 1,344 Yorkshire Surprise Major: R. Woodward 1, Mrs. N. Chaddock 2, I. Tilling 3, Miss S. Chaddock 4, P. Coote 5, D. French 6, J. N. D. Chaddock 7, N. Chaddock (cond.) 8. A compliment to the Rt. Rev. G. V. Gerard (Vicar of Rotherham) on his appointment as full-time Assistant Bishop of Sheffield. Rung by members of the Sunday service band.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.—On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. T. Avery 1, A. H. Allcorn 2, H. Edwardes 3, A. Hoad 4, A. Smith 5, J. Harris 6, W. H. Hoad (cond.) 7, A. H. Hoad 8. For morning service. Also 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: H. Edwardes 1, A. H. Allcorn 2, E. T. Avery 3, A. Hoad 4, A. Smith 5, J. Harris 6, W. H. Hoad (cond.) A. H. Hoad 8. For evening service.

SAXILBY, LINCS.—On Easter Day, 1,320 Minor (720 Single Oxford, 600 Kent): Pamela Cox 1, M. Keyworth 2, M. L. Mann 3, H. W. Cox 4, J. B. Nicholson (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

SEALE, SURREY.—On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss R. Mills (first quarter) 1, M. Merritt 2, J. W. Carter 3, C. Poyntz 4, E. Gardner (cond.) 5, Mrs. C. Poyntz (first quarter) 6.

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP, SOMERSET.—On April 16th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: K. Welch 1, G. Monckton 2, F. Welch 3, J. Drew 4, R. Welch 5, G. Gaylard 6, T. Locke 7, H. Gaylard (cond.) 8. For the wedding of Mr. John Hawkins and Miss Norma Harris. Also on Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Welch 1, R. C. Beale 2, J. Cornelius (cond.) 3, F. Welch 4, R. Welch 5, J. Stenner 6. For Evensong.

SHILTON, WARWICKS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. Ginns 1, G. Robbins 2, H. M. Windsor (cond.) 3, R. Hart 4, N. Knight 5, V. Newman 6. First quarter 1, 5 and 6.

SHIPLAKE, OXON.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. J. Bayliss (first quarter) 1, E. H. Smith 2, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 3, Diana Cobb (first of Triples 'inside') 4, Lesley Roberts 5, F. G. Henbest 6, J. A. Cobb 7, F. B. R. Bonsey 8. Rung by the local band after Evensong.

STEVENAGE, HERTS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Doubles (780 Grandsire, 480 Plain Bob): J. Swain 3, D. Tapling 4, D. Gullick (cond.) 5, W. Lawrence 6, W. Brown 7, W. Munson 8. Rung for the Easter Festival and as a mark of respect to Mr. R. W. Smith, retiring after 33 years' service as churchwarden.

TEWIN, HERTS.—On April 9th, 1,272 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Audrey M. Bailey 1, Monica E. Horseman 2, P. Wooster (first of Cambridge) 3, D. S. Harris 4, R. D. Short 5, M. J. Horseman (cond.) 6. Rung as a 76th birthday compliment to Mr. Harry Shire.

WALKINGTON, E. YORKS.—On April 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Ducker 1, K. Goldthorpe 2, Mrs. R. Ducker 3, J. Perrett 4, R. Gibson (first of Minor) 5, J. Rank (cond.) 6. First quarter peal on the bells.

WOOLTON, LIVERPOOL.—On April 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original): N. Ashworth 1, Miss W. Kenyon 2, M. Rogers 3, D. Jenner 4, D. Lyon 5, J. Wilton 6, E. L. Humphriss (cond.) 7, R. Glover 8. First quarter for all except 5 and 7.

ALPHABET FOR BEGINNERS

By T. J. LOCK

'E'

ERIN.—This arrangement is regarded a Principle, similar to Stedman, as distinct from a Method. The reason is that all the 'moving' bells do the same work whereas in methods the treble does not do the same work as the remaining bells. Erin was composed by the late Gabriel Lindoff just over fifty years ago, but has so far not been popular. A few peals in this arrangement have been rung although touches of it are rarely called for at ringing meetings. I wonder why? The work is straightforward, there is enough movement with no long dodging on the front, it is not unmusical as the plain course of Doubles contains the changes 153246, 135426 and Triples 135726 48, and there is the tenor behind to keep a beat. It may be said to be repetitive, but probably conductors in general have not sufficiently studied the arrangement from the construction and calling points of view. Erin is divided into 'sixes,' or six changes per round block, and herein is comprised the whole of the work. A plain course of Doubles contains 30 (5 x 6) changes; a plain course of Triples contains 42 (7 x 6) changes. The first six changes of Erin Doubles are—

12345

21435
12453
14235
41253
42135
24153

—continue this and see if you can get rounds at the end of the fifth 'six.' Also write or prick out the first six changes of Erin Triples and see if you get 2416375—if so, continue for seven 'sixes' when rounds should be the last change.

EROSION.—This word, meaning the state of being eaten away, is used in place of corrosion and also to even out the alphabet.

The actual belfry, being not very frequently visited by anyone, is too often a place where destroying agents such as worm, beetle and rust are left to do their work undisturbed. Bells swing in frames and fittings made of timber and ferreous metal and these require a certain amount of attention from time to time, a minimum say of twice in a year or before and after the winter period. Timber can be adequately treated with a preservative such as paint or creosote, whilst the iron and steel can, after scraping, wire brushing and cleaning free from rust deposits, be coated with an anti-rust paint or a bituminous solution. A word of warning must be given here, that before you enter the belfry for your own personal safety see that all bells are hanging down, and never attempt to go near a bell that is set up.

EXERCISE Method.—This Treble Bob method has an internal place made at all cross-sections but two, three or four in each half lead. In the 1907 Collection of Methods, those with an internal place at all cross-sections but two were called Exercise Methods, those with an internal place made at all cross-sections but three were Pasallatria Methods, and those with an internal place made at all cross-sections but four were Pasallatessera Methods. The present classification was adopted in 1956.

EXTENDING LEAD.—The many regular methods available, some of which have been rung and thousands more which have not yet been rung, have a limited variation in lead ends. Those methods which have 142635 in Minor; 14263857 in Major; 1426385079 in Royal and 142638507T9E in Maximus as the first lead end may be in the class of an extending lead method. The proof is that if a bob is called at the first lead end, such lead end would be 142356; 14235678; 1423567890 and 1423567890ET respectively. So, in other words, an extending lead method is one which brings all bells, except the bell making the bob and those below it, back to the same position they were at the previous lead end. As you will see from the above figures three bobs at successive leads will bring the bells back into rounds, and this would be known as a three lead bobbed course. Kent Treble Bob would, probably, be the best method to check up on this.

There are some methods with 142635, etc., as the first lead end, but which are not extending lead methods. London Surprise is one and if you study the line diagram you will see why. Or, to be soft hearted, I will explain. At the critical moment the bells are hunting the wrong way—up instead of down—which prevents them dodging back to their previous lead end position. If the back bells did get to their previous lead end positions it could only be by jumping two places, and you know this is not permissible within the rules of change ringing.

EXTENT.—This term literally means the embodiment of all the possible changes, but it is sometimes applied loosely.

Extent of changes on	2	is 1x2	2
" "	3	1x2x3	6
" "	4	1x2x3x4	24
" "	5	1x2x3x4x5 . .	120
" "	6	1x2x3x4x5x6 . .	720
" "	7	1x2x3x4x5x6x7 . .	5040

I have stopped at seven, because a peal on seven bells (Triples) shall consist of 5,040 changes, whilst a peal on eight or more bells shall comprise not fewer than 5,000 changes. Peals of Doubles and Minor shall consist of 5,040 or more changes, and there is no provision for peals on four or less bells. The loose application of the term Extent is when used instead of the word peal.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The Bath and Wells Diocesan Association has decided as from January 1st next to issue a further minimum charge of 6d. per rope for every peal rung for the Association, the money to be forwarded to 'The Ringing World' to help the paper in its financial difficulty. Thank you, very much, Bath and Wells.

Congratulations to Kent School, Connecticut, U.S.A., on their first quarter peal for 26 years.

Mr. Charles J. Sedgley rang his first peal of Surprise Maximus on the treble on Easter Monday. He has, however, rung 62 peals of Surprise Maximus inside!

Five years ago Northiam, Sussex, had a call change band. On Easter Day Wendy Hughes was the 13th member of the tower to ring her first quarter. Six members have also rung their first peal.

'The clergy are not placed in charge of cures to run parishes to recruit ringers; their job is primarily to take care of the souls of the ringers and parishioners.'—Irish Bell News.

The peal of Stedman Caters at Newark-on-Trent on Easter Monday was the first peal at Newark since 1897 when Grandsire Caters, conducted by Gabriel Lindoff, was rung. Only five peals have been rung at Newark, the other three being Grandsire Triples—last in 1913.

'Artful Dodger,' of Huddersfield, writes for confirmation of the rumour he has heard during the past week that the six-bell contest to be held at Felkirk, Barnsley, on June 11th, is to decide who are the champions of England. He asks if 'Bill Sykes' or himself or anyone else interested could compete in this championship contest for a small fee.

Mrs. P E. Marriott and not Mrs. P. J. Staniforth was the youngest lady to ring a peal of Maximus. As Miss Phyllis Tillett she took part in a peal of Oxford Treble 12 at Ipswich on November 18th, 1933, at the age of 14 years 10 months, and her first of Cambridge 12 at the same tower just under a year later.

The Guild of Clerical Ringers are now concluding their ringing week in Lancashire with headquarters at Fairhaven Hotel, Lytham St. Anne's. The party consists of: the Rev. J. H. B. Andrews, E. G. Benson (Presteigne), N. F. D. Coleridge (Tatworth), Canon C. C. Cox, Preb. E. V. Cox (Axminster), K. C. Davis (Nateley Scures), S. E. Evans (Ramsgate), K. W. H. Felstead (Southampton), J. B. T. Homfray (Cheltenham), M. C. C. Melville (London), I. J. Richards (Llanarth), G. Ruming (Penzance), F. A. Sanders (Overton), Canon B. F. Sheppard (North Petherton), R. D. St. J. Smith (Astley Bridge), A. Webb (Kidderminster) and E. B. Wood (Leatherhead). Mrs. Felstead, Mrs. Richards, Mrs. Sanders, Mrs. Wood, and Miss Homfray accompany the the party.

By missing the peal at Blewbury, Berks, on Easter Monday, owing to being on holiday, Mr. A. R. T. Greenough broke a run of 28 consecutive peals on these bells with Mr. R. B. Blond.

Mrs. Mary Wells, who took part in the quarter peal at Blewbury, Berks, on Easter Sunday, was one of the post-war band of girls taught by Mr. George Gilbert at Burnham, and it can be confirmed that, although her opportunities for ringing these days are infrequent, her ringing is still of a high standard.

A band of Newcastle on Tyne ringers made an attempt for three peals in a day on Easter Monday. Two were successful but the third at Newburn on Tyne failed at the beginning of the fifth 720 after 1¼ hours owing to a movement of the clock hammer throwing the treble rope off the wheel.

At the tenth or twelfth attempt Woolton, Liverpool, ringers have rung a quarter from Holt's Original, which is the first quarter by the local band since 1930. All the other attempts were called off with a single and the bells brought round except one which came round at the end with a bit of straightening up. It was decided not to claim this. For six of the band it was their first quarter.

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CONDUCTOR'S INSIDE STORY OF RECORD PEAL OF 22,400 CHANGES

The fine performance of establishing a new record length of 22,400 Plain Bob Major at Kirby-le-Soken, Essex, on April 9th, was briefly referred to in our last issue. Today we give the inside story of this great achievement, written by the conductor, Mr. F. B. Lufkin. This peal is the longest yet recorded by the same band of ringers.

THE CONDUCTOR'S IMPRESSIONS

I ARRIVED outside the church, on a nice sunny morning, at 7.40, to find five of the band already waiting. The other two members arrived before 7.45, the appointed time, which I considered a good omen. Everybody was fit and well, so without delay we entered the belfry for a punctual start.

There was little to do as the tower captain (Mr. Urban Wildney) and I, the previous day, had prepared everything as far as possible. Whilst Urban gave a spot more oil to the plain bearings, a photographer appeared and took two pictures. I was rather short with him and said I would be more pleased to see him after the peal.

A few rounds were rung, and after a few adjustments, and some instructions to the band and the photographer, Urban went down and locked us in. We pulled off into changes at 8.10 a.m.

At once the bells settled down to a nice beat and not too fast, my thoughts being, 'Take it steady, there is a long way to go.' The clock striking gear told me that it was 9 o'clock, and then 10 o'clock was on us, very quickly it seemed. The speed of ringing quickened and between 12 o'clock and 1 o'clock it really was going apace until I thought, but did not say, a trip and all would be up.

REFRESHMENTS

Most of us had something to eat on small tables placed around the belfry, and I at one o'clock thought fit to partake of a little refreshment, which brought smiles from the remainder of the band. I was worried in case everyone thought of having some refreshment, which may have been disastrous. However, this was not so. Peter Eves, Dennis Symonds and Howard Egglestone seemed experts in taking refreshments and they in turn took some.

About 2.30 p.m. Ron Steward took something to eat and his rope jumped around, which made me feel required to say something, 'Tenor go down after the 4th,' who I thought was a little out of place. These were the first words spoken other than calls. Even these words may have not been necessary.

Everybody had had enough refreshment and they settled down, and the ringing went on and on very well indeed with no incidents, except once, when I called a bob slightly late, and I said Sorry!, but the band seemed to take no notice, in fact I think one or two of them had the composition in mind. I noted Norman Harding had one of his sweets. All he had were two or three sweets during the whole time.

SCATTERED ON THE FLOOR

The next incident was provided by our tenor ringer, Walter Arnold. He had some eats on his table, but all he had done was several times to have a look at them. About 6 p.m. he made a grab for a piece of chocolate, which he was unsuccessful in getting, but scattered the food on the floor. No comment from the rest of us. Ten minutes or so later he successfully got a piece and put it in his mouth, and from somebody, I think Peter Eves, we heard, 'Cheers.'

Everybody had the eye on the finish and the ringing progressed very smartly, and I thought fit near the end to say 'Steady lads, don't chase it,' but perhaps I was nervous, getting near the end.

The peal came round at 7.55 p.m., all the ringing in my opinion been excellent, not one bad trip throughout, and I should think there were only about six missed dodges, and the very few bad blows were caused by members getting refreshments. We congratulated each other, the younger ones saying they could have gone on further, and I ought to have extended so we could have at least run round the clock, but I explained we must keep to the published figures.



The band who rang the record length at Kirby-le-Soken (left to right): Norman V. Harding, Howard W. Egglestone, Frank B. Lufkin (conductor), Peter J. Eves, Walter Arnold, Ronald W. Steward, Alan R. Andrews and Dennis A. S. Symonds. [Photo by W. P. Mullen, 99, Vista Road, Clacton-on-Sea.

TAPE RECORDING

After a little while the vicar (the Rev J. W. Thomas) came into the belfry, followed by many ringers who had been listening for some time. One of them had taken a tape recording of the last hour of ringing and soon we were hearing some of it.

Now for a pint, and for tales to be told in the local. Discussion took place about whether it is a fiddle to put a course of Oxford T.B. with the London Scholars group, or to include methods of Alliance and little methods in multi-method peals of Minor. Soneone said it was more worthy to have a course of a real method such as Oxford T.B. than two methods which individually would not produce a 720.

How nice to see all the young folk from the Chelmsford and Danbury area to welcome us down and their enthusiasm speaks well for future ringing in their area. Then the band from St. Leonard's, Colchester, a 6 bell tower, came in, after successfully ringing an 8 bell peal at the next tower at Great Holland. What a happy day it was, and such an enjoyable time we all had, and although sometimes we think these long peal attempts silly, the enthusiasm it makes and calls for I feel is well worth while in the interest of ringing generally and in helping to maintain Sunday Service ringing.

The Vicar asked us to give him the details as he wishes to place the performance on record in the church, so the enthusiasm has spread to him as well.

When all tales had been told and I made my way home, I thought just another peal for the book and wondered what next we must do and there is much, and I thank God for all his goodness.

THE BAND

Treble rung by Ronald W. Steward, Aged 39 years. Learnt to ring at All Saints', Sproughton, Suffolk, during 1936, under the guidance of the late Charles Mee, and his first peal was of Minor in 3 methods, August, 1937. He has rung 264 peals ranging from Doubles to Royal and his longest previous length was of 10,080 of Minor. Being a blast furnaceman on night work, his ringing is limited, but he is a Sunday service ringer of St. Mary's, Grundisburgh, and also a member of St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich.

A pleasing feature of Ron Steward's ringing is that he is ever willing to do that bit extra to make ringing comfortable; overalls, the oil can, spanner and rope splicing seem part and parcel of his work to the general benefit.

Second rung by Alan R. Andrews, aged 43 years. He is a native of Thorington, Essex, where he learnt to ring under his father, at a very early age, and rang his first peal in 1929, and his first as conductor in 1933. He has since rung some 200 odd peals, in methods ranging from Doubles to Surprise Maximus. His previous longest length was one of 6,000 of Grandsire Doubles, 50 different 120s.

Alan is a farm worker. Like his father before him, he has maintained an excellent Sunday service band at Thorington. A visit to his practice on a Wednesday provides a surprise as to what methods are rung by this local company.

Third rung by Peter J. Eves, aged 30 years. Commenced ringing in 1945 at Galleywood, Essex, after interest was aroused with lunch-time handbell ringing with a schoolboy band at the Mid-Essex Technical College, under the late A. L. Simmonds, Engineering Master. Now belongs to the Chelmsford Cathedral band.

He has been a trustee of the Essex Association for six years and in 1959 was elected as a Central Council representative. Has rung 129 peals from Doubles to Cinques, including Spliced Surprise Major and up to 60 multi-method Minor, and has conducted 16 peals. His previous longest length was that on the second in Bob Royal, 12,740 changes, at Prittlewell, 1950.

He is employed at Marconi Works, at Chelmsford, as a test engineer in the Radar department.

Fourth rung by Norman V. Harding, aged 51 years. Began his ringing at the age of 12, at the then 6 bell tower at West Clandon, Surrey, under the stern guidance of Fred Bennett, and later learning eight bell ringing at Holy Trinity, Guildford, under Alfred H. Pulling. Rang his first peal in 1927 and has now rung 260 peals, of which 57 he has conducted. He rang in the 11,568 Double Norwich at Debenham in 1950.

Norman has been in four attempts to ring the 40,320 at Loughborough, having failed at 20,000, 21,800, 28,500 and 5,000, so he has had wide experience recently in long peal ringing.

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RECORD PEAL—Cont.

He has represented the Norwich Diocesan Association on the Central Council for six years, and was captain of St. Margaret's, King's Lynn, from February, 1952 to February, 1960. He is a local government official employed by the Freebridge Lynn Rural District Council.

Fifth rung by Dennis A. S. Symonds, aged 44 years. Started ringing at Lavenham in 1925, and rang his first peal on handbells in 1932 and on tower bells in 1933. He has now rung 191 peals. He is a member of the famous ringing family of Symonds and his father still leads the ringers at Lavenham, Suffolk.

He works at the Marconi Works, Chelmsford, and he is one of the leading peal ringers of Essex, and is a member of the young Essex multi-method Minor band.

Sixth rung by Howard W. Egglestone, aged 23 years. He has been ringing 11 years and was taught by Sam Everitt at Boreham, Essex. At present he is captain of a young band of ringers at Purleigh, Essex. Has rung approximately 150 peals and called about 30 of them. Very keen on the multi-method Minor, and most of his peals have been on 6 bells, but he has rung peals on all numbers. His previous longest length was 18.000 Minor rung at Stisted in 1957.

Howard was the main enthusiast for this long peal attempt, and it is anticipated that much more will be heard of this young man in Essex ringing.

Seventh rung by Frank B. Lufkin, aged 49 years. He was taught ringing by William Judd, at Prittlewell, in 1928, and has since rung 470 peals, of which he has conducted 307, from Doubles to Maximus. His previous long lengths have been 9,000 and 12,740 of Bob Royal at Prittlewell. 11,568 Double at Debenham in 1950 and 18,000 Minor in 25 methods in 1957. He was Ringing Master at Prittlewell for 25 years until leaving there in 1955.

He has represented the Essex Association on the Central Council since 1945 and serves on the Sunday Service Committee. He has served on the Essex Association committee for many years and is at present its peal secretary. His employment is that of an officer in the Essex County Fire Brigade, which, because of shift work restricts his opportunities for much ringing. His chief delight in ringing is that of Grandsire Caters on a moderately heavy ring of bells.

Tenor rung by Walter Arnold, aged 58 years. He has rung between 300 and 400 peals and has been ringing at Earls Colne since 1914 where he is verger. His previous longest length was that of 18,000 Minor at Stisted, in 1957. He has rung many peals with the late William Keeble and with Lewis Wiffen and he is a most reliable method ringer.

NO TALKING

Mr. Norman Harding informs us that he wishes it to be placed on record that in his opinion the success of the long peal was entirely due to the capable way in which the conducting was carried out, coupled with sheer determination by each member of the band, and the fact that during the whole of the peal the only words that were uttered were those of the conductor, and when **he called** the Bobs and Singles. He thinks this last little bit is **very important.**

Mr. Lufkin comments: 'My impressions give exactly what things were said, which was very little indeed, but it appears to Norman Harding that the absence of any talking and incident was a feature of the peal, and I agree with him.'

SERVANTS OF THE EXERCISE – No. 18



MR. JOHN E. CHILCOTT
Secretary, Ancient Society of College Youths

There was a time when mention of the College Youths conjured up in certain minds visions of ancient, greybearded gentlemen, fierce and formidable, who did not approve of the 'goings on' of the younger generation. This idea is an entirely erroneous one, and hardly does justice to the present day Society.

Mr. John E. Chilcott, who typifies the younger men now in control of the Society's affairs, is one of the most popular young men in the Exercise. He entered into ringing when it was easily possible to capture the fine traditions of the Ancient Society and he is making a first class job of not only maintaining—but even enhancing them.

Born in 1931, he was educated at Isleworth Grammar School, learned to ring at St. Leonard's, Heston, in 1944, and rang his first peal (Bob Minor) in 1946 at St. Dunstan's, Cranford, conducted by W. J. Paice.

Being a youth who showed great promise, he was quickly noticed by that great spotter of talent, Mr. Horace Belcher, who introduced him to London ringing circles in 1945. Under Mr. Belcher's able guidance John was very soon ringing Stedman Cinques at St. Paul's Cathedral, and proved himself to be an excellent exponent on 12 bells. Then service in the Forces interrupted his ringing somewhat, but not completely—as he was at the War Office from 1950 to 1952. He was able to continue (when his duties permitted) with his ringing activities.

In 1948 he rang his first peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Paul's, which was conducted by Mr. H. Langdon. In 1949 he composed and took part in a peal of 5,000 Stedman Cinques at Birmingham, and in the same year he conducted a peal of Stedman Caters at Beddington when the average age of the band was 18¼ years. Also, he conducted his own composition of 5,021 Stedman Cinques as an in memoriam peal for Canon Coleridge, at Southwark Cathedral.

In 1953 he conducted the Coronation peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Paul's, and in 1956 a Past Masters peal of Stedman Caters at Stepney, followed in 1958 by a peal of Stedman Cinques by Past Masters at Croydon. He was elected Master in 1953, being one of the youngest Masters the Society has ever had, carrying out his duties very efficiently and with the dignity customary in the Ancient Society.

He was elected secretary in 1957, in succession to Mr. A. B. Peck, and in 1958 he was elected conductor of the St. Paul's Cathedral Guild in succession to Mr. H. Langdon. His total peals to date are approximately 177, conducted 52.

In 1958 he married Eileen Mary Ricketts, whose father John E. Ricketts was at that time tower captain at Heston. She is also a ringer.

JAFUS.

OBITUARY

MRS. E. T. P. FIELD

It was a great shock to us at Kenwyn, to hear of the sudden passing of Mrs. 'Flo' Field, wife of E. T. Paul Field, of Langport, Somerset.

Although herself not a ringer, Mrs. Field was an ardent supporter of her husband's art, and often accompanied him on his numerous marathon outings. She had an appreciative ear for good striking and was always ready to give a word of praise as we came out of some lonely country church after, quite often, disturbing the rooks in a long silent belfry.

All who knew her will, I am sure, remember her ready hospitality of a cup of tea and a bite to eat at a moment's notice.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Paul at his sudden sad loss and assure him of a warm welcome in Cornwall when next he visits us.

R. A. S.

Tips For Beginners—18

If you can ring Cambridge and want to learn Yorkshire, you may find it helpful to realise that the work in both methods is identical above the treble.

SUNDAY SERVICE NEWS

THORPE MALSOR

The six bells of All Saints', Thorpe Malsor, Northamptonshire, were rung by a resident band of ringers for the Sung Eucharist on Easter Sunday. This is the first time that all the bells have been rung for a service since before the 2nd World War, although for the past two months some of the bells have been rung for both services on every Sunday. The newly formed band hope to report further progress in the field of change ringing in the not too distant future.

Suffolk Guild

It was disappointing that the attendance was low at a meeting of the North-East District held at Bungay on April 2nd, but the bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening. The Rev. Mr. Tarvis, Vicar, held a service for the few and had also obtained an organist.

At the business meeting after tea it was proposed to hold a District full day's outing on Saturday, July 9th, if sufficient names were received. Next meeting, July 23rd, at Southwold, and a practice meeting at Theberton and Yoxford, on June 25th.

Writing in appreciation of the Easter Message that appeared in 'The Ringing World,' a reader orders three copies to be sent to friends who have lost dear ones lately—in preference to Easter cards.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY SOCIETY'S INJURED PRIDE

Dear Sir.—In response to Mr. Johnson's glowing account of the Manchester University Guild's progress and ringing standard, a full apology is surely all that can sooth their injured pride in being compared with societies such as London and Bristol, which cannot boast of 12-Spliced on practice nights.

However, I would submit, with all respect to Manchester's secretary, that he has strayed from the point of my so inept description. As Master of the University of London Society, I received a complimentary ticket to the annual dinner of each of the other three societies embraced by the hapless description which has offended Mr. Johnson. The same courtesy is accorded to the other three Masters and this practice has been regular for about ten years. Thus perhaps I may be granted the right to say that some form of 'closed shop' exists? I wonder.

The benefit of these dinners comes from discussion with members of whichever society is host at the dinner, in which interesting and instructive differences in the running of the various societies are often discovered. This year I discovered several.

Therefore, tentative plans were put forward to include on the list of guests members of University Societies which had been formed recently or were small and unnoticed by the larger ones. Of course, Mr. Johnson, though you are welcome to London at any time, this category of 'infant societies' is not applicable to Manchester and no umbrage need be taken on behalf of other societies. I do not agree with you that my theory can be scotched by other University Societies in a position similar to your own, if indeed there are any.

My impression is that the Societies of Southampton, Birmingham, Leeds, Durham and Leicester, to quote a few, are small and could benefit from discussion with contemporaries of larger size and thus more advanced organisation. Naturally any of the above five societies who feel that I am being unjust to them are also offered my apology.

If Manchester University Guild wishes to ignore the opportunity of even offering help to these societies, I think it has little to be proud of. In fact, I believe the Universities Association—in its other role than as a marriage bureau—has approached Manchester and sought to make this a centre for a dinner, at which some of the other Northerners could convene. Certainly the University of London Society will include at least two of the smaller University Societies at its dinner next year, unless of course, there are no small ones by then, and I feel sure that no harm and a lot of good can come from this custom, which is also being adopted by Oxford, Cambridge and Bristol.—Yours sincerely,

J. M. LAKIN.

Brixton, S.W.9.

YARMOUTH BELLS

Dear Sir,—Yarmouth bells, recorded on Easter Day, will be heard at the beginning of the Epilogue following the 11 p.m. News on Anglia I.T.V., May 2-8 inclusive: rounds only, I fear, as time permitted is short on these occasions.

I wonder if Todmorden ringers realised what a thrill they gave Yarmouth, when they joined with the locals in early morning ringing on Easter Day—the first here on Easter Day since 1940.—Yours sincerely,

GILBERT THURLOW.

Great Yarmouth. Vicar.

JUDGING RINGING CONTESTS

Dear Sir.—Since Mr. Harold Chant, as a contest judge, may be assumed to be impervious to defamatory remarks' (to quote his words in his article in the 'R.W.' for April 8th, page 246), perhaps he will not mind this expression of opinion on one paragraph in his article. This paragraph reveals how it is possible for a team which all but 'fires out' to win a contest, judged under Mr. Chant's system.

Most contest rules state that the test piece (normally 360 changes at least) **must be rung true.** Yet Mr. Chant is prepared to pass a piece in which there is a succession of **'jumbled changes,' 'loud bangs'** and **'martial music,'** and what is more, never to give more than two faults for such changes—even if shots are included. I fail to see how such a piece can be **true,** or how a row, where all the bells come down nearly together, can have more than one bell in its correct place. Yet Harold has no intention of ever giving more than 2 faults for such changes. His argument for doing this is that he concludes that at least four people **know** what they are doing in these jumbles—or the conductor would stop the ringing, i.e. four must be right, so will only give two faults. It is just as sensible to argue that the ringer who makes a bad blow KNOWS where the bell SHOULD be, but the fault is counted just the same.

Granted, these contests are 'striking' contests. Striking requires much concentration and uses mental energy, but so does ringing the method.

If a ringer concentrates on one of these requirements, to the exclusion of the other, for instance, on striking, until he forgets what he is doing in the method, the faulty changes resulting should be given, if necessary, 3, 4, or 5 faults per change. It is up to the judge to assess the exact number.—Yours etc.,

Rotherham. N. CHADDOCK.

PEALS OF MAJOR AT WOOLTON

Dear Sir.—Your correspondent (page 162) is quite right. In reply to him and numerous others who have contacted me, there have been many peals of Major in this tower during the last 30 years. The mistake was made on the Saturday the young Liverpool University ringers rang a peal there.

Speaking to some of the residents near the church on the evening of the peal, I was seriously 'taken to task' for not providing tea for the visitors. I was told very definitely, 'If in future you won't, let us know, and we will.'

The church at Woolton would be horrified if they knew that some our towers actually charge for a rope. (Correspondence page 74). I can only think that where a peal rope charge is made the striking must be bad.

May I also thank those writers whose exchange of derogatory personalities has helped to amuse us during the last three months.—Yours faithfully,

Woolton, Liverpool. E. L. HUMPHRISS.

BELFRY PRAYERS

Dear Sir.—Reference 'Suggestions for Belfry Prayers.' ('The Ringing World' page 269). I still have copies of these prayers and a few others on foolscap paper, suitable for mounting on a card. I shall be pleased to send a copy to anyone on receipt of a stamped addressed envelope.—Yours etc.,

N. CHADDOCK.

17, Herringthorpe Grove, Rotherham.

IRISH ASSOCIATION

Southern and Eastern Districts

THE annual meetings of the Southern and Eastern Districts were held jointly in Kilkenny, on St. Patrick's Day (March 17th). In the unavoidable absence of the president (Mr. W. Pratt), through illness, who had been invited to preside over the joint meeting, the chair was taken by Mr. Cyril W. Galbraith (chairman, Southern District), supported by Mr. James McManus (chairman, Eastern District).

The following towers were represented amongst the 110 members present: Bandon, Bray, Cork, Doneraile, Drogheda, Dublin (SS. Augustine and John's and St. George's), Kilkenny, Limerick (Mount St. Alphonsus and St. Mary's Cathedral), and Waterford.

The bells of St. Canice's Cathedral (8) were put to good use prior to the meeting and afterwards the contests for the R.R. Cherry and Gabriel Lindoff Cups were held.

After lunch in the Clubhouse Hotel, Kilkenny, the Dean of Ossory (the Very Rev. John G. Gash) welcomed the visiting ringers, to which Mr. James McManus suitably replied. The business meeting then proceeded during which much was agreed to in quick time. This did not mean that everybody agreed with everything. There were some controversial issues which were amicably settled.

Both District Committees had done good work, such as electing new members, nominating persons for various offices. They also had the minutes, reports and accounts printed. These were all taken as read and adopted.

Greetings were brought from the Northern District by Mr. J. T. Dunwoody, and a telegram of good wishes was sent from the meeting to Miss Jean Stewart, who was married on that day.

NEW OFFICERS

The chairman of the Southern District then dealt with the election of the officers for the Eastern District, which resulted as follows: Chairman, Mr. James McManus; Ringing Master, Mr. Paddy Mills; secretary, Mrs. F. E. Dukes; assistant secretary, R. Huber; treasurer, W. D. Graham; vice-president for Eastern District on Executive Council, Mr. H. J. Johnson; two other members to act with secretary, Messrs. J. McManus and G. McGregor.

The chairman of the Eastern District presided over the election of the officers for the Southern District, which resulted as follows: Chairman, Mr. C. W. Galbraith; Ringing Master, Mr. Richard Walsh; secretary and treasurer, Mr. G. Bingham; assistant secretary, Mr. P. Hanley; vice-president of Executive Council, Mr. F. Bogan; two other members to act with secretary, Messrs. C. W. Galbraith and G. H. Ellis.

The judges for the cup contests were Messrs. J. T. Dunwoody, R. McCormack and J. McManus. Eight teams competed and the results were announced as follows:

R.R. Cherry Cup (Southern District); Bandon (holders) and Mount St. Alphonsus, Limerick, tied with 11 faults each; St. Mary's, Limerick, were second with 19 faults.

G. Lindoff Cup (Eastern District): Drogheda (holders), for sixth year in succession, 42 faults; St. George's, Dublin, second, with 94 faults.

The test was a real one, as three bells gave trouble due to ropes slipping wheel, also the tower is very noisy.

The three winning teams will compete with the winners of the Northern District for the Murphy Cup on May 14th in Dublin.

After tea in the Clubhouse Hotel, the two cups were presented to the winners by Miss Daphne Sunderland, local tower secretary. She also presented the Attendance Shield to Mount St. Alphonsus, Limerick, and Bandon, both of whom scored 100 per cent along with St. Mark's, Dundela, Belfast.

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CENTRAL COUNCIL MINUTES

The first session of the 24th Council (63rd annual meeting) will be held on Whitsun Tuesday, June 7th, 1960, in the Town Hall, Folkestone, at 10 o'clock.

Will members please sign the roll and be in their seats by 9.45 a.m.

The morning session will be adjourned at 12.30 p.m. and the afternoon session will commence at 2 p.m., or as may be decided.

AGENDA

Report of the Hon. Secretary as to representation of Societies and as to subscriptions.

Application by the University of Bristol Society to affiliate to the Council.

Apologies for absence.

Presentation of new members to the President.

1. Election of President for 1960-1963. Mr. F. Sharpe, proposed by Mr. E. H. Lewis, seconded by Mr. A. A. Hughes.
2. Election of Vice-President for 1960-1963. Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, proposed by Mr. R. S. Anderson, seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs.
3. Election of Hon. Secretary and Treasurer for 1960-1963. Mr. E. A. Barnett, proposed by Mr. J. F. Smallwood, seconded by Mr. A. A. Hughes.
4. Election of Hon. Librarian for 1960-1963. Mr. F. W. Perrens, proposed by Mr. F. I. Hairs, seconded by Mr. J. F. Smallwood.
5. Election of Honorary Members.
   The following retire and are eligible for re-election:—The Rt. Hon. the Earl of Shaftesbury, Messrs. J. T. Dyke, J. P. Fidler, A. A. Hughes, D. Hughes, Mrs. C. C. Marshall, Messrs. C. W. Roberts, E. C. Shepherd, R. F. B. Speed, L. Stilwell, P. L. Taylor, A. Walker, T. W. White and J. Willis. There are three vacancies.
6. Election of Hon. Auditors. Messrs. A. A. Hughes and H. N. Pitstow retire and are eligible for re-election if still members of the Council.
7. Loss of members through death.
8. Minutes of the last meeting.
9. Report of the Hon. Secretary.
10. Report of the Hon. Librarian.
11. Balance sheet and accounts for the year ended December 31st, 1959.
12. Report of the Trustees of the Carter Ringing Machine.
13. To receive, discuss and, if thought fit, to adopt the reports of the following committees:—
    To pass such resolutions as may be necessary on matters arising out of the reports.
    To reappoint the committees or alter the constitution as may be considered desirable.
    (a) Standing Committee.
    The following retire and are eligible for re-election if still members of the Council:—
    Messrs R. S. Anderson, W. B. Cartwright, P. A. Corby, F. E. Dukes, J. T. Dyke, J. Freeman, F. I. Hairs, C. K. Lewis, T. J. Lock and A. Walker.
    There are two vacancies.
    The ex-officio members are the President, Vice-President, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Librarian, Hon. Auditors, Conveners of Committees and past holders of the office of President, Hon. Secretary or Hon. Librarian of of the Council.
    (b) Other Committees.
    In all cases the members retire and are eligible for re-election if still members of the Council.
    (i) 'The Ringing World' Committee.
    Messrs J. F. Smallwood, F. I. Hairs, R. S. Anderson and W. N. Park.
    (ii) Literature and Press Committee.
    Messrs. E. C. Shepherd and F. E. Dukes.
    (iii) Biographies Committee.
    Messrs. A. C. Hazelden, W. Viggers, L. Stilwell and J. Willis.
    (iv) Peal Boards Committee.
    Messrs. J. W. Clarke, W. Ayre and J. P. Fidler.
    (v) Broadcasting and Television Committee.
    Messrs. H. J. Sanger, N. Chaddock, G. E. Fearn, J. T. Dunwoody, A. A. Hughes and the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow.
    (vi) Records Committee.
    Mrs. G. W. Fletcher and Mrs. C. C. Marshall.
    (vii) Peals Analysis Committee.
    Mr. W. Ayre, Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, Messrs. H. Miles and H. L. Roper.
    (viii) Peal Collection Committee.
    Messrs. W. E. Critchley, G. E. Feirn, C. W. Roberts and A. J. Pitman.
    (ix) Sunday Service Survey Committee.
    Messrs. N. Chaddock, P. M. J. Gray, Dr. D. N. Layton, Messrs. F. B. Lufkin, W. F. Moreton, the Rev. J. G. M. Scott and the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow.
    (x) Towers and Belfries Committee.
    Messrs. F. Sharpe, J. W. Clarke, F. E. Collins, J. Freeman, E. H. Lewis, W. Osborn and the Rev. J. G. M. Scott.
    (xi) Methods Committee.
    Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, Messrs. F. N. Golden, C. H. Kippin and C. K. Lewis.

ALTERATION TO RULES

14. To amend the Rules as follows:—
    1. To add the following new Rule 2, and re-number the existing Rules 2 to 18 as 3 to 19 respectively:—
    2. The Council shall:—
    (i) Use its best endeavours to guard the rights and generally promote the welfare of the Exercise both in its scientific aspect and as a branch of church work.
    (ii) Encourage and assist the development of the Art in its scientific, mathematical and historical branches.
    (iii) Arbitrate so far as may be deemed advisable in such matters of dispute or perplexity as shall submitted to its judgment.
    2. To amend Rule 14 (Procedure at Meetings) by inserting the words 'representing Territorial Societies' between the words 'Twenty members' and 'shall.'
    The Rule to read:—At the meetings of the Council and President or Vice-President shall take the chair, and in the event of their absence the members present shall elect a Chairman for that meeting. The Chairman shall have a casting vote. Twenty members representing Territorial Societies shall form a quorum. Every new member, whether Representative, or Honorary or Life, shall, before taking his seat, be introduced by a member to the President or Vice-President, or, in the absence of the President or Vice-President, to the Chairman of the meeting.

Proposed on behalf of the North Staffordshire Association by Mr. R. S. Anderson, seconded by Mr. E. H. Edge.

MOTION

15. This Council reaffirms the principle that a peal may not be credited to more than one affiliated Society. It accordingly instructs the Editor of 'The Ringing World' and affiliated Societies to keep their records in line with the Council's Peals Analysis, adopting the procedure laid down in the Council's handbook of 1956.

Proposed by Mr. D. A. Bayles, seconded by Mr. W. Ayre.

16. To fix the place of the next meeting.
17. Any other business.

E. A. BARNETT,
Hon. Secretary.

26 Iron Mill Lane,
Crayford, Kent.

Ringers In Timken Factories

'Timken,' the illustrated monthly of The Timken Roller Bearing Company with factories at Duston and Daventry, has a well-written article on Campanology in its March issue.

It is surprising the number of ringers employed by this company. Perhaps the best known is Mr. P. I. Chapman, Master of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, of Daventry. In his tower are also Messrs. F. Hutt, S. E. Smith, D. Jones and C. Ashworth. At Duston Parish Church there are Messrs. S. Mundy (31 years a ringer), H. C. Downie (40 years), and G. J. Smith (17 years).

Other Timken employees who are ringers at other Northamptonshire churches are Messrs. S. Sibley (35 years), E. Jones (32 years), E. Watson (25 years), G. Roome (16 years), A. Hammons (5 years) and W. Waldon (5 years).

In an appeal to would-be recruits, the article assures the reader that in the company of church bell ringers he (or she) will find a warm welcome and a great feeling of comradeship. 'Moreover, while participating in a most enjoyable pastime, he will be helping to preserve a well-loved part of our English heritage.'



K.C.A. PROMISE WARM WELCOME TO CENTRAL COUNCIL

THE year 1960 is a great year for the Kent County Association and the large attendance of members at the Association's annual meeting at Bromley, on Easter Monday, heard from Mr. John Willis, who presided, of the warm welcome the Central Council would receive when they met at Folkestone at Whitsun.

'I feel it will be a very warm welcome,' said Mr. Willis, 'and I hope many of you will come along and see the Central Council at work. I think the Mayor and Corporation are being very liberal to the Council. They have granted them free privileges to many things under the control of the municipality, and their generosity has lightened the load on the funds of the Association.'

The service was held at Bromley Parish Church, conducted by the Vicar (Canon W. H. Murray Walton) and attended by the Deputy Mayor of Bromley (Councillor G. W. Brown) and the Deputy Mayoress. Mr. John Willis read the lesson and Mr. J. R. Cooper was the organist. The Canon preached from the text, 'Let us make a joyful noise unto the Lord.' 'If we remember that text,' said the Canon, 'we would get very few complaints about church bells. It is very natural in our Christian faith that we should have church bells, for after all Christianity is a religion of joy. It was the poet Hood who said that "bells are music's laughter."'

The Association's luncheon followed at the Royal Bell Hotel. The chairman, Mr. John Willis, welcomed the Deputy Mayor and Deputy Mayoress, Canon Murray Walton, the Rev. J. B. Short (West Wickham), Mr. Ivan Page, of St. Patrick's R.C. Cathedral, Melbourne, ringers from Colchester, Essex, and the Editor of 'The Ringing World.'

In reply the Deputy Mayor recalled the last visit of the Association to Bromley in 1954 and how on that occasion handbells were rung. Short speeches were also made by Canon Murray Walton and Mr. T. W. White.

LOSSES BY DEATH

Mr. J. Willis presided at the business meeting, and following the minutes the honorary secretary read the list of those members who had died since the last report, the company standing in silence. They were: the Ven. W. M. Brown (Tunbridge Wells), a vice-president; C. Farnsworth (Ospringe), M. J. Holness (Herne), W. J. Jarman (Aylesford), R. A. Constant (Gravesend), G. Billeness (Hawkhurst) and H. Markwell (Tunbridge Wells). Non-resident life members included: G. F. Carter (London), C. V. Ebberson (King's Lynn), G. King (Salehurst), C. J. Matthews (Southfields), G. N. Price (Watford) and A. H. Pulling (Guildford).

The report gave the names of 26 members who had completed 50 years' membership. Hopes were entertained of ringing a peal by 50-year members during 1960.

Regarding the report of the Central Council Committee on Sunday Service Ringing, a request was made that all members of individual towers consider how best the recommendations may be implemented. 'If the spirit is right,' (said Dr. Hatcher) 'all else will follow, which is not to deny that good instruction, leadership, enthusiasm, hard work, perseverance, tradition, discipline, opportunities, all the myriad components of human activity, all have their part to play. Rather, if there is a feeling that "it does really matter that some bells are not rung on Sunday" then everyone, ringers, clergy and congregation, will do all in their power to see that they are all rung. In such an atmosphere all the many facilities available through the Association can be tapped most effectively and technical progress made.'

INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY

'That there are many and varied hindrances to the effective engendering of this "right spirit" is only too evident, and my plea now to each individual member of the Association is to examine his own heart-motives and to rededicate himself to the office of ringer, that the bells may each Sunday more adequately ring forth their message.'

By the end of the year subscriptions had been received from 1,034 practising members, 11 fewer than last year. New members totalled 142—Ashford District 7 adults, 5 juniors, Canterbury 20 and 15, Lewisham 14 and 1, Maidstone 15 and 19, Rochester 21 and 18, Tonbridge 6 and 1.

The report was adopted on the proposition of Mr. B. Collinson, seconded by Mr. G. H. Spice.

Mr. B. W. May (hon. treasurer) presented the accounts, which were adopted. These showed the following balances: general account £151 4s. 2d., Belfry Repair Fund £266 19s. 3d., Benevolent Fund £179 15s. 6d. The total assets of the Association were £1,163 9s. 5d.

LOW PEAL TOTAL

The peal secretary (Mr. Ian H. Oram) reported 106 peals rung for the Association during 1959, the lowest total since 1945. There were no handbell peals, and all but one of the tower bell peals were rung in the county, the exception being a peal at Addington, Surrey. Eighteen members rang their first peal. There were 31 conductors, six less than last year, three of whom were conducting their first. Philip A. Corby headed the list of conductors with 17, followed by Ralph Bird (a non-resident member) with 15, Ian H. Oram 13 and George J. Butcher 10.

The peal at Biggin Hill was the first on the bells, at Great Chart the first since restoration, and at Frinsted the first since 1927. Of special interest was Holt's Original at Eltham by the local band in which the lady conductor (Brenda U. Slack) was calling her first peal, and the longest peal yet rung of Cambridge Surprise Major, 13,280 changes at Quex Park.

The President (the Archbishop of Canterbury) and the vice-presidents were re-elected en bloc. On the proposition of the chairman, Mr. A. G. Hill, who had retired from the honorary secretaryship of the Lewisham District after 35 years, and Mr. B. J. Luck, who retired after 23 years as honorary secretary of the Canterbury District, were elected vice-presidents, in appreciation of the long service.

CHANGES IN CENTRAL COUNCIL

With the best thanks of the meeting Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher was re-elected honorary secretary, Mr. B. W. May honorary treasurer, and Messrs. F. S. Macey, G. H. Spice and J. Willis trustees. Messrs. E. Barnett, G. J. Butcher, P. A. Corby, E. J. Ladd, A. E. Richards (hon. auditor) and A. J. Russell were elected to the committee. There were seven nominations for the Central Council and the following were elected: Messrs J. R. Cooper 90 votes, I. H. Oram 84, P. A. Corby 79 and T. Cullingworth 79. Unsuccessful candidates included two former members—Dr. Hatcher and Mr. T. E. Sone.

Mr. C. T. Hillis announced that Mr. E. Ruck, the only surviving foundation member of the Association, desired to present his copy of 'Clavis' to the Association's library. The offer was accepted with gratitude.

Mr. M. Downes reminded the meeting that the 200th anniversary of ringing the extent of Major at Leeds Parish Church would take place on April 7th, 1961. He hoped the Association would mark the occasion by a commemoration peal.

The chairman thought it would be a fine thing if a number of commemoration peals were rung. The Association maintained the grave and headstone of the conductor James Barham. If he had still been alive, he felt certain that Philip Corby would make the greatest use of his services.

A vote of thanks, moved by Mr. G. H. Spice, to all who had assisted in the meeting included Mr. Percy Spice and Miss H. Andrews for local arrangements, the incumbents of the 11 towers open, Canon Murray Walton for conducting the service and Mr. John R. Cooper, the organist.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD

A quarterly meeting of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham, was enjoyed by a numerous assembly of ringers in the pleasant old town of Solihull on April 2nd.

Full use was made of the fine ring or 10 bells, ringing ranged from rounds to Spliced Surprise Major, and for the first time at a meeting of the Guild a course of London Surprise Royal was rung.

The Guild's Form of Service was conducted by the Curate, the congregation being seated in the beautiful chancel.

The following were elected full members: V. Roy Tallis and Victor H. Nash, of Packwood, Roderick W. Pipe, Bournbrook, Tonie J. Critchley, Linda M. Hughes, Susan Funnell, and Veronica M. Miles, all of Kings Norton, Margaret Bragg, Shirley, and David J. Purnell, of Birmingham Cathedral.

Mr. A. J. Pitman, of Leamington, who was a welcome visitor, was elected a life member, and the tower elections, also as life members, of Philip G. K. Davies, Nuneaton, R. George Morris, Malvern, and Miss Eileen Fearn, of Hazel Grove, were duly ratified.

The next meeting of the Guild will be held at Shirley on July 2nd.

'The Youth Hosteller,' official publication of the Youth Hostels Association, has an article by Hugh Makins, of Nazeing, Essex, describing a 'learners'' ringing tour during which 27 churches were visited. Three photographs illustrate the article—a ringer demonstrating handstroke, a picture of the party in the massive ringing chamber at Milton Abbey, and of a raised bell at Whitechapel Foundry. We feel certain that such propaganda is helpful to the Exercise.

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ENGAGEMENT

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PERSONAL

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Annual Reports for 1959 now available, price 2s. 6d., from General Secretary, F. V. Gant, 3 Central Drive, Hornchurch, Essex. 5802

CHANGE OF SECRETARY.—The Hon. General Secretary of the Hertford County Association is now Mr. A. R. Agg, 76, Wymondley Road, Hitchin. Tel.: 3612. 5822

BETCHWORTH, SURREY.—As from Tuesday, May 3rd, practice night will be on Tuesday at 7.30 p.m. 5817

C.C. MEETING.—Keen young ringer wanted in E. Hampshire area for pillion passenger to Folkestone. Away two nights. Return Monday. Write to Box No. 5851, 'Ringing World,' Guildford. 5851

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Conductors are reminded that all peal fees and compositions should be sent to the new peal secretary John A. Acres, 52, Luther Street, Leicester, within one month of the peal being rung. 5820

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD has for sale complete unbound copies of 'The Ringing World' for the years 1946-1959 inclusive. Offers over £10 to Mr. S. Burton, 78, Edwards Avenue, Braunstone, Leicester. 5821

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Will members please note that there will be no district meeting on April 30th? Please support the joint meeting with the Southern District on May 7th, at Staines. 5839

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting at Derby, Saturday, April 30th. Lunch (8s.) will be arranged at St. James' Hotel, St. James' Street, 1 p.m., for those notifying, by April 25th. Mr. J. F. Smallwood, Heatherbrae, South Park Avenue, Darley Dale, Matlock. Towers available: St. Alkmund's (8) 10.45-11.45 a.m., Cathedral (10) 11.45 a.m.-12.45 p.m., St. Peter's (8) 2.30-3.15, St. Luke's (8) 4-5.30, St. Andrew's (10) 5.30-7.30 p.m. Business meeting 3.15 p.m. at St. Peter's Parochial Hall. Train departs St. Pancras 7.55 a.m., due Derby 10.21 a.m. —John Chilcott, Hon. Sec., Kirklake, 67, Farley Road, Selsdon, Surrey. 5680

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Wanstrow (6), Saturday, April 30th. Usual arrangements.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton, Bath. 5678

CHESTER GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting New Mills, April 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m.—C. K. Lewis, Sec. 5701

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting Hemingford Grey, Saturday, April 30th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Hemingford Abbots available after tea.—Michael J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 5688

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Littlebury (6) on Saturday, April 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. New incumbent, please support.—G. Blake, Dis. Sec., Roydon Hamlet, Harlow. 5704

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting at Bentley (6) on Saturday, April 30th, from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 5694

LADIES' GUILD.—Beds and Northants Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, April 30th, at Daventry. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—Kathleen A. Rivett. 5660

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS.—Reminder. Annual general meeting at Morecambe, April 30th. All towers have been circulated. 5645

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, St. Mary's, Leyton (Church Road), Saturday, April 30th, 3-4.30 p.m. Tea, own arrangements. Meeting, Vestry, 5.30 p.m. Further ringing till 8 p.m. Everyone welcome. A good attendance, please. Note the date, April 30th.—L. W. Bullock. 5833

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting at St. Catherine's, Feltham, on Saturday, April 30th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Parish Hall. Business in Church Hut. Ringing arrangements: Bedfont and Stanwell, 2.30 to 4 p.m. Feltham 3 p.m. onwards.—T. J. Lock, Sec. 5667

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Norwich on Saturday, April 30th. Service, St. Peter Mancroft Church, 4.15 p.m., conducted by the Rev. Michael Pavey, address by the Rev. Gratton Guinness, of Starston. Tea, Chantry Hall, 5.15 p.m. Business meeting to follow immediately after tea. Ringing arrangements: St. George Colegate (6), St. Giles' (8), St. Miles' (8), 2-4 and 7-8 p.m. if required. St. Peter Mancroft (12), 3.30-4.10 and 7-9 p.m.—W. Love, Gen. Sec. 5705

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Stanford-in-the-Vale, Saturday, April 30th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please to R. I. J. Gilling, Branch Sec., Fernham, Faringdon, Berks. 5683

Quarterly Subscriptions Are Overdue

Remit to-day to Mr. J. E. Jeater, Greystones, Cusgarne, Truro. Rates: 3 months 9/6, 6 months 18/-, 12 months £1 15s.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, April 30th, at Lambourn. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. East Garston bells available from 6.30 p.m. 5699

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting at Brentwood, on Saturday, April 30th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. 5684

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD OF RINGERS.—Meeting at St. Augustine's, Thorpe Bay, Saturday, April 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Cups of tea 5 p.m. 5827

SUFFOLK GUILD.—S.W. District.—Meeting at Hartest (5) on Saturday, April 30th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. 5686

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. John's, Croydon, on April 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and meeting in new hall adjoining.—R. I. F. Parsons, Hon. Gen. Sec. 5693

WATFORD GRAMMAR SCHOOLS' SOCIETY.—Meeting St. Stephen's (6), St. Albans, on April 30th. 3 p.m. Names for tea to Miss G. Graney, Hyde Lane, Kings Langley, Herts.—A. Hickson, Sec. 5803

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (1 min. from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, May 2nd, 7 p.m. 5815

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Evening practice meeting on Tuesday, May 3rd, at Corby (6), 7.30 to 9 p.m. All welcome. 5806

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Monthly practice at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Wednesday, May 4th, 6.30 p.m. Visitors welcome. 5819

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Evening practice, Whatton, on Thursday, May 5th. Bells 7.30 p.m. Methods: Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge, London and London Scholars Pleasure.—W. L. Exton, Hon. Dis. Sec., 60, Albert Street, Newark, Notts. 5810

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD.—Meeting at Sowerby, Saturday, May 7th. Names for tea to Mr. G. Briggs, Faircroft, Sowerby New Road, Sowerby Bridge. Look Cambridge Major and Double Norwich up, please.—D. Smith. 5855

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Glaston Branch.—Quarterly meeting, West Pennard, Saturday, May 7th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Please notify for tea before Tuesday, 3rd.—William Marsh, Dovecotes, Street. 5816

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Spaxton, May 7th, 3 p.m. Names for tea, please.—R. Short, Chilton Trinity. 5860

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. District.—Meeting Purleigh, Saturday, May 7th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury.

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Ashtead, Saturday, May 7th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Thursday, please, to J. Symonds, Sherborne, West Farm Avenue, Ashtead. 5666

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Meeting at Turvey, Saturday, May 7th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, to Mr. J. Hilson, High Street, Turvey, Bedford. All welcome.—R. L. P. 5838

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting. Rise, Saturday. May 7th. Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by May 5th, to Mr. C. W. G. Nicholson. Hind's House. Park Farm, Rise. Hull. 5804

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—The joint meeting with the North Wales Association at Pulford. arranged for May 7th. has been postponed to Saturday, May 28th. Further details later.—R. C. H. Sibley. Hon. Sec. 5853

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting at Burwell. Saturday. May 7th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. —D. F. Murfet. Dis. Sec. 5846

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton Branch.—Monthly meeting. Slimbridge. Saturday. May 7th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Names for tea by May 5th, to B. T. Cooper. 14. Coombe Road. Wotton. 5842

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Saturday, May 7th. Branch Corporate Communion. St. Stephen's, 8 a.m. Members please support this. All ringers and friends welcome.—A. Bennett. 5824

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting. Chaceley (6). Saturday, May 7th. 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Numbers for tea by May 5th. to W. H. Lane. Chaceley Hall. near Gloucester.—Nadine Price. Branch Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Practice meeting at Anstey on May 7th, at 5.30 p.m.—E. G. Buck, Dis. Sec. 5707

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting Bushey Heath (8), May 7th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by May 4th. to F. Morris. 7. Vega Road. Bushey Heath.—G. W. Seaman. Dis. Sec. 5830

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—By-meeting Saturday. May 7th. Sundridge (6) 3-5 p.m. Brasted (6) 6-8 p.m. Please bring own tea. 5832

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District combined with Rochester District.—By-meeting may 7th at Frinsted (5). from 3-5 p.m. and Tunstall (8). after tea. Please bring your own tea.—R. L. Sills, Dis. Sec. 5845

LADIES' GUILD.—Central and Southern Districts.—Joint meeting, May 7th. St. Peter's. Staines. 3 p.m Service and tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, May 5th, to Mr. Ron Shepherd. 17. Wheatsheaf Lane. Staines. Middlesex. St. Mary's. Staines, available 6.45-8.15 p.m. Everyone welcome. 5671

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Loughborough District) and SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD (Nottingham District).—Joint meeting Saturday. May 7th. Ringing 2.30 to 4 p.m. Prestwold (8). Wymeswold (6). 3.30 to 4.30 p.m. and after tea. Service Wymeswold 4.30 p.m. Tea in Village Hall. Wymeswold. 5 p.m. Names by Wednesday. May 4th. to Mr. W H. Mackley. Wymeswold. Leics.—C. W. Hall. S. Adams. 5679

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting. Saturday. May 7th. Rippingale. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea by Monday. May 2nd. to Mr. W. Marsh, Rippingale. near Bourne. Lincs.—F. G. Vickers. Hon. Sec. 5689

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Draycott-le-Moors. Saturday May 7th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday. May 4th. to Mr. F. Shelly. Cresswell Farm. Blythe Bridge. 5692

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester and District Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Souldern (6) on Saturday, May 7th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea by May 2nd. to C. Kinch, Causeway, Bicester. Oxon. 5685

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Northmoor (6), May 7th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Also Standlake (6) 2.15 and Aston (6) 6.30 p.m. Tea reservations by May 4th.—David Smith. Merryfield, Witney. 5849

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Quarterly meeting. Pangbourne. Saturday. May 7th. **Note change of date.** Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Whitchurch (6) after tea. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, to Mr. J. Carter. Hartslock House. Horseshoe Road. Pangbourne. Reading. 5837

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting. Long Buckby. Saturday. May 7th. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to E. Thresher. 22. Watson Road, Long Buckby. near Rugby. 5859

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Cup Contest meeting and election of President at Beighton, on Saturday, May 7th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea available. Bring own food. —J. Seager, Sec. 5686

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South Eastern District.—Meeting Offton (6). May 7th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., only by notification to G. Goodship. Pipers Ley. Burstall Hill. Ipswich. 5831

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Cuckfield (8). Saturday. May 7th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday. May 4th. to Mr. G. Apps. 24. Chatfield Road. Cuckfield.—Mrs. E. L. Hairs. Hon. Sec. 5829

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—Annual general meeting. St. Olave's Parish Hall. Mark Lane. E.C.3. Saturday. May 7th. at 5.45 p.m. Ringing at St. James'. Clerkenwell. 2 p.m., St. Olave's 3.30 p.m. 5700

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Christchurch District.—A practice meeting will be held at Bournemouth on Saturday. May 7th. Ringing at St. John's Church from 3 p.m., and at St. Peter's Church from 6 to 7.15 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea.—W. T. Godfrey. 5684

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—Quarterly meeting. East Meon. May 7th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Numbers for tea by May 4th.—C. E. Bassett. Sunnybrook. Brook Lane. Warsash. Southampton. 5825

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Ringers' service. Ashbrittle (6). Sunday May 8th. Bells 1.30 p.m. Service 3.15 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, May 5th. to Mr. Bristowe. Kyrle. Ashbrittle. near Wellington.—A. Reed. Hon. Sec. 5823

ASH.—The May Surprise Minor practice is on Monday. May 9th. Methods: Beverley, Bourne. Ipswich. London. Norwich, Surfleet. York and Wells. 5857

DO NOT FORGET.—City of Bristol Festival of Ringing. Saturday. May 14th. Luncheon tickets (8s. 6d.) and programmes essential, before May 9th.—A. Bennett, 151, Kingsway. Bristol 5. 5697

DEVON GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—Quarterly meeting. Cornworthy. Saturday. May 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by May 11th. to D. Roberts. 84. Westhill Road. Torquay. 5843

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual festival. Eccleston. near Chester. Saturday. May 14th. Service 4 p.m., in the Parish Church. preacher The Lord Bishop. Tea 5.15 p.m., in the Village Hall. followed by business meeting. Tickets for tea 3s. 6d. each if purchased before May 7th. 4s. afterwards. obtainable from Branch Secretaries or Mr. R. C. H. Sibley. 35. Appleyard Lane. Hand-2.30-3.15 p.m.—Henry O. Baker. Hon. Sec. 5670

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting. Saturday. May 14th. Dunmow. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea. please. to H. W. Smith. 11, The Causeway. Dunmow. 5848

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W.—Crusader meeting. High Ongar. May 14th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea. please. to Mr. C Willmington. 79, Wallwood Road. Leytonstone. E.11. 5836

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Sarratt. Saturday. May 14th. Bells (5) 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday. May 10th. to Miss J. Chilton. Virginia Cottage Sarratt Green. No names no tea.—J. Good. 5841

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting. Saturday, May 14th, at Heptonstall. Bells 3 p.m. Business. if necessary. at 6 p.m. Cups of tea.—Hudson. 5826

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Coningsby, Saturday, May 14th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea by Monday. May 9th, to Mr. E. Flintham, Harrowdene, Thorpe Road, Tattershall, Lincoln. 5840

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Lindsey Branch.—Meeting at Winterton (6) May 14th, usual arrangements. Names for tea by May 11th, to Mr. Brumpton, 23B, West Street. Winterton, Scunthorpe. 5805

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Meeting, May 14th. at Skenfrith and Grosmont. Skenfrith (6) at 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business at Bell Hotel, Skenfrith. Names essential please by May 10th. Both towers available after meeting.—J. S. King. 5814

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Meeting at Cromer, Saturday, May 14th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by May 11th, please, to W. H. Holdom, 17, Shipden Avenue, Cromer.—C. Bird. Hon. Sec. 5854

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Byfield, Saturday, May 14th. Names for tea by Tuesday previous, to Mr. F. W. Hutt, Knowle Cottage, Byfield. Rugby.—F. W. Hancock. 5834

THE RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Birmingham, Saturday, May 14th. Bells available: 11 a.m. - 12 noon Edgbaston (8), 12.15-1.15 p.m. Lunch in City, 1.30-2.15 St. Chad's R.C. Cathedral (8). 2.30-3.15 Cathedral (12), 3.30-4.30 p.m. Aston (12). Tea at the Co-operative Restaurant in High Street. 5 p.m. Ringing at St. Martin's (12) after meeting. Will those who are attending, please advise Hon. Gen. Sec. giving B.R.S. Association No.—J. Arthur Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Fforestfach, Swansea. 5674

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Festival and A.G.M. will be held at Wimborne, May 14th, 1960. Meeting in Assembly Hall of Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School at 2.15 p.m., the Chairman of U.D.C. will welcome the Guild. 4 p.m. Service in the Minster, conducted by the Vicar. Meat tea in Grammar School at 5 p.m. Bells available: Wimborne Minster (10) 11.30 a.m. to 2 p.m., 6-9 p.m.; Poole (10) 11.30-12.30, 6-8; Wimborne St. Giles' (8) 11.30-1.30, 6.30-8.30; Cranborne (8) 11.30-1.30, 6.30-8.30; Wool (6) 11.30-1.30, 6.30-8.30; Wareham (8) 6.30-8.30; Hampreston (6) 11.30-1.30, 6.30-8.30; Canford (6) 11.30-1.30, 6.30-8.30; Sturminster Marshall—tenor bell out of commission but is expected to be available in time for the Festival, if so ringing from 11.30-1.30, 6.30-8.30 p.m. Tea tickets 4s. 6d. from F. Slatford, 35, Westbury Road. Yarnbrook, near Trowbridge, before May 9th. please.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec. 5813

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting. Whitchurch (8). Saturday, May 14th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Further ringing from 6.15 p.m. onwards. Names for tea by Wednesday, May 11th. to Mr. B. Malam. 13. Yardington. Whitchurch. Salop.—F. Cattell. Hon. Sec. 5856

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting at St. Nicholas' Church. Codsall, near Wolverhampton. Saturday. May 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names by Wednesday. May 11th. to Mr. A. Richards, Tralee, 6, Lane Green Road, Codsall, nr. Wolverhampton.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Meeting. Euston (5). Saturday, May 14th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting following tea. Names for tea by Wednesday. May 11th. to Mrs. H. Ivings, Post Office, Euston. near Thetford. 5835

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A.G.M. Saturday, May 14th, The Good Shepherd. Brighton. Ringing, afternoon till 4.15 p.m. The Good Shepherd and St. Peter's; evening St. Nicholas' and St. Peter's 7.30-8.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m., 3s. per head. members under 16, 1s. 6d. Individual names for tea, stating those entitled to allowances. to reach me by May 11th.—R. Percy. 47. Oldfield Road, Willingdon, Eastbourne. 5808

At the Kent annual meeting at Bromley a briar pipe was left in the committee room and a pair of lady's gloves in the church. Apply P. J. Spice, 6, Glebe Road. Bromley.

QUARTER PEALS

STOKE BISHOP, BRISTOL.—On April 2nd, 1,260 Double Court Minor: N. Buckland 1, Joan Gray 2, R. Brocklehurst (first in the method) 3, J. Laver 4, M. Hill 5, P. Gray (cond.) 6. For Evensong, and to mark the retirement, after 21 years, of the ringer of the third from the position of vicar's warden.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—At St. Thomas' Church on Good Friday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. R. Smith 1, M. J. Fellows (aged 12, first 'inside' of Grandsire Triples) 2, F. V. Nicholls 3, Jill Tombs 4, M. D. Fellows (aged 14, cond.) 5, F. B. Cookson 6, D. H. Watson 7, P. W. Webb 8. Rung fully muffled with tenor open at back stroke for the Stourbridge Council of Churches' united service at this church.

TARLETON, LANCS.—On April 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Lunham 1, S. Walmsley 2, Miss J. Moir 3, J. Marsh (cond.) 4, E. Ashcroft 5, D. Lawson 6, K. Durow 7, K. Rothwell 8. First in method for 3, 6 and 7.

TONG, YORKS.—On April 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: T. Stamp 1, Beryl Abbott 2, N. Dyson 3, Gael Brown 4, B. Dove (cond.) 5, G. Armitage 6.

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THE DUKE WHO LOVED BELLS

EATON HALL, situated in the parish of Eccleston, Cheshire, has been very much in the news of late and its fate the cause of much speculation. This stately mansion, completed in 1873, was built for the first Duke of Westminster by the famous Victorian architect Alfred Waterhouse and replaced a previous hall erected by Porden only 60 years previously. The present building shows Waterhouse in his most flamboyant and expensive mood. The Duke was probably the richest man in England, and this fact was clearly expressed by the architect, the design being in the style of a French chateau with steep roofs and many gables. The dominating feature is the lofty clock tower adjoining the chapel and which in silhouette resembles Barry's tower at Westminster, famous as the home of Big Ben. The tower at Eaton, however, contains one of the few foreign carillons in the British Isles, the 28 bells being cast by Chevalier Severin Van Aerschodt of Louvain in 1877. The Louvain foundry was opened by Peter Van Den Ghein about the middle of the 16th century and developed into one of the greatest of the Low Country bell foundries. In the 19th century it was in the hands of Van Aerschodt, who succeeded to it by marriage.

In the tower at Eaton the bells are hung in a framework of oak which occupies the space between the operating room and the clock dials above, the bells being arranged in tiers with the bourdon at the base. An iron spiral staircase ascends through the centre of the frames, giving access for adjustments to the striking mechanism. Both clock and carillon are weight-driven, and 31 tunes can be played from the five hardwood barrels, each of which is ten inches in diameter and studded with brass pins. Barrels 1 and 2 are set for hymn tunes (for use on Sundays) while the others produce secular tunes ranging from a Bach fugue to 'The Bluebells of Scotland.' The carillon is set in motion by the clock mechanism which causes one tune to be played after the hour has struck. This music was formerly much enjoyed by the many visitors who walked in the park, but the carillon has not been heard for a number of years now. The tone of the bells, however, can be judged from the chimes which are still heard from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily, and from the deep note of the bourdon as it marks the hours. All the bells are inscribed with an ornamental W on the waist, and the bass bell bears the following inscription:—

THIS PEAL OF 28 BELLS WAS CAST AT LOUVAIN FOR
HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF WESTMINSTER BY VAN ALRSCHODT A.D. 1877

The bourdon, which is 60 inches in diameter with a strike note C, must weigh at least three tons. In contrast, the smallest bell has a diameter of only 12 inches.

In 1884 it became necessary to create a new parish in Chester on the south side of the Dee, and the Duke immediately offered to build a church, largely at his own cost. He did not forget the bells, and at the dedication on June 18th, 1887, the fine eight were heard for the first time when, according to a contemporary report, 'they attracted much favourable comment for their remarkable sweetness of tone.' They were cast at Whitechapel and hung in the iron frame which is still in use. In 1894 the Duke was considering the construction of a narrow-gauge railway to link the Hall with the Great Western main London line at the village of Balderton, some four miles distant. His agent was sent to Duffield to discuss the project with Sir A. P. Heywood, Bart., who had for a number of years been experimenting in this branch of engineering and had, in fact, laid down seven miles of track on his own estate. He had also designed and built the locomotives. The name of Sir Arthur is an honoured one among ringers for as a ringer and conductor he was outstanding, and in the field of composition no less distinguished. It was he who was largely responsible for the founding of the Central Council, and he became its first president in 1891, an office which he held for nearly 30 years. Sir Arthur readily agreed to visit Eaton to discuss the project, and so it was that a Duke who loved bells and a great ringer came together.

A careful survey was made and eventually Sir Arthur agreed to build a track of 15-inch gauge, together with special rolling stock and locomotive, at an estimated cost of £6,000. The work of laying the track was completed within the year, using local labour under professional supervision. In the meantime Sir Arthur had designed and built the first locomotive, 'Katie.' One of the engineers associated with the project was Mr. Henry W. Wilde, and on the completion of the work he was appointed to the post of resident engineer, a position which he held until his death in 1932. Those who were present at the Central Council meeting held at Chester in 1925 will remember with pleasure the runs on this miniature railway which Mr. Wilde was able to arrange and which formed one of the distinctive features of that meeting. Henry Wilde was a talented ringer, composer and conductor, and was well known in ringing circles all over the country. His compositions are still popular. A house was built for him at Belgrave near the railway, and on taking up residence he joined the tower at Pulford nearby, where a keen band rang a variety of Minor methods.

In 1896 the Duke decided to build a new church at Eccleston, although the existing building had only been standing since 1802. Bodley was chosen as the architect, and the design was in the Perpendicular style, with vaulted roofs, flying buttresses and a massive western tower. The old church—except part of the south wall, which was left as a 'picturesque ruin'—was taken down to provide foundations for the new which was built on an adjoining site. As the building grew and Bodley's drawings were translated into stone His Grace visited the site almost daily, frequently viewing the scene from a coppice opposite. As might be expected, the bells were given very careful consideration, and it has always been held locally that Mr. John W. Taylor was summoned to Eaton to discuss the matter and confronted with the suggestion that a ring of eight should be cast with a tenor in C to match the lower bells of the carillon in Eaton tower. Mr. Taylor no doubt emphasised the fact that such a scheme was impracticable, with the result that a fairly heavy eight hung at one level was decided upon. It is sad to relate that the Duke never heard these bells or saw his church completed for he died at Christmas, 1899, five months before the consecration. Neither muffled peal nor passing bell was heard when he was laid to rest in the shadow of the warm sandstone wall which marked the site of the old church.

The new church was completed in May of the following year and dedicated on Ascension Day with due ceremony. At this distance of time it is difficult to understand why the organ bellows should be placed in the ringing chamber some 40 feet above the instrument and the bells sounded by a manual chiming apparatus, but such was the case. It was not until seven years later that matters were put right. The organ was moved to the east end, the ringing chamber cleared, and at last this glorious eight was properly heard—a Taylor masterpiece. Mr. H. W. Wilde was invited to form a band: the invitation was accepted, and in due time the bells were rung regularly for services. Mr. Wilde's death in 1932 was a great loss not only to this tower but to the Exercise generally.

Since that time ringers from far and wide have visited Eccleston, the picturesque village on the Dee, with its beautiful church and bells. Many more will visit it in the future. Before the peal or touch perhaps they will spare a few moments to think of Hugh Lupus, the duke who loved bells.

J. W. C.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 16, 1960, *in* 4 *Hours*,
AT THE TOWN HALL,
A PEAL OF 5280 BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 42 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in B.

EDWARD JENKINS .. .. *Treble*		†WILLIAM H. DOWSE ..	7
*FRANK OSBALDISTON ..	2	PETER LAFLIN	8
BASIL JONES	3	†DEREK OGDEN	9
BERNARD F. L. GROVES..	4	LESLIE BOUMPHREY ..	10
C. KENNETH LEWIS ..	5	ROBERT B. SMITH	11
JOHN WORTH	6	BRIAN HARRIS .. .. .. *Tenor*	

Arranged by C. KENNETH LEWIS. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
* First peal of Belgrave Maximus 'inside.' † First of Belgrave Maximus. First of Maximus in the method for the Association.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 23, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes*,
AT THE WATERLOO TOWER, QUEX PARK,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 15¾ cwt. in F.

DENNIS BERESFORD .. *Treble*		EDWIN A. BARNETT	7
WALTER H. DOBBIE.. ..	2	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ..	8
JOAN BERESFORD	3	WILFRID G. WILSON.. ..	9
*PHILIP A. CORBY	4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH ..	10
SHEILA M. DOBBIE	5	PETER BERESFORD	11
DORIS E. COLGATE	6	JOHN R. COOPER .. .. *Tenor*	

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
* 600th peal.

WINCHESTER, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 23, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes*,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY AND ST. SWITHUN,
A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 35 cwt.

TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. *Treble*		JOHN S. MASON	7
RUTH M. BORDER	2	R. ROGER SAVORY	8
RONALD F. DISERENS ..	3	ROBIN G. LEALE	9
*ROBERT C. KIPPIN	4	RALPH G. EDWARDS.. ..	10
ALAN F. THIRST	5	PETER BORDER	11
WILLIAM T. COOK	6	WILFRED WILLIAMS .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.
* First peal of Maximus. First of Maximus in the method in the county and by the Guild.
Rung to mark St. George's Day.

TEN BELL PEALS

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., April 23, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes*,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5001 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 25½ cwt.

ALBERT W. BOND .. .. *Treble*		W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON..	6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	2	RAYMOND P. WOOD	7
LEONARD MANNERING ..	3	ERIC J. HITCHINS	8
JOHN CHILCOTT	4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS ..	9
HERBERT W. WOOLVEN ..	5	HENRY C. WEAVER .. .. *Tenor*	

Composed by FRANK E. DARBY. Conducted by JOHN CHILCOTT.

EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 23, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes*,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt. 17 lb. in E.

RONALD G. BECK .. .. *Treble*		DAVID HOARE	6
HENRY J. SANGER	2	VICTOR G. ROBERTS	7
ERIC NAYLOR	3	EDWARD J. CHIVERS	8
*MICHAEL ROSE..	4	GWILYM SALMON	9
ANTHONY J. SANGER ..	5	ARTHUR WHITE .. .. .. *Tenor*	

Composed by G. J. HAWKINS. Conducted by GWILYM SALMON.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters.
Rung on St. George's Day. Also a 21st birthday compliment to Mr. Anthony J. Sanger and Mr. Michael Rose.

GRANTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 23, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes*,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WULFRAM.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 32 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in C sharp.

ARTHUR GIBBS .. .. .. *Treble*		GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ..	6
JAMES G. NEWMAN	2	ALFRED E. RUSHTON ..	7
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	3	*GERALD C. HEMMING ..	8
RONALD J. SHARP	4	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN ..	9
RONALD C. NOON	5	BRYAN PATTISON .. .. *Tenor*	

Composed by JOHN A. BURFORD. Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.
* 150th peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

EAST CROMPTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 9, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes*,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in G sharp.

DAVID HODGSON .. .. *Treble*		NEIL BENNETT	5
GEOFFREY S. MILLS ..	2	DEREK OGDEN	6
*JOHN H. FIELDEN	3	F. JOHN NELSON	7
*PETER SCHOLFIELD	4	MICHAEL D. FISHWICK .. *Tenor*	

Composed by G. WILLIAMS. Witness: GORDON ROTHWELL.
Rung silent and non-conducted.
* 25th peal together. Believed to be the first non-conducted peal of Major rung for the Association.

EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 9, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes*,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. SIMON AND JUDE,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in G.

J. EDWARD CAWSER .. *Treble*		MARTIN C. FAULKES ..	5
ALFRED BALLARD	2	A. MAXWELL LINDSEY ..	6
*BERYL E. CAWSER	3	PETER J. STANIFORTH ..	7
W. ERNEST RAWSON ..	4	†ALAN E. HARTLEY .. .. *Tenor*	

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.
* First peal in the method. † First of Major in the method.

GREAT DUNMOW, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 9, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes*,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21½ cwt. in E.

GEORGE SAUNDERS .. .. *Treble*		*ANDREW T. BECKWITH ..	5
*PETER L. WOOD	2	EDWARD E. DAVEY.. ..	6
HARRY J. MILLATT	3	ALAN R. SYDER	7
JOHN A. WARNER	4	TERRY EARLE .. .. .. *Tenor*	

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by TERRY EARLE.
* First peal in the method.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 9, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute*,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

LEONARD STILWELL .. .. *Treble*		ROBIN J. ELLIOTT	5
BERNARD G. MOORE	2	DENIS R. MITCHELL.. ..	6
GEOFFREY R. CRISP	3	PETER H. LANGTON	7
BERNARD E. MATTHEWS ..	4	W. LESLIE WELLER .. .. *Tenor*	

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by W. LESLIE WELLER.
First peal of Major by an Old Collyerians band.

PRESTWOLD, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 16, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes*,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in G.

PAUL MARTIN .. .. .. *Treble*		A. JAMES POYNOR	5
PATRICIA A. WARDLE	2	MARTIN C. FAULKES.. ..	6
ERNEST MORRIS	3	RUSSELL S. MORRIS	7
BRIAN G. WARWICK	4	JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. *Tenor*	

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER (No. B.69).
Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 18, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes*,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EGWIN,
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

GORDON T. BROWN .. .. *Treble*		GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ..	5
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	2	*R. ROGER SAVORY	6
WILLIAM B. POMEROY ..	3	†TOM CHAPMAN	7
MARTYN HAWKES	4	*GERALD C. HEMMING .. *Tenor*	

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON. Conducted by R. ROGER SAVORY.
* 50th peal together. † First in the method. First of Lincolnshire as conductor.

OVERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Easter Monday, April 18, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes*,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR
In two methods, consisting of 1,248 Little Bob, 3,840 Plain Bob, with 263 changes of method. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in A flat.

*BRIAN G. WARWICK.. .. *Treble*		ERNEST MORRIS	5
†PATRICIA A. WARDLE ..	2	*†A. JAMES POYNOR.. ..	6
JOHN M. JELLEY	3	JOSEPH W. COTTON ..	7
†BRIAN M. SMITH	4	†RUSSELL S. MORRIS .. *Tenor*	

Composed by F. NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* 50th peal together. † First of Spliced.
Rung for the Festival of Easter; also for the wedding of Peter R. Johnson (ringer at Wanlip), who was married earlier in the day to Patricia James, of Birstall.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Easter Monday, April 18, 1960, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 13¼ cwt.

JEAN HORTON .. .. .. *Treble*		†GEOFFREY REX 5	
*MARIAN SKINNER 2		RAYMOND P. WOOD .. 6	
LEONARD STILWELL 3		HENRY C. WEAVER 7	
WINIFRED E. KEYS 4		ROBIN HEASMAN .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by RAYMOND P. WOOD.
* First peal of Triples. † First peal.
Rung on the occasion of the wedding this day of Mr. Walter Jennings (a ringer at this church) and Miss Brenda Myram.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 18, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 48 lb. in G.

THOMAS R. SIMMONS .. *Treble*		ARTHUR G. BASON 5	
MIRIAM A. HIGDON 2		PATRICK J. BIRD 6	
TUDOR EDWARDS 3		F. CHARLES GOODMAN .. 7	
MICHAEL T. SPRACKLING .. 4		H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. *Tenor*	

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by H. WILLIAM BARRETT.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Dr. David Heighton and Miss Bridget Mutimer on the occasion of their marriage at this church on this day. Bridget has been a regular service ringer at St. Mary's for several years.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 18, 1960, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. *Treble*		STANLEY E. BENNETT 5	
JOHN G. AMES 2		REV. R. W. H. NIND .. 6	
RONALD C. NOON 3		MAURICE BENNETT 7	
BERNARD B. TYRRELL .. 4		ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT .. *Tenor*	

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.
A farewell peal by the local company to the Rev. R. W. H. Nind, for the past four years curate at this church, who is leaving to become assistant priest to a number of parishes in Jamaica, West Indies.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., April 19, 1960, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt. in G.

GEOFFREY S. MILLS .. *Treble*		JOHN P. PARTINGTON 5	
*JOHN H. FIELDEN 2		PETER SCHOLFIELD 6	
†PATRICIA DOORN 3		MICHAEL D. FISHWICK .. 7	
‡NORMAN SMITH 4		ROGER LEIGH .. .. .. *Tenor*	

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by NORMAN SMITH.
* 25th peal for the Association. † 25th peal. ‡ 50th peal in the tower. The ringer of the treble has now 'circled the tower' with peals.

AUDLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., April 19, 1960, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 18 lb. in F sharp.

*ROBERT J. WARRILOW .. *Treble*		CHARLES A. S. WEBB .. 5	
†K. PETER JONES 2		RICHARD J. WARRILOW .. 6	
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 3		GEOFFREY DAVIES 7	
CYNTHIA BIBBY 4		DAVID W. FRIEND .. .. *Tenor*	

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by FREDERICK E. WILSHAW.
* 50th peal. † First of Surprise 'inside.'

KIDLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., April 19, 1960, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 23¼ cwt.

WILLIAM JUDGE .. .. *Treble*		BRIAN R. WHITE 5	
J. HOWARD FREEBORN .. 2		*BERTRAM J. COGGINS .. 6	
CHARLES COLES 3		FRANCIS A. WHITE 7	
*BERNARD COGGINS 4		PHILIP H. TOCOCK .. .. *Tenor*	

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by PHILIP H. TOCOCK.
* First peal in the method.
Rung to celebrate the safe arrival of a son to Bob and Helen Bennett, of Christ Church, New Zealand, now at Harwell, Berks.

GRAPPENHALL, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., April 20, 1960, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in F.

FRANK TAYLOR .. .. *Treble*		JOHN RYDER 5	
*IAN C. POTTS 2		CLIFFORD SHAW 6	
JOHN C. BREEZE 3		HAROLD WORRALL 7	
ROY FOSTER 4		MICHAEL THOMPSON .. .. *Tenor*	

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by HAROLD WORRALL.
* First peal.
Rung in honour of the Queen's birthday.

CROSS STONE, TODMORDEN, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., April 21, 1960, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

*MRS. H. B. SCHOFIELD .. *Treble*		JOHN H. FIELDEN 5	
†S. BARRY SCHOFIELD .. 2		PETER SCHOLFIELD 6	
B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD .. 3		DEREK OGDEN 7	
†RITA M. JOWETT 4		*HAROLD B. SCHOFIELD .. *Tenor*	

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.
* 25th peal together. † First of Stedman.
Rung in honour of the birthday of H.M. the Queen.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., April 21, 1960, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15½ cwt.

MARION WALL .. .. .. *Treble*		MICHAEL BLORE 5	
MICHAEL H. PAULSON .. 2		RONALD H. BULLEN 6	
GEORGE H. PAULSON 3		A. FRANK UDALL 7	
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD .. 4		BURLEY P. MORRIS .. .. *Tenor*	

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by BURLEY P. MORRIS.
Rung in honour of the Queen's birthday.

GOLDHANGER, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION
On Thurs., April 21, 1960, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*ALISON M. MANN .. .. *Treble*		ARTHUR HUBBLE 5	
ALAN R. SYDER 2		*BERNARD C. MANN 6	
*HARRY R. APPLETON .. 3		FRANK B. LUFKIN 7	
*BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD .. 4		URBAN W. WILDNEY .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples.
Rung in honour of the Queen's birthday.

BARTON-UNDER-NEEDWOOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat, April 23, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, viz.: 1,120 Rutland, 1,280 Cambridge, 1,280 Lincolnshire and 1,440 Yorkshire, being all the work of each method for every bell, with 69 changes of method. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in F.

EDWARD W. COLLEY .. .. *Treble*		MICHAEL ELSON 5	
MURIEL REAY 2		RODERICK W. PIPE 6	
ANTHONY AGER 3		EDMUND MALIN 7	
JOHN McDONALD 4		JOHN A. ANDERSON .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by JOHN McDONALD.

CHATHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 23, 1960, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 25 cwt.

*MRS. FRANCIS J. CHEAL .. *Treble*		RONALD E. NORRIS 5	
CYRIL J. GOULD 2		CHARLES E. J. NORRIS .. 6	
FRANCIS J. CHEAL 3		WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT .. 7	
ALAN WRIGLEY 4		DEREK NORRIS .. .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.
* 35th peal.
Rung for the Queen's birthday; also as a silver wedding compliment to Cyril and Mabel Gould, and to Derek and Brenda Norris, on the birth of a daughter; also birthday greetings to the treble and fifth ringers.

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CONISBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 23, 1960, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5088 HARTHILL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt.

MARION ARCHER	*Treble*	JOHN S. SEAGER	5
MRS. PAT A. M. HALLS	2	H. DAVID HOLLAND	6
CYRIL RUSBY	3	GORDON A. HALLS	7
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	4	IAN M. HOLLAND	*Tenor*

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY. Conducted by IAN M. HOLLAND.
First peal in the method.
Rung as a coming-of-age compliment to the treble ringer.

GODMANCHESTER, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sat., April 23, 1960, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E flat.

JOHN SCHOFIELD (King's)	*Treble*	DAVID KIRBY (Selwyn)	5
FRANCES SECKER (Girton)	2	CHRIS. JOHNSON (Selwyn)	6
TERRY PAGE (Downing)	3	HUGH NEILL (St. Cath.'s)	7
STAN HOOD (Trin. Hall)	4	JAMES TAYLOR (S. Cath.'s)	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by HUGH NEILL.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 23, 1960, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	*Treble*	JOHN S. DEAN	5
*IRENE. MARSHALL	2	GEORGE F. SPERRING	6
†ROBIN J. LEE	3	PERCY SWINDLEY	7
JOHN PARSONAGE	4	GEOFFREY PARTING	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEOFFREY PARTING.
* First peal. † First of Major. First as conductor.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

BICKENHILL, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., April 7, 1960, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 APRIL DAY BOB DOUBLES
Being 42 extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

JANE R. SHAW	*Treble*	ROGER E. TALLIS	4
PAMELA M. TURNER	2	MAURICE C. HUGHES	5
MICHAEL HART	3	VICTOR H. NASH	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROGER E. TALLIS.

ARLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD
On Fri., April 8, 1960, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 12 lb. in A flat.

VICTOR H. NASH	*Treble*	JAMES CLARK	4
PAMELA M. TURNER	2	MAURICE C. HUGHES	5
MICHAEL HART	3	ROGER E. TALLIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROGER E. TALLIS.
Rung for the christening of Prince Andrew.

ASHBOCKING, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Thurs., April 14, 1960, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in nine methods: (1) Oxford Bob, (2) Kent T.B. and Oxford T.B., (3) St. Clement's and Double Oxford, (4) Double Court, (5) College Single Reverse, (6) Cambridge Surprise, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb. in A flat.

RONALD W. STEWARD	*Treble*	*RODERICK W. PIPE	4
ROBERT E. LESTER	2	URBAN W. WILDNEY	5
*†HUBERT A. MITSON	3	CECIL W. PIPE	*Tenor*

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.
* First peal in nine methods. † 25th peal.

COMPTON, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 18, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in five methods: (1) London Surprise, (2) Plain Bob. (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Plain Bob, (5) Oxford Treble Bob, (6) Plain Bob, (7) Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

ERIC WOOLGROVE	*Treble*	RONALD F. DISERENS	4
REGINALD W. REX	2	REGINALD F. CROOK	5
ERNEST J. MUNDAY	3	GEOFFREY K. DODD	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.
First peal in more than one Minor method on the bells.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 18, 1960, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents (four callings). Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.

*BRIAN SCHOFIELD	*Treble*	PHILIP G. K. DAVIES	4
†BRIAN HARRIS	2	†BERNARD F. L. GROVES	5
JOHN R. KENNETT	3	††ROBERT B. SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.
* First peal of Surprise Minor. † First of Minor in the method, having now completed the London 'family.' ‡ 200th peal.

PEASEMORE, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 18, 1960, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in four methods: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Oxford Treble Bob, (3) Plain Bob. (4) Kent Treble Bob, (5) Plain Bob, (6) Kent Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr.

ERIC WOOLGROVE	*Treble*	ERNEST J. MUNDAY	4
REGINALD W. REX	2	REGINALD F. CROOK	5
RONALD F. DISERENS	3	GEOFFREY K. DODD	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.

WHITTINGTON, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 18, 1960, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being five extents of Oxford and Kent T.B. combined, and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 9¾ cwt.

FREDERICK H. DICKINSON	*Treble*	PHILIP J. EVANS	4
ROGER W. POWELL	2	COLIN SMITH	5
VALERIE LEE	3	F. HECTOR BENNETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by F. HECTOR BENNETT.
First peal of Minor on the bells.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., April 19, 1960, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, COLEGATE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one 720 each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob.
Tenor 9¼ cwt. in G.

MRS. D. MOORE	*Treble*	STANLEY W. GALL	4
MIRIAM A. HIGDON	2	WILLIAM LOVE	5
ARTHUR G. BASON	3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by H. WILLIAM BARRETT.
A wedding compliment to Dr. David Heighton and Miss Bridget Mutimer, married at Saxlingham Nethergate the previous day.

STAVERTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., April 19, 1960, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise and two each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

MICHAEL R. BENNETT	*Treble*	*HILARY M. JOHNSON	4
*GILLIAN TAVERNER	2	ERIC BILLINGS	5
*HUGH M. JOHNSON	3	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	*Treble*

Conducted by PATRICK I. CHAPMAN.
* First peal in four methods.

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BUXHALL, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Wed., April 20, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours*,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents, one each of Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.
Tenor 15 cwt. 7 lb. in F sharp.

ROBERT E. LESTER	*Treble*	HUBERT A. MITSON	4
ALICE A. I. LESTER	2	LESLIE N. MELTON	5
*RODERICK W. PIPE	3	CECIL W. PIPE	*Tenor*

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.
* 100th peal.

MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., April 20, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes*,
AT EMMANUEL UNITARIAN CHURCH, BROOKFIELD, GORTON,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 30 six-scores (ten callings) and six different 240's (Morris's).
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. in F sharp.

*CHRISTINE LIVSEY	*Treble*	BERNARD F. L. GROVES	3
*E. MICHAEL QUINN	2	*GORDON RUMNEY	4
†JOHN ROBINSON	*Tenor*		

Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.
* First peal. † First of Doubles. Believed to be the first of Doubles on the bells.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Thurs., April 21, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes*,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven differently-called extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

PAMELA J. DOLMAN	*Treble*	EDWARD W. COLLEY	4
*PENELOPE SEDGWICK	2	CLIVE M. SMITH	5
FRANCIS A. SEDGWICK	3	BARNABAS G. KEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.
* First peal.
Rung for the Easter Festival, and as a birthday compliment to H.M. Queen Elizabeth II.

MARKFIELD, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., April 21, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes*,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 13 methods: (1) Fulbeck, Reverse, Canterbury, Double and Plain Bob; (2) Cambridge Surprise; (3) Thelwall and Double Oxford Bob; (4) Childwall and St. Clement's Bob; (5) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob; (6) Single Oxford Bob; (7) Plain and Double Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

BRIAN M. SMITH	*Treble*	MARTIN C. FAULKES	4
ERNEST MORRIS	2	A. JAMES POYNOR	5
JOHN A. ACRES	3	BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
Rung for the Festival of Easter.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Fri., April 22, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes*,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 7½ cwt. in B flat.

*PENELOPE SEDGWICK	*Treble*	ROGER E. TALLIS	4
†BERYL CAWSER	2	CLIVE M. SMITH	5
†ANN BARR	3	JOHN McDONALD	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN McDONALD.
* First peal of Surprise. † First of Minor in the method. Last peal on the bells prior to being augmented to eight.

STISTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., April 22, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes*,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 44 methods: (1) Fulbeck, Reverse, Canterbury, Double and Plain Bob; (2) Newdigate, Marple, Old Oxford, College Bob IV, Humber, Willesden, Braintree, Clarence, Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby, Taxal, Morning Star, Elston (15 methods by A. G. Driver); (3) Beverley, Hexham, Surfleet, Durham, York and Berwick Surprise; (4) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose and Bourne Surprise; (5) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley Treble Bob; (6) London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Sandal and Capel Treble Bob; (7) Thelwall, Double Oxford, Childwall and St. Clement's. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

MARY ROAST	*Treble*	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	4
*JOHN WARNER	2	JOE E. G. ROAST	5
*ALAN R. SYDER	3	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.
* Most methods yet rung to a peal.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. R. J. Harrison and Miss J. Scales; also birthday compliments to H. W. Egglestone and Stedman H. Symonds.

SALTER STREET, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Fri., April 22, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes*,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PATRICK,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 21 lb. in A.

JANE R. SHAW	*Treble*	PAMELA M. TURNER	3
V. ROY TALLIS	2	MAURICE C. HUGHES	4
ROGER E. TALLIS	*Tenor*		

Conducted by ROGER E. TALLIS.
Average age of band 16½ years.

BIRSTWITH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Sat., April 23, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes*,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Plain Bob and Oxford T.B., and three of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. in G.

JOAN M. DAWSON	*Treble*	*MICHAEL S. BRUCE	4
*SHELAGH M. BRUCE	2	PETER M. DAWSON	5
*D. PETER J. BRUCE	3	JOHN RHODES	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER M. DAWSON.
* First peal.
For the wedding anniversary of Joan and Peter Dawson.

EAST PECKHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 23, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes*,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods: (1) Plain Bob, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Oxford T.B., (4) Kent T.B., (5) St. Clement's, (6) and (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 14 cwt.

RALPH BIRD	*Treble*	IAN H. ORAM	4
ANDREW M. MACVE	2	STANLEY JENNER	5
*ISOBEL INMAN	3	ALAN E. BAGWORTH	*Tenor*

Conducted by STANLEY JENNER.
* First peal in five methods.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 23, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes*,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 NORWICH SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents (four callings). Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

ROBERT B. SMITH	*Treble*	MICHAEL W. CROWDER	4
*DOROTHY M. STAFFORD	2	*JOHN ROBINSON	5
FREDERICK SHALCROSS	3	‡WILLIAM H. DOWSE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.
* First peal of Surprise Minor. † 25th peal. ‡ 150th peal. First in the method on the bells, and by all the band.

SHIPBOURNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 23, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes*,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being an extent each of Ipswich, London, York, Beverley, Surfleet, Cambridge Surprise and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 11¾ cwt. in G.

*ANN GEORGE	*Treble*	ANDREW M. MACVE	4
*STANLEY JENNER	2	IAN H. ORAM	5
ALAN E. BAGWORTH	3	RALPH BIRD	*Tenor*

Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.
* First peal in seven Treble Bob methods.

HANDBELL PEALS

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 11, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes*,
AT No. 29,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor size 14 in D.

MRS. J. THOMAS	1—2	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	5—6
DAVID J. MARSHALL	3—4	CYRIL A. WRATTEN	7—8
VIVIEN BARNES	9—10		

Composed by WM. KENT. Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.
A farewell peal to Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Marshall, who are leaving the district for Long Eaton.

CLEATHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 16, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes*,
AT CLEATHAM HOUSE FARM,
A PEAL OF 5016 SPLICED MAJOR

Being nine methods: Double Bob, Reverse Bob, Plain Bob, Gainsborough Little Bob, Wellington Little Court, Little Bob, Crayford Little Court, Bastow Little Court and Kent Little Court; 461 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL	1—2	GEORGE E. FEIRN	5—6
*W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	3—4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	7—8

Arranged and Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.
* First peal of Spliced Major 'in hand.' This is the greatest number of changes of method that have been made in any peal.

ALTON, STAFFS.—On April 18th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: E. H. Willows 1, D. Atrill 2, Miss R. M. Bull 3, C. Hughes 4, D. Parkins 5, J. F. Murfin 6, R. J. Stretton 7, D. K. Walklate (cond.) 8. First on eight for 1 and 5.

AMBROSDEN, OXON.—On April 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. E. Sayer 1, J. Coggins 2, C. M. A. Coggins 3, B. J. Coggins 4, A. Sayer 5, B. Coggins 6, B. R. White (cond.) 7, W. Haynes 8.

APPLETON, BERKS.—On April 23rd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: N. Leslie 1, D. Leslie 2, J. Drewitt 3, E. Drewitt 4, M. Edney 5, E. Moore 6, N. Allnatt 7, F. C. White 8, F. A. White (cond.) 9, B. R. White 10. First of Caters for 1, 2, and 5.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On April 10th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: R. Castledine 1, M. Hopkins (first in method) 2, June Dear 3, D. Sutcliffe 4, P. F. Lack 5, L. Scoot 6, J. Dear 7, C. Harwood (cond.) 8.

BARKINGSIDE, LONDON.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Lonsdale 1, I. Attwater (82) 2, I. Prior 3, J. Barrance 4, D. Ellisdon 5, L. W. Bullock (cond.) 6, D. Runchman covering. For St. George's Day.

BODENHAM, HEREFORDSHIRE.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. D. Thomas (first quarter) 1, Mrs. T. Rushton 2, Miss D. M. Rushton 3, R. Billings 4, A. E. Rushton (cond.) 5, S. G. Palmer 6. For morning service.

BRAY, BERKS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (1, 2 leading): Maureen Charlewood (first quarter) 1, Janet Barker (first quarter) 2, Wenda Harris 3, Diana Harris (first 'inside') 4, T. Mitchell 5, B. May (first 'inside') 6, Doreen Hague (cond.) 7, J. Norsworthy 8. For Evensong.

BRAYWOOD, BERKS.—On April 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. G. Rowlands 1, Anna C. Smith 2, P. A. Lawrence 3, E. R. Gotham 4, J. R. A. Muller (first as cond.) 5. Rung as a fourth wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Gotham (St. Margaret's, Uxbridge).

CHEDDINGTON, BUCKS.—On April 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. D. Pearson 1, Josie Hutchings 2, W. Sear 3, I. Pett 4, F. K. Williamson (cond.) 5.

DANEHILL, SUSSEX.—On April 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Marlene P. Robbins (first quarter) 1, Peggy M. Butcher 2, A. W. Fuller 3, June F. Carter (first as cond.) 4, A. J. Butcher 5, W. J. Sale 6. For Evensong.

DAVENTRY, NORTHANTS.—On Mar. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Elizabeth A. Negus 1, Gillian Tavener 2, Hilary M. Johnson 3, P. I. Chapman 4, H. M. Johnson 5, D. J. Marshall (cond.) 6. For Mothering Sunday.

EPSOM, SURREY.—At Christ Church, on Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Adrienne Gibson 1, W. Parrott 2, Carolyn D. Cockman 3, Sylvia Marsh 4, N. D. J. Webb 5, G. A. Cockman 6, F. Oakshott (cond.) 7, J. Munton 8. For Evensong and to mark the completion of the belfry redecorations.

FARINGDON, BERKS.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Miss A. Cox 1, M. Ling 2, Miss S. Parsons 3, I. Goulter 4, C. A. Wratten 5, F. E. T. Tranter 6, P. T. Hurcombe (first in method as cond.) 7, L. Edwards 8. First of Bob Triples for 1, 2, and 8.

FORDHAM, CAMBS.—On April 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Munns 1, A. R. Mann 2, R. Palmer 3, R. Morley 4, M. J. Tester (first as cond.) 5, D. Morley (first quarter) 6. Rung for the induction of the Rev. R. J. Cole on the previous Friday.

HARESFIELD, GLOS.—On April 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. T. Price 1, B. Williams 2, D. Priday 3, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 4, H. Lyes 5, F. Brookings 6. Rung half-muffled as a loving tribute of respect to Flo, wife of the conductor, who on Easter Eve passed away very suddenly at the Beacon Hotel, Haresfield, where she was stopping on holiday with her husband. The conductor's grateful thanks to the band who made this tribute possible.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On April 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. George 1, J. Martin 2, Gwen May 3, Joan Smith 4, J. M. Maybrey 5, C. N. Chinnery 6, J. King (cond.) 7, S. Davies 8. A farewell tribute to the Vicar, the Rev. St. Clair Gower-Williams on his retirement.

HONITON, DEVON.—On April 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. Stedman Morris (cond.) 1, J. E. Looker 2, C. Webb 3, H. Keeley 4, J. Manley 5, G. Gaylard 6, H. Gaylard 7, W. Webb 8.

HUTTON CRANSWICK, YORKS.—On April 20th, 1,296 Minor (576 Cambridge Surprise, 720 St. Clement's): Miss J. Porter 1, J. R. Perrett 2, K. Kirk 3, J. S. Rank 4, D. S. Johnson 5, R. Ducker (cond.) 6

KIRK ELLA, YORKS.—On April 24th, 1,360 Minor (640 Spliced, Plain and Little Bob, 720 Plain Bob): Miss N. Bond 1, I. N. Goldthorpe 2, K. Kirk 3, J. R. Perrett 4, D. S. Johnson 5, J. S. Rank (cond.) 6. For Matins.

QUARTER PEALS

LAWTON, CHESHIRE.—On Oct. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. D. Whalley 1, Pat Robinson (first 'inside' Grandsire) 2, P. S. Whalley 3, R. Arrowsmith 4, L. Whalley 5, G. W. Biddulph 6, D. R. Whalley (cond.) 7, A. Heath 8. For Harvest Festival.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.—On Easter Day, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: L. Fox 1, Miss P. Heather 2, L. Batley 3, Miss V. Hester 4, C. Willmington 5, H. Neill (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

LONG SUTTON, SOMERSET.—On April 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Selway 1, P. Cox 2, S. White 3, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 4, W. E. Turner 5. Rung 'open' to the Glory of God and as a thanksgiving for the life and devotion of Flo, wife of the conductor, who was laid to rest at Long Sutton earlier in the day. 'Sleep on now and take thy rest.'

MALDON, ESSEX.—On April 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Mann 1, B. Mann 2, I. Panton 3, S. Easter 4, J. Clarke (first in method) 5, J. Towler 6, A. Hubble (cond.) 7, F. White 8. For Evensong.

NASEBY, NORTHANTS.—On April 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Barton 1, F. Lane 2, D. Griffin 3, W. Cropley 4, A. Millward (cond.) 5. For the golden wedding of the parents of the treble ringer.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.—At St. Peter Mancroft, on Easter Day, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: A. G. Bason 1, S. Boar 2, M. T. Sprackling 3, S. Brothers 4, C. Curson 5, J. Cox 6, W. Love 7, D. Heighton (cond.) 8, C. Bird 9, C. Goodman 10. For Evensong.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. W. Stead 1, W. C. Buchanan 2, Mavis P. Coffin 3, C. Taylor 4, J. Hartless (cond.) 5, R. Buchanan 6. Rung as a tribute to Mr. R. H. Reed for his services to the art of change ringing from 1934.

OTTERY ST. MARY, DEVON.—On April 16th, 1,386 Grandsire Triples: C. J. Turner 1, C. C. Turner 2, J. Ayres 3, J. Quick 4, E. Marks 5, J. Arbury 6, C. C. Deem (cond.) 7, R. Wood 8. Rung as a diamond wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Louis A. Wilson, of Wootton Bassett, a former member of this band. Also on Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss C. Kemp 1, J. Ayres 2, L. G. Hine 3, C. C. Turner 4, F. Shepherd 5, E. J. Manley (cond.) 6, J. Arbury 7, C. Glanville 8. For Evensong and also in honour of the christening of Neil Ernest, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Deem.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Good Friday, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: R. Tomlin 1, Miss E. Hatch 2, A. Boyack 3, P. Avey 4, E. Blower 5, D. Belcham 6, A. House (cond.) 7, W. Ward 8. Rung half-muffled.

ROCHDALE, LANCS.—At St. Chad's Church, on April 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Hamer 1, B. Wild (first of Stedman) 2, J. Meadowcroft 3, K. Abbot 4, M. D. Fishwick 5, I. Kay 6, P. J. H. Hudson (cond.) 7, C. S. Taylor 8.

ROOS, YORKS.—On April 21st, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury, Clifford's Pleasure, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Plain Bob, April Day): Mrs. R. Ducker 1, R. Ducker 2, J. R. Perrett 3, D. S. Johnson 4, J. S. Rank (cond.) 5.

ROYDON, ESSEX.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Howard 1, R. Sams 2, W. P. Sams (cond.) 3, F. Wright 4, A. A. Livings 5, N. Ward 6. For Evensong.

RUISHTON, SOMERSET.—On April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Ford 1, M. Baker 2, A. Williams 3, J. Ford 4, E. J. Ford (cond.) 5, C. Trenchard 6.

SHARNBROOK, BEDS.—On Easter Day, 720 Kent T.B. Minor, 540 Plain Bob: R. Forder 1, Miss B. Parsons 2, Miss B. Lovell 3, T. Bragg 4, P. Starr 5, P. Makeham (cond.) 6. For morning service.

SHIPDHAM, NORFOLK.—On April 19th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: H. A. Bennett 1, W. G. Heyhoe 2, S. H. Waterfield 3, W. J. Bailey 4, P. J. Woodcock (cond.) 5.

STAVERTON, NORTHANTS.—On April 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Graham Bonsor 1, Elizabeth A. Negus 2, I. Frances Johnson 3, Gillian Tavener 4, H. M. Johnson 5, D. J. Marshall (cond.) 6. Birthday compliments to ringers of 4th (17) and tenor (15).

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Heard 1, W. G. Lavers 2, H. Stacey 3, H. Trewin 4, M. Sinden 5, C. Taylor (cond.) 6, J. W. Sangwin 7, S. T. Stacey 8.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.—On April 10th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: M. Stanley 1, V. Griffin 2, Miss M. Wright 3, S. J. Withey 4, E. Sutton 5, A. R. Peake 6, A. T. Collins 7, C. G. Jones (first as cond.) 8. For children's service.

STRENSHAM, WORCS.—On April 8th, 1,260 Single Oxford Bob Minor: C. Haylings 1, F. Lawrence 2, J. Firkins 3, D. Price 4, F. Hawkes 5, M. Hawkes (cond.) 6. First in the method by all except 3.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church, on Easter Day, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss M. Wright 1, W. W. T. Daniel 2, Mrs. P. Minchin 3, Rev. R. C. Bryant 4, Mrs. B. Bladon 5, A. G. Wells 6, P. Minchin 7, B. Bladon 8, E. Sutton (cond.) 9, E. Vincent 10. For Evensong.

TENTERDEN, KENT.—On March 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mary Meynell 1, Kathleen M. Yeo (cond.) 2, Violet I. E. Relf 3, W. Tickner 4, P. Relf 5, A. E. Stanger 6. For Evensong and as birthday compliments to Miss K. Yeo and Mr. P. Relf. Also on April 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Winifred Millen 1, Kathleen M. Yeo (cond.) 2, Violet I. E. Relf 3, W. Tickner 4, P. Relf 5, A. Gorham 6. Rung for the institution and induction of the Rev. Canon Harold Willis, M.A., as Vicar.

TETBURY, GLOS.—On April 23rd, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: D. Wood (first of Major) 1, M. Ling 2, Miss S. Parsons 3, P. T. Hurcombe (cond.) 4, C. A. Wratten 5, L. Edwards 6, F. E. T. Tranter 7, G. P. Green 8. For St. George's Day.

THORNER, YORKS.—On April 16th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Beryl Hartley 1, R. J. Lumley 2, Shirley Mudd 3, A. E. Hartley (cond.) 4, L. Sheare 5, J. Rhodes 6. For the festival of Easter.

TILEHURST, BERKS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Haines (first quarter) 1, H. Hunt 2, A. Haines 3, Mrs. A. Fevre 4, K. Chambers 5, D. Drayton (first 'inside') 6, W. Marsh (cond.) 7, G. Runham 8.

TOPSHAM, DEVON.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Wannell 1, Miss M. Browne 2, P. Jupp 3, F. Bye 4, R. Coles (cond.) 5, R. Berry 6.

TWYNING, GLOS.—On April 22nd, 1,260 Reverse St. Bartholomew Bob Doubles: A. Halling 1, M. Hawkes 2, J. Firkins 3, C. Haylings 4, E. W. Penn (cond.) 5, D. Williams 6.

UPPER CLAPTON, LONDON.—At the Church of St. Matthew, on April 3rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: C. F. Neal 1, Mrs. G. L. Neal 2, W. F. Jarvis 3, Miss N. Hales 4, J. A. Hales 5, J. M. Steele 6, D. W. Gray 7, D. Neal (cond.) 8.

WARBOROUGH, OXON.—On April 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. McIlhone 1, Jean Exon 2, Helen Butler 3, Margaret Thewlis 4, F. Absolom (cond.) 5, A. Howes 6, V. Fox 7. First quarter for all except conductor.

WATH JUXTA RIPON, YORKS.—On April 8th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Clifford's Pleasure, Plain Bob, April Day, Grandsire): J. Lumb 1, R. D. Gibson 2, J. S. Rank (cond.) 3, K. Goldthorpe 4, I. N. Goldthorpe 5, J. Singleton 6.

WELLS, SOMERSET.—On Easter Day, at the Cathedral, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: K. Prime 1, Miss A. M. Bailey 2, M. Rose 3, G. Salmon 4, V. Roberts 5, P. Wright (cond.) 6, M. Stone 7, C. Clarke 8, R. D. Short 9, D. Purnell 10. For Evensong, also a compliment to Miss Audrey M. Bailey and Mr. Ronald D. Short on their engagement.

WEST TANFIELD, YORKS.—On April 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Lumb 1, J. I. Booth (first quarter) 2, R. D. Gibson (first as cond.) 3, J. Singleton 4, J. S. Rank 5, K. Goldthorpe 6.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On April 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. A. Yates 1, J. Linnell 2, R. Reeves (first of Stedman) 3, G. E. Green 4, F. C. Case 5, C. E. Truman 6, T. E. Roberts (cond.) 7, G. Foddy 8. Also on April 12th, 1,260 Double Court Bob Minor: F. C. Case 1, T. E. Roberts 2, C. E. Truman 3, D. Taylor 4, J. Linnell 5, G. E. Green (cond.) 6. First in method for 3, 4, 5 and 6.

WILLINGTON, BEDS.—On April 21st, 1,260 Minor (720 Single Court, 540 Plain Bob): C. Bean 1, Mrs. R. G. Corby 2, Miss D. Hopkins 3, L. E. Duffield 4, J. H. Edwards 5, R. G. Corby (cond.) 6. A wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Harrison, of Chelmsford, who were married earlier in the day.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On April 24th, 1,276 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Caroline Carpenter 1, Anne Garnett 2, Barbara Manship 3, Susan Rawlings 4, A. Bagworth 5, A. S. Bishop (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

WOLSTANTON, STAFFS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: L. Walley 1, Miss P. Robinson (first quarter) 2, Miss R. Snell 3, Miss R. Mitchell 4, J. Nixon 5, P. S. Whalley (cond.) 6, G. W. Biddulph 7, D. R. Whalley 8.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.—On April 24th, 1,152 Grandsire Major: S. Penfold 1, F. G. Richardson 2, J. Carrott 3, Miss J. Peacock 4, A. J. Salisbury 5, J. Fowler 6, T. East 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8. For Matins.

KENWYN RINGERS' OUTING

There is a saying, 'The devil looks after his own,' and this certainly rang true when Easter Monday dawned fine and clear. A coach wending its way through the deserted streets of Truro at 07.30 hours announced the commencement of a pilgrimage of ringers to England. The Kenwyn band were supported by members of the 'enemy' tower of the Cathedral, and of Kea, St. Gluvias, Carbis Bay, Redruth, Cheltenham and Hartley, Kent (no bells). Indeed they needed 'supporting,' for it was a haggard lot that met outside the post office, the six o'clock ringing on Easter Sunday morning having had its effect.

We soon crossed the border to the cheers of the Englishmen and the groans of the Cornish peasants. Our first call was at Appledore (8, tenor 10 cwt.) a picturesque church situated near the water's edge and with an almost 'al fresco' belfry. I think these bells grow on you after a while and we succeeded in ringing quite a respectable touch of Stedman. On then a mile or so to Northiam (8, tenor 17 cwt.). One or two of these fine bells are a little tricky to handle but I don't think we actually disgraced ourselves. We discovered the second stay missing, so our poor long suffering Vicar was put to work on this.

A highlight of the day was the glorious octave (tenor 18 cwt.) at Bideford. 'Scientific' ringers catch hold here in fear and trepidation after viewing the numerous 'first class' ringing certificates on the walls. Here we met Norman Mallett, who, complete with tape recorder and seemingly miles of cable, asked if he could make a recording of a touch. We obliged with a quite good touch of Grandsire. Afterwards we proceeded to lower vast quantities of roast chicken, 'tiddy oggies' (pasties to you!) and ale.

Next came the only six bell tower of the day, at Fremington (tenor 9 cwt.). These bells are somewhat out of tune and one or two go a bit sluggishly. As one remarked, 'Those bells have character,' he didn't say what sort of character though!

To get to Tawstock (8, tenor 17 cwt.) we had to make a detour to avoid a low bridge. The ringing chamber situated in a central tower is reached via a curious gallery and a narrow chute through the tower wall. It was here we met the rivals of Bideford as the bells are magnificent, both in 'go' and tone. The church possesses a quaint two and a half-gallon ringers' 'jugge' decorated with paintings of bells.

Our next bells were the heaviest of the day, the octave (tenor 25 cwt.) at Pilton. They can be described as a beefy, full toned ring, which cannot be hurried. It was here that one young lady, in the words of Dorothy Sayers, got 'embrangled' with the tenor, and had to be relieved while the bell was still double clappering.

By this time our capacious appetites had once more been aroused, and a move was made to Barnstaple for food. A slightly longer run now to our last tower, and after crossing a deserted airfield, we arrived at Winkleigh (8, tenor 20 cwt.).

All too soon it was time to leave, and after a lamentably brief stop for liquid refreshment at Okehampton we eventually arrived in Cornwall's sprawling metropolis at midnight. Our thanks are due to the incumbents and ringers of the various towers visited, for their welcome, and last but not least to our vice-gaffer Alan Carveth, for so kindly making all the necessary arrangements.

R. A. S.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Silent tribute was paid to two well-known and loved members at the Salisbury Branch meeting at Tisbury on St. George's Day. They were Mrs. Blanche Hibberd, a benefactor of ringing, and Mr. Frank Taylor, of Wylye. Certificates of proficiency were presented to Mrs. M. Baverstock (Damerham). Alan Chalk (Broadchalke) and Terry King (Hindon). Denis Chalk gained his during the afternoon's ringing. There was also ringing at Barford St. Martin.

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The Lord Bishop of Derby (the Rt. Rev. G. F. Allen) preached at the service in St. Peter's Church, Derby, held in connection with the annual meeting of the Derbyshire Association on April 23rd. Ringers from all parts of the county attended and visitors from Manchester. The bells of the Cathedral, St. Peter's and St. Luke's Churches were available.

Tea was served in St. Peter's Parochial Hall and was followed by the business meeting with the Very Rev. R. A. Beddoes, Provost of Derby, who is president of the Association, in the chair. In his address he stressed the importance of recruitment and giving publicity to the art.

The Bishop was elected patron and Messrs. A. Mould and G. A. Halls Central Council representatives.

The general secretary (Mr. B. P. Morris) in his annual report referred to the Association's performances in peal ringing, of which he said it could feel justly proud, but, at the same time if the Association was to flourish all must play their part in encouraging new members. A grant of £5 was made from the Bell Repair Fund to Chelmorton, where the ring of four bells was being restored and augmented to five.

Mr. D. A. Carlisle said the Association was very honoured by the forthcoming visit of the Ancient Society of College Youths to Derby. On behalf of the Ancient Society Mr. J. F. Smallwood extended an invitation to Association members to attend the luncheon at which the guests would be the Mayor and Bishop of Derby.

The president presented a watch to Mr. A. B. Cooper as an appreciation of his services as general secretary of the Association over a period of eight years.

Thanks to all who had contributed to the success of the meeting were expressed by Mr. Smallwood.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. George E. Feirn has set handbell ringers a new objective. A peal of Spliced Surprise Major in nine methods has been rung with 461 changes of method. No other peal has yet been rung with so many changes of method.

The successor to Miss Evelyn Steel as president of the Bedfordshire Association is Mr. Alfred Rushton, of Luton.

The latest addition to the list of school peals at was that at Horsham on April 9th by ex-members of Collyers Grammar School, Horsham.

Mr. G. Dodd points out that the composition of Mr. Nolan Golden for Rose of England Treble Bob (page 284) is also true to Rutland Surprise.

Mr. J. W. Clarke has written Part VI of 'Cheshire Bells' dealing with the deaneries of Mottram and Stockport. They make interesting reading and we hope to publish a review at a later date.

Next Sunday morning service from Waltham Abbey, Essex, is to be televised on I.T.A. (all regions). Prior to the service, which commences at 11.15 a.m., the twelve bells will be rung by the local band.

A peal of Yorkshire Surprise was lost at Oswaldtwistle on April 20th, which was to have been a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. T. Ogden, of Oldham. To them the band offer their congratulations.

Hurstpierpoint ringers appeared on B.B.C. Television recently in 'Town and Around' programme. Three of the tower's four veterans were shown ringing—Harry Richardson (started 1898), Charlie Diplock (1898) and George Mansbridge (1911). Jack Dearlove unfortunately was unwell.

Amongst the first to congratulate Mr. Henry O. Baker, general secretary of the Chester Diocesan Guild, on his election to the office of churchwarden, were the members of his own tower at St. Mary-on-the-Hill, Chester, who prefaced their ringing on Palm Sunday with an expression of good wishes.

Members of St. Mary's, Handbridge, tower rang changes on handbells from behind the organ screen before the consecration, by the Bishop of Chester (Dr. Gerald A. Ellison, who is himself a ringer), of the new Church of Holy Trinity-without-the-Walls, Chester, on Easter Even, as a compliment to the Rector, the Rev. Arthur L. Minns, a ringing member of the Chester Diocesan Guild. The church, which is situated on a new housing estate, is of traditional design, with the fabric clad in brickwork, and has a tower designed to accommodate six bells.

Congratulations to Mr. Albert Walker on his 84th birthday last Tuesday. On Saturday he will have completed 63 years' service at St. Martin's, Birmingham.

St. John's, Eastbourne, which was badly damaged during an air raid during the war, has been fully restored and the Parochial Church Council have under consideration the installation of a new ring of bells.

An interesting peal at East Crompton, Lancs, on April 9th was a silent and non-conducted peal of Plain Bob Major. The band believe this is the first non-conducted peal of Major for the Lancashire Association.

The beautiful bells at Godshill, Isle of Wight, have been recorded by the B.B.C. and will be included in a programme to be broadcast next Sunday at 9.45 p.m. on the West Regional programme. The broadcast is an excerpt from the quarter peal.

Mr. Norman Chaddock writes enthusiastically about the success of the course at Grantley Hall, near Ripon. His regret is that so many students had to be turned down, but the warden, Mr. C. Rigg, has promised another course next year. Full story later on.

When Mr. Geoff. Parting, of Dodleston, Ringing Master of the Chester Branch, leaves to start his National Service at the beginning of May, he will take with him to Aldershot the good wishes of a host of ringing friends in Cheshire and North Wales.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL

Arrangements For Whitsun

Headquarters will be the Princes Hotel, Bouverie Road West, and all members and friends will be welcome there during the week-end.

WHIT TUESDAY

Holy Communion in the Parish Church at 7.30 a.m. Council Meeting in the Town Hall at 10 a.m. Members are asked to be in their places by 9.45 a.m.

Civic reception in the Sun Lounge of Leas Cliffe Hall at 5.45 p.m. Admittance by ticket only (2 per member) available from Mr. A. Berry, 7, Quenn's Street, Folkestone. Please state your Association or whether Honorary or Life.

RINGING TOURS

The following coach tours have been arranged, and applications for tickets, accompanied by remittance, should be made as soon as possible to Mr. J. R. Cooper, 8, Birling Road, Ashford, Kent.

SUNDAY, JUNE 5th.—Leaving Headquarters 1 p.m. Ringing at Ashford (8) 1.45 to 2.45 p.m. Wye (8) 3 to 4 p.m. Tea at Wye Hill Cafe 4.15 p.m. Ringing at Chilham (8) 5.15 to 6.30 p.m. Elham (8) 7.45 to 8.30 p.m. Total cost 10s.

MONDAY, JUNE 6th—Leaving Headquarters 9.30 a.m. Ringing at Lenham (8) 10.30 to 11.15 a.m. Harrietsham (8) 11.30 to 12.15 p.m. Lunch at the Flower Bowl Cafe, Maidstone 12.45 p.m. Ringing at Maidstone (10) 2 to 3 p.m. Leeds (10) 3.15 to 4.15 p.m. Tea at the Beams Cafe, Headcorn 4.45 p.m. Ringing at Headcorn (8) 5.30 to 6.30 p.m. Biddenden (8) 7 to 8 p.m. Total cost 15s.

MONDAY, JUNE 6th.—Leaving Headquarters 9.30 a.m. Ringing at Dover (8) 10 to 10.45 a.m. Walmer (8) 11.15 to 12 noon. Lunch at the 16th Century Tea House, Sandwich 12.30 p.m. Ringing at St. Lawrence-in-Thanet (10) 2 to 3 p.m. Margate (8) 3.30 to 4.15 p.m. Make own arrangements for tea in Margate. Leave 5.30 p.m. Ringing at Quex Park (12) 6 to 7 p.m. Wingham (8) 7.30 to 8.15 p.m. Total cost 14s.

RINGING ARRANGEMENTS

SATURDAY, JUNE 4th.—Folkestone (8), Hythe (8), Cheriton (8), Saltwood (6), Newington-next-Folkestone (6) all 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon. Elham (8), Lyminge (8), Burmarsh (6), Lympne (6) all 2 to 4 p.m. Brookland (5), Appledore (8) 4 to 6 p.m. Lydd (8), New Romney (8) 6 to 8.30 p.m.

SUNDAY, JUNE 5th.—Folkestone (8) 9.30 to 10.15 a.m. and 5.30 to 6.30 p.m. Cheriton (8), Hythe (8) 10.15 to 11 a.m. and 5.30 to 6.30 p.m. Canterbury: Cathedral (12) 2 to 2.45 p.m. St. Stephen (8), St. Dunstan (6) 10 to 11 a.m. and 5.45 to 6.30 p.m. St. Alphege (6) 5.30 to 6.30 p.m. St. Lawrence-in-Thanet (10) 9.45 to 10.15 a.m. and 5.45 to 6.30 p.m. Great Mongeham (6) 9 to 9.45 a.m. and 5.45 to 6.30 p.m. St. Peter-in-Thanet (8), Birchington (8), Margate (8), Walmer (8), Deal (6), Ringwould (6), Thanington (5) all 10.15 to 11 a.m. and 5.45 to 6.30 p.m. Quex Park (12) 2 to 5 p.m. Petham (6), Littlebourne (6) 5.45 to 6.30 p.m. Wickhambreaux (6) 6.30 to 7 p.m.

MONDAY, JUNE 6th.—Elham (8), Lyminge (8) 10 a.m. to 12 noon and 7 to 9 p.m. Wingham (8), Barham (5), Bekesbourne (6), Deal (6), Eastry (5), Goodnestone (6), Great Mongeham (6), Northbourne (6), Ringwould (6) 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Canterbury: Cathedral (12) 4 to 5.30 p.m. St. Alphege (6) 2 to 4 p.m. St. Dunstan (6) 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 7 p.m. St. Stephen (8) 6 to 8 p.m. Chartham (6), Petham (6), Thanington (5) 7 to 9 p.m.

All ringing at Lyminge is subject to the bells being rehung by Whitsun.

PEAL ATTEMPTS

Members and visitors wishing to take part in peal attempts are requested to communicate as soon as possible with Mr. J. R. Cooper at the above address, stating any preference regarding method, number of bells, etc.

NAMES OF REPRESENTATIVES

Would Secretaries who have not yet forwarded their Representatives' names and addresses for the new session, please do so at once, or papers will be sent to last year's members.

E. A. BARNETT,
Hon. Secretary.

SERVANTS OF THE EXERCISE – No. 19



MR. E. MORRIS,
F.R.Hist.S., F.R.G.S., M.R.S.L.

Mr. Ernest Morris can be described as the undoubted historian of the Exercise. For years he has been a kind of Public Relations Officer between ringers and the public. His books are well known amongst the older members, but for the benefit of new-comers his work on 'The History and Art of Change Ringing' is outstanding. It is a mighty tome and represents many years of hard and painstaking work. Others of his works are 'Legends o' the Bells,' 'Bells in English Life,' 'Chimes and Chime Tunes,' and 'Towers and Bells of Britain.' His latest work 'Tintinnabula,' is the most authoritative work yet published on bells. He has written articles dealing with door knockers, fire backs, horse brasses, wool weights, locks and keys, church fonts, and village crosses.

Mr. Morris had only the advantage of elementary schooling at St. Margaret's, Leicester. He left at the age of 14 and went to work in a leather warehouse. His father was not in a position to send him to high school, being a shoemaker by trade. His mother died when he was only eight years old. So it can be seen that Ernest Morris is a self-taught man. He did not have the facilities which were available to J. A. Trollope—another famous self-taught historian, for Trollope was able to make countless visits to the British Museum, where he was able to get invaluable information, which made his work much easier than was the case with Ernest Morris. Josiah Morris, his father, was once dubbed by the late Harold Poole 'The Rhythm King,' for his striking was faultless, and he always insisted on a very high standard.

Born in 1889, Ernest learned to ring when he was 13 years old. His first peal was at Grimsby in 1906. He has always borne in mind his father's advice and instructions which were 'I want you to make the name of Morris revered here in the Church, up there in the belfry, and in the Ringing World.' Everyone will agree that Ernest has lived fully up to that advice, for he has been always at the forefront in helping struggling bands in and around Leicestershire and has been equally happy to ring in Doubles and Minor as in Cinques and Maximus. He has been a devoted Sunday service ringer, before, during and after his 21 years' service as verger of Leicestershire's largest church.

He served as general secretary of the old Midland Counties Association for 20 years, and is now treasurer of the Leicester Diocesan Guild. He serves as consultant for bells on the Diocesan Advisory Committee. He is now rapidly approaching his 2,000th peal (second only to the record of the late William Pye), and he has conducted over 670 of them. Included in these are 10,912 Kent T.B., 7,840 Oxford T.B., 6,720 Little Bob, 6,720 Little Canterbury, 9,120 Ilkeston T.B., and 9,600 Worcester T.B. He took part in the records of 12,896 Cambridge Major, 12,663 Stedman Cinques at Oxford, and 10,976 Bristol Surprise Major, also a peal of Stedman Cinques at Southwark, by 12 secretaries, and a peal of Cambridge Maximus on the old Bow bells; a peal of Stedman Caters on the old ten at Manchester Town Hall, conducted by James Washbrook, and a peal of Cambridge Maximus on the new bells there.

Although now 70 years old, Mr. Morris is still actively taking part in many peals, and his enthusiasm is unabated. He has a truly remarkable record, and is well on the way to achieving the record of having rung more peals than anyone. We heartily wish him every success, and if his father were still alive, he would be the first to admit that his boy had not let him down.

JAFUS.

WEDDING OF DR. D. HEIGHTON AND MISS B. MUTIMER

The wedding took place on Easter Monday at Saxlingham Nethergate of Dr. David Heighton, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Heighton, of Thorpe Hamlet, Norwich, and Miss Bridget Mutimer, daughter of Mrs. Mutimer and the late Mr. H. F. Mutimer, of Saxlingham.

Dr. Heighton, who is now at Bristol, commenced his ringing at Norwich and was also a server at the Cathedral at the time the Rev. Gilbert Thurlow was Precentor. His bride has been a regular Sunday service ringer at Saxlingham and took an active part in village affairs, including the drama group. The Saxlingham ringers gave her a barometer.

The Rector (the Rev. C. T. Hearn) and the Rev. Gilbert Thurlow, of Great Yarmouth, officiated at the service. The bride was dressed in full length white flowered perlon over nylon taffeta, nine yards round the hem, and her headdress was a coronet of mother-of-pearl with elbow-length veil. There were five bridesmaids. Dr. Michael Sprackling was best man and Dr. Tudor Edwards and Mr. Patrick J. Bird ushers.

Saxlingham ringers, assisted by Mr. H. W. Barrett (Ringing Master of Norwich Diocesan Assn.) and Mr. A. G. Bason, rang before and after the ceremony. Later, a well-struck peal of Plain Bob Major was rung, the band including the best man and two ushers. The reception at Caistor Hall Hotel was attended by over 100 guests and the honeymoon is being spent in the Lake District.

Tips For Beginners—19

If you are able to ring Double Norwich and Cambridge you will find it easy to pick up Superlative, which is a double method like Double Norwich, and the places are like Cambridge with the addition of an odd place and a dodge.

MORE BELFRY GOSSIP

Through Mr. David Jewell, calling 'This is all' instead of 'bob' at the end of the final lead a quarter of Grandsire Triples was lost at Stratton, Cornwall. It was to have been in honour of the birth of the first grandchild to the Vicar, the Rev. L. Dodd.

The ten bells of St. Michael's Church, Aylsham, Norfolk, are at present being quarter turned, retuned and fitted with ball-bearings, and structural alterations are also being made to the frame. The date of the rededication service will be announced in 'The Ringing World.'

A new series by John Betjeman on B.B.C. Television will commence on Sunday, May 15th at 7 p.m., entitled 'The A.B.C. of Churches.' The first talk will be on Aldbourne Parish Church, Wilts, and shots of the church and bells will be shown. The Aldbourne band of ringers has been grievously depleted since the photographs were taken and are indebted to the ringers from Swindon and district who supplemented the ringing, which consists of a bob course of Stedman Triples.

NOT A DYING ART

The following correspondence, between the College of Campanology and the B.B.C., speaks for itself.

'Dear Mr. Michelmore.—In the television programme "Tonight" on Tuesday, April 12th you included an item on the chiming of bells by one person (not unique) in which item it was stated—"Bellringing is a dying art."

This, in fact, is far from the truth: particularly if, by "bellringing" is to be understood the more appropriate phrase—"changing-ringing."

This is a uniquely British art, dating from the middle of the 17th century, since when there has been steady development not only in its practice but also in its science. It is true that in some rural areas difficulty is experienced in getting recruits: but change-ringing, as such, is still advancing in what are known as the "higher methods": and ringers of all ages, in both sexes, and in all walks of life, are to be found.

There is country-wide organisation of ringers into "associations" — territorial, occupational and university; and their activities are knit in the "Central Council of Church Bell Ringers," of which there is a Literature and Broadcasting Committee.

This College of Campanology, a voluntary organisation founded in 1956, exists to collect and disseminate information on the art and science of bellringing in all its branches, working in conjunction with ringers' associations generally.

If further information is of interest we shall be most happy to co-operate.—Yours sincerely,

A. YORK-BRAMBLE,
April 13th, 1960. Principal."

BRITISH BROADCASTING CORPORATION

'Dear Mr. York-Bramble.—Thank you for your letter of April 13th addressed to Mr. Michelmore about the item in "Tonight" on bellringing.

Your letter is being brought to the attention of the Editor of the programme in case it is possible to make us of the information it contains, for which we are most grateful. You will, however, appreciate that we receive a great many more suggestions for the programme than we are able to use and it is not often possible for us to return to a subject for this reason.

If, however, we are able to take advantage of your kind offer of assistance the producer concerned will get in touch with you direct.—Yours sincerely, P. JOAN HYMANS,
Secretariat."

April 19th, 1960.

Gratefully Acknowledged

The Editorial Committee acknowledges with gratitude the following donations towards the cost of producing 'The Ringing World':—

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EAST RIDING RINGERS ON TOUR



PICTURED above, outside East Witton Church, Yorks, are the East Riding Ringers during their successful tour. Left to right: J. Lumb (Rise), J. S. Rank (Kirk Ella), I. N. Goldthorpe (Kirk Ella), R. D. Gibson (Cottingham), J. I. Booth (Cottingham), J. Singleton (Hessle) and K. Goldthorpe (Kirk Ella).

The tour started from Beverley on a typical East Yorkshire April morning—cloudy and windy. After an hour of steady cycling, Market Weighton was reached. Grandsire, Bob Doubles, Clifford's Pleasure and April Day were well struck despite the numerous flies which persisted in crawling up the legs of ringers wearing shorts. Ringing was not so good on the noisy six at Acomb. At Huntington, Peter Came joined the party and night was spent at York Youth Hostel.

There were more flies the following morning at the first tower, Whixley (a very fine light six), where St. Martin's Bob Doubles was added to the repertoire. At Aldborough we were joined by our seventh member, who had cycled that morning from Sunderland. Stedman Doubles, Bob Minor and St. Simon's were rung on this delightful ring of six. After lunch at Boroughbridge, the noise of the clock in the church nearly overwhelmed a good touch of Stedman. At Kirkby Hill the rise and fall were good, but the band fell away in the middle. The night was spent at Ellingstring Youth Hostel, but the adjournment to the 'Boot and Shoe' gave the party a shock; it turned out to be 'the pub with no beer,' as only the first two could be served.

The next day was warm and sunny and a short ride brought us to East Wilton. After some well-struck touches there was an invitation to tea and biscuits at the vicarage which was much appreciated. The fine eight at Middleham were much enjoyed. A hearty meal of youth hostel sandwiches and beer in an 'ale-house' was followed by the heavy and awkward eight at Bedale, where flies did not improve the ringing. Masham proved to be like Bedale and we were ready for the excellent meals there, where we stayed the night. There was an evening visit to Kirkby Malzeard.

On the next day at West Tanfield, R.G. called his first quarter and the band were so excited that at the next tower they repeated their performance with some perfect striking. After lunch at Ripon, Brafferton-Helperby bells proved to be an awkward ring. This was our last tower before our long ride to York and later to home. Thanks are due to I.G. and J.R. for their organisation and all the clergy and tower captains.

R.D.G.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

A curate took his Sunday School class to a country village noted for its scenery and beautiful church. Walking along a lane the party met a very old man with a bent back trudging along. The curate plied him with questions and eventually asked him his age. Said the old man: 'I be nointy next birthday.' Whereupon the curate remarked: 'I suppose they don't die very often in this part of the country.' With a wry smile, the old man replied: 'No sir, only wonce.'

HOPE, DERBYSHIRE.—On April 18th, 1,568 Cornwall Surprise Major: Eileen Fearn 1, S. Hough, jun., 2, Carol Fernley 3, F. Osbaldiston 4, A. P. Whitehead 5, A. Richardson 6, D. Taylor 7, D. Mottershead (cond.) 8.

SIBBERTOFT, NORTHANTS.—On April 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Pamela Dexter 1, Anne Morris (first quarter) 2, R. Loake 3, N. Spencer 4, D. Williams (cond.) 5. First quarter by a Market Harborough Grammar School band.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BRAUNSTONE SURPRISE AND APRIL DAY

Dear Sir.—When I read Mr. Pattison's letter, I straightway thought of that old saying about 'the pot calling the kettle black,' for if ever there was any unmitigated nonsense printed in your journal, it is those last two paragraphs of his letter on page 283.

Where he gets the idea from, that five bell ringers are 'jealous' of his peal performances, really gets me guessing. Is there any money or other prize at the conclusion of ringing a peal, or any record value attached these days? The argument sounds very childish and unworthy of Mr. Pattison, who should also bear in mind that because one lives in a parish or attends a church on Sundays with only five bells it does not necessarily brand him 'a five bell ringer.' If he goes to a parish some 12 miles from here he will find almost every member of the band rings peals on 6, 8, and some have done so on 10 and 12, yet five bells is their lot on Sundays—there is no slur in ringing five bells.

Mr. Pattison would do well to read (if he hasn't already done so) the opening words of Mr. Bomphrey's letter on the same page as his own! The parable of the man with ten talent and the man with one has probably never struck Mr. Pattison—just as he has probably never recognised the stark fact, that not every church can have 8, 10 or 12 bells, or the tower built for these numbers?

Mr. Pattison is but a youth, with big ideas of himself, who would have done well to have lived in the days of the late William Willson, the Rev. A. Law-James, and a few more I well remember. These would soon have told him he was merely juggling with words to get round things—his favourite being the word 'variation.'

I say again **in reality**, whether you alter a structure by way of the plain course by a mere difference of a place, or by a bob, does not alter the fact, that one is merely changing the position of the bells from that structure, and therefore creating **a variation** in **both** instances. We can ignore the old worn-out argument about plain courses, as having little bearing on the truth of the meaning of the word 'variation.'—Yours faithfully,

P. AMOS.

Weston Favell.

NOTE.—Mr. Pattison desires to make a correction to his letter. The reference to April Day should read: 'April Day is Plain Bob Doubles whose Bob is a Grandsire Doubles single.'—Ed.

Dear Sir.—I am sure that Mr. P. Amos did not have any jealous nature in mind when he suggested that there was no more difference in the variation of Braunstone Surprise to Yorkshire than April Day to Plain Bob.

As one of the few ringers—in fact I would go so far as to say the only ringer—who has rung a full peal of April Day and Braunstone Surprise, I have always felt that there is more difference in the Doubles Variations than in these Yorkshire Surprise Variations of Braunstone and Biddenham (or should it be Biddenden?) which only differ in the Yorkshire 5-6 triple dodge: in fact a number of the so called different Surprise methods only differ in the intermediate work in 1-2 and 3-4 places in Minor and 1-2 and 5-6 places in Major.

The majority of the so called upper class of Surprise ringers look down on the Doubles ringers, such as Mr. Amos, who practise these Doubles Variations, the only difference between them and the parent method being the type of bob used. However, as one staunch eight bell ringer once said, it takes a really good band to ring a peal on five bells and strike them properly: he has never done so yet.

I have the greatest admiration for conductors such as Brian Warwick, Pat Cannon and Derek Jones who have called peals on five bells including these Doubles variations and are also capable conductors on up to 12 bells, but none of whom comes under the category of ringing snobs.

So, Mr. Pattison, I agree with your explanation on the differences of Yorkshire variations and April Day, etc., but still maintain that these Surprise methods are only slight **variations** of one another and to ring them is only just a matter of changing the name; the method is the same, the places different.—Yours sincerely.

G. K. DODD.

Highclere.

Dear Sir.—I hope I don't step on anybody's toes by writing this letter, but I should like to fire what I hope will be the last bullet in the war between Mr. P. Amos and Mr. Pattison.

Perhaps Mr. Amos didn't chose a very good illustration of a variation when he compared April Day and Plain Bob with Yorkshire and Braunstone but I think we all know what was in his mind, and to my way of thinking a variation is a variation, whether the slight difference be in the plain course or the call. Surely what's good for the goose is good for the gander.

Mr. Pattison, I thought, finished off his last letter in rather a distasteful way. He gave the impression that ringing fancy Surprise Major methods is **the** thing and that ringing Doubles is something to be looked upon with contempt, but if the one peal of Surprise Major that I've rung, with what was supposed to be a crack band, is anything to go by then I'd rather ring a peal of Doubles any day.

One thing we should appreciate, whatever our stage of attainment, is that so much depends on opportunity. Some of us have been lucky and others not so lucky, but before we start thinking less of the not so skilful in our noble art let us remember 'There, but for the grace of God, go I.'

Finally, this childish 'slanging' of people is surely something to be deplored. It's so very unnecessary and what's more very unchristian. It's not a very good example of Christian charity and tolerance to set to our younger readers when the more mature of us have to embark upon these nasty little outbursts of spite.—Yours sincerely,

MICHAEL F. AMOS, C.A.

London, N.W.1.

HANDBELL RECORDS

Dear Sir.—Further to my letter in your issue of February 19th, about the gramophone record of Spliced Surprise Major on handbells, I am pleased to say there was a good response and the records are now in my possession. The price (including postage) is 18s. 6d., and remittances should be made out to 'The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers' and not to me personally.

If anyone else is interested there are a number of spares available.

As this is a busy time of year for me I must apologise in advance for any delay which may occur in despatch, but perhaps anyone who does not hear within three weeks of writing would get in touch with me again.—Yours faithfully.

E. A. BARNETT,
Hon. Secretary.

26, Iron Mill Lane,
Crayford, Dartford,
Kent.

RINGERS AND BELFRY MAINTENANCE

Dear Sir.—At the annual meeting of the Worcestershire and Districts Change Ringing Association held on Easter Monday, I made a statement about ringers' contributions towards rope maintenance and general tower expenses when peals are attempted at this church, and I expressed the wish that such contributions should be made at the rate of 2s. 6d. a rope.

This was reported, as I knew it would be, and I am told that such headings as 'Mean ringers attacked by Rector of Hanbury' have appeared. The popular press is already on the telephone and the usual storm is about to break. I shall not bow my head to it. I did not use the word 'mean,' nor did I intend to imply it. I merely pointed out that ropes are expensive, and that the cost of renewals (about £36) falls heavily on a country P.C.C.

I am always glad to welcome visiting ringers here. But let us face facts. Some people play golf, or cricket, or bowls and such like as a hobby. Ringers who come here on a Saturday afternoon ring mainly for their own enjoyment and for the pleasure of achieving a peal. Golf would cost them 10s. 6d. a head; the cinema at least 2s. 9d. A half-crown is a moderate contribution to ask for three hours' enjoyment, and I expect it to be honoured when a peal is booked.

My relationship with ringers in general, and the members of our Association in particular, has always been cordial, and I cannot see why my request should impair it. I stand by my statement. The bells at Hanbury are generally readily available for those who will co-operate with us. Others must ring their peals elsewhere.—Yours sincerely,

LEONARD J. BIRCH.
Rector.

Bromsgrove, Worcestershire.

NOTE.—Interviewed by a Birmingham newspaper, Mr. G. E. Fearn is quoted as saying, 'I think sixpence from each ringer is as much as the Rector can reasonably expect.'—Ed.

A NEW NOTATION

Dear Sir.—I thank the correspondents who commented on my recent letter. If Mr. Wratten has a system of listing in Notation Order, the simple example he gives is not sufficient to show how he deals with the x rows and double places. Perhaps he would give further details.

Mr. Pattison offers a logical system of classification, but as it takes the form of groups, each with branches, it is essentially a 'Filing Cabinet' system, and unless it could be adapted for printing, it would not serve the purpose I envisaged, of a single list in a known order.

Meanwhile, another critic has pointed out that recent methods have three adjoining places, and these should be included where applicable. The following amendments should therefore be made to the original Table of Places:

Change	Amendment
4-5	Add 1456.
6-7	Delete 1258 already lettered rt.
8-9	Add 1236, 1238.
12-13	Add 1238, 1258, 3458.

Should the system of lettering be adopted, it would need extending accordingly.

Would one of your correspondents, please, verify that the Table of Places is now complete.—Yours faithfully,

T. G. HAWKINS.

Windsor, Berks.

NOTE.—For original letter see page 235 of March 25th issue.—Ed.

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ALPHABET FOR BEGINNERS

By T. J. LOCK

"F"

FALSE COURSE END.—The matter of proving the truth of any composition is, to say the least, confined to those ringers who are used to putting pencil to paper. And, it need hardly be said, one finds that the first occasion a composition is checked is far more laborious than, for instance, the one hundred and first. Before each composition is examined for truth certain preliminaries are necessary. For example, has the method to which the composition will be used a clean proof scale or any internal falseness? In Treble Bob and Surprise methods falseness may occur when the treble bell strikes in any similar position when going up away from the lead or coming down to the lead. To put it another way, in a lead of a treble bob method the treble bell strikes four times in any one position so there are four rows which have to be examined for falseness or repetition. It thus may mean a detailed examination of the method, which entails marking the In course and Out of course rows, usually done with the signs + and − respectively. The next step is to find the false lead heads, which are quite often numerous. But the majority of these false lead heads are when the two heaviest bells—the 'two tenors'—are other than in their natural coursing order, and as nearly all compositions for eight bells and over are rung with the tenors not affected in their coursing order, the number at issue is very much reduced. Moreover, as we are now under the heading of False Course End we look down the list of false lead heads to see which of them have the tenors in their home position—these are the False Course Ends.

To illustrate the diversity and complexity of falseness you will read in the article 'Double Norwich Court Bob Caters' written by Edgar C. Shepherd that whenever a start is made to ring Double Norwich Court Bob Caters on the thirds place bob variation, three rows occur that belong to the first lead 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9. They are 2 1 4 3 6 5 8 7 9, 2 4 1 6 3 8 5 9 7 and 4 2 6 1 3 5 8 7 9. These three rows must inevitably be rung, for no calls can affect the method until the fourth row is reached. The false leads against these three rows are two in number, 1 3 2 6 4 5 8 7 9 and 1 5 2 6 4 8 3 7 9. These two leads must never on any consideration appear in any composition.

FIRING.—If you have not yet heard firing, being done properly, on bells you have, I think, a treat in store. Firing is when the tenor takes the lead in striking and all the other bells follow in quick orderly succession with treble last. It is done so quickly that it takes less than a second for all the bells to be heard at each stroke and the effect is, on a well tuned peal, a very pleasant reception in the ears of a 'humming octave.' The firing can, of course, continue indefinitely with everyone following the lead of the tenor but it is not rung or practised much because, for one reason, much greater stresses and strains are set up in the bell frame and in the tower which would cause undue wear and tear and eventual damage.

FIXED BELL.—To produce figures for a peal a composer has certain matters to consider and certain conditions to comply with before the composition is proved true. But apart from these obstacles he usually strives to produce as musical a composition as is possible. This often means that at certain points in the composition the greatest number of the bells are kept in their coursing order for as long as can be. For instance, in Major, the sixth could be a fifths place bell in the coursing order whilst the fifth and then the fourth would be called to be sixths place bell in the coursing order, thereby producing, firstly, as many changes as possible with course ends ....6578 and, secondly, ...6478. In this case the sixth would be a fixed bell or, in other words, a bell undisturbed in its coursing order by any calls.

A very good example for you to study is N. J. Pitstow's three-part composition of Superlative or Yorkshire Surprise Maior. It will be seen that the call Before is the only one to affect the sixths place bell, also that the sixth is the fixed bell in this position for one part, the fourth is the fixed bell in this position for another part, and the fifth is the fixed bell in the remaining part.

The state of being a fixed bell can be protracted to a touch of three leads of, say, Kent Treble Bob Major, which can be brought into rounds by calling a bob at every lead end and in which the fifth, sixth, seventh and tenor would be said all to be fixed bells.

FORWARD HUNTING.—I have noted before that the treble is always considered to be a forward hunting bell with handstrokes making the odd numbers of changes and backstrokes the even numbers. Study the Plain Bob method and you will see that all the bells do forward hunting. It is most usually not until you have had fair experience in change ringing that you will depart from forward hunting, but the departure should not worry you, in fact to many it presents no difficulty whatsoever, and even the mixture of forward and backward hunting will come and go as a matter of course.

FURNITURE.—The contents of a ringing chamber does create impressions good or otherwise and to this extent has an effect upon the ringers and consequently upon the ringing. Some ringing chambers, even excepting those where ringing takes place around the font or amongst the choir stalls, have no room for furniture but where some is possible, do not crowd it in. A table with drawers and a chair or two, seats or benches to provide accommodation for people numbering say three times as many ropes, plenty of hat and coat hooks (but not against a non-washable distempered wall!) a notice board fixed at the right height for all to read should be a minimum aim. Items such as carpets, mats, lino, bookcases, cupboard, means of adequate lighting, lidded boxes or platforms on which ringers of the heavy bells can stand, peal boards and tablets, lavatory accommodation are all incidental to each ringing chamber, but, ladies, don't you like to see a vase with a lovely spray of flowers in it?

The Royal Wedding

Today (Friday), in Westminster Abbey, is being solemnised the marriage of H.R.H. the Princess Margaret to Mr. Antony Armstrong-Jones. While the Abbey bells will be rung for the service, ringers everywhere will during the next few days be ringing in celebration of this, the second big Royal event of 1960.

It seems especially appropriate, however, that the bells which will be heard during the Royal processions through Parliament Square to the Abbey will be those of St. Margaret's, Westminster. Since the time of Elizabeth I the bells of St. Margaret's have been rung whenever the Sovereign has been going past the church, whether on the way to the Abbey, to the opening of Parliament or in connection with State visits from foreign powers. Indeed, the last occasion was when H.M. the Queen was escorting President De Gaulle from Victoria Station to Buckingham Palace.

St. Margaret's is also the parish church of Parliament. One of the first acts of every new Parliament is that the Lords and Commons proceed to their parish church for a service to ask God's blessing on their deliberations. As Parliament is the representative body of every one of us in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, St. Margaret's can be said in one sense to be a parish church for all of us. The ringers of St. Margaret's, under their conductor, Mr. W. H. Hewett, will therefore be expressing the loyal sentiments of us all and our wishes for the future happiness of the Princess and her groom.

W. G. W.

OBITUARY

MR. E. W. BIFFIN

The funeral service for Mr. Edward W. Biffin took place at St. Thomas' Church, Exeter, on April 12th. Those present included the president and general secretary of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, the chairmen of the Exeter and Mid-Devon Branches of the Guild, and many ringing friends and sympathisers. Muffled touches were rung on the bells after the service.

Mr. Biffin came to the district about 1920 from Milverton, Somerset, being employed, until his retirement, as a railwayman of the Western Region. He joined St. Thomas', Exeter, band at the time of the restoration of the bells in 1923, and three years after was elected Ringing Master, a position he had most ably filled up to the time of his death. He was also church councillor and sidesman.

Whilst there are no dates or figures available immediately, his other offices connected with ringing include being Central Council representative for about 20 years and Exeter Branch Ringing Master for about the same time. He has rung about 80 peals and conducted quite a half of them. He was particularly proud of the peals of Stedman Triples he had called and his 'one and only' of Surprise Major he had rung in the company of the late Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Poole. His last peal, which he also conducted, was at St. Thomas', Exeter, of Grandsire Triples, in honour of his golden wedding on June 18th, 1958.

Ted had done more than his share of teaching recruits, travelling many miles to local struggling towers, and many of the leading exponents of the art in the Exeter district owe much of their success to the early ground work provided at St. Thomas'. The Vicar, the Rev. J. P. Henton, who conducted the funeral service, aptly summed up the life of Edward W. Biffin as one of loyalty—loyal to his church and family, to his 'own' band, and to his Guild. St. Thomas', Exeter, and the Guild of Devonshire Ringers will find the gap, created by his passing, difficult to fill.

F. W.

MR. GEORGE BURDFIELD

Hurstpierpoint, Sussex, has lost a sincere churchman and loyal ringer by the death on April 7th of Mr. George Burdfield, aged 77.

His punctual attendance for both service and practice ringing perhaps sprang from his work as a railway signalman. He was a most genial companion. Previous to coming to Hurstpierpoint he lived at Three Bridges and while there for over 30 years served Worth Parish Church as a chorister and bell ringer (His grandson is now carrying on in choir stall and belfry.)

It was at Worth that he was laid to rest on April 11th, and as a token of respect—for he left behind an example worthy of emulation—that the bells of both Worth and Hurstpierpoint were rung half-muffled.

S. W. B.

MR. E. J. GOLDSTONE

Portishead has lost its oldest ringer and the Bath and Wells Association one of its longest serving members by the death of Mr. Ernest J. Goldstone, following a short illness.

A life-long resident of Portishead, Mr. Goldstone had recently completed 60 years as a member of the local band. In recent years, he was partially crippled by a rheumatic complaint yet, despite this, his enthusiasm for ringing never diminished. Peal boards in Portishead belfry testify to Mr. Goldstone having taken part in about a dozen peals in his own tower, mostly of Grandsire Triples, several of which he conducted. As a lad of 14, he was present in the ringing chamber when the first peal of Triples on the bells was rung in 1900.

During the evening, on the day of the funeral, the Portishead bells were rung half-muffled to some well struck Triples, as a token of respect to one who had, in all respects, proved himself worthy of his calling as a ringer in God's service.

A. J. G.

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

SUPPORT FOR 'RINGING WORLD'

Bridgwater was chosen as the venue for the 70th annual meeting of the Bath and Wells Association, and on Easter Monday the largest company of ringers present for many years met there. Doubtlessly, they were attracted by the glorious sunshine, the accessibility of the town, and the numerous six bell towers available for ringing.

The service in St. Mary's Church was conducted by the Venerable G. F. Hilder (Archdeacon of Taunton) who is a vice-president of the Association, and he was assisted by the Master, the Rev. H. F. Warren. In his address, the Archdeacon traced the origin of change ringing, reminding those present both of the integral part it plays in the preparation for worship, and of the great responsibility placed upon all ringers. Their duty was not complete when the last bell had sounded but they should be present for divine worship, regularly kneeling at the altar to receive their Holy Communion.

After the service, members partook of luncheon at the Tudor Cafe, and from there made their way to St. Mary's Hall for the meeting, which was excellently conducted by the Master, who opened proceedings with prayer. Apologies for absence were received from the Lord Bishop of Bath and Wells, the Bishop of Taunton, Messrs. J. T. Dyke, R. O. Fry, W. A. Prescott, W. A. Osborn, E. T. P. Field and Miss N. Williams.

The secretary (Mr. D. Hoare) read the minutes of the previous annual meeting and these were duly signed and adopted.

In his remarks the Master expressed regret at his inability, through ill-health, to take a very active part in the affairs of the Association. However, he was delighted to say that he had now completely recovered. During the past year, he had been kept well informed of happenings in the Diocese by the secretary, who had, he said, spared no effort to keep the Association's affairs in good order.

ANOTHER RINGING PARSON

He then told members that their secretary had felt God's call to serve as a priest and was therefore commencing his training for Holy Orders later in the year. It was unfortunate that the Association would lose his services after only two years, but one more ringing parson would be a valuable asset! He wished Mr. Hoare well in his new-found vocation and coupled with this his sincere thanks on behalf of all for the work which he had willingly undertaken during his term of office.

The secretary presented his report for 1959 which showed great activity throughout the Diocese in all directions. Because Parochial Church Councils had responded so well to the requests for increased affiliation fees, the committee had been able not only to produce a booklet on the elementary principles of ringing ('Ringing a Bell,' price 6d.) but also to reintroduce organised courses of instruction which had so far been granted to four towers. Grants, too, had been increased and one P.C.C. had received a substantial amount which would be a great help in rehanging the bells. Mr. Hoare mentioned a restoration contemplated at Hewington.

'One branch,' he said, 'which really deserves congratulations is the Glaston.' It had for some years been a depressed area but, due to local enthusiasm, it was now very flourishing.

In conclusion, he said that it had been a pleasure and privilege to serve as general secretary and thanked members for their unfailing support which had greatly helped him.

FINANCES BETTER

The treasurer (Mr. G. Salmon) presented the balance sheet which proved to be outstanding. Branch returns were considerably up and the general fund balance had increased by about £50. Affiliation fees had totalled £85, 50% of this had been retained for instructional purposes, while a similar amount had been transferred to the bell fund, which had also benefited by three branch collections totalling £5. Strangely enough, the printed report had cost £25 less. This was due to an increased number of advertisements and a change in printers.

Mr. Harry Sanger (peal secretary) reported that nine fewer peals had been rung during 1959 than during the previous year. Nevertheless, the all round standard had greatly improved and this was very pleasing. The highlights were a peal of Doubles in 18 methods at Ashcott, conducted by Mr. George Prescott, several peals of Surprise Major, conducted by Mr. John Gilbert, and a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal at Yeovil. Mr. Sanger explained that the drop in numbers was due to certain members commencing study in connection with their careers and the transfer of affections by some members from the Doubles field to the Minor. He felt that the organised instruction would provide a good grounding for the future generation and secure an even higher all-round standard.

OLD BELLS AND SCRAP

Finally, the Tower Advisory Expert (Mr. R. H. Gardiner) told members that he and Mr. W. A. Osborn had visited ten towers during 1959 and in a comprehensive report he gave full details of the recommendations which he and his colleague had made. He impressed members that they should, as ringers, always condemn the selling of bells for scrap as they were often irreplaceable. They had succeeded in persuading one P.C.C. from doing such a thing and impressed upon that body the desirability of the use and purpose of bells.

Mr. S. G. Coles then proposed that the reports be adopted en bloc with grateful thanks to the officers for their able administration. This was seconded by Mr. F. C. Mogford and carried unanimously.

PEALS AND 'RINGING WORLD'

The Master then placed before the meeting the following resolution which was proposed by Mr. E. J. Chivers and seconded by Mr. R. G. Beck. 'That on January 1st next, this Association institutes a further minimum charge of 6d. per rope for every peal rung for the Association; the money to be forwarded to "The Ringing World" to help this paper in its financial difficulty. Also that no peal be recorded for the Association unless the peal booking fee and "Ringing World" fees are fully paid.' Considerable discussion followed and, in the course of this, it was pointed out that a good 60% of the Diocesan ringers already made a voluntary contribution and so this would no more than regularise what was happening already.

Mr. Brain felt that while the idea was admirable, a better alternative would be for the Association to make a straightforward grant which could be reviewed annually. However, after one or two other points had been clarified, he allowed his suggestion to remain open for the time being. It was interesting to note that not one person present expressed unwillingness to co-operate and so the motion was carried with great enthusiasm.

It should be placed on record that some months previously the subject of 'The Ringing World' had appeared on the agenda of every branch meeting and so the motion placed before the annual meeting had been well discussed at a branch level and a real interest and feeling of responsibility towards the ringers' own paper had been created.

P.C.C. AFFILIATION FEES

Mr. Hoare then proposed and Mr. Salmon seconded the following amendment to Rule 4. 'That the words "Each tower is asked to pay an affiliation fee of not less than 2s. annually" be deleted and the following words substituted: "That every Parochial Church Council be asked to pay an annual affiliation fee, the following amounts being the recommended sums: half-guinea for towers containing five or six bells and one guinea for towers containing eight bells or more."'

The proposer explained that the purpose of this proposition was merely to regularise what was now happening because under that new scheme the old rule was obsolete.

The Rev. Dr. Pollard said that his own P.C.C. had raised no objection and that they had said that a body asking for only 2s. was not worth supporting. The resolution was therefore carried unanimously.

In the course of the annual elections, the following officers were appointed to serve for the next twelve months, all of whom were recommended by the General Executive Committee:—

The Rev. H. F. Warren (Master); Mr. G. Salmon, of 9, Kennion Road, Wells (general secretary); Mr. E. Naylor, of 7, Priory Close, Ralph Allen Drive, Combe Down, Bath (treasurer), Mr. F. Andrews (auditor); Mr. H. J. Sanger (peal secretary); Messrs. R. H. Gardiner and W. A. Osborn (Advisory Expert and Assistant, respectively); Messrs. G. Salmon, H. J. Sanger, A. H. Reed and Miss N. G. Williams (Central Council representatives).

Under Any Other Business, Mr. S. G. Coles proposed that the secretary be granted the usual honorarium, and coupled with this his thanks for past work. Mr. D. White seconded and the proposition was carried. Similarly, Mr. Chivers proposed a grant of £20 towards the Central Council representatives' expenses, Mr. A. Lee seconded and this, too, was carried.

In conclusion, Mr. H. Sanger thanked Canon Swan for so readily allowing members the use of the bells and church, the Archdeacon of Taunton for conducting the service and speaking so delightfully, the organist for his kind help, Mr. R. Short, the local secretary, for making the many arrangements, and finally the Master for conducting the meeting.

After the Master had closed proceedings with prayer, members adjourned to the many neighbouring towers where ringing continued until 8 p.m.

EAST DERBYSHIRE & NOTTS ASSOCIATION

Visitors from Lincolnshire, Lancashire, Leicestershire and Staffordshire augmented members of the East Derbyshire and Notts Association to enjoy the fine eight at Sutton-in-Ashfield on Easter Monday, when the Association's meeting was held. Young lady ringers of the home tower, under the guidance of Mrs. B. A. Sollis, wife of the local captain, served a sumptuous tea.

At the business meeting the president (Mr. J. W. Price) presented the shield for Sunday service ringing, progress and attendance at meetings to Sutton-in-Ashfield, who had won it for the fourth year. It was received by the youngest pupil, Miss B. Gascoigne.

There was a change in the election of officers. Mr. C. M. Heathcote, who for almost a quarter of a century had been honorary treasurer, retired owing to his recent illness, and Mr. R. Mason, of Shirland, was elected as his successor. Mr. B. A. Sollis was again elected secretary and Central Council representative. Two ladies were added to the Executive Committee—Miss Ashby (Shirland) and Miss Wharton (Sutton-in-Ashfield).

Two very old members of over 50 years' standing, Mr. A. Elliott (Kilburn) and Mr. W. Dobb (Selston), moved that the title of the Association be changed from East Derbyshire and Notts Association of Change Ringers to that of Church Bells Ringers and this was agreed to. Honorary life membership was conferred on Mr. J. W. England and Mr. C. M. Heathcote and 12 new members were elected. Further ringing ended a remarkably happy meeting.

A. B. S.

Joint Meeting At Darlington

A most enjoyable meeting of the Southern District of the Durham and Newcastle Association was held at Holy Trinity Church, Darlington, on April 23rd. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. D. N. Goldie), who at the tea table afterwards said the sound of church bells was one of the things he missed most when away from this country. He was delighted to find, on coming to Holy Trinity, that it had a fine ring of bells. A joint meeting with the Yorkshire Association at Barnard Castle was announced for July 2nd. Ringing ranged from Plain Bob to London Surprise.

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MEETINGS

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ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting at Burwell, Saturday, May 7th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. F. Murfet, Dis. Sec. 5846

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Practice meeting at Anstey on May 7th, at 5.30 p.m.—E. G. Buck, Dis. Sec. 5707

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting Bushey Heath (8), May 7th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—G. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 5830

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—By-meeting Saturday, May 7th. Sundridge (6) 3-5 p.m. Brasted (6) 6-8 p.m. Please bring own tea. 5832

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District combined with Rochester District.—By-meeting may 7th at Frinsted (5), from 3-5 p.m. and Tunstall (8), after tea. Please bring your own tea.—R. L. Sills, Dis. Sec. 5845

LADIES' GUILD.—Central and Southern Districts.—Joint meeting, May 7th. St. Peter's, Staines, 3 p.m. Service and tea 4.30 p.m. St. Mary's, Staines, available 6.45-8.15 p.m. Everyone welcome. 5671

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Loughborough District) and SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD (Nottingham District).—Joint meeting Saturday, May 7th. Ringing 2.30 to 4 p.m. Prestwold (8), Wymeswold (6), 3.30 to 4.30 p.m. and after tea. Service Wymeswold 4.30 p.m. Tea in Village Hall, Wymeswold, 5 p.m.—C. W. Hall, S. Adams.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Monthly practice, Saturday, May 7th. 5 p.m. Shalstone (5), 4 miles Buckingham, 4 miles Brackley.—F. Vickers. 5874

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Pangbourne, Saturday, May 7th. **Note change of date.** Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Whitchurch (6) after tea. 5837

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Cup Contest meeting and election of President at Beighton, on Saturday, May 7th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea available. Bring own food.—J. Seager, Sec. 5686

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South Eastern District.—Meeting Offton (6), May 7th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., only by notification to G. Goodship, Pipers Ley, Burstall Hill, Ipswich. 5831

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Cuckfield (8), Saturday, May 7th, 3 p.m.—Mrs. E. L. Hairs, Hon. Sec. 5829

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.—Annual ringers' service, Sunday, May 8th, 6.15 p.m. Ringing at 4.30 p.m., and after service. All welcome.—C. D. Launder, Hon. Sec. 5861

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting Ecclesfield, near Sheffield, Saturday, May 14th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea. Please notify Mr. Leslie Smith, 3, Park Crescent, Ecclesfield, Sheffield. 5869

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, East Coker (8), Saturday May 14th. Service 4.30 p.m. Notify for tea.—R. J. Fox, 109 Middle Street, Yeovil. 5890

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Charlton Horethorne (8), May 14th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.—L. McCreadie, Level Lane, Charlton Horethorne, Sherborne, Dorset. 5865

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Freshford, Saturday, May 14th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to J. Simpson, The Inn, Freshford.—A. Lee, Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Meeting at Blunham, May 14th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special methods: Canterbury Pleasure and York Surprise. Your presence will be appreciated.—A. Smith, Dis. Sec. 5881

DO NOT FORGET.—City of Bristol Festival of Ringing, Saturday, May 14th. Luncheon tickets (8s. 6d.) and programmes essential, before May 9th.—A. Bennett, 151, Kingsway, Bristol 5. 5697

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Half-yearly meeting at Consett on Saturday, May 14th. Committee 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Bells available: Benfieldside (6) 2-3 p.m.; Blackhill St. Mary's R.C. (8) 3-3.45, and St. Aidan's (8) 3.30-4.15; Consett (8) 3-3.15, 4.15-4.30 and 7-9 p.m. Names for tea to R. Oliver, Aldington, Wesley Terrace, Castleside, Consett. 5886

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Meeting at Godstone, Saturday, May 14th. Tea at Curds tea rooms.—C. A. Bassett. 5889

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Ickleton, Saturday, May 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business includes election of one representative to Diocesan Committee.—E. W. Bullman. 5870

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting, Saturday, May 14th, Dunmow. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to H. W. Smith, 11, The Causeway, Dunmow. 5848

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W.—Crusader meeting, High Ongar, May 14th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. C. Willmington, 79, Wallwood Road, Leytonstone, E.11. 5836

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting at Walton-on-Thames on Saturday, May 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, to Mr. P. Alderton, 4, Churchfield Road, Walton-on-Thames. 5850

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Sarratt, Saturday, May 14th. Bells (5) 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, May 10th, to Miss J. Chilton, Virginia Cottage Sarratt Green. No names no tea.—J. Good. 5841

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Standon, Saturday, May 14th. 'Mainly for beginners.' For tea, please inform: Mr. J. Little, New Street, Standon, near Ware, Herts.—Durrant, Dis. Sec. 5868

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Ribchester, May 14th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. 'Buses from Blackburn at 26 mins. past each hour.—John Pilkington. 5864

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting, Crosthwaite, near Kendal, Saturday, May 14th, 2.30 p.m. Names to R. Hudson, Fell Side Farm, Crosthwaite, near Kendal.—N. W. Newby. 5884

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—Meeting at St. Chad's Church, Poulton-le-Fylde, on Saturday, May 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m.—J. F. Turner. 5875

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Next meeting at St. Luke's, Crosby, May 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, May 11th, to Mr. E. Porter, 1a, Endbutt Lane, Great Crosby, Liverpool 23.—T. E. Radcliffe. 5888

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Chipping, Saturday, May 14th. 'Bring own food. 'Buses from Preston Coach Station No. 10 direct 1.38, No. 8 change Longridge 2.23.—L. Walmsley. 5818

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting at Mountsorrel on Saturday, May 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m. Names by the previous Wednesday, please, to Mr. R. Wilmore, 80, Hawcliffe Road. 5871

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Coningsby, Saturday, May 14th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, May 9th, to Mr. E. Flintham, Harrowdene, Thorpe Road, Tattershall, Lincoln. 5840

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Lindsey Branch.—Meeting at Winterton (6) May 14th, usual arrangements. Names for tea by May 11th, to Mr. Brumpton, 23B, West Street, Winterton, Scunthorpe. 5805

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Meeting, May 14th, at Skenfrith and Grosmont. Skenfrith (6) at 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business at Bell Hotel, Skenfrith. Names essential please by May 10th. Both towers available after meeting.—J. S. King. 5814

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, May 14th St Mary's, Barnes, S.W.13, 3-4.30 p.m. Tea and cakes available in Church Hall from 3 to 5 p.m. Business 5.30 p.m. in St. Nicholas' Church, Chiswick, ringing 6 to 8 p.m. Everyone welcome.—Rogers, ISI 5921. 5876

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Meeting at St. Gabriel's, Warwick Square, S.W.1, Saturday, May 14th. Further details next week.—D. T. C. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5873

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Meeting at Cromer, Saturday, May 14th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by May 11th, please, to W. H. Holdom, 17, Shipden Avenue, Cromer.—C. Bird, Hon. Sec. 5854

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—Monthly practice at Quainton (5) on Saturday, May 14th, at 6 p.m. Refreshments available at 8 p.m. for those notifying me by Wednesday previous.—D. G. Wheeler, 47, Whaddon Chase, Aylesbury, Bucks. 5866

THE RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Birmingham, Saturday, May 14th. Bells available: 11 a.m.-12 noon Edgbaston (8), 12.15-1.15 p.m. Lunch in City, 1.30-2.15 St. Chad's R.C. Cathedral (8), 2.30-3.15 Cathedral (12), 3.30-4.30 p.m. Aston (12). Tea at the Co-operative Restaurant in High Street, 5 p.m. Ringing at St. Martin's (12) after meeting. Will those who are attending, please advise Hon. Gen. Sec. giving B.R.S. Association No.—J. Arthur Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Fforestfach, Swansea. 5674

Festival and A.G.M. will be held at Wimborne.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The May 14th, 1960. Meeting in Assembly Hall of Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School at 2.15 p.m., the Chairman of U.D.C. will welcome the Guild. 4 p.m. Service in the Minster, conducted by the Vicar. Meat tea in Grammar School at 5 p.m. Bells available: Wimborne Minster (10) 11.30 a.m. to 2 p.m., 6-9 p.m.; Poole (10) 11.30-12.30, 6-8; Wimborne St. Giles' (8) 11.30-1.30, 6.30-8.30; Cranborne (8) 11.30-1.30, 6.30-8.30; Wool (6) 11.30-1.30, 6.30-8.30; Wareham (8) 6.30-8.30; Hampreston (6) 11.30-1.30, 6.30-8.30; Canford (6) 11.30-1.30, 6.30-8.30; Sturminster Marshall—tenor bell out of commission but is expected to be available in time for the Festival, if so ringing from 11.30-1.30, 6.30-8.30 p.m. Tea tickets 4s. 6d. from F. Slatford, 35, Westbury Road, Yarnbrook, near Trowbridge, before May 9th, please.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec. 5813

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Whitchurch (8), Saturday, May 14th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Further ringing from 6.15 p.m. onwards. Names for tea by Wednesday, May 11th, to Mr. B. Malam, 13, Yardington, Whitchurch, Salop.—F. Cattell, Hon. Sec. 5856

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting at St. Nicholas' Church, Codsall, near Wolverhampton, Saturday, May 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names by Wednesday, May 11th, to Mr. A. Richards, Tralee, 6, Lane Green Road, Codsall, nr. Wolverhampton.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Meeting, Euston (5), Saturday, May 14th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting following tea. Names for tea by Wednesday, May 11th, to Mrs. H. Ivings, Post Office, Euston, near Thetford. 5835

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A.G.M. Saturday, May 14th, The Good Shepherd, Brighton. Ringing, afternoon till 4.15 p.m. The Good Shepherd and St. Peter's; evening St. Nicholas' and St. Peter's 7.30-8.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m., 3s. per head, members under 16, 1s. 6d. Individual names for tea, stating those entitled to allowances, to reach me by May 11th.—R. Percy, 47, Oldfield Road, Willingdon, Eastbourne. 5808

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Norton, near Evesham, Saturday, May 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting. Names for tea by May 12th. W. J. Newman, 7, New Road, Hampton, Evesham. 5878

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE and YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.—Joint meeting at Carlton-in-Cleveland on Saturday, May 21st, at 3 p.m. Method for practice: St. Clement's Major. Names for tea by Tuesday, May 17th, to P. W. B. Semmens, 52, Belle Vue Grove, Middlesborough. 5887

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting, Thorington, Saturday, May 21st. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, May 18th, please, to Mr. A. R. Andrews, Hall Cottage, Thorington. 5879

GUILD OF MEDICAL RINGERS.—Annual meeting and dinner, Saturday, May 21st. Ringing Benington (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Aston (6) available after tea (bring your own). Dinner 7.15 p.m. 'Coach and Horses,' Stevenage. Names to D. L. Gullick, Mount View, Stevenage. 5809

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Meeting at Abergavenny, May 21st. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Gentlemen welcome. Names for tea by May 18th, please, to Miss L. Temlett, Park Villa, Hereford Road, Abergavenny.—J. S. King. 5882

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Lindsey Branch.—Meeting at Belton, Saturday, May 21st. Bells (6) afternoon. Epworth evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify me by previous Tuesday. George L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 5877

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berks Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday May 21st, at Blewbury. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, May 17th, to A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks. 5858

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting. Barnby-in-the-Willows (6), Saturday, May 21st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements. Look up Sandiacre Surprise.—W. L. Exton, Hon. Sec. 5862

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The Annual Striking Competition will be held at Christ Church, Epsom, on May 21st. Service 2.30 p.m. Draw 3 p.m. Entries welcomed from any Sunday service band in the county. Forms on request from Secretary. Names for tea should be sent by non-competitors by Thursday previous, to Frank Oakshott, Downsview, Lewins Road, Epsom, Surrey. Quarterly business meeting after tea followed by ringing.—W. Parrott, 19, Eastdean Avenue, Epsom, Surrey. Hon. Sec. 5863

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Annual meeting joint with DONCASTER DISTRICT SOCIETY, at Arksey, near Doncaster, May 21st. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea in the Church Hall at 5 p.m. Names by 19th, to Mr. R. E. Cooper, 6, Grosvenor Crescent, Arksey, Doncaster. Barnby Don bells (6) will also be available from 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. Subscriptions are now due and annual reports will be available. A good attendance is hoped for. All welcome.—J. J. L. Gilbert. 5885

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held, D.V., on Saturday, May 28th, at Potterspury. Committee meeting at 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m., the preacher being the Archdeacon of Northampton. Tickets for tea at 3s. each. C.W.O. from Mr. W. A. Yates, 4, Bannerlands, Dadford, Buckingham, before May 21st. Ringing will be available at the following towers: Gayton 6, Alderton 5, Grafton Regis 5, 11 a.m. to 12 noon: Towcester 6, Cosgrove 6, Stoney Stratford, 12 to 1 p.m.: Easton Neston 8, Whittlebury 5, Paulerspury 6, Wicken 8, 1.30 to 3.15 p.m. All except Easton Neston open after tea, Potterspury 6, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.: Green's Norton 6, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.—G. W. Jeffs. 5883

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION

Invitation To Central Council Under Consideration

IN beautiful weather the 67th annual meeting of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association was held at All Saints', Newport, on Easter Monday. The attendance—about 75—was not quite as large as usual. The bells were made good use of and Mr. G. I. Lewis, the Master, saw to it that all had a chance to ring. The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. H. R. Sproule-Jones, who welcomed the Association. Visitors were entertained to tea in the Parish Room, kindly catered for by the ladies of the parish.

The business meeting followed, presided over by the Vicar. The treasurer, the Rev. I. J. Richards, presented the balance sheet, which showed a credit balance of £12 13s. 8d on the year's working. He pointed out that the officers, including the Central Council representatives, had not claimed their expenses. If they had done so there would have been a debit balance.

The secretary in his report, stated that the membership at 286 was about stationary, but pointed out there must be a lot of wastage, bearing in mind the number of new members elected at the quarterly meetings. He deplored the number of towers that were silent through lack of ringers. Thirty-seven peals had been rung, 26 by resident members and 11 by visiting bands.

Mr. G. Ward, of Abergavenny, was elected Master for the ensuing year. The general secretary, C.C. representatives, auditors, and treasurer were all re-elected. Mr. D. King reported that the annual dinner at Newport was a success—about 60 members having an enjoyable evening.

The finances of 'The Ringing World' were discussed. The secretary read an answer to the questionnaire he had sent to the Editor regarding circulation, subscribers, etc. He appealed to all who did not already take a copy to start doing so and detailed the advantages of being a postal subscriber.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Cardiff. Mr. Clive Bryant asked if Abergavenny could not be included in the rota for annual meetings in place of All Saints' and at the next annual meeting he would move that Abergavenny be included. Mr. D. King suggested that the Central Council be invited to hold its annual meeting at Cardiff in 1962. It was decided that the three secretaries, C.C. representatives, Masters and treasurer be appointed as a committee to make inquiries and report on the matter.

Mr. T. M. Roderick said there were prospects of 2 extra bells being installed at Newton Nottage in the near future.

The secretary brought up the matter of doing something to accommodate the books left by the late J. W. Jones. No action was taken. He also said that stocks of badges and 'Beginners Handbook' were running low and asked for permission to order more.

Mr. D. King proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the ladies for the tea, and the Rev. I. J. Richards thanked the Vicar for taking the service and presiding at the meeting. Four new members were elected.

F. J. H.

The latest news of Eaton Hall, the home of 'the Duke who loved bells,' the subject of our front page article, is that the chapel and belltower are to be left standing—the remainder demolished.

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QUARTER PEALS

ASFORDBY, LEICS.—On April 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss C. Wheeler 1, R. Smith 2, J. H. Cook (cond.) 3, H. T. Bonshor 4, R. H. Cook 5, K. J. Panter 6. Rung for the birthday of H.M. the Queen.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On April 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. R. Ingram 1, A. S. Burbage 2, M. G. Ingram 3, R. C. Ingram 4, Mrs. J. Atherley 5, A. Short 6, E. J. Franklin (cond.) 7, D. J. Atherley (first quarter) 8. First of Triples for 1, 2, 3 and 5. A 21st birthday compliment to Mrs. J. Atherley.

BUSHLEY, WORCS.—On April 14th, 1,260 Reverse St. Bartholomew Bob Doubles: D. Penn 1, J. Firkins 2, A. Halling 3, C. Haylings 4, M. Hawkes (cond.) 5, E. W. Penn 6. First in the method by all the band. Rung half-muffled during Holy Week.

CAMBRIDGE.—On April 24th, at Great St. Andrew's Church, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: T. S. Page 1, Frances Suker 2, Hilary Muirhead 3, H. Bishop 4, J. Schofield 5, A. J. Griffin 6, H. Neill 7, P. H. Langton (cond.) 8. First of Cambridge for 4 and 6.

EMNETH, NORFOLK.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. K. Phillips (first quarter) 1, P. A. S. Minall 2, Elizabeth Brown (first 'inside') 3, M. R. Reed 4, G. J. Mann (cond.) 5. First known quarter on the bells. Rung on the retirement of Mr. A. Image as churchwarden. Also on April 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. K. Phillips 1, P. A. S. Minall 2, Elizabeth Brown 3, M. R. Reed 4, G. J. Mann (cond.) 5. For the Boy Scouts' service.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On Mar. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Croft (cond.) 1, Miss M. Preece (first 'inside') 2, Miss J. Croft 3, G. Cherry 4, A. Harris 5, L. Runnacles 6. For Mothering Sunday.

KINGS LANGLEY, HERTS.—On April 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. W. R. Picton 1, K. Waples 2, Miss G. Graney 3, Miss M. Erik 4, A. Hill 5, R. J. Picton (cond.) 6, B. M. Barker 7, G. E. Hazlewood 8. For morning service.

SHELFORD, NOTTINGHAM.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): Susan Meridith 1, Robert Mills 2, Ruth Blackshaw 3, M. Harrison 4, B. Mills (cond.) 5. Rung for the silver weddings of Mr. and Mrs. R. Mills and Mr. and Mrs. W. Meridith.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKS.—On April 19th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Judy Robinson 1, V. A. Hemming (cond.) 2, Linda Hughes 3, Pamela M. Turner 4, M. S. Hart 5, R. C. Warburton 6, R. E. Tallis, jun., 7, P. S. Bennett (25th quarter) 8.

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BRISTOL CATHEDRAL
THE BELLS OF THE CENTRAL TOWER

UNTIL recently, Bristol Cathedral had been listed as our only cathedral church with less than five bells, having four 'unringable' bells in its central tower. This position has happily been rectified by the installation of the ring of eight in the north-west tower. The history and details of the new ring have already been published, and this has led to a study of the old bells, revealing a story much more interesting and reaching much further into the past than that of their successors.

Unfortunately, the Cathedral records yield little information on the bells, but some references have been obtained from other sources. One of the earliest references appears in the settlement of the accounts of one Richard Poulet, Esq., who had been 'generall receivor . . . concerninge all leads and belle metall' at the time of the Dissolution of the Monasteries by Henry VIII in 1539. It reads thus: 'of the late monasterye of Seincte Augustyns by Brystowe in the Countie of glouc. x belles.' However, it seems that the Receiver allowed the Cathedral to retain her ten bells for a time, as we read later: 'The belles of the late monasterye of Augustyns in brystowe in the countie of glouc. remayning in the steple of the churche ther beinge a cathedrall churche being in nombre x amounting in weighte to x^{ml} vjlib.'

Presumably the Cathedral kept these bells until the time of Edward VI, as a receiver's account, dated May 27th, 1553, states that the Lord Mayor and Crown Commissioners allowed 'the Deane and chappitor of the Cathedrall churche of Bristoll' to keep and sign for 'One great belle for the clocke and iiij other belles.'

Later 16th century accounts show that these bells were in frequent use, e.g., in 1581—

'To Sadler for keeping the clock.....2–6
To him for rynging to sermons.....1–6.'

and later in 1591—

'Pd to the ringers on the Queene's daye 5 of them at xx^{d} a pece.....8–4.'

The next recorded change is in 1670, when the present tenor was cast, or recast, by Roger Purdue (the Bristol bell founders), probably to replace the 'great belle for the clocke,' about which there is no further evidence.

In 1789 the historian William Barrett records that there were five bells in the tower, although his account of their origin is rather inaccurate, as is his explanation of the absence of the five confiscated bells: '. . . here were designed to be five more as appears by five more vacant frames, out of which there is a tradition the bells were stolen, but others say they were sold to the church of Redclift.' These five bells remained in the tower until 1802, when one of them was said to be cracked and useless and was sold by the Dean as scrap. In an invoice dated July 17th, 1802, we read: 'for an old cracked bell wt 11–0–17 @ 10 per lb 52–0–10.'

The other bells were undoubtedly rung after this date, but only on half wheels: only the present tenor was ever hung for full circle ringing, and then only in a crude manner compared with present day standards. It is recorded that in 1859 a Christmas drunk got into the tower and tried to raise the tenor bell, but he had little success as the rope became entangled in the wheel. Could this have been our friend Arney, whose exploits were published in a recent 'Ringing World' and who recorded a similar incident in the Cathedral?

A recent study of the belfry has revealed several interesting features. The bell frame itself is a massive structure (21ft.×26ft.) of ancient design, and almost certainly dates back to pre-Reformation times. It appears to stand on the floor, supported by massive beams beneath, having no lateral support whatsoever. One visualises that with a ring of eight or more bells swinging, the frame might 'walk around the floor.' The structure is composed of five separate wooden bays running east–west, and two long bays running north–south. The frame is about 7ft. high, and of the first five bays, three are 3ft. 10in. in width, one 4ft. 5in., and the other, containing the Purdue tenor, is 4ft. 8in. wide. The two long bays measure 2ft. 11in. and 3ft. 4in. respectively, and each is long enough to accommodate two lighter bells, as indeed the smaller does at the present time.

A comparison of the sizes of the remaining bells, with the weight of 10,006 lb. or about 90 cwt., suggests that in 1539 there was a ring of eight bells with two small bells, one possibly a Sanctus. These two could have been hung in the ninth bay, but at no time could there have been ten bays as Barrett suggests. Eight bells would be an unusually large number for a church in 1539; five was the usual maximum; but St. Augustine's was one of the great Abbeys of that time.

The history of the bells remaining in the tower is reasonably well known. The two smallest bells were cast in about 1500 by Abbot John Nulande (1481–1515). This appears from the embossed initials (I.N.) on the treble's side; also on this bell appears Nulande's 'rebus'—a bleeding heart pierced by three nails.

Treble (E flat).—Diameter 28¼in., height 25in. (first of clock quarters).
Sancte: Clement: ora: pro: nobis.

Second (D).—Diameter 31¼in., height 28in.
+Sca: Margareta: ora: pro: nobis.

It is believed that the bell sold in 1802 was a sister bell to these two as (according to Barrett) it bore the inscription 'Sancta Catharina ora pro nobis.'

The third is a tall, straight-sided bell with a rounded crown and thick lip. It has unusually well-spaced lettering and a peculiar Lombardic cross; it is said to date from about 1300 and to be the oldest inscribed bell in the county.

Third (C).—Diameter 35½in., height 33in. (second of clock quarters).
+CLARA: VOCOR: ET: CLARIOR: ERO.

The tenor was cast with canons but has since lost them. This would seem to suggest a subsequent rehanging, of which there is no record. The bell is hung on a large wooden headstock and is the only one of the four bells without canons.

Tenor (E).—Diameter 49in., weight 20 cwt. (hour bell).
+ECCLESIA+CATHEDRALIS+BRISTOLL+DOMUM+DOMINI+1670+ +RP
++CONGREGATE+CETUM+SOLENNEM+IN+DOMUM+DOMINI+ 1670++RP+.

Our examination of the bells has raised more questions than it has answered. How and when were the bells last rung? Each bell, except the third, still has its clapper, hung by the 'hook and eye' method, with a peculiar wooden sheath near the top. Only one of the three older bells now has a wheel (a ⅝ wheel), but the tenor has a complete wheel and a pulley block in the floor. This was obviously tolled in the 1850's, but it would have been impossible to ring it a full circle because of the short metal stay and peg to prevent it turning over. It has recently been fixed to avoid damage to the electric chiming apparatus. Before the war the three old bells were 'clocked' by the verger seated in the lofty ringing chamber below. For at least the last century the tenor would have been 'unringable' as it is badly cracked.

Lying in one of the vacant bays is a huge ⅝ wheel, 10ft. 3in. in diameter. There is no evidence to show that this wheel was ever used, but it has been suggested that it may be the wheel from the 'great belle for the clocke.'

The central hole through which the bells are drawn up is 4ft. 4in. in diameter, and the beam of one of the 3ft. 10in. bays has been slightly cut away to accommodate this. Thus it appears that the 'great belle' could not have been much larger than the Purdue tenor.

On the inside of the third bell faint chalk marks have been found. These have been deciphered as 'R. (P?) Taylor 1809' (59?) and 'Feb 28/82.' The first agrees with the founders' family tree, but Taylors have no record of anyone being sent to Bristol Cathedral in any of these years.

There is still much work to be done on the history of these old bells, and many blanks need to be filled in. Because of the lack of adequate records much can only be theory, and we would welcome any opinion from other students of bell history. It is hoped that the bells will be open for inspection by anyone interested during the Bristol Ringing Festival on May 14th.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 25, 1960, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 25 cwt. 20 lb.

ROBERT B. SMITH	*Treble*	*GEOFFREY M. BREWIN	7
BERNARD F. L. GROVES	2	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	8
BASIL JONES	3	JOHN A. ACRES	9
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	4	JOHN A. SMITH	10
PETER J. STANIFORTH	5	WILLIAM J. ROOT	11
SHIRLEY BURTON	6	BRIAN HARRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.
* First peal of Cambridge Maximus. First on 12 bells as conductor.

TEN BELL PEALS

STEPNEY, LONDON.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 30, 1960, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 28¼ cwt.

PETER J. EVES	*Treble*	MAURICE E. DOWNS	6
JOE E. G. ROAST	2	FRANK B. LUFKIN	7
DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	3	ALAN R. SYDER	8
*PETER L. WOODS	4	WALTER ARNOLD	9
JOHN WARNER	5	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	*Tenor*

Composed by F. NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
* First peal on ten bells.

WELLS, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 30, 1960, in 3 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 56 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in B.

ARTHUR H. REED	*Treble*	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	6
RUTH M. BORDER	2	ROBIN G. LEALE	7
PETER C. WRIGHT	3	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM	8
TUDOR P. EDWARDS	4	WILFRED WILLIAMS	9
ALAN F. THIRST	5	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 18, 1960, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9¼ cwt.

*HENRY TOOKE	*Treble*	PETER ADCOCK	5
THOMAS E. SPIGHT	2	†PERCY SQUIRES	6
CHARLES MOORE	3	BEVAN W. WILLGRESS	7
RAYMOND LOFTY	4	GEOFFREY R. DREW	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEOFFREY R. DREW.
* 350th peal. † First peal. First of Major as conductor and 50th for the Association.
Rung to mark Charles Moore's 25th year as Master of this tower.

ALTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., April 23, 1960, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

HOWARD HOWELL	*Treble*	*DAVID W. FRIEND	5
J DENNIS HOLDEN	2	RICHARD J. WARRILOW	6
ERIC E. SPEAKE	3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	7
*DAVID W. BRUNNING	4	DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
* First peal of Bristol.
A 17th birthday compliment to David W. Brunning.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 23, 1960, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

OSWALD CLAYBROOK	*Treble*	JOHN E. BIBBY	5
CYNTHIA BIBBY	2	CYRIL VALENTINE	6
*ROBERT J. WARRILOW	3	WALTER ALLMAN	7
DENIS MADDOCK	4	FRANCIS BIBBY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.
* First peal in the method.
Rung for St. George's Day.

NEW ALRESFORD, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 23, 1960, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

*CHRISTOPHER REDWOOD	*Treble*	JOHN HARTLESS	5
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	2	JAMES E. DANIELS	6
DANIEL T. MATKIN	3	FRANK L. HARRIS	7
*ALEC W. FRY	4	LEWIS F. COBB	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.
* First peal of Major.
A compliment to Miss Irene Walmsley, of Northfield, Birmingham, and Mr. Dan Matkin, upon their engagement.

RUNCORN, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 23, 1960, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr.

*ANN THORNHILL	*Treble*	JOHN RYDER	5
WALTER ALLMAN	2	DENIS MADDOCK	6
JOHN HAYES	3	WILLIAM E. ALLMAN	7
CECIL RADDON	4	HAROLD WORRALL	*Tenor*

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by DENIS MADDOCK.
* First peal.
Rung for St. George's Day.

SADDLEWORTH, YORKSHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 23, 1960, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in G.

PETER LAFLIN	*Treble*	C. KENNETH LEWIS	5
EDWARD JENKINS	2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	6
BASIL JONES	3	BRIAN HARRIS	7
BERNARD F. C. GROVES	4	JOHN WORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHT (126). Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
Rung for the marriage of Derek A. Bunting to Christina Anne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Dunkerley.

THRAPSTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 23, 1960, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

*RICHARD A. WEBSTER	*Treble*	GEORGE WRIGHT	5
*ROY A. SPENCER	2	RONALD RUSSELL	6
DIANA M. LAWLESS	3	MURRAY A. COLEMAN	7
PERCY D. BALDOCK	4	JOHN H. BLUFF	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.
* First peal of Major. This composition is rung for the first time.

QUIDENHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., April 24, 1960, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM CLOVER	*Treble*	†THOMAS E. SPIGHT	5
WILFRED G. SAUNDERS	2	†GEOFFREY R. DREW	6
*JOHN R. SMITH	3	†FRANK C. J. ARNOLD	7
MRS. J. R. SMITH	4	HENRY TOOKE	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JOHN R. SMITH.
* 400th peal. † First in the method.

GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 25, 1960, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN E. ANDERSON	*Treble*	CHARLES N. LEA	5
ERIC N. HARRISON	2	W. NORMAN PARK	6
MARION S. AINSWORTH	3	ROLAND PARK	7
GEORGE S. DEAS	4	J. ALAN AINSWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRILL LINDOFF. Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

ALDERMASTON, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
On Wed., April 27, 1960, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in G.

*ERIC WOOLGROVE	*Treble*	*ERNEST J. MUNDAY	5
*RONALD F. DISERENS	2	*ARTHUR SAYERS	6
REGINALD W. REX	3	*REGINALD F. CROOK	7
*BRIAN MILLS	4	GEOFFREY K. DODD	*Tenor*

Composed by W. SHIPWAY. Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.
* First peal of Grandsire Major. First of Grandsire Major as conductor.
Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Mills, parents of the ringer of the fourth: also for the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Meredith—both on April 20th.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., April 27, 1960, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.
A PEAL OF 5120 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

OSWALD CLAYBROOK	*Treble*	FREDERICK JACKSON	5
*CYNTHIA BIBBY	2	JOHN E. BIBBY	6
WALTER ALLMAN	3	CYRIL VALENTINE	7
†DENIS MADDOCK	4	FRANCIS BIBBY	*Tenor*

Composed by IAN M. HOLLAND. Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.
* First peal in the method. † 75th peal for the Guild.

SWINDON, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., April 27, 1960, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK.
A PEAL OF 5088 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt.

*MICHAEL J. STANLEY	*Treble*	ERIC J. SUTTON	5
LESLEY J. BLADON	2	†A. TERENCE COLLINS	6
*RONALD A. WRIGHT	3	ANTHONY R. PEAKE	7
CHARLES G. JONES	4	BRIAN BLADON	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by BRIAN BLADON.
* First peal on eight. † First of Surprise Major. First in method by all except the conductor First of Surprise Major as conductor. Rung for the Patronal Festival.

CIRENCESTER, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 30, 1960, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, WATERMOOR.
A PEAL OF 5056 COTSWOLD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

*PETER WAKEFIELD	*Treble*	CHARLES G. JONES	5
LESLEY J. BLADON	2	ERIC SUTTON	6
SHIRLEY M. PARSONS	3	‡ANTHONY R. PEAKE	7
†PETER T. HURCOMBE	4	‡BRIAN BLADON	*Tenor*

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.
* First peal of Major. † First of Surprise Major 'inside.' ‡ 50th peal together. First of Major as conductor. First in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.
Rung as a welcome to Richard John, son of Mr. and Mrs. V. Griffin, born April 27th, 1960.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., April 30, 1960, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH.
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. in G.

ERIC E. SPEAKE	*Treble*	*J. DENNIS HOLDEN	5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	2	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	6
FREDK. E. WILSHAW	3	RICHARD J. WARRILOW	7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	4	EDMUND MALIN	*Tenor*

Composed by H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by ERIC E. SPEAKE.
* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor, and on the bells.

ESHER, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 30, 1960, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH.
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in A flat.

CATHERINE M. POWELL	*Treble*	*CHRISTINE M. HARBOTT	5
*JOHN F. M. MAYBREY	2	*REV. C. J. B. MARSHALL	6
*ANTHONY V. QUEEN	3	FRANK OAKSHOTT	7
STANLEY G. PONTING	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First peal of Double Norwich. 400th peal as conductor. First of Double Norwich on the bells.
Rung as a farewell to the Rev. C. and Mrs. Marshall, who are leaving for Crewkerne, Somerset, in May.

HODNET, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 30, 1960, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 24 lb.

*TONY WHITE	*Treble*	REGINALD H. NEWTON	5
†RICHARD E. MORRIS	2	HARRY POYNER	6
MARY C. POYNER	3	FREDK. A. H. CATTELL	7
FREDERICK LEECH	4	HAROLD T. WHITE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by HARRY POYNER.
* First peal on eight bells. † First of Major.
A 57th birthday compliment to Brig. A. G. W. Heber-Percy, of Hodnet Hall.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 30, 1960, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,
AT THE BELL TOWER.
A PEAL OF 5056 SOUTHWELL SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation of Middleton's.
Tenor 35 cwt. 20 lb. in C sharp.

JACQUELINE A. ROBERTS	*Treble*	WILLIAM B. POMEROY	5
ANN M. COX	2	MARTYN HAWKES	6
GORDON T. BROWN	3	GERALD C. HEMMING	7
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	4	R. ROGER SAVORY	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY J. HEMMING.
First peal in the method by all the band except ringer of second, and for the Association.
Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. Selwyn Charles-Jones (the younger son of the Vicar of Evesham) and Miss Sara Egglesfield, which took place at St. George's, Hanover Square, London, this day.

HUGGLESCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 30, 1960, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5184 DERWENT SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

BRIAN SMITH	*Treble*	A. JAMES POYNOR	5
JOHN M. JELLEY	2	RUSSELL S. MORRIS	6
MRS. B. G. WARWICK	3	ALAN E. HARTLEY	7
ERNEST MORRIS	4	G. RONALD EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.
First peal in the method.

KNEBWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 30, 1960, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND THOMAS-A-BECKET.
A PEAL OF 5024 WEMBLEY SURPRISE MAJOR

G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	*Treble*	COLIN A. S. HARWOOD	5
ERIC EDMONDSON	2	GEORGE A. SPENCER	6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	3	JACK S. DEAR	7
EDWIN G. BUCK	4	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE	*Tenor*

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.
First peal in the method by all the band. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 30, 1960, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

MRS. C. W. LAWTON	*Treble*	BARRY CORBISHLEY	5
*EDWARD POTTS	2	HAROLD E. LONYON	6
*ERNEST PIMLOTT	3	CHARLES W. LAWTON	7
*DENNIS HENSHAW	4	JOHN WORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

TOTTENHAM, MIDDLESEX.
THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
On Sat., April 30, 1960, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANN, STAMFORD HILL.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb.

E. JANE LANGTON	*Treble*	*N. DAVID ROBINSON	5
*MIKAELA ERIK	2	*GEOFF. PRATT	6
A. REX AGG	3	MICHAEL R. ROSE	7
*ROBIN J. TREBILCOCK	4	DEREK E. SIBSON	*Tenor*

Composed by I. MICHAEL LAKIN. Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.
* First peal in the method. First of Surprise on the bells.
Rung as a compliment to Marcus P. Barton (secretary of the Society) and Marilyn March on their engagement, and as a 21st birthday compliment to Marcus P. Barton.

YATTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 30, 1960, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 21 cwt. 4 lb. in D.

JOHN W. OWEN	*Treble*	*HERBERT A. PRICE	5
THOMAS W. HARRIS	2	SIDNEY G. SMITH	6
MARJORIE LEGG	3	GEORGE PRESCOTT	7
ROBERT H. BRICE	4	JOHN K. BAKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.
* First peal of Triples on a working bell.
A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Smith.

DERWENT SURPRISE MAJOR
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FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
On Mon., March 27, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 16 240's and ten extents. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

ERNEST PIMLOTT .. .. *Treble*		ROBERT BARRATT	3
GEORGE FORRESTER	2	BRIAN SCHOFIELD	4
*HAROLD LONYON .. .. *Tenor*			

Conducted by ERNEST PIMLOTT.
* First peal of Doubles.

PARRAMATTA, NEW SOUTH WALES.
THE NEW SOUTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 9, 1960, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

ROBERT FERRIS .. .. *Treble*		JOHN CUMMINS	4
*AUDREY PETERS	2	GEORGE PIPE	5
*ROBERT KLIMA	3	*JOHN FRYER .. .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by JOHN FRYER.
* First peal of Minor. First as conductor.

COUNTESTHORPE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., April 19, 1960, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents: Two each of Kent T.B. and Plain Bob, one each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B. and St. Clement's College Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 17 lb. in G.

PETER J. CHILTON .. .. *Treble*		ALAN E. HARTLEY	4
KEITH B. TOWNSEND ..	2	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	5
JOHN M. JELLEY	3	A. JAMES POYNOR .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by A. JAMES POYNOR.

THURNBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., April 19, 1960, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

*HENRY J. FAULKNER .. *Treble*		*PETER F. PAWLEY	4
J. GEOFFREY GEARY ..	2	J. JULIAN PAWLEY	5
*H. LESLIE WYKES	3	PETER J. STANIFORTH .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor.

LEA, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(West Lindsey Branch.)
On Wed., April 20, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of St. Clement's and Kent T.B., and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

JOSEPH A. LUNN .. .. *Treble*		CHARLES H. BAKER	4
PAULINE BULL	2	A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL ..	5
DELIA E. SMITH..	3	G. LESLIE A. LUNN .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by G. LESLIE A. LUNN.
A golden wedding compliment to the parents of the ringers of the treble and tenor.

EDLESBOROUGH, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 23, 1960, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt.

D. KNOX .. .. *Treble*		*IAN KNOX	4
JOSIE R. HUTCHINGS ..	2	WILLIAM G. SEAR	5
*MICHAEL D. PEARSON ..	3	JOHN W. SINFIELD .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by JOHN W. SINFIELD.
* First peal. First in the method as conductor.

LYTCHETT MATRAVERS, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 23, 1960, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

CHRISTOPHER T. BROWN.. *Treble*		*ROSS G. W. ROBERTSON..	4
LOUIS J. LOCKYER	2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE.. ..	5
*AUDRIE SAMSON	3	LIONEL H. PINK .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by WILLIAM C. SHUTE.
* First peal.

REDBOURN, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 23, 1960, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in F.

*†JOYCE DODDS .. .. *Treble*		*†CHRISTOPHER E. HAYTER	4
†CHRISTINE M. HARBOTT	2	*‡§GERALD PENNEY	5
‡GEOFFREY DODDS	3	§STANLEY HUCKLE.. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by GERALD PENNEY.
* First peal of Doubles. † First in the method. ‡ 25th peal together. § 25th peal together. First of Stedman Doubles by all the band. First in the method as conductor. The ringers of 3 and 5 have now rung Stedman from Doubles to Cinques.
Rung for St. George's Day.

BROADWAS-ON-TEME, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., April 27, 1960, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 14 extents each of Grandsire, April Day and Plain Bob.
Tenor 4¼ cwt. in D flat minor.

HEATHER M. PULLON .. *Treble*		MICHAEL J. FELLOWS ..	4
JAMES E. PULLON	2	MARTIN D. FELLOWS ..	5
PAUL CATTERMOLE .. .. *Tenor*			

Conducted by PAUL CATTERMOLE.
First peal on five by all except conductor. First peal on the bells since 1919.
Average age of the band 15 years 5 months.
Rung within the Octave of St. George's Day.

WAREHORNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., April 27, 1960, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Single Oxford, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 9¼ cwt. in G.

MAISIE VANTOM .. .. *Treble*		JOHN R. COOPER	4
*MRS. R. WRATTEN	2	CRAWFORD T. HILLIS ..	5
VIOLET I. E. RELF	3	ROBERT SWIFT .. .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by CRAWFORD T. HILLIS.
* First peal in three methods.
Rung to celebrate the wedding of Brian Watts and Yvonne Rye, ringers at Burmarsh.

GREAT HORKESLEY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., April 28, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Single Court, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

WALTER D. BAILEY.. .. *Treble*		A. EDWARD LEGGETT ..	4
*ADRIAN SEMKEN	2	BARRY E. GIBBONS	5
DAVID CULHAM	3	BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD.
* First peal in five methods.

STONE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., April 28, 1960, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 14 extents each of April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire.
Tenor 5¼ cwt. in B.

PAUL CATTERMOLE .. .. *Treble*		MICHAEL J. FELLOWS ..	4
*HEATHER M. PULLON ..	2	MARTIN D. FELLOWS ..	5
JAMES E. PULLON	3	†PETER J. BROWN .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by PAUL CATTERMOLE.
* First peal 'inside.' † First in three methods. Average age 15¼ years. Youngest band to ring a peal on the bells.
Rung within the octave of the Feast of St. Mark.

BEKESBOURNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 30, 1960, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob, each called differently, with 5-6 the right way throughout. Tenor 8 cwt.

JOHN R. COOPER .. .. *Treble*		*NICHOLAS J. DAVIES ..	4
*PAULINE FENNELL	2	CRAWFORD T. HILLIS ..	5
*MARY S. TAYLOR	3	DENNIS A. CHAPMAN .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by CRAWFORD T. HILLIS.
* First peal in three methods.
Rung to celebrate the birth of a son (Stuart Christopher) to Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Palin, ringers at Faversham.

COPT OAK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 30, 1960, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being 12 methods in seven extents: (1) London; (2) Beverley, Berwick, Surfleet, Hexham, York and Durham; (3) Bourne; (4) Chester; (5) Munden; (6) Cambridge and Primrose; (7) Bourne. Tenor 10 cwt.

G. E. TEBBATT	*Treble*	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	4
*CECELIA COWLEY	2	*FRANK CHAMBERS	5
C. WILLIAM HALL	3	ROLAND BENISTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

* First peal in 12 methods.

Rung as a silver wedding compliment to the Rev. F. R. S. and Mrs. Byfield.

HOLKHAM PARK, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 30, 1960, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WITHIBURGA,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of one extent of St. Clement's and two each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in E.

WILFRED L. ROBINSON	*Treble*	NORMAN V. HARDING	4
EDWARD HOWES	2	TONY OWEN	5
SIDNEY MARSHALL	3	JOHN WILSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRED L. ROBINSON.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Lady Carey Coke (daughter of the Earl of Leicester) and Mr. Bryan Ronald Basset.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 30, 1960, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent Cambridge Surprise and two each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

ALAN R. ELLIOTT	*Treble*	ANDREW BECKWITH	4
JOSEPH PAPWORTH	2	CHARLES BURTON	5
WINIFRED ELLIOTT	3	ERNEST BRIGHT	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES BURTON.

First peal as conductor. The ringer of the treble has now 'circled the tower.'

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Joseph Elliott, the tower captain.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 30, 1960, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb. in B.

JOHN E. BROUGH	*Treble*	HERBERT SUTTON	4
FREDERICK S. SUTTON	2	IVOR R. NICHOLS	5
*MICHAEL ALLMAN	3	FRANK R. MORTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK R. MORTON.

* First peal on six bells. First of Minor as conductor. The treble ringer has now 'circled the tower' twice.

WRAGBY, YORKSHIRE.
LEEDS UNIVERSITY UNION CAMPANOLOGICAL SOCIETY.
On Sat., April 30, 1960, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND OUR LADY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods, being one extent Cambridge Surprise, one of Oxford T.B., two of Kent T.B., one of St. Clement's and two of Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

*GRACE M. BEARDOW	*Treble*	LAWRENCE SHEARD	4
J. MARTIN THORLEY	2	W. RUSSELL READ	5
MICHAEL G. SWIFT	3	F. KEITH WILLIAMSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by F. KEITH WILLIAMSON.

* First peal in more than one method. First as conductor.

Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Beardow (parents of the treble ringer).

HARSTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., May 1, 1960, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

G. MAURICE TURNER	*Treble*	T. REGINALD DENNIS	4
CHARLES W. COOK	2	GEORGE E. THODAY	5
GRAHAME TURNER	3	JOHN G. GIPSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN G. GIPSON.

Rung as a farewell tribute to the Vicar, the Rev. H. Mansfield-Williams.

BLAYDON-ON-TYNE, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., May 2, 1960, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT, STELLA,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Beverley Surprise, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 27 lb. in B.

JOHN E. ANDERSON	*Treble*	KENNETH W. CHEESEMAN	4
GEORGE S. DEAS	2	J. ALAN AINSWORTH	5
MARION S. AINSWORTH	3	ERIC N. HARRISON	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

Rung as a 70th birthday compliment to Robert W. Leighton.

HANDBELL PEALS

BURWELL, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Easter Day, 1960, in 1 Hour and 32 Minutes,
AT HILLCROFT, TOYSE LANE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor size 16 in B flat.

ANTHONY R. MANN	1—2	RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN	3—4
		W. JOHN COUPERTHWAITE	5—6

Rung non-conducted and silent.

First non-conducted peal by all the band.

GROOMBRIDGE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., April 19, 1960, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT NORMAN'S COTTAGE,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

MRS. F. I. HAIRS	1—2	J. FREEMAN	5—6
E. A. BARNETT	3—4	F. I. HAIRS	7—8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by J. FREEMAN.

SELBY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Selby and District Society.)
On Thurs., April 21, 1960, in 1 Hour and 56 Minutes,
IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF THE ABBEY (SS. MARY AND GERMANUS),
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents. Tenor size 10 in A.

THOMAS H. FOSTER	1—2	RONALD R. WARFORD	3—4
		BARBARA HALL	5—6

Conducted by BARBARA HALL.

First peal as conductor.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(The Humphrey Perkins School Campanological Society.)
On Mon., April 25, 1960, in 1 Hour and 27 Minutes,
AT 66, MELTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

DEREK M. SAWYER	1—2	B. STEDMAN PAYNE	3—4
		MALCOLM D. BARSBY	5—6

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

Rung for the Feast of St. Mark.

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HALF PEAL

OTTERY ST. MARY, DEVON.—On April 30th, 2,520 Grandsire Triples: C. J. Turner (cond.) 1, J. Arbury 2, J. Ayres 3, J. W. Manley 4, E. H. Marks 5, C. C. Deem 6, C. C. Turner 7, C. W. Glanville 8. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Sara E. W. William-Powlett to the Hon. E. David Bruce.

ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—At St. Peter's Cathedral, on Anzac Day, April 25th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: W. B. Pitcher (first of Major) 1, K. J. Minchinton 2, H. Greenhalgh 3, Diana M. Pipe 4, B. Enid Lloyd Roberts 5, C. H. Bagot 6, J. J. F. Roper 7, G. W. Pipe (cond.) 8. The first quarter peal of Major rung on the bells.

BACKWELL, SOMERSET.—On April 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Brain 1, Mary Powell (first of Stedman Triples) 2, Marjorie Legg 3, Monica Horseman 4, G. Prescott 5, N. Coombes 6, M. Horseman (first of Stedman as cond.) 7, J. Phillips 8.

BEOLEY, WORCS.—On April 20th, 1,260 Doubles (April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Heather M. Pullon 1, J. E. Pullon 2, M. J. Fellows 3, M. D. Fellows 4, P. Cattermole (cond.) 5, L. H. G. Gittins 6. Rung on Wychbold ringers' tour as a 15th birthday compliment to M. D. Fellows.

BOBBING, KENT.—On April 30th, 1,260 Plain Boh Doubles: Miss D. Southam (first of Doubles) 1, Mrs. F. J. Cheal 2, C. Mannering, jun. 3, F. J. Cheal 4, A. J. Dunk (cond.) 5, K. Young (first quarter) 6. A birthday compliment to Mrs. F. J. Cheal.

BROOMFIELD, ESSEX.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss E. Frith (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Groves (first 'inside') 2, J. P. Brandon 3, A. R. Groves 4, C. Nichols 5, I. R. Panton (cond.) 6. For the Easter festival, also a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. Nichols on the birth of a daughter (Wendy Helen).

CHALFONT ST. PETER, BUCKS.—On April 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss R. Hughes (first quarter) 1, E. G. Swift 2, Mrs. E. G. Swift 3, Miss L. Badcock 4, C. J. Shepherd 5, E. J. Briden 6.

CHOBHAM, SURREY.—On April 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. J. Hudson 1, C. Hill (first quarter) 2, Sallie Buchanan 3, D. G. Blows 4, R. Collins (cond.) 5, Ron Collins 6.

CHURCHSTANTON, SOMERSET.—On April 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Harlow (first quarter) 1, W. H. Tarr 2, E. Langley 3, A. Reed 4, R. Shepherd (first quarter) (cond.) 5, P. Tubbs 6. Also 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss V. Churchill (first quarter) 1, A. Reed (cond.) 2, W. H. Tarr 3, E. Langley 4, P. Tubbs 5, R. Shepherd 6.

CLEEVE PRIOR, WORCS.—On April 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Heather M. Pullon 1, J. E. Pullon 2, M. J. Fellows 3, M. G. Selby 4, M. D. Fellows 5, P. Cattermole (cond.) 6. Rung on Wychbold ringers' tour.

COSGROVE, NORTHANTS.—On April 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. Tompkins 1, J. Lambert 2, J. Chance 3, A. May 4, H. Daniels 5, H. Edwards (cond.) 6. Rung for the licensing of the Rev. A. E. Bransby as priest-in-charge.

EDMONTON, MIDDX.—On May 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. Rowe 1, Pat Rowe 2, Trudy Newcombe 3, D. Langdon 4, T. Hawkins 5, T. Bailey 6, M. Cubitt (cond.) 7, J. Weeks 8. For Evensong.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.—At St. Barnabas' Church, on April 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: S. J. Barker (first quarter) 1, Miss P. Sedgwick 2, Miss J. V. Morgan 3, D. Ingram 4, C. M. Smith (cond.) 5. First on five for 2 and 3.

EXNING, SUFFOLK.—On April 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss H. Cross 1, J. Y. Parker 2, J. Gentleman 3, F. Jaggard 4, A. R. Mann (cond.) 5. For morning service. Also on Easter Day, 1,260 Doubles (360 St. Martin's, 360 St. Simon's, 240 Grandsire, 300 Plain Bob): Miss H. Cross 1, J. Gentleman 2, W. J. Couperthwaite 3, R. J. Palmer 4, A. R. Mann (cond.) 5. First in four methods by all the band and on the bells. For Evensong.

GOOLE, YORKS.—On April 23rd, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. J. J. Taylor 1, H. Drake 2, J. Thorley 3, James Thorley 4, A. H. Hawcroft 5, J. J. Taylor 6, L. M. Woodhead 7, W. Stote (cond.) 8.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.—On Mar. 27th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent T.B. and 540 Plain Bob): L. Ainger 1, A. S. Hudson (first quarter) 2, J. P. Brandon (first quarter) 3, Dr. P. T. Spencer-Phillips 4, H. Carter 5, I. R. Panton (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

GREENWICH, LONDON.—On April 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Susan Brown 1, Isobel Inman 2, Mary R. Andrews 3, Freda Cannon 4, E. Jones (cond.) 5, J. Machell 6, M. R. Oaksheit 7, J. Dafters 8. Rung on the eve of the Patronal Festival.

QUARTER PEALS

GAINSBOROUGH, LINCS.—On April 25th, 1,272 Little Bob Major: Miss M. Stapleton 1, Mrs. E. Grey 2, Miss D. Smith 3, Mrs. J. Bull 4, C. H. Baker 5, B. Johns 6, J. Underwood 7, A. R. Heppenstall (cond.) 8. A silver wedding compliment to the Vicar, Canon J. E. Roberts, and Mrs. Roberts.

HINTON WALDRIST, BERKS.—On March 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Moland 1, N. Leslie 2, R. Hayden 3, M. Edney 4, D. Leslie 5, A. O'Shaughnessy (first quarter) 6. For Mothering Sunday.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On May 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. H. Starte (first on treble) 1, Miss M. E. Preece 2, Mrs. C. A. Agg 3, F. J. Plummer 4, W. F. Todd 5, A. R. Agg (cond.) 6, M. D. Trigg (covering) 7.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints' Church, on Easter Sunday, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. T. Howes 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, Miss D. Robinson 3, H. S. Peacock 4, A. J. Davey 5, M. J. Dyer 6. For morning service.

HORSELL, SURREY.—On April 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. Cobbett (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Drury 2, J. Martin 3, B. Priestley (first in method 'inside') 4, G. Oliver (cond.) 5, Miss P. Drury 6.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDX.—On May 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. C. Way 1, S. J. Way 2, Miss J. Creak 3, C. H. Rogers 4, Miss B. Humphrey 5, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 6, J. Mudd 7, N. F. Felton 8. For Evensong.

KELSTON, SOMERSET.—On April 25th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse St. Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob, Grandsire): L. R. G. Taylor 1, A. F. Lee (cond.) 2, C. J. Barrable (first in four methods) 3, B. Davis (first in four methods) 4, J. J. Jefferies 5, S. Carter 6. Rung on Anzac Day, for the Festival of St. Mark. Also as a birthday compliment to Mr. R. Webb, of Warmley.

LEA, LINCS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Minor (Cambridge and Plain Bob): Miss M. Stapleton 1, Miss P. Bull 2, Miss D. Smith 3, G. L. A. Lunn 4, C. H. Baker 5, A. R. Heppenstall (cond.) 6. Prior to Communion. Also on April 27th, 1,296 Minor (Cambridge, Plain and Double Bob): Miss P. Bull 1, Mrs. E. Grey 2, C. H. Bater 3, Miss D. Smith 4, G. L. A. Lunn 5, A. R. Heppenstall (cond.) 6. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. Hudson.

LEICESTER.—On May 1st, at the Church of St. Saviour, 1,080 Plain Bob Minor: G. Mason 1, K. Mason 2, J. M. Jelley 3, K. Townsend 4, A. J. Poynor 5, A. E. Hartley (cond.) 6. For Feast of SS. Philip and James.

LITTLE SHELFORD, CAMBS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. King (first quarter) 1, D. E. Sibson (cond.) 2, T. Sherman 3, A. R. Hurst 4, C. A. Hurst 5.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On May 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. W. Powell 1, Mrs. C. W. Powell 2, R. N. Pittman 3, S. Brixton 4, H. J. Gaylard 5, F. Knight (first quarter) 6, R. Keeley (cond.) 7, H. C. Keeley 8. For the Feast of SS. Philip and James.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.—On Easter Sunday, a quarter peal of Stedman Caters: May Lomas 1, Mary Worth 2, J. Worth (cond.) 3, E. Potts 4, D. Henshaw 5, A. A. Potts 6, W. Stevenson 7, H. Farrar 8, G. Farrar 9, D. Pearson 10. For Evensong. Also on May 1st, 1,248 Double Norwich C.B. Major: Mary Worth 1, E. Potts 2, D. Henshaw 3, J. Worth (cond.) 4, W. Stevenson 5, H. Farrar 6, G. Farrar 7, A. A. Potts 8. For Sunday school service.

MOTTRAM-IN-LONGDENDALE, CHESHIRE.—On April 30th, 1,760 Oxford Treble Bob Major: Miss E. C. Townend (first quarter) 1, Miss D. M. Heap 2, R. J. Warrilow, jun., 3, P. Watson 4, A. P. Whitehead 5, R. J. Johnston 6, T. Taylor (cond.) 7, D. Taylor 8. A 21st birthday compliment to the second ringer.

OATLANDS PARK, SURREY.—On May 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. N. Broadbridge 1, Gwen May 2, Mrs. P. Bird 3, Joan Smith 4, H. Colcombe 5, Mrs. V. Smith 6, J. King (cond.) 7, V. Smith 8.

OTTERSHAW, SURREY.—On April 12th, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Doubles: Miss P. Drury 1, Miss B. Loveland 2, R. Collins 3, J. Martin 4, D. Wright (cond.) 5, H. Kingston 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. R. Andrews, ringer of this church.

PASSENHAM, NORTHANTS.—On May 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Case 1, T. Roberts 2, J. Chance 3, E. R. Lambert 4, G. Green (first of Grandsire as cond.) 5. A welcome to the Rev. A. E. Bransby to the livings of Cosgrove with Passenham and Deanshanger.

PAKENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. Fordham 1, L. Pierce 2, H. King 3, L. Sharpe 4, K. G. Brown (cond.) 5. For Evensong.

PORTSMOUTH.—At the Cathedral, on Mar. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. York-Bramble 1, A. Lawrey 2, D. P. Jones (first of Grandsire) 3, W. A. K. Gray (first of Grandsire) 4, R. Baldwin 5, D. Emmerson (first of Grandsire) 6, S. K. M. Knight (cond.) 7, A. E. Hoodless (8).

PORTBURY, SOMERSET.—On April 22nd, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Monica Horseman 1, W. Kingcott, 2, D. Cobb (cond.) 3, D. Yeo 4, J. Brain 5, M. Horseman 6. Rung by West Country Roving Ringers as an engagement compliment to Ronald Short, secretary of the Bridgwater Branch of the Bath and Wells Association, and Audrey Bailey, of Tewin, Herts, joint secretary of the Society of Roving Ringers.

PUBLOW, SOMERSET.—On April 27th, 1,260 Doubles (720 Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire): R. W. Treasure 1, Mrs. A. J. Frith 2, L. B. Coles 3, C. Allward 4, F. C. Mogford (cond.) 5, L. Batten 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. Edgar King, whose funeral took place at this church.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On May 1st, 1,380 Grandsire Doubles: L. Allen 1, C. Mew 2, R. Daw (first 'inside' in method) 3, B. Bull (first 'inside') 4, B. Coatsworth (cond.) 5, A. Clayton 6. For Evensong.

QUEENBOROUGH, KENT.—On March 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob: P. Negus 1, Miss J. Wallace 2, S. Rayfield 3, H. Blacketh 4, G. Hawke 5, W. A. Wood (cond.) 6. Farewell quarter to Miss Wallace who was married on Saturday.

RADSTOCK, SOMERSET.—On May 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Plain and Grandsire): Miss B. Carter 1, R. Thatcher 2, D. Hoare (cond.) 3, E. Brown 4, F. Carter 5, J. Holbrook 6. Rung half-muffled as a token of gratitude for the life and ministry of the Right Rev. H. W. Bradfield, Lord Bishop of Bath and Wells.

READING, BERKS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Easter Sunday, 1,312 Spliced Surprise Major (London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative): K. Cotterell 1, Mrs. W. C. Allaway 2, A. Diserens 3, M. J. Thurmott 4, F. W. Lewis 5, R. F. Diserens 6, C. E. Lewington 7, N. J. Diserens (cond.) 8. Also on April 24th, 1,280 London Surprise Major: Mrs. A. Diserens 1, Jennifer M. Davies 2, R. K. Russ (first inside') 3, N. J. Diserens (cond.) 4, E. J. Munday 5, T. P. Edwards 6, C. E. Lewington 7, R. F. Diserens 8. Both rung as a welcome to Antony Paul Diserens.

RUSHDEN, NORTHANTS.—On April 30th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. Gibbs 1, S. Hodgkins 2, J. Clifton 3, B. Whitworth 4, J. E. Skerritt 5, A. L. Priestley 6, C. M. Payne 7, M. A. Coleman (cond.) 8. First of Major for 2, 3, 4 and 6.

ST. MARY CRAY, KENT.—On May 1st, 1,260 Canterbury Minor: S. Hardy 1, F. Gorringe 2, R. Beard 3, F. G. Wheller 4, B. Aldridge 5, P. G. Braund 6. For Choral Communion, also as a golden wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Ward.

UPPER CLAPTON, LONDON.—At the Church of St. Matthew, on May 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. D. Neal 1, W. F. Jarvis 2, J. A. Hales 3, J. M. Steele 4, R. K. C. Wilkings 5, D. Neal (cond.) 6

WALKERVILLE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—On April 24th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Monica Collins 1, G. W. Heyes 2, Diana M. Pipe 3, Barbara J. Beeson 4, G. W. Pipe (cond.) 5, J. J. F. Roper 6. Rung by visiting Melbourne ringers. First quarter in the method 1, 2, 4 and 6. Believed to be the first quarter in the method in Australia.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On May 1st, at the Church of St. Mary, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Diggins 1, F. C. Maynard 2, H. Rumens 3, D. A. Hewitt 4, P. D. Chapman 5, B. R. Downes (cond.) 6, A. J. N. Boyack 7, F. C. Taylor 8. For Evensong.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On May 1st, 1,276 Cambridge Surprise Minor: M. H. Sinden 1, Caroline Carpenter 2, Barbara Manship 3, G. Goodman 4, A. Bagworth 5, A. S. Bishop (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

WIVELISCOMBE, SOMERSET.—On April 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Turner 1, H. V. Young 2, F. Casley 3, G. Sparkes 4, W. G. Harnell 5, W. J. Nurcombe 6, C. Tarr (cond.) 7, A. Gale 8. Rung as a compliment for the engagements of Miss Pamela Stevens and Mr. Anthony Jenkins and Miss Barbara Stevens and Mr. H. L. M. Morrish.

WOODDITTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.—On Good Friday, at Sunny View, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss S. Watson (first on eight) 1-2, A. E. Austin 3-4, A. R. Mann 5-6, W. J. Couperthwaite (first as cond. on eight) 7-8.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

The annual meeting of the East Devon Branch was held at Honiton on Easter Monday and about 60 ringers attended. The service, which was held in St. Paul's Church, was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. A. A. Fane De Solis. At the business meeting four new members were elected — three from Buckerell and one from Honiton. Proficiency certificates were presented by the president, the Rev. Preb. E. V. Cox, to nine members.

Mr. G. C. Woodley was elected chairman, Mr. F. Paw vice-chairman, Mr. W. Webb secretary and treasurer, Mr. C. D. J. Webb vice-secretary, and Mr. C. C. Turner Ringing Master. It was arranged to hold the next annual meeting at Sidmouth and the quarterly meeting at Stockland.

Ringing at St. Paul's and St. Michael's Churches included Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Cambridge Minor, Grandsire, Stedman and Spliced Oxford and Grandsire Triples, Plain Bob and Kent T.B. Major.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The first meeting of the Ashford District since the restoration and rededication of the bells at Great Chart attracted some 40 visitors to what is now one of the finest rings in the district. Ringing throughout the day was generally of a high standard. The service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. D. Stowell, and the excellent tea was organised by Mrs. Day.

A CANTERBURY OUTING

Organised by Miss Wendy Palmer, six ringers from Canterbury, later joined by two from Ashford, had a day's ringing around Tunbridge Wells on April 20th. Towers visited were Cowden (6), Leigh (6), Brasted (6), Seal (6), Seal Chart (6), Shipbourne (6) and Peckham (6). Seven Minor methods were in the ringing programme.

NORWICH DIOCESAN

Members of the Eastern Branch were particularly pleased to see their president (Mr. Nolan Golden) at their spring meeting at Acle on April 9th, as this was the first Eastern Branch meeting he had attended since his illness. Mr. Golden thanked the branch for inquiries made about him and congratulated the Rector on his ringing progress. He referred to the appeal being made throughout the Association for a memorial to the late Mr. C. V. Ebberson.

A silent tribute was paid at the meeting to Mr. George Crowe, of Gorleston and Basingstoke. Messrs. L. Raphael and B. Hinder (Lowestoft) were elected new members and Miss F. Woodgate (Reedham) a probationer.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Rector (the Rev. E. W. Alexander) who conducted the service and the organist (the Rev. M. Galley). Mr. H. W. Lidbetter, the branch's youthful veteran, who left a sick bed to be present, and the Misses Lidbetter for the tea arrangements.

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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

The quarterly meeting of the West Dorset Branch was held at Whitechurch Canonicorum on St. George's Day. Six towers of the Branch were represented with visitors from Yeovil, Yetminster, Leigh, and Corfe Mullen. The beautifully toned eight sounded at their best to Double Norwich, which was the method chosen for the day.

Canon Cox conducted the Guild service, while the Vicar of Whitechurch gave the address. He said that since he had arrived in the parish he had been taught to ring. He had learnt with some difficulty to control his bell, and to make it fit in with the other seven. This he likened to our lives which we should control, and fit them in with the rest of mankind.

Mr. C. W. Powell presided at the business meeting. Arrangements were confirmed for travelling to the Guild festival at Wimborne. The next monthly practice will be at Netherbury on May 20th, and the next quarterly at Thornecombe on July 16th. Chardstock tower also will be open.

BISHOP'S DAUGHTER MARRIED

On April 26th, Miss Elizabeth Jane Leonard, second daughter of the Rt. Rev. M. P. G. Leonard, Bishop of Thetford, was married in Norwich Cathedral, to the Rev. Allen Rutter, son of the Rev. and Mrs. Norman Rutter, of Bickley, Kent.

Miss Leonard is a member of the St. Peter Mancroft Guild and fellow members rang handbells as the bride and bridegroom left the Cathedral.

In the evening members rang 1,260 Plain Bob Royal, at St. Peter Mancroft. The band was S. Boar 1, A. G. Bason (cond.) 2, C. Bird 3, S. Brothers 4, C Curson 5, S. Gall 6 W. Love 7, C. Goodman 8, W. Barrett 9, B. Gogle 10.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Peal ringers will note the achievement of Mr. Peter Border in ringing the 56 cwt. tenor of Wells Cathedral to a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal. College Youth friends speculated at Derby on April 30th whether Mr. Wilfred Williams, the conductor, would have reserved the tenor for himself. There was certainly no dallying to bring the peal round in 3 hours and 39 minutes.

The bells of St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol, will be heard prior to the evening service to be broadcast from there in the West and Midland Home Services next Sunday at 7.45 p.m. The captain of the ringers is E. F. Hancock.

The quarter peal at Braywood, Berks, was arranged by Mr. W. Birmingham so that some of his ringing friends could ring there before the church is demolished.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild's week-end ringing course at Big Wood was highly successful. There were 52 present all the time and four part-time. The demand already exists for another course.

'The Ringers' Magazine' for the April quarter contains articles by Norman Phillips, Victor Shepherd, William Butler, Ernest Morris, A. James Glass, John F. Williams, William Birmingham and William Shepherd. All are very readable.

For the time being the treble and sixth bells at Tenterden are considered to be unsafe for ringing. It is hoped to launch an appeal shortly to have the repairs done. The quarter peals published this week were rung without these bells.

We are sorry to learn that Mr. Albert J. Hughes, of Bangor, who is now in his 79th year, is shortly to be admitted to Bradford Royal Informary for an operation. He sends his congratulations to the band who rang the 22,400 Plain Bob Major

A new edition of 'Who's Who in Music' is in course of preparation for publication in early 1962. Musicians among our readers who would like to be considered for inclusion in the biographical section should write to Burke's Peerage Ltd., Mercury House, 109-119, Waterloo Road, London S.E.1.

The monthly practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, London, is maintaining its popularity and usefulness. We hear that at the last meeting a touch of Six Spliced was rung by a band comprising officers of the Ancient Society of College Youths, the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, the Ladies' Guild and the Middlesex County Association. Members of the London County Association and the University of London Society were also present. Alick Cutler, Ringing Master, also afforded one visitor rounds and call changes, in his endeavour to extend courtesy to all comers.

An anonymous donor has given £425 to Aldeburgh Church, Suffolk, in order to procure a new eight-bell frame.

The silver wedding anniversary of the Vicar of Copt Oak, Leics, the Rev. F. R. S. Byfield, and Mrs. Byfield was honoured by a peal on his bells on April 30th. Mr. Byfield, who is chairman of the Loughborough District of the Leicester Diocesan Guild, is a ringer at his church.

After an hour and 40 minutes ringing, the Universities Association lost a peal attempt of Stedman Caters at Saffron Walden on April 30th. One of the party was not told to change at Audley End and was taken on to Cambridge. With considerable enthusiasm she chartered a taxi to drive her out on to the Saffron Walden road and then hitch-hiked.

Of the five bell towers in Worcestershire, only Bredon, Berrow and Broadwas have had peals, and none since 1938 (at Berrow). The silence was broken by a peal at Broadwas, the first since 1919. Of the unpealed fives in the county, only Birlingham's and the heavy bells at Honeybourne are now ringable. At Broadwas, the tenor was cast in about 1346: the front four were added by Carr, of Smethwick, in 1822. The bells are not in tune, but are more minor than major, and are somewhat oddstruck. Before the peal could be attempted, the bells were well oiled and ropes were replaced. When the band had become used to the unusual music of the bells, quite a good peal was rung.

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LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD REVIEW, 1959

A COMPANY of 150 ringers and wives attended the annual meeting of the Leicester Diocesan Guild at Aylestone on April 23rd. Some 11 towers were open for ringing and the service in the Cathedral was conducted by Canon F. W. Pratt with the Provost (the Very Rev. R. J. F. Mayston) as preacher. A special double-decker 'bus transported members after the service to Aylestone where an excellent tea was provided.

Opening the business meeting the president (Mr. Peter J. Staniforth) apologised for the absence of the Bishop and the Archdeacons and had a special word of welcome for Mr. W. H. Clarke, of St. John the Divine, Leicester. Twenty certificates of membership were presented.

The secretary (Mr. Brian G. Warwick) in presenting the committee's report stated that 726 members paid or joined the Guild in 1959 and there were 115 members who owed one year's subscription The most outstanding event was the annual dinner with the Lord Bishop of Leicester as chief guest. A new venture during the year was the introduction of striking competitions.

From the District reports Hinckley District mentioned the performance of Martin Faulkes, of Hinckley, who rang 27 peals during the year. His first peal was rung as recently as December 30th, 1958. The Leicester District recorded with regret the deaths of Mr. John O. Lancashire and Mr. E. J. Jelley, and Loughborough District that of Mr. Charles Allsopp. Two old stalwarts of the Melton Mowbray District, Mr. Evandon Littlewood (Asfordby) and Mr. Joseph Gilson (Melton Mowbray), had been created life members. The Syston District mentioned that three members—Mr. W. Bott (Thurnby), Mr. P. Plowright (Rothley) and Mr. F. Bindley (Thurcaston), had been transferred to the honorary life members' list in recognition of long and valuable service to the Exercise.

Mr. Ernest Morris (the honorary treasurer) in his report mentioned that 1959 could be put down as a successful year, financially, as the General Fund of £93 16s. 1d. had ended up with £96 12s. The Bell Repair Fund stood at £150 14s. 3d. and the Catering Fund £11 4s.

186 PEALS

Mr. Shirley Burton presented the peal secretary's report, which recorded 186 peals (153 on tower- and 33 on handbells) during the year. Methods rung for the first time were Liversedge variation of Kent and Oxford Royal, Biddenden Surprise Royal, Braunstone Surprise Royal, Lyme Surprise Royal and Whitwick Surprise Royal. An 'Ernest' peal of Royal was rung for the first time, the Guild contributing five 'earnest' ringers. A peal of Doubles was rung at Kirby Muxloe by a band whose average age was 15 years 2 months. A Sapcote ringer, John Watkins, aged 11, rang his first peal at first attempt.

The general secretary was the leading conductor with 47 peals called for the Guild, followed by John M. Jelley, 21, and John A. Acres and B. Stedman Payne with 13 each. The reports were adopted.

Officers re-elected were Mr. Peter J. Staniforth, president; Messrs. P. L. Taylor and F. K. Measures, vice-presidents; Brian G. Warwick, general secretary; Ernest Morris, treasurer; and Colin Harrison and J. P. Fidler trustees. Mr. Shirley Burton asked to be relieved of the office of peal secretary, largely owing to his wife's illness and Mr. John A. Acres was elected his successor on a ballot. The other nominee was Mr. John M. Jelley. Conductors are reminded that peal fees and all compositions should be sent to 52, Luther Street, Leicester, within four weeks of a peal being rung. Messrs. W. J. Root and G. M. Brewin were elected auditors.

The election of 22 ringers, one non-resident, one honorary and one rejoined member was confirmed.

The Bishop and Provost had accepted invitations to the annual dinner at the Shakespeare Hotel, Braunstone, Leicester, on October 29th. It was decided by a large majority that the dinner should **not** be known as the 'Harold J. Poole Commemoration Dinner.' A grant of £21 to Blaby, towards the rehanging of the five bells, was confirmed.

SERVANTS OF THE EXERCISE – No. 20



LESLIE W. G. MORRIS,
Secretary, Yorkshire Association.

Mr. L. W. G. Morris has been for over 22 years secretary of the Yorkshire Association. He is the second Worcestershire man to serve in the capacity, and follows a line of distinguished men who have been secretary, such as Harry Williams, Clement Glenn and Percy J. Johnson. The Yorkshire Association has always possessed the knack of finding able and conscientious officers, and, having found them, does not easily release them from office. Mr. Morris is no exception to the rule and there is no doubt that he holds the respect and admiration of all Yorkshire ringers.

He was born at Bromsgrove, Worcestershire, in 1909, and was educated at the Cathedral King's School, Worcester. He is an accountant by profession. He became interested in ringing when he was 13, and learned to ring at Upton Snodsbury, where Grandsire Doubles was the only method practised. He called his first 720 in this method when he was 14. Finding the orthodox six-scores rather monotonous, he started delving into the field of figures, and eventually produced the double six-score, or 240, now generally accepted and rung, known as Morris's arrangement. There was some opposition at the time of its introduction, and prolonged controversy at Council meetings, round about 1930.

His work took him to the County of Broad Acres, and he joined the Yorkshire Association in 1927. He was soon ringing peals with the late George Barraclough, of Leeds, who was a founder member of the Association, and a close associate of Jasper Snowdon. Mr. Morris is proud to belong to that steadily diminishing coterie of ringers who form a link with those who founded the Yorkshire Association in 1875. Since he was made secretary he has attended every general and committee meeting. He was elected to the Central Council in 1939, and has never missed a single meeting since his election

His interest in composition is mainly confined to peals of Surprise Royal and Maximus, and he has a peals total of over 640, of which more than 500 have been in Surprise methods. Of his peals 327 of them have been rung for the Yorkshire Association, and he has conducted 137. He has rung no less than 126 peals on twelve bells, in 47 different towers, and they include 86 peals of Surprise Maximus. Notable amongst these are Cambridge at Exeter, in 1949, the firsts of Cambridge Maximus at Wakefield (old ring) and the present ring at Leeds, Sheffield (conducted), St. Nicholas', Liverpool, Buckfast Abbey and Evesham (conducted). He also conducted the first of Yorkshire Maximus at Evesham, the first in the same method at Trowbridge, and the only peal of Southwell Surprise Maximus ever rung. This was at Halifax in 1954.

In 1959 he took part in the first peal of Londinium Surprise Maximus, and conducted the first of Cambridge Royal at Wells Cathedral. He has since rung London Surprise Royal there. In Scotland he took part in the first of Surprise Royal (Yorkshire) at Inveraray, and in the first of Royal (London) at Glasgow Cathedral. He was one of the band which rang in William Pye's last peal at Heavitree. Mr. Morris holds the view that in the field of Spliced Surprise, the only plan that is worth while is that in which all the bells do all the work of each method. He has taken part in the whole Pitman series on this plan from four to nine methods and has conducted peals in up to seven methods.

In 1945 he rang peals on the four standard method plan in England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland, and in 1959 took part in a strictly silent and non-conducted peal, in which all but the treble ringer were members of the Central Council.

JAFUS.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

Presentation To The Rev. R. H. Nind

The Elloe deaneries branch met on Easter Monday at Pinchbeck, where the service was conducted by the Rev. R. W. H. Nind, who gave an address. The organist was Mr. North.

Tea and business meeting were at the Bull Inn, during which Mr. Nind was presented with a two tier filing cabinet, subscribed for by members, in appreciation of his services during the past four years. In making the presentation, Mr. J. G. Ames thanked Mr. Nind for all the good work he had done for the branch during his curacy at Spalding, wished him every success in the mission fields of Jamaica, and hoped that when he returned he would find time to visit the branch where there would always be a warm welcome.

Mr. Nind thanked all who had subscribed for such a wonderful and unexpected gift and said it would always be a reminder to him of happy times at Spalding and the many friends he had made during his curacy there.

Four new members were elected, all from the Pinchbeck tower. Mr. Ames proposed a vote of thanks to all concerned in the arrangements for the meeting.

Good use was made of the bells of the Parish Church in a variety of methods. There were many visitors.

Tips For Beginners—20

If you have a company capable of ringing Cambridge and Superlative but experience difficulty in getting on to London and Bristol, you may find Ashtead very useful, particularly as it can be rung to very similar rules to Double Norwich.

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION

One minute's silence was observed at the quarterly meeting of the Halifax Association, held at Elland on April 23rd, to the memory of Mr. Harry Roberts, of Kirkburton, a member and judge in contests for many years.

The president (Mr. E. Earnshaw) was in the chair and Mr. Trevor Tarbutt asked why so much Oxford Treble Bob was rung at Association meetings. The president summed up a lively discussion by stating that in some towers Cambridge and similar methods were out of reach of many members and this precluded them from obtaining a thorough grounding.

The annual meeting will be held at Hoylandswaine on July 15th. Mr. Frank Linfoot was thanked for the excellent arrangements for the meeting.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS VISIT DERBY



In the centre are the Mayor of Derby, Councillor G. A. Collier, and the Bishop of Derby, the Right Rev. Geoffrey Allen. On the left are J. F. Smallwood and E. G. Fenn (trustees), the Master, J. G. M. Prior and M. F. Moreton (senior steward). On the right are the Provost of Derby, the Very Rev. R. A. Beddowes, John E. Chilcott (secretary), C. G. J. Watts (treasurer) and Burley P. Morris (secretary, Derbyshire Association).

[Photo by courtesy of 'Derby Evening Telegraph.'

THE country visit of the Ancient Society of College Youths to Derby on April 30th was made memorable by the cordiality of the welcome arranged by Mr. J. Frank Smallwood, a trustee of the Society, and Mr. B. Morris, the secretary of the Derbyshire Association.

No organisation could have received a better welcome for at the dinner, held at St. James's Hotel, the Master (Mr. J. G. A. Prior) was received by the Mayor (Cclr. G. A. Collier), the Bishop (the Right Rev. G. F. Allen) and the Provost (the Very Rev. R. A. Beddoes). The London contingent, which accompanied the Master, included Mr. A. A. Hughes and the honorary secretary, Mr. John Chilcott, and they were joined by car loads from Birmingham, among whom was Mr. Albert Walker. In all about 60 members of the Society sat down to luncheon.

Wearing his chain of office, the Master said he would like to say how honoured they were to come to Derby and to be received by the Mayor, the Bishop and the Provost. Why had they come to Derby? About two years ago a well-known figure in London ringing circles came to live at Darley Dale. He wrote to the Society early in the year suggesting that they should hold a meeting at Derby and that was the result. Frank Smallwood and Burley Morris had done all the work to make their visit most enjoyable.

THE MOST OBJECTIONABLE BELL

The Mayor in his welcome said Mr. Smallwood had sent him their handbook giving the history of their old and very great Society. They thought of the part they had played over the centuries in the history of the country. Without bells he thought they could not appreciate the traditions of the country.

'I have tried to think of the first bell I heard; it was one I never liked to hear—the school bell. Now I think the bell I object to most is the telephone bell. It was very pleasant this morning, between telephone bells and people calling at the Mayor's parlour, to hear the bells of Derby ringing out their music.'

The Bishop said, 'I know how much your work means in the life of the Church and I would add a very warm word of welcome to that of the Mayor's.'

The Provost gave to the Society not only a personal welcome but one on behalf of the Derbyshire Association, of which he is president. It was often assumed, he said, that the clergy were not very interested in bells and ringers but they must not go away with the idea that they never did anything for them. When the Mayor asked for the bells to be rung on royal and other occasions he always replied, 'Of course, Mr. Mayor, you will pay for the bells to be rung.'

Conducted by Mr. Albert Walker a very good touch of Stedman Cinques was rung on handbells, by: W. T. Cook 1-2, F. W. Perrens 3-4, A. Walker 5-6, J. F. Smallwood 7-8, M. V. Chilcott 9-10, J. Chilcott 11-12.

ELECTED AT 15

Later in the afternoon a meeting of the Society was held when the notification of the election of Mr. Roderick W. Pipe, prior to a peal took place. Other elections to membership were Harold Sherratt: F. N. Paling (aged 15) Nottingham: Brynley A. Richards, Mansfield: Frank Cook, Church Warsop: J. C. Maxwell, London: William Sidwell, London.

The Master said he thought it would be very fitting if they entered in the minutes their proceedings that day. It was the first occasion they had been to Derbyshire and it had been very successful. He thanked Mr. Smallwood and Mr. Morris for their work.

Mr. E. G. Fenn offered the Society's congratulations to the band who rang the peal at Norwich and the meeting joined in extending to Mr. Albert Walker best wishes for an 84th birthday the following Tuesday.

Mr. Walker said it was a real pleasure for him to be among them as he had been a member for 63 years. Keeping good time and ringing had kept him reasonably fit.

Ringing during the day took place at St. Alkmund's, the Cathedral, St. Peter's, St. Luke's and St. Andrew's, and it was a reluctant party of happy ringers that said farewell to Derby after a memorable day in the history of the Society.

Mr. John R. Mayne was elected Master of the Middlesex County Association at Feltham on April 29th.

During the Easter holiday Mr. Clive M. Smith, of Lichfield, rang in his 2,100th tower at Quedgeley, Glos.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

The 14th annual meeting of the Southwell Diocesan Guild was held at Mansfield on April 23rd. By permission of the various incumbents, Mansfield Woodhouse and Warsop and St. Peter's, Mansfield, towers were open and some good ringing was enjoyed.

A service was held in St. Peter's, Mansfield, conducted by the Rev. Hugh Pettinger, at which approximately 60 members were present. The hymns were accompanied by handbells rung by members of the Warsop band. Tea followed in the Church Hall.

In the absence of the chairman and vice-chairman, the chair at the business meeting was taken by the Rev. Hugh Pettinger. A brief silence was observed in memory of Mr. C. Cook and Mr. William Stevenson.

The annual report having been in circulation for a month the various reports and accounts were adopted without comment. Grants of £15 each to Granby and Selston were made from the Bell Repair Fund during the year and the balance now stood at £88 12s. 8d.

The peal secretary's report showed that 53 peals were rung during the year. First performances were Ilkeston Surprise Royal and seven Surprise Minor methods. Seven members rang their first peals and the leading conductor was Mr. R. Hobbs with 23 peals.

The following new members were elected: Miss M. Rollin and R. Fanthorpe (East Retford), Miss E. McNeil, P. Halford, N. Pilkington, R. Pilkington and J. Womack (West Retford), and the Rev. John Banks (Warsop), Mrs. J. N. Keyworth, C. C. Keyworth, Miss N. Tasker, E. Tasker, D. Tasker and T. R. Cooke (Wheatley) and S. E. Denby (Mansfield). The Rev. Shorland Ball, of Mansfield, was elected a vice-president.

All the officers were re-elected and Mr. B. N. Buswell were elected Central Council represen- Messrs. D. H. Rooke, J. D. Clarke and B. N. Buswell were elected Central Council representatives for the ensuing three years.

The design for a new badge was approved and should be ready within the next six or eight weeks.

Following a discussion on the Crawford Cup competition a committee, consisting of the vice-chairman of the Guild and the Ringing Master of each District, was appointed to run the competition. A collection for the Bell Repair Fund produced £1 16s. 6d. A comprehensive vote of thanks to all concerned in the day's proceedings was moved and honoured.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

STRAIGHT WORDS ON VARSITY RINGING

Dear Sir,—In spite of Mr. Johnston's belief ('R.W.' April 15th, 1960) I have never said the Universities Association 'provided little more than a marriage bureau.' Moreover, 'all its activities are "NOT" normally .... definitely southern .... in location. Of the fifteen tours, five have been north of Birmingham and both the next two will be.—Yours sincerely,

D. J. ROAF.
Hon. Sec., Universities Association.
Trinity College, Cambridge.

HIS LESSON

Dear Sir,—Life gets tedious, don't it? All one receives for honest toil in an attempt to lighten a correspondence that was threatening to become as serious as a Victorian Sunday School is an accusation of 'spite.'

This'll larn me! Let them, say I, crack one another's pates and saints preserve 'em.—Sincerely,

W. E. BOX.

Harborne, Birmingham.

JUDGING WITH A BEGINNER

Dear Sir,—May I thank H. Chant very much for his most informative article on the judging of competition ringing. 'Judging' of a practice touch with a beginner as marker might well be another way of encouraging our beginners to listen to the bells rather than just pull ropes.—Yours faithfully,

R. J. CARLTON.

Willesborough.

P.S.—All methods rung by the Willesborough band for service ringing are to be found in the Central Council's Collections.—R. J. C.

'A GREAT ADVENTURER'S' GREETINGS

Dear Sir,—May I congratulate, through your wonderful journal, the Australian ringers on their first quarter peal of Maximus at St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne.

I was delighted to see the photograph of these keen young ringers on the steps of St. Paul's, where I once stood with a band of Australian and English ringers after a peal of Bob Royal.

As a voice from the past may I offer my best wishes to all Australian ringers for the future. I shall watch with great interest, having such happy memories of the past.—Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM LINTER.

Fareham, Hants.

QUARTER PEALS

Dear Sir,—In recent weeks there have been several performances published under 'Quarter Peals' which consist of less than 1,250 changes. For instance, 1,200 Doubles were rung at Chelsfield on March 20th, 1,000 at Old Headington on April 3rd, and 1,200 Doubles, 1,188 Minor and 1,152 Major at East Grinstead. As a peal on up to seven bells should contain 5,040 changes and on 8 or more bells a minimum of 5,000 changes, surely the minimum number for a quarter peal should be 1,260, or 1,250 if on more than 7 bells.

Are most of us ringing longer quarter peals than necessary or should these shorter performances not be published?—Yours sincerely,

D. A. R. MAY.

East Clandon, Surrey.

NOTE.— A sympathetic eye is passed over the quarter peals published. Many would come under the definition of performances. —Ed.

YOUNGEST LADY TO RING MAXIMUS

Dear Sir,—With reference to the statement in 'The Ringing World,' regarding the youngest lady to ring a peal of Maximus, my daughter, Margaret Beamish, rang a peal of Cambridge 12 at Birmingham Cathedral on March 19th, 1949, when she was 15 years and 9 months old, thus beating Mrs. Marriott by 13 months.—Yours sincerely,

DOROTHY E. BEAMISH.

Nuneaton.

STRANGE ACTION

Dear Sir,—My daughter, aged 14, has recently taken up ringing at the Church of Holy Cross, Sarratt, near Watford, under the tutelage of Miss June Chiltern and has got on so well that she has been allowed to ring for services with an experienced ringer by her side. Last Sunday, however, she was told by the Rector not to ring any more as she is unconfirmed. She is a baptised member of the church and would in time have been ready for Confirmation. She always attends service after ringing. Is this a common experience among ringers and what action, if any, is advisable?—Yours etc.,

W. E. STRAWSON.

Sarratt, Herts.

RECORD LENGTHS

Discipline, Refreshments and Talking

Dear Sir,—Naturally I was more than interested in Frank Lufkin's band's performance at Kirkby, but a few words in his report stand out very clear. **'And the few bad blows were caused by the members getting refreshments.'**

Some forty years ago when we attempted the 22,222 Stedman Caters (Louis Head) and also before we attempted the record London, we were given to understand by our conductor that refreshments were not allowed in a record length, so we all had a little pocket stitched on our shirts from which we could take a sweet while ringing between hand- and back-stroke. Both of these attempts were abortive. After the Stedman at Leeds, Kent (ideal weight and tower for record), we rang a peal of Treble ten, and London at Warnham. My only others over 5,000 were 11,008 Double Norwich at Erith (Jack Cheeseman's band) and the 9,600 of Double Dublin at Holy Trinity, Guildford, which brings me to the discipline.

Those Trinity bells were sending it out like a gorgeous organ, and one member of the band in his enjoyment only winked at another which brought forth from the conductor, 'Cut that out you'll spoil the beat.' W. T. Beeson would bear out my testimony in this.

Lack of discipline is the cause of most bad striking and no real ringer find any method monotonous as he is all the time listening to the beat. I did notice that Norman Harding kept to our school's tuition by taking only a sweet now and again.

My advice, for what it is worth, is: If you are teaching youngsters stop them from talking while they are learning and ever after. I can assure you that if I am calling the bobs in a peal and anyone dares to speak I immediately say, 'Shut up,' in no polite manner.

I still feel that for a record length the bells should be between 15 and 20 cwt. in an airy ringing chambr. The band should be seasoned peal ringers who are in regular practice and of the right temperament. Records are a serious business, not just a chance joke. More power to Frank's elbow and my heartiest congrats to him and his band.—Yours etc.,

GEORGE GILBERT.

Burnham, Bucks.

JUDGING RINGING CONTESTS

Dear Sir,—Mr. Norman Chaddock in his criticism of a paragraph of my article on 'Judging Ringing Contests' attributes virtues to me which I never claimed to possess. My enumeration of the qualities required to judge a contest was in relation to an 'ideal' judge. Far be it from me to claim that I am ideal anything! Moreover, the system is not **my** system, as he states, but one which has been used, so far as I can ascertain, since contests started; I have merely modified it a little in order to try and make it more accurate, chiefly in order to sort out with greater certainty the leading teams. May I also point out that it is no part of the judge's work to assess the **truth** of the test piece; he is there to assess the striking. The rules of the contest almost invariably state that the conductor of another team must be in the belfry to see that the test piece is rung true, and infringement leads to disqualification.

If, as Norman implies, **truth** means that every bell in every row must be heard absolutely clearly and distinctly in the order in which it should appear, then if this rule was implemented there would be far more room in the 'R.W.' for articles and letters. I have no doubt that Mr. Chaddock is well aware of contest rules since he was, I believe, the chief compiler of the rules of the Sheffield and District Society; I have no doubt also that he has often been in the belfry as the conductor who watches to see (and hear, presumably) if the test piece is rung 'true.' I don't, however, ever remember him demanding the disqualification of another team because of a 'jumble'—and he must have sat through one or two!

If with **my** system 'it is possible for a team which all but 'fires out' to win a contest,' it is possible with **his** for a team with only two faults to lose it!

He can take his pick, but, of course, he needn't worry; neither is likely to happen.

His argument that the number of faults allocated should be one less than the number of bells involved in the chord (or discord) is far more valid. The argument, of course, is not new, and I have both discussed it and heard it discussed. One well known judge, with whom I was acquainted, stated most definitely, 'Two's enough at once.'

Apart from the difficulty of having to decide on the number of bells involved, the main reason, I think, for the rejection of this multifault system are twofold.

(a) It is extremely unlikely to affect the winning team.

(b) It tends to punish, quite severely, the less advanced teams.

Of Clem. Glenn I have heard Albert Nash say (and Sid. Palmer will also repeat), 'He saw the mistake coming and corrected it before it was made.' No doubt Mr. Chaddock will know (as I do) several conductors of similar calibre to whom conducting a comparative simple method such as Plain Bob, Grandsire or Oxford in a six-bell contest is mere child's play, so that with a team of proficient ringers things seldom, if ever, reach the stage that Mr. Craddock envisages.

On the other hand, with a not-so-sure conductor with one or two nervous young 'uns ringing in their first contest, anything can happen—and often does. Many times have I heard after a contest the remark by members of such a team, 'Well, we got through, anyway!' sometimes said with a great deal of pride.

There are, of course, exceptions to both these examples but, as I said before, no system is infallible.

I am all for the underdog and so, in spite of Norman's logic, I shall still continue to give 'two' for these chords. Even with this it is still possible to have four faults in one change.—Yours sincerely. H. CHANT.

Ryhill, Wakefield.

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LETTERS—Continued

A TEACHING AID

Dear Sir,—I have produced a script of over 30,000 words entitled 'Learning and Teaching How to Handle the Rope and Ring and Control a Church Bell.' This script contains clear instructions on a proved and successful system of learning and teaching bell control, **including raising and lowering** the bell. In it will be found much useful advice on the methods of training a group of pupils, also some suggested exercises leading to better bell control, and a chapter on the use of handbells in initial instruction.

This script, which deals with the subject in detail, will be invaluable to anyone who wishes to improve their style, as well as to pupils and tutors.

Various sections of the script are numbered to relate them to a 35 m.m. film strip on the same topic and specially prepared to illustrate the script. The film strip has 63 pictures and a list of these with short descriptions or captions is also available. A black and white print of the film strip is available too. The film strip is suitable for cutting up to make two inch slides which can be shown on most projectors or any of the simple devices used for viewing colour photos.

An advertisement about the above appears at the back of this issue.—Yours etc.,

NORMAN CHADDOCK.

Rotherham.

ERIN

Dear Sir.—Mr. Lock in his interesting articles, 'Alphabet for Beginners,' is not quite accurate when he credits Lindoff with composing Erin as a method. It is very much older. What Lindoff did, I think, was to give it its name when he published a peal of Caters soon after he went to Dublin in either 'The Bell News' or 'The Ringing World.'

Seventy years ago this method was very popular in our tower as 'Stedman, all slow sixes' and as such five years later I took part in many touches of it. I think it was used as a stepping stone towards getting us on to Stedman proper.

About fifty years ago Law James took up nearly the whole of a Central Council meeting trying to persuade the Exercise that Stedman was composed as Erin and the quick six was the bob. He was finally silenced when an old ringer from Ashton-under-Lyne proposed 'that we continued to ring Stedman as our grandfathers did.'—Yours etc.,

B.

LEEDS & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Methods in Major and Royal were rung at the annual meeting of the Society, held at Leeds Parish Church on April 23rd. Mr. D. Thorp, the honorary secretary, reported that membership had increased and that the finances were healthy. New members elected were the Misses Judith Green and Averil Woolston, Messrs. R. Brier, S. Rhodes, Ian Vicary, Tony Stamp and S. Carson. The clergy and local company were thanked by Mr. R. Lumley and Mr. Arnold Cole replied.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

About 35 members attended the spring meeting of the Eastern District at Howden Minster on April 23rd. Mr. L. M. Woodhead presided at the business meeting in the absence of the vice-president, Mr. A. E. Sellers. Elected as members were Miss Mary Carpenter (Hessle), Miss C. N. Harrison, Messrs. J. I. Bath and G. W. Pybus (Cottingham). Bridlington was chosen for the annual meeting on June 11th.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD

Officers of the Cambridge University Guild of Change Ringers for the year 1960-61 are: President, the Rev. A. C. Blythe (Selwyn); honorary treasurer, Mr. S. J. Ridgman (Queens'); Master, Mr. J. R. Taylor (St. Cath's); honorary secretary, Miss F. A. Secker (Girton); librarian, Mr. H. E. Bishop (Selwyn).

OBITUARY

REV. DOUGLAS BALLARD

The beautiful old church at Stoke-under-Ham was almost full for the memorial service to its former Vicar, held immediately after his ashes had been interred in the churchyard on April 27th. During Mr. Ballard's long incumbency, of 27 years, great improvements had been made to the old Parish Church, and not least among them was the restoration of the bells in 1949. Four of the existing five bells were retuned, one recast, and a new treble added in memory of the Rev. E. S. Powell, and all hung in a new metal frame by Taylors. Since then the parish has been justly proud of its lovely ring of six, with a tenor of 17 cwt., and its well-kept belfry.

Completely uninterested in either bells or ringers up to that time, Mr. Ballard found himself caught up in the local enthusiasm for the work of restoration, and finally asked to be taught to ring. For a man of 69 this was no easy matter, and few people can have worked harder than he did to make himself a useful member of the tower. After his retirement in 1954 he had more time to give to ringing, and until his last illness he was frequently to be found at neighbouring practices, always eager to learn just a little more.

Mr. Ballard found and gave much happiness in his comparatively short career as a ringer. The friendship of his fellow ringers meant a great deal to him, and he himself was a welcome visitor to any tower. It was fitting that the bells of Stoke Church should be rung half-muffled before and after the funeral, in memory of one whose joy it was to offer his humble service as a ringer to God.

MR. F. W. CANNINGS

The Bath and Wells Association has lost one of its oldest members by the death of Mr. Francis William Cannings, of Bathford, Bath, at the age of 95.

Frank joined the Bath and Wells on June 6th, 1903, and in 1926 he joined the College Youths. He was towermaster at Bathford for nearly 50 years and was verger from 1913-55. Frank's interest in ringing never faltered and although in the last few years he could not climb the belfry steps he always listened when the bells were rung. By trade he was a carpenter and joiner: an example of his skill are the altar rails in Bathford Church.

Frank was laid to rest on Easter Saturday in the churchyard and under the tower of the church he loved so much. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. K. B. Kenley). Ringers present included his old friends Horace Taylor, Jim and Maurice Smart and local ringers. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by Messrs. S. A. Read 1-2, W. J. Prescott 3-4, R. O. Fry 5-6, G. J. Hawkins 7-8.

MRS. FLORENCE FIELD

On April 22nd the parish church of Long Sutton (Somerset), was still beautifully decorated for the Easter Festival when a large congregation assembled to pay their last respects to Mrs. Florence Field.

The service, which was fully choral, was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. H. S. Hale. Two of Mrs. Field's favourite hymns, 'On the Resurrection Morning' and 'For all thy Saints,' were sung. To the lovely strains of 'I'll walk beside you,' the cortege left the church for the churchyard where the Ven. J. C. Chute (Archdeacon of Sherborne) conducted the committal.

It was at Piddlehinton, the Archdeacon's former parish, where Mr. and Mrs. Field first attended a service after their marriage. As reported elsewhere, an 'open' quarter peal was rung there later in the day. In accordance with her known wish, there were no wreaths but kind friends were asked instead to send a donation to the People's Dispensary for Sick Animals.

E.T.P.F.

MR. F. M. MITCHELL

With deep regret we report the death of Mr. Frederick M. Mitchell at Milton, Gravesend, on May 5th. He was 82. His service to the Kent County Association was conspicuous and among the offices he had held were secretary, Rochester District, general secretary and treasurer, treasurer and vice-president. The funeral was at Milton on Wednesday.

MR. JOSEPH D. HARRIS

St. Mary's, Portsea, has lost its oldest ringer by the death of Mr. J. D. Harris, who died on May 5th, a fortnight before his 88th birthday. About four years ago he met with an accident and this prevented him from doing any active ringing but before this he was a most regular and enthusiastic member of the band.

He was very proud of the fact that during his 68 years as a ringer he had rung for the induction of six vicars of Portsea, including the late Archbishop of York and others who was subsequently elected Bishops. In the belfry of Portsmouth Cathedral is a framed copy of Holt's Original, written in full by him, which he was always proud to show to anybody visiting the belfry. He was a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths and many Diocesan and County Associations, including his own Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.

F.W.R.

MRS. ADA TAYLOR

Ringing friends in the Rochester District and Ladies' Guild (Kent Branch) will be sorry to hear of the passing of Mrs. Ada Taylor, beloved wife of Thomas E. G. Taylor, on April 30th.

Ada, as she was known to her ringing friends, came from a ringing family in Northern Ireland and learnt to handle a bell at Bangor, where her brother is leader. For some years, prior to her marriage in 1946, she was a Sunday service ringer at St. Thomas', Belfast.

Her first peal (Grandsire Triples) was rung at Northfleet, Kent, in 1946 and a year later she rang her second peal, Grandsire Triples, at Lurgan, Northern Ireland. On Easter Monday she was present at Bromley, and the following Saturday attended the Rochester District meeting at Tunstall. On the Sunday prior to her death she rang for Evensong at Milton-next-Gravesend, where she rang regularly on the 2nd and 4th Sundays in the month and at St. George's Chapel of Unity when a service was held there. She was a member of the Kent County Association, the Ladies' Guild, the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths and the Irish Association. She took a keen interest in missionary work, and St. James' Hospital where her cheerful and friendly manner will be sadly missed.

The funeral service took place at St. James' Church, Gravesend, on May 4th, conducted by Canon Selwyn Gummer, R.D. Cremation was at Eltham and the ashes are to be interred in the family grave at Bangor Abbey. Wreaths were sent from the ringers of Swanscombe, Northfleet, Gravesend and Milton.

T.E.G.T.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTINGHAM.—On Easter Day, 540 Single Oxford, 720 Oxford T.B: Sue Merideth and Ruth Blackshaw 1, Doreen Armstrong 2, B. Mills 3, M. Harrison 4, A. Larkin 5, F. Bradley 6. Conducted by F. Bradley and D. Armstrong. For evening service.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On April 3rd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Mary Norman 1, D. J. Bodicote (first 'inside') 2, Mrs. B. G. Warwick 3, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 4, B. M. Smith 5, M. G. Wood (first quarter) 6. To welcome Canon F. M. Cray (Rector of Aylestone) who preached at Evensong. Also on Easter Day, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: M. G. Wood (first away from tenor) 1, D. J. Bodicote 2, Mrs. B. G. Warwick 3, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 4, B. M. Smith 5, P. Norman 6. For Evensong.

ALPHABET FOR BEGINNERS

By T. J. LOCK

"G"

GARTER HOLE.—There is one hole in the wooden wheel attached to the headstock to which the bell is fixed. This garter hole is made in the rim of the wheel to allow the rope to pass through and it is at this point where the rope is usually subjected to most wear. As the bell is rung the wheel turns in a complete circle, first in one and then in the opposite direction, forward and reverse continuously. Consequently the garter hole goes with the wheel and the rope is bent one way on one side of the hole and then bent the other way on the other side, this being in addition, of course, to the strain on rope the ringer imposes in pulling the bell first at handstroke and then at backstroke. So it is important that the garter hole is properly formed and that the two sides in contact with the rope (the hole has two straight sides and two curved sides) are rounded with the largest possible curves and finished with polished smoothness. Sometimes you will find wooden blocks fixed next to the garter hole to give greater bearing surface to the rope.

GLOSSARY of Technical Terms 'for the use of learners,' published in 1901 and now out of print. It was written by the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer, assisted by such eminent members of a committee as Sir A. P. Heywood, William Snowdon, Rev. C. D. P. Davies, H. Dains and N. J. Pitstow. The book contains some 600 terms (some cross referenced and some described as obsolete) set out in Divisions—I. The Belfry and its contents; II. Preliminary Definitions: III. The Science of Change Ringing: IV. The Practice of Change Ringing. These Divisions are followed by an Appendix giving several systems and methods then practised.

GOLDSMITH.—This alphabet would not be complete without mention of John S. Goldsmith, who died in 1942 and who was the original founder, proprietor and editor of 'The Ringing World.' His pioneer work in the cause of campanology was immense but cannot be assessed, for what do you consider is the value of this paper to you and to the Exercise? He was also a ringer of no mean ability and without the slightest doubt devoted a great deal of his lifetime towards the furtherance of our art. A sanctus bell in the new Guildford Cathedral is the memorial to this great man.

GUIDE.—Guides are very nice, aren't they? Think of the good work done by mountaineering guides, girl guides, guide dogs and even guides for our bell ropes. When ringing chambers have a very high ceiling, the length of rope left free is too long for the sally to fall straight down to enable the ringer to catch it properly and so maintain full control of his bell. Moreover, there could be the danger of two or more ropes becoming entangled in each other. So for the better, this with a limited application in some cases, guides are fitted approximately half way between floor and ceiling, but always above the highest point reached by the sally. Unfortunately guides (for bell ropes) have their disadvantages, such as when they are set to cause the length of rope above them to rise and fall out of the perpendicular, this idea being to make a better circle at floor level where the ringers stand, and also such as when they are fixed to a not too robust iron frame the resultant noise making it difficult for the ringers to hear the bells striking.

The guides are made of iron or timber, though sometimes of hardwood set in an iron ring or collar, but when you get a number of ropes each in turn passing through their guides, the background of noise far too often prevents the ringers from hearing the bells at all clearly. Surely an improvement could be made if the hole in the guide could be made two or three times larger and if a more resilent material, such as leather, rubber, cord or matting were used either instead of, or to line, the guide.

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

Presentation To Mr. F. Skidmore

MEMBERS from all parts of the territory of the Association—there were 175 present at tea—attended the annual meeting of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association held at Swindon on April 23rd. The occasion was marked by a presentation to Mr. Frank Skidmore, who was re-elected Master, of an armchair.

In making the presentation, Mr. W. H. Trueman said Mr. Skidmore had held every office in his own branch and all except that of treasurer in the Association. Mrs. Skidmore was given a handbag for her very great help to the Association.

The Master in his report said the affairs of the Association were in a very satisfactory state, the total membership being 1,212, of which 1,131 were ringing members. The treasurer reported an increase in finances.

Peal activities warranted special mention, as about 73 peals were rung on tower bells and two on handbells, an increase of about 50 per cent, of which total 41 were Doubles and Minor. Pride of place must go to 'the Swindon Wizards' who rang the first peal of Swindon Surprise Royal and what is believed to be the first peal of London Minor. A handbell peal was rung for the Association in Australia.

There had been 15 losses by death, viz: H. R. Acock (former captain, Fairford), O. G. Attwood (Ringing Master, Bredon's Norton, for half a century), Albert Ball (Coaley), Arthur W. Baldwin (Cirencester), D. Gardiner (Mangotsfield), Amos Hall (tower captain, Winchcombe), Alfred Pearce (oldest member, Bristol City Branch), Henry John Price (Bibury), Beatrice Emily Richards (Portishead), Horace V. Robinson (tower captain, Wickwar), Thomas Townsend (Swindon), H. J. Vallender (Hartpury), E. J. Webber (60 years service ringer at Purton), Dr. Clifford Salisbury Woodward (joint president of the Association for 20 years), Canon Sydney Robert Wortes (Bristol Rural).

Mr. Philip M. J. Gray had agreed to organise a course of ringing instruction for the North Forest Branch.

Mr. S. G. Riches, the honorary treasurer, in his report stated that the balance sheet showed an increase of the total funds of the Association to £500 from £416 in 1958. This compared with a total value of funds in 1952 of £265 points to a steady consolidation of the finances of the Association during the past seven years.

All the officers were re-elected as were the vice-presidents with the addition of the Rev. W. A. Peel, of Tortworth. Central Council representatives are Messrs. R. Hooper, A. L. Barry, C. Wratten and W. B. Kynaston.

A number of alterations to rules were passed. The subscription is to be increased to 3s. 6d. next year (under 18 1s. 6d.) and new non-resident life members will have to pay 10s. 6d. (the committee are to consider giving them a certificate of membership).

The service was held at Christ Church, conducted by the Rev. R. Bryant, who gave an address relating the way of life to bell ringing. God was the composer and conductor, and ringers' lives the peal, he said.

Tea was served in the Church Hall, and the next annual meeting will be held at Moreton-in-the-Marsh.

THE LADIES' GUILD

Lincolnshire Branch

Prior to the service at the annual meeting of the Lincolnshire Branch at Gainsborough on April 23rd, an all ladies band rang a touch of Grandsire Triples as a silver wedding compliment to the Vicar and Mrs. F. P. Shepherd.

Mrs. Bray presided at the business meeting and it was agreed to send a message of love and sympathy to Mrs. McGuiness on the illness of her husband. The officers were re-elected. Meetings arranged were Gosberton, June 18th, Scunthorpe, July 23rd, and Butterwick, September 24th.

A CANADIAN VISITOR

A visitor to All Saints' belfry, Belton, Isle of Axholme, on April 22nd, was Mr. Harry Bell of 4712, Victory Street, South Burnaby, Vancouver, B.C. Before coming to England, for six months' holiday, the last time he rang was at Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria, 13 years ago when he covered with the tenor to Grandsire Triples. His previous last ring in England was in 1904, at his birthplace, Lower Peover, Cheshire, where he rang the tenor on Easter Sunday and at Belton he joined in some rounds. The genial personality of this old gentleman delighted the Belton ringers.



A HAPPY PICTURE at the wedding of Dr. David Heighton and Miss Bridget Mutimer, which took place at Saxlingham Nethergate, Norfolk, on Easter Monday. In the group are the Rector (the Rev. C. T. Hearn) and the Rev. Gilbert Thurlow (vice-president of the Central Council), who officiated. Dr. Michael Sprackling (best man), Dr. Tudor Edwards and Mr. Patrick J. Bird (ushers), who discarded their frock coats after the ceremony to ring a congratulatory peal, are also in the group.

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BIRTHS

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WILLCOX.—On May 15th. 1960. to Sylvia (nee Beddow) and Ernest at 13. Priory Crescent. Aylesbury. a daughter (Hazel Dorne). 5940

ENGAGEMENT

GILES—GALE.—The engagement is announced between Hazel, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. Gale. 126. The Headlands. Northampton. and Peter. younger son of Canon and Mrs. M. F. Giles. of Wollaton. Nottingham. 5928

DEATH

MITCHELL.—Frederick M.. of 114. Sun Lane. Gravesend. called home to rest May 4th. 1960. in his 82nd year. 50 years a member of the Kent County Association. 5922

MITCHELL.—Frederick M.. at Milton. Gravesend. on May 4th. 1960. Vice-president. Kent County Association of Change Ringers. formerly general treasurer. and general secretary and treasurer Remembered by all members with great affection and with deep sympathy to his wife and family. 5912

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ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL.—Forthcoming practices: Saturday. May 21st and Saturday. June 11th. 6 to 7.30 p.m. All welcome. 5920

ST. MARY CRAY PARISH CHURCH.—Annual ringers' service. Saturday. May 21st. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by May 18th. to Mr. Braund. 12. St. George's Road. Foots Cray. 5896

THE VETERANS REUNION (London), June 18th. at Bishopsgate. Will all who hope to come please notify me within the next week. please.—J. Euston. 28. Fairmile Avenue. Streatham. S.W.16. 5962

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CANCELLATION

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—The meeting. arranged for Old Brampton on Saturday. May 14th. is **cancelled** owing to illness near church.—A. B. Cooper. 5934

MEETINGS

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Meeting at Godstone. Saturday. May 14th. Tea at Curds tea rooms.—C. A. Bassett. 5889

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Ickleton. Saturday. May 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business includes election of one representative to Diocesan Committee.—E. W. Bullman. 5870

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting. Saturday. May 14th. Dunmow. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 5848

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W.—Crusader meeting. High Ongar, May 14th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 5836

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting at Walton-on-Thames on Saturday. May 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 5850

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting. Standon. Saturday, May 14th. Mainly for beginners.'—Durrant. Dis. Sec. 5868

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Meeting at St. Gabriel's. Warwick Square. S.W.1. Saturday. May 14th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m.. followed by business meeting and further ringing until 8 p.m. 5905

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Festival and A.G.M. will be held at Wimborne. May 14th. 1960. Meeting in Assembly Hall of Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School at 2.15 p.m., the Chairman of U.D.C. will welcome the Guild. 4 p.m. Service in the Minster. conducted by the Vicar. Meat tea in Grammar School at 5 p.m. Bells available: Wimborne Minster (10) 11.30 a.m. to 2 p.m., 6-9 p.m.; Poole (10) 11.30-12.30. 6-8; Wimborne St. Giles' (8) 11.30-1.30, 6.30-8.30; Cranborne (8) 11.30-1.30, 6.30-8.30; Wool (6) 11.30-1.30, 6.30-8.30; Wareham (8) 6.30-8.30; Hampreston (6) 11.30-1.30, 6.30-8.30; Canford (6) 11.30-1.30, 6.30-8.30; Sturminster Marshall—tenor bell out of commission but is expected to be available in time for the Festival, if so ringing from 11.30–1.30, 6.30–8.30 p.m.—W. C. West. Hon. Sec. 5813

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Norton, near Evesham. Saturday. May 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting. 5878

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Evening practice meeting at Desborough (8) from 7.30 to 8.45 p.m.. on Friday. May 20th. All welcome. 5915

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Practice meeting at Ubley (6). May 21st. Bells 5 to 6.15 p.m. Chew Stoke available 6.30 to 8 p.m.—D. G. Yeo. Hon. Branch Sec. 5930

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Meeting. Eaton Bray. Saturday. May 21st. General ringing 3-4 p.m. Ringing contest 4 p.m. Tea (approx. 3s.) 5 p.m.. followed by judges' placing and comments. Names to Rev. P. Graham. The Vicarage. Eaton Bray. Dunstable. Beds. No names no tea.—Kenneth G. Spavins. Dis. Sec 5901

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Upton. May 21st. Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Shotwick (6) after tea (fare 3s. 6d. return). Tea free for those notifying by Thursday previous.—Alexander J. Martin. 19. Falcon Road. Birkenhead. 5936

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—Meeting at Exhall on Saturday. May 21st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Great Gransden. Saturday. May 21st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—M. J. Dyer. Dis. Sec. 5937

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting. Watlington. Saturday. May 21st. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox. Dis Sec. 5913

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting. Thorington. Saturday. May 21st. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Numbers for tea by Wednesday. May 18th, please. to Mr. A. R. Andrews. Hall Cottage. Thorington. 5879

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Meeting at Avening. May 21st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. 2s. each. Names for tea to S. T. Price. 12. Regent Street. Stonehouse. Glos. 5926

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stow Branch.—Meeting at Moreton-in-the-Marsh. Saturday. May 21st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to F. Newton. 44. Bishop's Drive. Bishops Cleeve. Cheltenham. Glos. 5900

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham and Swindon Branches.—Joint meeting. Malmesbury. Saturday. May 21st. Bells (8) at 2.30 p.m Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea essential by 19th. to H. G. Blanchard. Braemore. Filands. Malmesbury. Wilts. 5925

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Crondall (6) on Saturday. May 21st. 6-9 p.m.

GUILD OF MEDICAL RINGERS.—Annual meeting and dinner. Saturday. May 21st. Ringing Benington (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Aston (6) available after tea (bring your own). Dinner 7.15 p.m. 'Coach and Horses.' Stevenage. Names to D. L. Gullick. Mount View. Stevenage. 5809

HAWKHURST GUILD.—Meeting. May 21st. Hawkhurst. Names for tea to A. H. Kemp. Lillesden. Cottages. The Moor. Hawkhurst. 5919

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—Quarterly meeting at Colwall. Saturday. May 21st. Service at 4.30 p.m. Names for tea. please. to J. Ward. Woofields. Coddington. Ledbury. Herefords.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—Meeting. Fownhope. Saturday. May 21st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea to T. E. Wood. 75. Redhill Flats. Hereford.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Lympne (6). Saturday. May 21st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Thursday. to Mr. H. P. Yates. Long View. Berwick Lane. Lympne.—C. T. H. 5918

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Meeting at Abergavenny, May 21st. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Gentlemen welcome. Names for tea by May 18th. please. to Miss L. Temlett. Park Villa. Hereford Road. Abergavenny.—J. S. King. 5882

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Meeting at Melton Mowbray. on May 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday. to Mr. R. E. Manton. 11. Elms Road. Melton Mowbray. Leics. 5929

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton and Manchester Branches.—Joint meeting at Pendlebury. on Saturday May 21st. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Tea 5. Business 6 p.m. Names for tea by Monday. May 16th. to A. Lomas. 47. Normanby Street. Swinton.—G. D. Fearnehough. 5903

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Meeting at Haslingden. on Saturday. May 21st. Ringing at 3 p.m. Cups of tea at 5 p.m.—J. Porter. Branch Sec. 5927

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting Great Bowden. Saturday. May 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—L. W. Allen. 5943

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Lindsey Branch.—Meeting at Belton, Saturday. May 21st. Bells (6) afternoon. Epworth evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify me by previous Tuesday. George L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth. Lea. Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 5877

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Meeting on Saturday, May 21st. Ringing arrangements as follows: Harmondsworth 3-4.30 p.m. Harlington 4-5 p.m., followed by tea and further ringing afterwards. Names not later than 18th. to L. Grice, 15, Burnham Gardens, Harlington.—E. R. Gotham. Hon. Dis. Sec. 5923

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berks Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday May 21st. at Blewbury. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, May 17th. to A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks. 5858

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Easthampstead, on May 21st. at 6 p.m. Special method: St. Clement's Minor. —B. C. Castle. 5892

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Meeting at Dallington (Northampton), Saturday, May 21st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous, to E. Billings, 61, Melville Street, Northampton. 5895

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at St. James's, Underwood Road, Paisley, on May 21st. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous, to Mrs. Caldwell, 37 Main Road, Castlehead, Paisley. 5935

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Eastrington, Saturday, May 21st. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. High tea 3s. 6d. Names before 18th. please, to Mrs. J. Bradshaw, High Street, Eastrington. —L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 5924

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting, Barnby-in-the-Willows (6), Saturday, May 21st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements. Look up Sandiacre Surprise.—W. L. Exton, Hon. Sec. 5862

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Notts District.—Practice meeting at North Wheatley (6), Saturday, May 21st. Please take own food, cups of tea provided. —H. Denman. 5916

SUFFOLK GUILD.—East Central District. —Meeting, Fressingfield (8), Saturday, May 21st. 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, May 18th. to L. E. Etheridge, Willow House, Fressingfield, Diss, Norfolk. To our Norfolk ringers, all will be made welcome.—W. J. Button, Hon. Sec. 5914

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Wenhaston, Suffolk, a service of thanksgiving for the restoration of the bells (the debt having now been cleared), Saturday May 21st. 3 p.m., preacher Rev. T. H. Child. Bells available after service until 9 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, May 18th. to C. J. Gibson, 1, Heath Road, Wenhaston, Halesworth. 5908

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The Annual Striking Competition will be held at Christ Church, Epsom, on May 21st. Service 2.30 p.m. Draw 3 p.m. Entries welcomed from any Sunday service band in the county. Forms on request from Secretary. Names for tea should be sent by non-competitors by Thursday previous, to Frank Oakshott, Downsview, Lewins Road, Epsom, Surrey. Quarterly business meeting after tea followed by ringing.—W. Parrott, 19, Eastdean Avenue, Epsom, Surrey, Hon. Sec. 5863

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting at Billingshurst (8), on Saturday, May 21st. at 3 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, to E. W. Keys, Greystones, Salthill Road, Fishbourne, Chichester. 5902

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Buxted (8), Saturday, May 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify numbers for tea by Tuesday, May 17th.—George North, 11 Richmond Terrace, Brighton. 5904

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester, Southampton and Andover Districts.—Joint meeting, Saturday, May 21st. Goodworth Clatford 1.30 to 2.30 p.m. Longstock 2.30 to 3.30. Kings Somborne and Stockbridge 3.30 to 4.30 p.m. Service Stockbridge 4.30 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. Four cafes available. Mottisfont 6.15 to 7 p.m. E. Tytherley 7 to 8, Broughton 8 to 9 p.m.—G. Dodd, P. Dickenson, I. Hartless, Hon. Secs. 5906

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Annual meeting joint with DONCASTER DISTRICT SOCIETY, at Arksey, near Doncaster, May 21st. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea in the Church Hall at 5 p.m. Names by 19th. to Mr. R. E. Cooper, 6, Grosvenor Crescent, Arksey, Doncaster. Barnby Don bells (6) will also be available from 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. Subscriptions are now due and annual reports will be available. A good attendance is hoped for. All welcome.—J. J. L. Gilbert. 5885

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midland District. —Quarterly meeting, Saturday, May 28th. at St. Nicholas', Kings Norton, Birmingham. Ringing 3 to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.30 to 5. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Ringing from 6 to 8 p.m. approx. Notifications for tea not later than Wednesday, May 25th. to Miss M. Funnell, 7, Lanchester Road, Kings Norton, Birmingham 30. 5898

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Branch.—Annual meeting, Sleaford, May 28th. Tea for those who notify by Tuesday previous. Mrs. Wray, 16, Eastgate, Sleaford.—C. Brown, Hon. Sec. 5933

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Necton, on Saturday, May 28th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea by the previous Thursday, to Mr. G. Heyhoe, Necton, Swaffham.—C. Tovell, Sec. 5941

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Enstone, on Saturday, May 28th. Reply numbers for tea by previous Tuesday.—J. Keyte, Hon. Sec., 'Rosemary,' Freeland, Oxford. 5921

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held, D.V., on Saturday, May 28th. at Potterspury. Committee meeting at 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m., the preacher being the Archdeacon of Northampton. Tickets for tea at 3s. each, C.W.O. from Mr. W. A. Yates, 4, Bannerlands, Dadford, Buckingham, before May 21st. Ringing will be available at the following towers: Gayton 6, Alderton 5, Grafton Regis 5, 11 a.m. to 12 noon: Towcester 6, Cosgrove 6, Stoney Stratford, 12 to 1 p.m.: Easton Neston 8, Whittlebury 5, Paulerspury 6, Wicken 8, 1.30 to 3.15 p.m. All except Easton Neston open after tea. Potterspury 6, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.: Green's Norton 6, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.—G. W. Jeffs. 5883

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Practice meeting, May 28th. Britford. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Downton also available in evening. Please send names for tea by May 24th. to Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 5909

MANCHESTER UNITY ODD FELLOWS

A.M.C., May 28th to June 4th. at BRIGHTON, Sussex.

Special service, St. Peter's Church (10), Sunday May 29th. at 3 p.m. Ringing 2.30 p.m., when all Odd Fellow ringers—also visiting ringers—will be cordially welcomed.

A. W. Bond, St. Peter's Ringers.
Brother Frank Stenson. 5939

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting on Saturday, June 4th. at Granby. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea **must** be given by May 31st. to S. Adams, 54, Wilford Road, Ruddington, Nottingham. 5938

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Whit Monday, June 6th. at Cheimsford. Service in Cathedral 11 a.m. Preacher Archdeacon of Colchester. Annual meeting immediately after service in Chapter House. Coffee, etc., available in Cathedral Hall from 10.15 a.m. to 10.45 a.m. Lunch 1.30 p.m. cost 5s. Tea as a running buffet, cost 2s. 6d., if purchased by closing date, June 1st. Later applications 6s. 6d. and 3s. respectively. Ringing: Cathedral 9.30 to 10.45 a.m. (Service touch at 10.45) and from 4 p.m. From 3 to 6 p.m.: Boreham (8), Great Watham (8), Broomfield (6), Little Waltham (6), Springfield (6), Ford End (6), High Easter (6), and from 6 to 9 p.m.: Galleywood (8), Widford (8), Great Baddow (8), Danbury (6), Sandon (6), Little Baddow (5). Lunch and tea tickets from F. V. Gant, 3 Central Drive, Hornchurch. 5899

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North-East District.—A district full day's outing is being arranged to the Spalding area, Lincs, on Saturday, July 9th. All who wish to take part please send names by May 28th. to A. Bridges, 28, Waterloo Avenue, Leiston. 5917

OUTINGS

BROMHAM, BEDS.

Bromham ringers, and friends had an enjoyable outing on April 23rd. despite the coach driver's theories of map reading which resulted in arriving at Chalfont St. Peter half an hour late. At Waltham St. Lawrence, a trade-mark was left by the coach on a gateway when turning. Ringing on the nine at All Saints', Basingstoke, after lunch somehow 'didn't go.' On the recast Farnham bells, the part rang for a wedding, but the best ringing of the day was at Dorking. After ringing at Redhill the party had their money's worth on the homeward journey when they managed to cross the Thames about four times. Thank you, Kathleen, for your good arrangements.

K. C. F.

EMMANUEL, PLYMOUTH.

Several lovely old churches in North Devon were visited by the ringers of Emmanuel, Plymouth, during a half day's tour on April 30th. At Halwill there was not only ringing but cups of tea and cream buns (kindly supplied by a former Plymouth resident). An hour was spent on the beautiful eight at Holsworthy and at Clawton the Rev. John Scott joined in touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Minor. The last tower was Ashwater. Ringing was under the direction of Mr. J. P. Sims, and the arrangements were made by Mr. H. H. Thomas. A welcome visitor was Mr. Coles, of Hatfield.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.

Three car loads of Stratton ringers made an early start on Easter Monday to ring in three counties. The party was augmented at Ottery St. Mary, where well struck touches of Grandsire and Stedman were brought round. Some very nice ringing was enjoyed at Chard and also on the lovely eight at Crewkerne. At West Coker a death in the village prevented ringing.

An adjournment was made to try some of Rene's Cornish pasties before ringing on the grand ten at Yeovil where a visitor commented, 'Stratton boys certainly put their backs into it to make ringing enjoyable.' Into Dorset and Sherborne Abbey where Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob was the order of the day and the ringing was very good. The locals expressed a wish to hear something a little different, so Reg from Bridgerule obliged by calling some Cornish Bob.

On the homeward journey, a stop was made at Honiton where the Devon Guild meeting was being held and a nice touch of Stedman Triples was called by Tom.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

The meeting of the S.W. Branch at Ugborough, last visited in 1934, on April 23rd, proved a great attraction and was attended by over 50 ringers. Ringing was under the direction of Mr. T. G. Myers and included Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Kent. These bells, strangely keyed, have a tenor of 24 cwt. and two dating back to 1762.

At the meeting members stood in sympathy for the passing of Mr. G. H. Myers, Mr. E. W. Biffin and Mrs. Paul Field. Mr. L. Cundy and Miss M. Shepherd were admitted members and Guild certificates were presented by the chairman (Mr. H. H. Thomas) to Mr. Gordon Gilley (Plympton St. Maurice) and Mr. A. J. Sandy (Launceston).

QUARTER PEALS

CALVERLEY, YORKS.—On April 8th, 1,260 Treble Bob Minor: (720 Kent, 720 Oxford): P. M. Dawson 1, Joan M. Dawson 2, W. Lee 3, P. Wheatley 4, R. J. Lumley (first as cond.) 5, J. Rhodes 6.

CHELSFIELD, KENT.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Doubles (St. Simon's, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, Grandsire): Suzanne Baker (first quarter) 1, V. Cott 2, D. Parker 3, D. Manger (cond.) 4, J. Parker 5, C. Rowe 6. For Evensong.

FRENSHAM, SURREY.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Miss P. Badland 1, Mrs. C. J. Beadle 2, Miss S. Thayer 3, C. J. Beadle 4, J. E. Goddard (cond.) 5, D. W. Shepheard 6.

IVINGHOE, BUCKS.—On April 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Josie Hutchings 1, F. K. Williamson (cond.) 2, M. D. Pearson 3, I. Pett 4, W. Sear 5.

KILMERSDON, SOMERSET.—On April 21st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: C. J. Richards 1, L. R. G. Taylor 2, D. J. Barnett 3, J. J. Jefferies 4, T. J. Milsom 5, A. F. Lee (cond.) 6. 50th quarter together for 5 and 6. A birthday compliment to Her Majesty the Queen.

NEWTON ST. CYRES, DEVON.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Grace Cork 1, R. J. Bray 2, G. S. Luxton 3, G. Skinner 4, A. Newton 5, E. G. Cork 6, P. Newton (cond.) 7, A. C. Thorne (first of Triples) 8. For evening service.

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. Edmund, on Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. White 1, Miss D. M. Miller 2, Mrs. R. E. Roome 3, Miss J. A. Downing 4, R. S. Roberts 5, J. C. Rainbow 6, E. Billings (cond.) 7, G. F. Roome 8. Rung for 7 a.m. Communion on Easter Day.

WOOTTON WAWEN, WARWICKS.—On April 18th, 1,440 Minor (Cambridge, Kent, Oxford, Plain Bob, Little Bob, Double Court): R. C. Warburton 1, J. K. Foot 2, Pamela M. Turner 3, R. E. Tallis, jun., 4, P. S. Bennett (cond.) 5, M. S. Hart 6. First in six methods by all the band.

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COVENTRY'S ANNUAL WAS ALSO A PILGRIMAGE

THE Coventry Diocesan Guild held its 53rd annual general meeting on Saturday, April 23rd, in the centre of the City of Coventry, literally surrounded by bells, none of which could be rung. The tower of the destroyed Cathedral, which still stands intact, has a ring of 12 bells, with a tenor of 32 cwt. plus two semitone bells, making a total of 14. These bells are cast for ringing but at present are hung 'dead' in the base of the spire, and apart from providing the quarters and hour bells for the clock—which incidentally has no external faces at all—are used as a chime, and play hymn tunes at intervals during the day.

On the opposite side of the street there is a wooden campanile, belonging to Holy Trinity Church, housing a ring of eight bells with a tenor of 24 cwt. These bells are in the original frame, complete with wheels and fittings to make them a ringable peal, just as they were taken out of the tower when it was declared to be unsafe. It is said that when these bells were first put in the campanile they were rung up in peal, but the structure started to rock so violently that the ringers let go and ran for their lives. As the tower still stands it obviously did not fall down. The present vicar has stated as recently as last month in the parish magazine that he hopes to do something about the bells as soon as the organ has been repaired.

Only a few yards away on the side of the bridge crossing Hertford Street there is the Lady Godiva clock, which has a single bell hanging on the outside wall to strike the hours. This bell was in the Market Hall Tower which was destroyed in the Blitz, but the bell was not damaged. Visible from Broadgate and about 200 yards to the west is St. John's Church with a ring of five bells in its tower. This tower has been unsafe for many years, and only complete rebuilding would make it possible to ring the bells. Coventry has two churches each with a ring of eight, both of which are about one-and-a-half miles from the City centre. These are All Saints', Allesley, and St. Michael's, Stoke, both of which were available during the day for ringing.

So much for the bells. The business meeting was preceded by members attending Evensong in the Chapel of the Cross. This is a part of the basement of the new Cathedral and has been furnished so that services can be held: and but for the fact that the area is long and narrow, the authorities have produced a chapel with seating for about 700 people. The Provost, the Very Rev. H. N. C. Williams, in his address to the ringers said he wanted them to realise that they were a very important part of the churches they represented, and hoped they would do all they could to keep their office alive by bringing in new recruits to their art. He hoped they would make this an annual pilgrimage to their Mother Church.

Immediately after the service the Provost, at a very simple ceremony, was presented with a cheque for £135 as a gift from the ringers of the diocese. The president (Mr. F. W. Perrens) in making this presentation to the Bishop's Appeal Fund assured the Provost that the ringers of the diocese would be very ready to make a further contribution towards the Cathedral bells when necessary. In reply, the Provost thanked the president and the general secretary, who had organised the fund, for the very handsome donation to the Appeal, and said he did this on behalf of the Bishop, who was unfortunately out of the diocese and unable to attend.

The A.G.M. was held in the Cathedral Huts after tea. In opening the meeting the president thanked Mr. Hunt, of Stratford-on-Avon, for his very generous gift which had made the Appeal possible. He also thanked everyone who had helped to raise a sum of £135 towards the Bishop's Appeal, and said that the sum raised was a credit to the Guild.

All the officers were re-elected, with Mr. H. Windsor as Ringing Master, for the ensuing year. The secretary reported progress in the Guild as far as recruits and ringing were concerned. Many towers that had been silent for many years were now very much alive, thanks to the Branch secretaries and their helpers who had made this revival possible. The election of nearly 100 new members from both Districts was confirmed, as was also ten new non-resident members. This surely speaks for itself, and augurs well for the future of the Guild. This Guild is not a peal-crazy one, and only 16 peals had been rung in the year past: the outstanding peal was the six-spliced by the Allesley band after many attempts, and they are justly proud of their achievement.

A committee was set up to look into the Guild rules, as these were now out of date and wanted revising. Many suggestions were put forward for this committee to work on. It was hoped that they would have their report ready for one of the early quarterly meetings so that it could be dealt with at the next annual meeting.

The treasurer reported that the finances of the Guild were sound and looked like remaining so. It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Monks Kirby, if available. Before closing the meeting the chairman thanked the ladies for providing such a splendid tea.

J. L. G. H.

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TWELVE BELL PEALS

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 7, 1960, in 3 Hours and 42 Minutes.
IN ST. HUGH'S TOWER AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
A PEAL OF 5280 LYDDINGTON SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in D.

CLAIRE DILLAMORE	*Treble*	A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL	7
GEOFFREY R. PARKER	2	WALTER TOMLINSON	8
NORAH M. RANDLES	3	GEORGE H. RANDLES	9
MARGARET A. SWANN	4	JOHN WALDEN	10
PETER A. SHARP	5	RAYMOND F. SMITH	11
JOHN FREEMAN	6	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
First peal in this method.

LYDDINGTON SURPRISE MAXIMUS
x 3T x 14 x 5T x 16 x 147T x 38 x 349T x 30 x 16 x 5T x 38 x 1T
2nds lead-end 142638507T9E. 4ths place bob.

LONDON.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Sat., May 7, 1960, in 3 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 30 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in D flat.

*DOREEN DEVERELL	*Treble*	JOHN R. COOPER	7
THOMAS H. FRANCIS	2	FRANK J. MATTHEWS	8
JOAN BERESFORD	3	BENJAMIN F. BAKER	9
A. RONALD LING	4	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	10
DENNIS BERESFORD	5	PETER BERESFORD	11
†MARK W. MARSHALL	6	D. ALFRED KIRKBY	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by THOMAS H. FRANCIS.
* First peal in the method, and on 12 bells. † First on 12 bells.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., May 9, 1960, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 25 cwt.

RICHARD GRANT	*Treble*	GEOFFREY M. BREWIN	7
PHILIP G. K. DAVIES	2	WILLIAM A. LACEY	8
DOREEN D. DUTTON	3	JOHN A. ACRES	9
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON	4	ROBERT B. SMITH	10
JACK P. KESTERTON	5	E. ALAN JACQUES	11
HERRICK B. BOWLEY	6	WILLIAM J. ROOT	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERRICK B. BOWLEY.

TEN BELL PEALS

DERBY.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., May 6, 1960, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in E flat.

PATRICIA A. M. HALLS	*Treble*	CLIVE W. WALKLATE	6
CHARLES W. WALKLATE	2	GORDON A. HALLS	7
*SAMPSON WALKLATE	3	DENIS R. CARLISLE	8
*DAVID K. WALKLATE	4	HAROLD TAYLOR	9
MICHAEL BLORE	5	BURLEY P. MORRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE FREEBREY. Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.
* 25th peal together. First of Surprise Royal as conductor.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., May 7, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 13 cwt. 6 lb. in F.

WILLIAM A. THEOBALD	*Treble*	BRIAN D. THRELFALL	6
F. ERIC ROBERTS	2	WILLIAM T. COOK	7
J. DESMOND PAINTER	3	JOHN D. ROCK	8
*ANTHONY V. QUEEN	4	ROBERT C. KIPPIN	9
TUDOR P. EDWARDS	5	WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by S. J. IVIN. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.
* First peal of Royal.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., May 7, 1960, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 HAMPSTEAD SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in E flat.

WILLIAM H. COLES	*Treble*	N. DAVID ROBINSON	6
CELIA F. WHITFELD	2	FRANK C. PRICE	7
ARTHUR D. BARKER	3	ALBERT R. G. TWINN	8
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	4	THOMAS J. LOCK	9
JOHN HILL	5	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
First peal in the method.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 7, 1960, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-DIVINE,
A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 21 cwt.

A. JAMES POYNOR	*Treble*	KEITH B. TOWNSEND	6
PATRICIA A. WARDLE	2	MARTIN C. FAULKES	7
PETER J. CHILTON	3	ARTHUR GIBBS	8
JOHN M. JELLEY	4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS	9
IAN J. FRASER	5	ALAN E. HARTLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by G. RONALD EDWARDS. Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 7, 1960, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 BELGRAVE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

PETER LAFLIN	*Treble*	EDWARD JENKINS	6
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	JOHN WORTH	7
BASIL JONES	3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	8
BERNARD F. L. GROVES	4	WILLIAM H. DOWSE	9
C. KENNETH LEWIS	5	BRIAN HARRIS	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.
First peal of Royal in the method for the Guild.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 7, 1960, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 32 cwt. 21 lb. in C sharp.

LEONARD MANNERING	*Treble*	GEORGE F. CANTRILL	6
OLIVE D. COUCHMAN	2	JOSEPH C. WALLIS	7
THOMAS E. SONE	3	MAURICE E. DOWNS	8
FREDERICK C. HOGAN	4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	9
FREDERICK A. LEESON	5	COLIN A. TESTER	*Tenor*

Composed by G. HOLIFIELD. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

MARSDEN, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 7, 1960, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5055 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 26 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in D.

*JOHN H. FIELDEN	*Treble*	*J. COLIN ASHWORTH	6
*RITA M. JOWETT	2	ROBERT J. WARRILOW	7
*F. KEITH WILLIAMSON	3	PHILIP H. J. HUDSON	8
*RONALD J. JOHNSTON	4	DEREK OGDEN	9
*PETER SCHOLFIELD	5	FREDERICK A. MUNDAY	*Tenor*

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.
* First peal of Stedman Caters. First of Stedman Caters on the bells.

HAMPSTEAD SURPRISE ROYAL
—30—4—50—16—1270—38—12—3—16—9
2nds place lead 1573920486. 4ths place bob.

ROYAL WEDDING PEALS — Continued

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 7, 1960, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 23 cwt.

HAROLD V. FROST	*Treble*	§RICHARD A. PORTER	6
*STEPHEN P. DARVILL	2	BERTRAM C. JOHNSON	7
†KENNETH J. DARVILL	3	GEOFFREY DODDS	8
JOYCE DODDS	4	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM	9
‡CHRISTINE V. PULLIN	5	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE W. DEBENHAM.
Conducted by THOMAS J. SOUTHAM.
* First peal. † First in the method. ‡ First on ten bells. § First 'inside' and first of Royal.

SELBY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 7, 1960, in 3 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND GERMANUS,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in D.

PETER WOODWARD	*Treble*	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	6
RICHARD E. PRICE	2	GORDON BENFIELD	7
HOWARD SCOTT	3	J. HENRY FIELDEN	8
THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY	4	ALFRED SMITH	9
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	5	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., May 7, 1960, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 33 cwt.

HOWARD HOWELL	*Treble*	FRANCIS BROTHERTON	6
BARNABAS G. KEY	2	JAMES S. EASTWOOD	7
ALBERT D. COLLINS	3	WILLIAM DAVIES	8
HARRY BOSWELL	4	FREDERICK G. HANDLEY	9
HARRY GRIFFITHS	5	GEORGE W. HUGHES	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., May 6, 1960, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAWRENCE.
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

CYRIL WRIGHT	*Treble*	MRS. G. ASHLEY	5
*MICHAEL J. COOPER	2	DENNIS COOPER	6
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD	3	HAROLD WAGSTAFFE	7
MRS. B. HOLMES	4	ARTHUR B. COOPER	*Tenor*

Composed by J. NICHOLL. Conducted by CYRIL WRIGHT.
* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., May 6, 1960, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18¼ cwt.

W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	*Treble*	LEONARD STILWELL	5
PETER F. ROMNEY	2	HENRY STALHAM (88)	6
ALBERT W. BOND	3	FREDERICK PAGE	7
*STANLEY W. BROWN	4	HERBERT W. WOOLVEN	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM HARRISON.
Conducted by W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON.
* First peal of Major.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., May 6, 1960, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY AND UNDIVIDED TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 lb. in E flat.

*MARY HALL	*Treble*	PETER E. PARRY	5
PATRICK J. BIRD	2	*CLIFF. J. RICHARDS	6
*ANGELA GRAINGER	3	*RICHARD J. BOWDEN	7
JOAN M. GRAY	4	D. JOHN HUNT	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by D. JOHN HUNT.
* First peal of Kent T.B. Major. First of Treble Bob on the bells.

BURFORD, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., May 6, 1960, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17¾ cwt.

EDWIN G. TOWNSEND	*Treble*	BRIAN W. HALL	5
BERNARD J. COGGINS	2	ALAN R. CORNISH	6
FREDERICK W. SODEN	3	THOMAS W. TIMMS	7
MICHAEL C. F. COLLETT	4	WILLIAM J. DIXON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by THOMAS W. TIMMS.

CONDOVER, SALOP.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., May 6, 1960, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. ANDREW AND MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 13 cwt. in G.

*TONY WHITE	*Treble*	F. HECTOR BENNETT	5
ROGER W. POWELL	2	†REGINALD H. NEWTON	6
MARY C. POYNER	3	HARRY POYNER	7
COLIN SMITH	4	‡JAMES JONES	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by HARRY POYNER.
* First peal of Triples. † First of Plain Bob Triples. ‡ First peal. First of Plain Bob Triples as conductor.

DAVENTRY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., May 6, 1960, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in E flat.

*ELIZABETH A. NEGUS	*Treble*	HILARY M. JOHNSON	5
STANLEY F. WEBB	2	PATRICK IVAN CHAPMAN	6
†MARY J. MARSHALL	3	HUGH M. JOHNSON	7
GILLIAN TAVENER	4	DAVID J. MARSHALL	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by DAVID J. MARSHALL.
* First peal of Major. † First of Major 'inside.' First of Major as conductor (aged 15).

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., May 6, 1960, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.

ALICK CUTLER	*Treble*	THOMAS J. LOCK	5
*CELIA F. WHITFELD	2	REV. M. C. C. MELVILLE	6
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	3	*DAVID J. TAYLOR	7
*RUTH M. FOREMAN	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.
* First peal in the method.

HIGHCLERE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., May 6, 1960, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

*ERIC WOOLGROVE	*Treble*	REGINALD W. REX	5
†CHERRY WHITE	2	‡ARTHUR SAYERS	6
‡BRIAN MILLS	3	‡GEOFFREY K. DODD	7
‡REGINALD F. CROOK	4	‡WILLIAM KEWELL	*Tenor*

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.
* First peal of Triples. † First on eight bells. ‡ First of Plain Bob Triples.
Rung also as a birthday compliment to the ringers of treble and 7, both of whom celebrated birthdays the previous day.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., May 6, 1960, in 3 Hours.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

VIVIEN BARNES	*Treble*	*WILLIAM NEWMAN	5
MRS. P. HARRIS	2	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN	6
MRS. J. THOMAS	3	PATRICK HARRIS	7
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	4	HAROLD E. RAXTER	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by HAROLD E. RAXTER.
* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.

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ROYAL WEDDING PEALS — Continued

HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., May 6, 1960, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

*MERYL NEWTON (16)	*Treble*	ARTHUR NEWTON	5
ROLAND BIGGS	2	ROGER HAZELL	6
*WENDY HUSSEY (13)	3	DAVID A. CORNWALL	7
PERCY NEWTON	4	WALTER LEE	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID A. CORNWALL.
* First attempt for a peal.

KINGSWINFORD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., May 6, 1960, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-Part (sixth observation). Tenor 11¼ cwt.

MARGARET A. LAYTON	*Treble*	FREDERICK E. JUKES	5
*DAVID DOWNING	2	C. FREDERICK JUKES	6
ALBERT E. MORGAN	3	DENIS N. LAYTON	7
†ANTONY FASEY	4	R. ARTHUR PEAKMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENIS N. LAYTON.
* First peal (aged 12). † First 'inside.'

LONDON.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Fri., May 6, 1960, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-IN-WESTMINSTER
(commonly called Westminster Abbey),
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's transposition. Tenor 28¼ cwt.

HAROLD N. PITSTOW	*Treble*	GEORGE H. CECIL	5
JOHN PHILLIPS	2	DENNIS RANDALL	6
WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS	3	JOHN H. CRAMPION	7
MICHAEL P. MORETON	4	JACK A. WAUGH	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD N. PITSTOW.
The peal commenced as the bridal pair left the Abbey.

MALVERN LINK, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., May 6, 1960, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHIAS,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in F sharp.

ARTHUR TOWNLEY-PARKER	*Treble*	JOHN C. SLATER	5
*R. GEORGE MORRIS	2	JOHN J. STANIER	6
MRS. E. BOWEN	3	THOMAS W. LEWIS	7
DEREK PRICE	4	GEORGE E. EVENDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE (C.C.C. 23).
Conducted by GEORGE E. EVENDEN.
* 150th peal.

NORTHAMPTON.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., May 6, 1960, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND, KING AND MARTYR,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

ROBIN WILSON	*Treble*	MICHAEL R. BENNETT	5
PERCY AMOS	2	ROBERT S. ROBERTS	6
EDWARD M. THRESHER	3	GEORGE F. ROOME	7
STANLEY M. RUDDLESDEN	4	ERIC E. BILLINGS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by ERIC E. BILLINGS.
First peal as conductor.

PUTNEY, LONDON.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., May 6, 1960, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 15¼ cwt. in F.

*BARBARA MANSHIP	*Treble*	*JOHN R. PERRETT	5
*ALAN E. BAGWORTH	2	†BRIAN COATSWORTH	6
SHIRLEY RYMER	3	FREDERICK E. COLLINS	7
†CHRISTOPHER MEW	4	†RAYMOND DAW	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK E. COLLINS.
* First peal of Triples. † First peal.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., May 6, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.

*MARK G. WOOD	*Treble*	MRS. B. G. WARWICK	5
BRIAN G. WARWICK	2	BRIAN M. SMITH	6
†SANDRA E. CHESTERTON	3	†ARTHUR E. BODYCOTE	7
ERNEST MORRIS	4	†ALAN E. HARTLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN HOLT. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal. † First of Plain Bob Triples.

TANWORTH-IN-ARDEN, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Fri., May 6, 1960, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
H. Hubbard's Ten-Part. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in F sharp.

*HELEN M. THACKER	*Treble*	RICHARD C. WARBURTON	5
*PAMELA M. TURNER	2	JAMES CORBETT	6
*ROGER E. TALLIS	3	PETER S. BENNETT	7
*MAURICE C. HUGHES	4	*VICTOR H. NASH	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER S. BENNETT.
* First peal of Triples. First in the method by all the band.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 7, 1960, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, DEANE,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12¾ cwt.

MICHAEL D. FISHWICK	*Treble*	GEOFFREY FOTHERGILL	5
HAROLD HAMER	2	GORDON ROTHWELL	6
JOHN P. PARTINGTON	3	GEOFFREY S. MILLS	6
BRIAN A. TOMLINSON	4	ROGER LEIGH	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by GEOFFREY S. MILLS.
First peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major as conductor.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 7, 1960, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLTYD,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 16 cwt.

THOMAS YEOMANS	*Treble*	ROBERT E. COLES	5
ALFRED HANNINGTON	2	TREVOR M. RODERICK	6
*WILLIAM T. PETTY	3	GWYN I. LEWIS	7
FRANK ROWSELL	4	EDMUND J. MORRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.
* Has now 'circled the tower' to peals.

DEPTFORD, S.E.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 7, 1960, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

THOMAS A. EASTERBY	*Treble*	EDWIN A. BARNETT	5
EDWIN BARNETT	2	SIDNEY J. WOODCOCK	6
SHEILA M. DOBBIE	3	*DAVID C. MANGER	7
MARY R. ANDREWS	4	WALTER H. DOBBIE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.
* First peal on eight bells.

HASTINGS, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 7, 1960, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH, BLACKLANDS.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Six-Part (No. 2). Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in E.

*†MRS. H. M. DOWNING	*Treble*	JOHN A. W. DOWNING	5
JOAN M. DOWNING	2	RONALD W. PANKHURST	6
DAPHNE F. LESTER	3	ALAN A. PRICE	7
‡EDWARD F. P. BRYANT	4	†ANTONY JACKSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWARD F. P. BRYANT.
* First peal on eight bells. † First in the method. ‡ 25th peal.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 7, 1960, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

JOHN M. JELLEY	*Treble*	PETER J. CHILTON	5
A. JAMES POYNOR	2	KEITH B. TOWNSEND	6
MARTIN C. FAULKES	3	RUSSELL S. MORRIS	7
IAN J. FRASER	4	ALAN E. HARTLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

LUGWARDINE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 7, 1960, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in F.

JOHN J. WEBB	*Treble*	AUSTIN T. WINGATE	5
JACQUELINE S. KING	2	GEORGE DAVIS	6
DAVID KING	3	†HENRY TAYSOM	7
*WILLIAM F. SCUDAMORE	4	FRANK REED	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by FRANK REED.
* First peal of Major in the method. † First of Major 'inside.'
First of Major in the method as conductor.

ROYAL WEDDING PEALS — Continued

MORETON-IN-MARSH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 7, 1960, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
At the Church of St. David.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

Charles G. Jones	*Treble*	†A. Terence Collins ..	5
*Sandra Lewis	2	Frank Wilton	6
*Gloria M. Newton ..	3	†Ronald A. Wright ..	7
†Mrs. E. Sutton	4	Eric Sutton	*Tenor*

Composed by H. J. Tucker. Conducted by Eric Sutton.
* First peal of Major in the method. † First in the method. First peal on the bells since being recast.

OSWESTRY, SALOP.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 7, 1960, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Oswald,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

Mary C. Poyner	*Treble*	F. Hector Bennett ..	5
*Valerie Lee	2	*John R. Thomas	6
†Harry Poyner	3	*Guy C. Pickavance ..	7
*Philip J. Evans	4	*Colin Smith	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Nicholl. Conducted by Harry Poyner.
* First peal of Kent T.B. Major. † First of Kent T.B. on tower bells. First of Treble Bob as conductor.
Rung also as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the second and seventh.

PORT SUNLIGHT, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Wirral Branch.)
On Sat., May 7, 1960, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
At Christ Church.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in F.

*Gillian Halford	*Treble*	Ernest T. Carvell	5
*Kenneth C. Edwards ..	2	D. John Poole	6
Mrs. Carol Ferris	3	Alexander J. Martin ..	7
F. Robert Ferris	4	H. Stewart Bailey	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Alexander J. Martin.
* First peal of Major.
Rung also to commemorate the diamond jubilee of the foundation of this church.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., May 7, 1960, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
At the Church of St. James-the-Great.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in B flat.

Vincent A. Hemming ..	*Treble*	Richard C. Warburton	5
*Judy Robinson	2	Edward T. Lloyd	6
†Pamela M. Turner ..	3	†Maurice C. Hughes ..	7
†Roger E. Tallis	4	†Victor H. Nash	*Tenor*

Conducted by Vincent A. Hemming.
* First peal 'inside.' † First in the method.

WARWICK.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 7, 1960, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr.

*Gillian Browne	*Treble*	Harry Windsor	5
Frank W. Perrens	2	Percy Stone	6
Dawn Elson	3	L. Michael Callow	7
J. W. T. Taylor	4	J. L. Garner-Hayward ..	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by J. L. Garner-Hayward.
* First peal and first attempt.

WEST HARTLEPOOL, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 7, 1960, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints, Stranton.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in F.

Mrs. W. Maughan	*Treble*	Ruth Anderson (17) ..	5
*John Pladdys (14)	2	John Woodman	6
†Jack Maughan	3	Philip Draffan	7
Janet Payne	4	William Maughan	*Tenor*

Composed by Thomas B. Worsley. Conducted by William Maughan.
* First peal in the method 'inside.' † First peal.

WICKEN, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 7, 1960, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Frederick C. Case	*Treble*	*James Linnell	5
Thomas E. Roberts ..	2	Roger Cadamy	6
*Charles E. Truman ..	3	Joseph Marks	7
Herbert C. Edwards ..	4	George E. Green	*Tenor*

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by George E. Green.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in F.

WIGSTON MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 7, 1960, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5152 WINDSOR DELIGHT MAJOR

Cecil H. F. Knight ..	*Treble*	Richard F. Roe	5
Kenneth A. Roe	2	Andrew R. Carter	6
T. Maureen Lloyd	3	Samuel J. Haines	7
Richard J. Carter	4	T. Edward Harrold	*Tenor*

Composed by John R. Mayne. Conducted by T. Edward Harrold.
First peal in the method. Tenor 16 cwt. 11 lb. in E.

WORCESTER.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 7, 1960, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
At the Cathedral Church of Christ and the Blessed Virgin Mary,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 6 lb. in E.

John J. Stanier	*Treble*	George E. Evenden	5
R. George Morris	2	Frederick C. Pugh	6
Denis R. Morris	3	David Beacham	7
John Slater	4	Thomas W. Lewis	*Tenor*

Composed by A. Tyler. Conducted by R. George Morris.
This is the first peal to be rung on the 'middle eight.'

CHEPSTOW, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., May 8, 1960, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

*Joyce K. Johnson	*Treble*	Robert E. Coles	5
*Barbara Sjoberg	2	Clive G. Bryant	6
Patricia H. Jones	3	David J. King	7
Jacqueline S. King ..	4	John E. Morgan	*Tenor*

Conducted by David J. King.
* First peal. First peal on the bells since rehanging.

ORMESBY, YORKSHIRE.
THE CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., May 8, 1960, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Cuthbert.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 14 lb. in E.

Ralph Jackson	*Treble*	Peter Wishart	5
*Aubrey E. Crosby	2	Jack Roach	6
Laura Warrior	3	Fred Hodgson	7
†Alan Woodall	4	Thomas M. Cox	*Tenor*

Composed by H. Howlett. Conducted by Thomas M. Cox.
* First peal of Major. † First peal. First as conductor.

WINDSOR DELIGHT MAJOR
x 58 x, 1458 x 58, 16 x 14 x, 18 x 14 x, 5.
8ths place l.-e. 15738264. 6ths place bob.
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ROYAL WEDDING PEALS — Continued

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

BICKENHILL, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Fri., May 6, 1960, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

Jane R. Shaw	*Treble*	Maurice C. Hughes	4
Colin Baugh	2	Richard C. Warburton	5
Peter S. Bennett	3	Robert E. Tallis	*Tenor*

Conducted by Roger E. Tallis.

CADOXTON-JUXTA-NEATH, GLAMORGAN.
THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., May 6, 1960, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Catwg,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being four six-scores Kennington, six April Day, 12 Plain Bob and five 240's and ten six-scores Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

*John Matthews	*Treble*	Lloyd Jenkins	4
Harry Boyce	2	Gwyn I. Lewis	5
Barry J. Couzens	3	†Alister Thomas	*Tenor*

Conducted by Gwyn I. Lewis.
* First peal away from tenor. † First peal.

DARLINGTON.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., May 6, 1960, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
At the Church of The Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being 720 each of Chester, Munden, Carlisle, Alnwick, Newcastle, Lightfoot and Wearmouth. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in B flat.

Fred Hodgson	*Treble*	Thomas Cooke	4
Doris M. Killingley	2	W. Norman Park	5
Richard Busby	3	Roland Park	*Tenor*

Conducted by Roland Park.

EUSTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., May 6, 1960, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Genevieve,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 14 extents each of St. Simon's, Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

Arthur F. Ballam	*Treble*	Richard J. Stannard	3
*Mrs. H. Ivings	2	John E. Ivings	4
Henry Ivings	*Tenor*		

Conducted by Arthur F. Ballam.
* First peal 'inside.'

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., May 6, 1960, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
At the Bell Tower,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's. Tenor 11 cwt. 16 lb. in G sharp.

*Geoffrey J. Hemming	*Treble*	†Gordon T. Brown	4
†Jacqueline A. Roberts	2	†William B. Pomeroy	5
†Michael C. Selby	3	*Gerald C. Hemming	*Tenor*

Conducted by Geoffrey J. Hemming.
* First peal of Treble Bob Minor, and completes the method cycle from Minor to Maximus. † First of Treble Bob.

HASELBURY PLUCKNETT, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., May 6, 1960, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (five callings). Tenor 6¾ cwt.

Raymond P. Selway	*Treble*	William E. Turner	4
Albert W. Dyer	2	*Sidney W. White	5
Michael E. Turner	3	Edward C. Lester	*Tenor*

Conducted by Michael E. Turner.
* 50th peal. First as conductor (aged 14).

KIMPTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., May 6, 1960, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
A PEAL OF 5040 NORWICH SURPRISE MINOR

Being two 2,160's and one 720. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.

Claudia A. Critchley	*Treble*	J. Richard Castledine	4
Helen Y. Price	2	Donald C. Price	5
*John G. Cull	3	Jack S. Dear	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. Richard Castledine.
* First peal of Surprise Minor. First in the method by all the band.

MATHON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., May 6, 1960, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents of April Day, six Grandsire, 15 Plain Bob and 15 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure. Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

*Leonard J. Walters	*Treble*	Roland Lewis	4
C. William Nutt	2	James Ward	5
†James Ranford	3	Frederick Merrick	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. William Nutt.
* First peal. † First in four methods on an 'inside' bell.

NASEBY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., May 6, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being four six-scores each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure. Plain Bob and April Day, and 30 six-scores of Grandsire. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

Frank Lane	*Treble*	Arthur J. Millward	3
William C. Cropley	2	William C. Brown	4
Derek E. Griffin	*Tenor*		

Conducted by Derek E. Griffin.

ODELL, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., May 6, 1960, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 13 cwt.

*Phillippa Stratton	*Treble*	Peter A. Wakeman	4
Kathleen A. Rivett	2	Robert L. Piron	5
Frank W. Rivett	3	Colin Payne	*Tenor*

Conducted by Robert L. Piron.
* First peal. First as conductor.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Fri., May 6, 1960, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Giles,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 6 cwt 3 qr. 14 lb.

Victor H. Nash	*Treble*	Richard G. Morris	4
V. Roy Tallis	2	Roger E. Tallis	5
Pamela M. Turner	3	Maurice C. Hughes	*Tenor*

Conducted by Roger E. Tallis.

STAMFORD, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., May 6, 1960, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 2,520 Oxford Bob and 2,520 Plain Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*Ernest Tyers	*Treble*	Ronald Russell	4
John R. Nichols	2	Percy D. Baldock	5
Cecil Matthew	3	John H. Bluff	*Tenor*

Conducted by John H. Bluff.
* First peal and first attempt.

STISTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION
On Fri., May 6, 1960, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in 22 methods: (1) Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Rossendale, Stamford, Annable's London and Netherseale; (2) Beverley, Surfleet, Berwick, Hexham, York and Durham; (3) Chester; (4) Munden; (5) Wells; (6) Cambridge, Ipswich, Primrose, Norfolk, Bourne and Hull; (7) London. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

Mary Roast	*Treble*	Dennis A. S. Symonds	4
*John Warner	2	Joe E. G. Roast	5
*Alan R. Syder	3	Howard W. Egglestone	*Tenor*

Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.
* First peal in 22 Surprise methods.

WALLINGTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., May 6, 1960, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb.

Claudia A. Critchley	*Treble*	J. Richard Castledine	4
June I. Dear	2	Leonard B. Scoot	5
*Robert E. Day	3	Edwin G. Buck	*Tenor*

Conducted by Claudia A. Critchley.
* First peal of Surprise 'inside.'

ROYAL WEDDING PEALS — Continued

WALSDEN, TODMORDEN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., May 6, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents Kent T.B. and five Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 4 lb. in G.

ROGER LEIGH	*Treble*	JEFFREY KERSHAW	4
F. JOHN NELSON	2	JOHN P. PARTINGTON	5
DAVID HODGSON	3	JOHN H. FIELDEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.

First peal of Minor on the bells.

Rung also as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Helliwell, of Walsden, and a 21st birthday compliment to Mr. Donald Bateman, a local ringer.

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 7, 1960, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 840 each of New Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, April Day, Reverse St. Bartholomew and Grandsire.
Tenor 8½ cwt.

BRIAN SCHOFIELD	*Treble*	BERNARD J. ONGLEY ..	4
GEORGE FORRESTER	2	*†ERNEST PIMLOTT	5
LEONARD COPNALL	3	†‡ROBERT BARRATT	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST PIMLOTT.

* 50th peal. † 25th peal together. ‡ 25th peal. The tenor ringer has now 'circled the tower.'

Rung also as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Joyce Newton, a member of the local band.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 7, 1960, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD-AT-THE-HYTHE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Single Court, Double Court, St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 15¼ cwt.

*RACHAEL NEWSTEAD ..	*Treble*	FRANK G. OLIVER	4
FRANK B. LUFKIN	2	GEORGE W. BARNES	5
URBAN W. WILDNEY ..	3	BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD.

* First peal of Minor.

ETWALL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 7, 1960, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents of Stedman and 40 of Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.

*DEBORAH WILSON	*Treble*	*NOREEN WICKHAM	4
ROSAMUND BALL	2	JOHN MURFIN	5
*DOREEN MURFIN	3	FREDERICK G. MURFIN ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN MURFIN.

* First peal of Doubles. First as conductor. First on the bells by the Sunday service band.

GLOSSOP, DERBYSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 7, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents (four callings). Tenor 17 cwt. 13 lb. in F.

ANNE P. SMITH	*Treble*	PETER DALE	4
*EDWARD SHUTTLEWORTH	2	†GORDON RUMNEY	5
BERNARD GROVES	3	JOHN ROBINSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by BERNARD GROVES.

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

GRAFTON REGIS, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 7, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 21 extents each of Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt.

*CYRIL J. HALL	*Treble*	†FRANK E. HALL	3
GEORGE A. ATKINS ..	2	†JOHN W. NEALE	4
ROBIN H. ROGERS	*Tenor*		

Conducted by ROBIN H. ROGERS.

* First peal. † First 'inside.' First as conductor. First peal by a Grafton band.

GREAT BROMLEY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 7, 1960, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in eight methods: (1) Single Oxford, (2) Double Court, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) St. Clement's, (5) Double Oxford, (6) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 15¼ cwt.

ADRIAN SEMKEN	*Treble*	WILLIAM J. BRUNT	4
*BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD ..	2	FRANK B. LUFKIN	5
URBAN W. WILDNEY ..	3	EDWARD E. DAVEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN

* 50th peal.

HARDINGTON MANDEVILLE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 7, 1960, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Cambridge Surprise, two of Kent T.B. and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

DENNIS RANDELL	*Treble*	SIDNEY W. WHITE	4
GILBERT W. RENDELL ..	2	H. DENNIS W. BISHOP ..	5
RAYMOND P. SELWAY ..	3	WILLIAM E. TURNER	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.

First peal in three Minor methods on the bells.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 7, 1960, in 2 Hours,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in five methods, viz.: Two extents of Stedman, ten of St. Martin's Bob, ten of St. Simon's Bob, ten of Grandsire and ten of Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

KEITH B. TOWNSEND ..	*Treble*	MARTIN C. FAULKES	3
JOHN M. JELLEY	2	A. JAMES POYNOR	4
ROBERT B. SMITH ..	*Tenor*		

Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

MESSINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 7, 1960, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Single Oxford and St. Clement's, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*AUDREY BAINS	*Treble*	‡MICHAEL WHITING	4
WILLIAM BAINS	2	GEORGE E. FEIRN	5
†REV. MICHAEL FREEMAN	3	HAROLD JUDD	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

* First peal. † First of Minor. ‡ First 'inside.'

OXENDON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 7, 1960, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of 720 of St. Simon's, 1,460 of Plain Bob, 480 of April Day and 2,400 of Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 lb. in A.

*ALBERT E. STOREY	*Treble*	WILLIAM C. BROWN	3
DEREK E. GRIFFIN	2	CECIL A. SWANN	4
ARTHUR J. MILLWARD ..	*Tenor*		

Conducted by ARTHUR J. MILLWARD.

* First peal.

ST. MARTIN, SALOP.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 7, 1960, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt., approx.

HARRY POYNER	*Treble*	F. HECTOR BENNETT ..	4
MARY C. POYNER	2	*COLIN SMITH	5
*ROGER W. POWELL	3	†REGINALD H. NEWTON ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY POYNER

* First peal of Surprise. † First of Cambridge Surprise Minor. First of Surprise Minor as conductor.

STOCKBURY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 7, 1960, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 1,440 Plain Bob (four callings) and 3,600 Grandsire (ten callings).
Tenor 15 cwt.

*CHARLES W. MANNERINGS	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT ..	3
†ALAN WRIGLEY	2	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS ..	4
ALBERT DUNK	*Tenor*		

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

* First peal. † First of Doubles in two methods, also on five bells.

Rung also as a 21st birthday compliment to Brenda, daughter-in-law of the ringer of the fourth.

OTHER PEALS

TWELVE BELL PEAL

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., May 5, 1960, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 31 cwt. in D.

ELIZABETH M. YARDLEY	*Treble*	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD	7
MURIEL REAY	2	GEOFFREY F. HEMMING	8
ALBERT WALKER	3	GERALD HEMMING	9
*EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	4	FRANK E. HAYNES	10
FRANK W. PERRENS	5	RALPH G. EDWARDS	11
JOHN PINFOLD	6	JOHN A. ANDERSON	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.
* 550th peal.
An 84th birthday peal to the conductor.

TEN BELL PEALS

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 18, 1960, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

*MARGARET TILBURY	*Treble*	ROGER HAZELL	6
COLIN HARRISON	2	DENNIS KNOX	7
SHEILA WALLACE	3	SYDNEY M. BAILEY	8
IVOR TRUEMAN	4	GEOFFREY HARRISON	9
*JOHN E. CAMP	5	DAVID A. CORNWALL	*Tenor*

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by DENNIS KNOX.
* First peal of Royal. Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in C.

BOSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 23, 1960, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

WILLIAM E. CLARKE	*Treble*	HAROLD BARSLEY	6
JOHN E. ALLEN	2	JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM	7
FREDA GREAVES	3	C. HAROLD WHITTON	8
J. MARTIN THORLEY	4	JACK PETCH	9
FRANK TAYLOR	5	CYRIL R. BURRELL	*Tenor*

Composed by EDWARD FRANCIS. Conducted by C. HAROLD WHITTON.
50th peal as conductor. Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 25, 1960, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.
A PEAL OF 5040 ST. CLEMENT'S BOB ROYAL
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

PAUL L. TAYLOR	*Treble*	JOSEPH W. COTTON	6
BRIAN G. WARWICK	2	JOHN M. JELLEY	7
RICHARD J. CLIFTON	3	A. JAMES POYNOR	8
ERNEST MORRIS	4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS	9
ALAN E. HARTLEY	5	G. RONALD EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
First peal of Royal in the method by all the band, and for the Guild.
A compliment to G. Stedman Morris on becoming a grandfather on April 23rd.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., May 2, 1960, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.
A PEAL OF 5040 NARBOROUGH SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

RICHARD J. CLIFTON	*Treble*	JOSEPH W. COTTON	6
BRIAN G. WARWICK	2	GORDON A. HALLS	7
ALAN E. HARTLEY	3	JOHN A. ACRES	8
ERNEST MORRIS	4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS	9
MRS. G. A. HALLS	5	JOHN M. JELLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY (Circuit AS).
Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
First peal in the method.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., May 3, 1960, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS AND ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 38¼ cwt.

*DAVID J. HAWKINS	*Treble*	FRANK V. GANT	6
ADRIAN J. BOYACK	2	FRANK B. LUFKIN	7
ROBERT J. CHAPMAN	3	ALFRED J. HOUSE	8
MICHAEL C. AUSTIN	4	LIONEL S. WOODS	9
CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON	5	JOHN H. CRAMPION	*Tenor*

Composed by F. NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
* First peal.
Rung to celebrate the 900th anniversary of the consecration of the Abbey Church.

NARBOROUGH SURPRISE ROYAL
x 36 x 14 x 50 x 30 x 14 x 1258 x 36 x 70 x 18 x 90
L.-e. 12 1573 Clean

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., May 4, 1960, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt.

ALBERT M. TYLER	*Treble*	*F. CECIL MOGFORD	6
PATRICK J. BIRD	2	ROYSTON BLACKLER	7
D. JOHN HUNT	3	DENIS RANDALL	8
MARY H. HALL	4	ANTONY E. COX	9
JANE K. A. COOK	5	†DONALD E. COBB	*Tenor*

Composed by A. M. TYLER. Conducted by D. JOHN HUNT.
* 175th peal. † First of Grandsire Caters. First on ten bells as conductor.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., May 9, 1960, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5040 OSGATHORPE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

RICHARD J. CLIFTON	*Treble*	JOSEPH W. COTTON	6
BRIAN G. WARWICK	2	GORDON A. HALLS	7
ALAN E. HARTLEY	3	A. JAMES POYNOR	8
ERNEST MORRIS	4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS	9
MRS. G. A. HALLS	5	JOHN M. JELLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by SHIRLEY BURTON. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
Witness: G. RONALD EDWARDS.
First peal in the method.

OSGATHORPE SURPRISE ROYAL
x 30 x 14 x 50 x 16 x 1270 x 38 x 14 x 50.78.16.78.10
L.-e. 12 1352 F.C.E.'s 24365, 32546, 46253

EIGHT BELL PEALS

NORTON-LE-MOORS, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., April 7, 1960, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW.
A PEAL OF 5088 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*R. GORDON SHENTON	*Treble*	J. LESLIE SHENTON	5
PHILIP WOOD	2	OWEN WILLIAMS	6
ANNETTE GRATTON	3	J. MICHAEL JACK	7
ALBAN J. JACK	4	CHARLES S. RYLES	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by CHARLES S. RYLES.
* First peal.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to J. Leslie Shenton and a 70th birthday compliment to James Walley.

ROSS-ON-WYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 18, 1960, in 3 Hours and 7¼ Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 24¼ cwt.

JOHN J. WEBB	*Treble*	F. ERIC ROBERTS	5
MOLLIE TILBURY	2	WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT	6
GEORGE DAVIS	3	AUSTIN T. WINGATE	7
*WILLIAM F. SCUDAMORE	4	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* First peal in the method.
Rung in honour of the Easter Festival.

MORPETH, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., April 20, 1960, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE WATCH TOWER.
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

*M. ELAINE MURCOTT	*Treble*	‡MARION S. AINSWORTH	5
J. ALAN AINSWORTH	2	KENNETH W. CHEESEMAN	6
†JOHN E. ANDERSON	3	GEORGE S. DEAS	7
NICHOLAS I. WRIGHT	4	DENIS A. BAYLES	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by GEORGE S. DEAS.
* First peal. † First in the method. ‡ 50th peal. First in the method as conductor.

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 25, 1960, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.
A PEAL OF 5088 JERSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

JOHN G. AMES	*Treble*	EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	5
JOHN E. ALLEN	2	ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT	6
J. MARTIN THORLEY	3	CYRIL R. BURRELL	7
STANLEY E. BENNETT	4	RONALD C. NOON	*Tenor*

Composed by D. CARLISLE and G. HALLS.
Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.
First peal in the method by all.

AMBROSDEN, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 30, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E flat.

Arthur Sayers	*Treble*	Ronald F. Diserens	5
*Patricia Heather	2	Frank W. Lewis	6
Reginald W. Rex	3	Geoffrey K. Dodd	7
Ernest J. Munday	4	Malcolm S. Cloke	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Ronald F. Diserens.
* First peal of Major.

BIRMINGHAM, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., April 30, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb.

Philip Walker	*Treble*	Philip N. Tubbs	5
Philip Walker	2	Philip M. J. Gray	6
Philip Mehew	3	Philip A. Corby	7
Philip G. K. Davies	4	Philip H. Tocock	*Tenor*

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by Philip H. Tocock.
Rung on the eve of the Feast of SS. Philip and James, and after meeting short for Royal.
The treble ringer hails from Rotherham and the second from Oxford.

CAERPHILLY, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 30, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Martin,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-Part (seventh observation). Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

*Thomas Yeoman	*Treble*	M. Jack Pryor	5
William H. Harford	2	William T. Petty	6
Magnus M. Peterson	3	William Dare	7
Brian Kingston	4	David J. Llewellyn	*Tenor*

Conducted by William Dare.
* Has now 'circled the tower.'
Rung as a compliment to Miss Janet Harvey, of Radyr, Glam. on her engagement to Mr. Derek Saulke, of Sevenoaks, Kent.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 30, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5000 SPLICED MAJOR
Being 1,080 Little Bob and 3,920 Plain Bob, with 250 changes of method. Tenor 12 cwt.

Cyril Rusby	*Treble*	Peter Scholfield	5
Eileen A. Osborne	2	John S. Seager	6
Rita M. Jowett	3	W. Eric Critchley	7
John H. Fielden	4	Ian M. Holland	*Tenor*

Composed by N. Golden. Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.

FULNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., May 2, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Paul.
A PEAL OF 5056 WYE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

*John G. Ames	*Treble*	Edwin T. Chapman	5
John E. Allen	2	Stanley E. Bennett	6
Ronald C. Noon	3	Albert W. A. Leggett	7
*Frank Taylor	4	J. Martin Thorley	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Ronald C. Noon.
* 100th peal together. First in the method by all.

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., May 5, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt.

H. George Hart	*Treble*	Christopher W. Woolley	5
Kenneth R. Dunstan	2	D. Kay Adkins	6
*Jennifer Firth	3	Geoffrey W. Seaman	7
Elsie K. Hart	4	Neville Jenkins	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by Christopher W. Woolley (C.C.C. No. 14).
* First peal away from the treble.

HAWKLEY, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., May 8, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in A.

John H. Hunt	*Treble*	†Geoffrey C. Rix	5
Herbert W. Woolven	2	C. R. Chad Coussmaker	6
*Alan A. J. Buswell	3	Bernard E. Matthews	7
*Bryan C. Burrough	4	R. Roger Savory	*Tenor*

Composed by Thos. B. Worsley. Conducted by John H. Hunt.
* First peal of Major 'inside.' † First of Major.
Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Robert W. Pound (former ringer at this church and son of the captain of the local band) and Miss Muriel Hellyer.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

DUNKESWELL, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., March 26, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of Cambridge Surprise, one of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

*Michael E. Turner	*Treble*	Sidney W. White	4
Raymond P. Selway	2	Philip N. Tubbs	5
Arthur H. Reed	3	William E. Turner	*Tenor*

Conducted by William E. Turner.
* First peal in three methods. First of Minor on the bells.

BRIGHTWELL BALDWIN, OXON.
On Sun., April 10, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Bartholomew,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In three methods, being 31 extents Plain Bob, six Grandsire and five Reverse Canterbury. Tenor 9 cwt.

W. Fulker	*Treble*	R. Baker	4
J. Godman	2	R. Tuckwell	5
F. Godden	3	*C. Gammon	*Tenor*

Conducted by R. Tuckwell.
* First peal.
Rung prior to Confirmation Service.

GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 18, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in six methods: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Oxford Treble Bob, (3) St. Clement's College Bob, (4) Oxford Bob, (5) Plain Bob, (6) Kent Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

John Coates	*Treble*	*Malcolm P. Phipps	4
Katharine Burchnall	2	Harold Denman	5
Grace Burchnall	3	John R. Ketteringham	*Tenor*

Conducted by John R. Ketteringham.
* First peal in six methods.

ASTON INGHAM, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., April 19, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in 15 methods: (1) London and Wells Surprise, (2) Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's and Childwall, (3) Plain Double, Reverse, Fulbeck and Canterbury, (4) Oxford Bob, (5) Oxford Treble Bob, (6) Cambridge Surprise, (7) Kent Treble Bob.
Tenor 5 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

*John J. Webb	*Treble*	†Mollie Tilbury	4
*Mrs. Jo Moreton	2	Austin T. Wingate	5
William E. Thompsett	3	Wilfrid F. Moreton	*Tenor*

Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.
* 150th peal for the Guild. † First in 15 methods.

HOAR CROSS, STAFFORDSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., April 23, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
At the Church of the Holy Angels,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, viz.: One extent each of Beverley, Surfleet, London and Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 28 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in D flat.

Muriel Reay	*Treble*	Anthony Ager	4
Roderick W. Pipe	2	John McDonald	5
*Michael Elson	3	John A. Anderson	*Tenor*

Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.
* First peal on six bells.

HATTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 25, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of The Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Being 42 extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in F sharp.

Jane R. Shaw	*Treble*	Colin Baugh	4
Helen M. Thacker	2	Roger E. Tallis	5
Pamela M. Turner	3	Maurice C. Hughes	*Tenor*

Conducted by Roger E. Tallis.

CLOWNE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., April 26, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in B flat.

John R. Ketteringham	*Treble*	George E. Hancock	4
Barry Holland	2	Leslie W. Bacon	5
Malcolm P. Phipps	3	Richard E. Price	*Tenor*

Conducted by Richard E. Price.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., April 27, 1960, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

CHARLES H. BLAKE	*Treble*	HARRY B. FULLER	4
WILFRED G. SAUNDERS	2	FRANK C. J. ARNOLD	5
T. CHARLES BROWNE	3	C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO.

Rung as a silver wedding compliment to the Rev. D. H. and Mrs. Mee.

MIDDLE LITTLETON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 30, 1960, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*DAVID E. POMEROY	*Treble*	*CYRIL BICKERSTAFF	4
*JANET BAKER	2	WILLIAM B. POMEROY	5
*ALEC TOMBS	3	JACK HARRISON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM B. POMEROY.

* First peal at first attempt. First as conductor. First peal by a Sunday service band from the parish.

Rung to commemorate the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. J. Brookes (a former Ringing Master) and Mrs. Brookes.

ALGARKIRK, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., May 4, 1960, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents: Double Court, Oxford Bob, Court Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE W. BURRELL	*Treble*	MARTIN J. THORLEY	4
WILLIAM E. CLARKE	2	HAROLD BARSLEY	5
STANLEY E. BENNETT	3	CYRIL R. BURRELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL R. BURRELL.

Rung for the 25th anniversary of the first peal on the bells.

EARDISLAND, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 7, 1960, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, ten of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire (ten callings). Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in G.

*JOYCE DAVIES	*Treble*	*REGINALD J. HERBERT	4
*ROSEMARY D. BRAY	2	LESLIE EVANS	5
LAURENCE T. MAINWARING	3	SIDNEY DANIELS	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE EVANS.

* First peal in three methods.

Rung as a 90th birthday compliment to Mrs. H. Evans, mother of the conductor.

PITSFORD, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 7, 1960, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 ST. MILES' DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (different callings). Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

JOHN W. HALL	*Treble*	TIMOTHY A. WOODING	3
*PERCY AMOS	2	*GEORGE F. ROOME	4
VICTOR A. PERRY	*Tenor*		

Conducted by GEORGE F. ROOME.

* 25th peal together. First in the method.

Rung within the Octave of the Festival of SS. Miles Gerard and Francis Dickenson.

WENTWORTH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 7, 1960, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 12 lb. in G.

GORDON K. CHADDOCK	*Treble*	JOHN S. SEAGER	4
DAVID H. BUXTON	2	BARRY HOLLAND	5
DENNIS HOLLAND	3	RICHARD E. PRICE	*Tenor*

Conducted by RICHARD E. PRICE.

The conductor's 250th peal.

John Taylor & Co.

LOUGHBOROUGH

The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

Quarter peals rung in honour of the Wedding of Her Royal Highness Princess Margaret and Mr. Antony Armstrong-Jones

HALF PEAL

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.—On May 6th, 2,528 Plain Bob Major: R. Duesbury 1, G. Button 2, B. W. Fairhead (cond.) 3, A. Semken 4, E. B. Smith 5, U. W. Wildney 6, L. E. Sharp 7, F. G. Oliver 8.

OXTON, CHESHIRE.—On May 6th, 2,880 Minor (2,160 Kent Treble Bob and 720 Oxford Bob): Miss C. Whitman (longest length) 1, Miss J. Eastwood (first 'inside') 2, E. Britton 3, W. A. Boote 4, A. J. Marton (cond.) 5, E. T. Carvell 6, T. A. Morgan 8 (covering).

DATE TOUCHES

CAWTHORNE, BARNSLEY, YORKS.—On May 6th, 1,960 Minor (40 Little Bob, 720 Sandal, 600 Duke of York, 600 Kent): W. Broadhead 1, E. Stainrod 2, F. Cowling 3, D. N. Stables 4, H. Rusby 5, N. F. Moxon (cond.) 6.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.—On May 7th, 1,960 Grandsire Triples: Valerie Edge (longest length) 1, Rosaline A. Farlow 2, R. Evans 3, L. Evans 4, J. L. Stanier 5, H. Edge 6, A. S. Bayley (cond.) 7, F. Jones 8.

ST. KEA, TRURO.—On May 7th, 1,960 Grandsire Doubles: M. Trenoweth 1, Helen Hobbins 2, A. Locke 3, Marian Driver 4, C. W. Jose (cond.) 5, D. Dunstan 6.

ABBOTSBURY, DORSET.—On May 6th, 1,440 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, Grandsire, Plain Bob, April Day): Mrs. A. Shackleton 1, M. W. Ford 2, J. H. Hayne 3, N. J. Hayne 4, H. J. Ford (cond.) 5, D. J. Wood 6.

ABSON, GLOS.—On May 6th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: B. K. Lewis 1, J. Ferris 2, G. Sprules 3, H. Taysom (first of Kent as cond.) 4, J. Sprules 5, A. W. Gibbs 6. First of Kent for 1, 2 and 5.

ALDEBURGH, SUFFOLK.—On May 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Pilgrim 1, J. Bailey 2, E. Bailey 3, R. Peck 4, A. R. Bridges 5, P. S. Bedford (cond.) 6.

ARDLEIGH, ESSEX.—On May 7th, 1,440 Minor (Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob): F. Southgate 1, A. Cole 2, F. H. Erith 3, J. H. Gould 4, A. Semken 5, R. Duesbury (cond.) 6.

ASHBRITTLE, SOMERSET.—On May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. F. Townsend 1, R. Alderman 2, S. N. Bristow (cond.) 3, Mrs. P. Farley 4, H. Bristow 5, J. Smith.

ASHFORD, KENT.—On May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Rosemary E. Gould (first quarter) 1, Margaret M. Jones 2, R. Rundle 3, J. R. Cooper (cond.) 4, H. S. Wickens 5, J. Bashford (first quarter) 6.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On May 6th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: M. G. Ingram 1, A. S. Burbidge 2, A. Short 3, Mrs. J. Athbrley 4, J. L. Gray 5, E. J. Franklin (cond.) 6, D. R. Ingram 7, D. T. Finnemore 8, R. C. Ingram 9, J. W. Pettigrew 10. First of Grandsire Caters for 1, 2, 4, 7 and 8.

AUGHTON, LANCS.—On May 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Ellison (first quarter) 1, Honor Winter 2, J. Lunham 3, R. Larkey 4, T. Eason (cond.) 5, A. Draper 6.

AYLESTONE, LEICS.—On May 6th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Marie Davenport 1, Sandra Chesterton 2, P. Martin 3, Christine Wakefield 4, Patricia Wardle 5, T. Roper 6, J. Poynor 7, R. Morris (cond.) 8.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On May 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: R. Haynes 1, M. Hopkins 2, P. Salisbury 3, L. Hughes 4, D. Sutcliffe 5, P. Flack 6, D. Salisbury 7, C. Harwood (cond.) 8. Also on May 8th, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: P. Flack 1, J. I. Dear (first in method) 2, L. Scoot 3, D. Sutcliffe 4, R. Castledine (cond.) 5, C. Harwood 6, E. Buck 7, J. Dear 8.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS, LANCS.—On May 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Richins 1, R. Wilton 2, H. Barnes 3, F. H. Crawley 4, J. E. Burles 5, J. Bagnall 6.

BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.—On May 7th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss L. Doone 1, W. R. Chandler 2, R. J. Brown (cond.) 3, V. J. C. Dale 4, Miss B. Fisher 5.

BICESTER, OXON.—On May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Alsworth 1, A. Saver 2, C. H. Kinch 3, E. G. Jones 4, H. Hatfield 5, L. Bushy 6, E. J. Smith (cond.) 7, C. East 8.

BOCKING, ESSEX.—On May 7th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor (6-8 covering): H. Pratt 1, Miss A. Lufkin 2, Mrs. H. Moore 3, H. Moore 4, C. Barker 5, K. Lewsey 6, J. Brown 7, R. Suckling (cond.) 8.

BOLTON, LANCS.—On May 6th, at St. Peter's Parish Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Froome 1, J. Thornley 2, J. F. Wood 3, N. Tompkins 4, F. Brownlow 5, G. Fothergill 6, P. Crook (cond.) 7, I. Smith (first quarter) 8.

BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS.—On May 6th, at St. John's Church, Surrey Road, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. R. Boyce 1, Mrs. A. V. Davis 2, H. A. Mitchell 3, Miss D. Gould 4, Miss K. Fletcher 5, A. Coote 6, A. V. Davis (cond.) 7, G. Miller 8.

BROADWOODWIDGER, DEVON.—On May 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Johns 1, W. Manning 2, W. C. Boucher 3, J. H. Benoy 4, D. R. Bould (cond.) 5, L. Cundy 6. Rung by the Lifton band.

BROMYARD, HEREFORDSHIRE.—On May 6th, 1,272 Minor (720 Oxford T.B., 552 Kent T.B.): S. Wall 1, R. Price 2, A. Wall 3, D. Hinksman 4, C. Wall 5, T. Cooper (cond.) 6. First in the methods by all.

BROUGHTON, LANCS.—On May 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Couperthwaite 1, Maryl Crossthwaite 2, Mrs. M. Crossthwaite 3, Betty Faunch 4, J. Jolleys 5, D. Lawson (first as cond.) 6.

BUCKLEBURY, BERKS.—On May 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Joan Carr 1, Alice Talbot 2, Joan Marshall 3, Stella Davis 4, S. Miles 5, Dorothy Pearce 6, G. Stocker (cond.) 7, T. Goddard 8.

CAERLEON, MON.—On May 7th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Dianne E. Edwards 1, Gillian M. Edwards 2, G. R. Marchant (cond.) 3, Jacqueline Pope 4, D. Pike 5, K. Edwards 6. First quarter at first attempt for 1, 2, 4, 6. Also on May 7th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Edwards 1, Gillian M. Edwards 2, G. R. Marchant 3, Dianne E. Edwards 4, D. Pike (cond.) 5, S. Dean 6. First quarter for 1, 6. Average age of both bands, 16 years.

CANNOCK, STAFFS.—On May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. E. Barker 1, P. J. Barker (cond.) 2, H. Butler 3, M. Mullard (first of Triples 'inside') 5, A. Armstrong 5, W. Benton 6, G. Bradbury 7, D. Borley (first of Triples) 8.

CANTERBURY.—On May 6th, 1,440 Minor (720 Kent and Oxford T.B. and 720 Plain Bob): A. Butler 1, T. C. Phillimore 2, Mrs. J. Stockbridge 3, J. Stockbridge 4, D. C. Chatfield 5, D. A. Chapman (cond.) 6. At St. Dunstan's.

CARHAMPTON, SOMERSET.—On May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Watts 1, Dorothy Williams 2, H. Lloyd 3, Ann Bryant 4, B. Williams (cond.) 5, J. Cridland 6.

CHESHUNT, HERTS.—On May 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Miss B. Nicholls 1, W. Newnham 2, Miss C. Farrington 3, W. Foote 4, R. Durrant (cond.) 5, M. Hawkins (first quarter) 6, C. Campbell 7, D. Billimore 8.

CHESTER.—At the Cathedral, on May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Jones 1, J. S. Dean 2, G. F. Sperring 3, R. J. Lee (first in method) 4, A. B. Close 5, J. W. Griffiths (cond.) 6, P. Swindley 7, H. Pritchard 8.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKS.—On May 7th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss J. Suffolk (first quarter) 1, L. Trevor 2, J. E. Lloyd 3, Miss K. Bell (first on ten) 4, J. E. S. Moreton 5, Mrs. D. E. Beamish 6, J. Draycott 7, F. A. H. Beamish (cond.) 8, G. A. Bell 9, J. R. Vernon (first on ten) 10.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On May 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. J. Cox 1, F. J. Lewis 2, B. Wakefield (cond.) 3, H. L. Cooke 4, E. H. Jefferies 5, P. J. Lewis 6, R. Wakefield 7, F. J. Lewis, jun. 8.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—At the Church of St. Peter, on May 7th, 1,312 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: A. Dale 1, Mrs. H. J. Millatt 2, B. W. Fairhead 3, H. Webb 4, K. Smith 5, E. Piper 6, E. P. Duffield 7, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 8.

COMPTON DANDO, SOMERSET.—On May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Harvey 1, Mrs. A. J. Frith 2, H. M. Swann (first 'inside') 3, C. Allward 4, F. C. Mogford (cond.) 5, L. B. Coles 6.

CONSETT, CO. DURHAM.—On May 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Wall 1, E. Oliver 2, H. Atchison 3, R. B. Skelton 4, E. Hall 5, R. Oliver (cond.) 6, W. Tyson 7.

COOKHAM, BERKS.—On May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, 1 and 2 leading: Mrs. C. Eldridge 1, J. Dieppe (first quarter) 2, Carolyn Boxer (first quarter) 3, Janet Taylor 4, J. R. A. Muller 5, D. Kirkaldy 6, E. Eldridge (cond.) 7, B. Lake 8.

COSGROVE, NORTHANTS.—On May 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. J. Lambert 1, K. Stubbs (first quarter Minor) 2, R. Keeves 3, R. H. Rogers 4, E. R. Lambert (first as cond.) 5, D. Taylor 6.

DANE HILL, SUSSEX.—On May 6th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps, Kennington, April Day, Plain Bob): G. Rose (age 14, first quarter) 1, Miss P. Butcher (age 14) 2, A. J. Carter 3, Miss J. Carter 4, A. J. Butcher (cond.) 5, W. J. Sale 6. First quarter in two methods and three variations by all the band.

DARTFORD, MIDDLX.—On May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Bailey 1, D. Hall 2, Mrs. D. Hall 3, F. Taylor 4, A. Hall 5, S. Ball (cond.) 6, R. Rayfield 7, J. Merritt 8. Also for 21st birthday of Miss J. Bailey.

DEDDINGTON, OXON.—On May 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): D. E. Saunders (first quarter) 1, E. E. Pearson 2, A. W. Ivings (first 'inside') 3, J. D. Cowley 4, C. C. Clarke (cond.) 5, E. Honour 6, W. Ivings 7, B. J. Sykes 8.

DUNHOLME, LINCS.—On May 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Coddington (first of Minor) 1, T. R. Smith (first 'inside') 2, W. S. Smith 3, D. Drury 4, B. W. Smith 5, J. Blaikie (cond.) 6.

DUNS TEW, OXON.—On May 7th, 1,260 Doubles in nine methods: N. Deam 1, M. Ryan 2, E. Venn 3, C. Holloway (cond.) 4, R. Jones 6.

EASTON-IN-GORDANO, SOMERSET.—On May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Gold 1, S. Delve 2, H. Riches 3, H. Carlsson 4, F. Neate (cond.) 5, M. Horseman 6.

EPSOM, SURREY.—At Christ Church, on May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jill Oakshott 1, Adrienne Gobson 2, Sylvia Marsh 3, W. Parrott 4, J. F. M. Maybrey 5, E. G. L. Coward 6, F. Oakshott (cond.) 7, D. Herschell 8.

EWELL, SURREY.—On May 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. A. Carpenter 1, H. E. Good 2, Margaret Howard 3, R. C. Spittle 4, A. S. Besant 5, J. E. Beams 6, C. W. Munday (cond.) 7, P. Ford 8.

FAREHAM, HANTS.—On May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. Smith 1, Mrs. M. Jones 2, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 3, J. Stevenson 4, J. A. G. Ball 5, D. S. M. Jones 6, A. H. Sturgess 7, G. Miles 8.

FARNWORTH WITH KEARSLEY, LANCS.—On May 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: M. D. Fishwick 1, B. A. Tomlinson 2, N. Tompkins 3, J. P. Partington 4, A. Greenhalgh 5, J. Thornley 6, G. Fothergill (first as cond.) 7, G. Rothwell 8.

FINCHLEY, MIDDLESEX.—On May 8th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss F. Campbell 1, F. Barker 2, A. Richardson 3, A. Warren 4, Miss G. Icke 5, S. Wallace (first 'inside') 6, B. Willis (cond.) 7, L. Tubb 8.

FREELAND, OXON.—On May 7th, 1,260 Doubles in 11 methods: N. Deam 1, C. Holloway (cond.) 2, D. Woodward 3, E. Venn 4, R. Jones 5.

GAINSBOROUGH, LINCS.—On May 6th, 1,296 Spliced Plain and Little Bob Major: Miss P. Bull 1, Mrs. E. Grey 2, Miss D. Smith 3, G. L. A. Lunn 4, C. H. Baker 5, B. Johns 6, J. Underwood 7, A. R. Heppenstall (cond.) 8.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.—On May 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. Ainger 1, A. Hudson 2, F. Brandon 3, D. Hodgson 4, P. T. Spencer-Phillips (cond.) 5, H. Carter 6.

GREAT BROMLEY, ESSEX.—On May 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Joy Munson 1, P. Brand 2, A. W. Cole 3, J. Gould 4, G. W. Barnes 5, F. H. Erith (cond.) 6.

GOLDINGTON, BEDS.—On May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Lean 1, Mrs. M. Marshall 2, D. Hopkins 3, E. White 4, R. G. Corby (cond.) 5, A. Lumbis 6.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.—On May 6th, 1,296 Plain Bob Caters: C. W. Pipe 1, J. Bennett 2, L. N. Melton 3, R. L. K. Whittell 4, C. R. Goodship 5, J. B. Morley (cond.) 6, E. G. Pearce 7, R. W. Steward 8, R. F. Downing 9, C. R. Lovett 10.

HALESWORTH, SUFFOLK.—On May 7th 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: C. J. Gibson 1, Mrs. M. Page 2, W. J. Button 3, J. M. Bailey 4, W. Miller 5, A. R. Bridges 6, W. Ruffles 7, J. W. Blythe (cond.) 8.

HAMPTON-IN-ARDEN, WARWICKS.—On May 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. K. Foot 1, Miss H. Thacker 2, C. J. A. Goy (first as cond.) 3, W. B. R. Ellender 4, C. Petifore 5, R. Jones 6.

HANBURY, WORCS.—On May 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: (6-8 covering): P. J. Brown 1, J. E. Pullon 2, M. J. Fellows 3, Heather M. Pullon 4, M. D. Fellows 5, P. Platt 6, P. Cattermole (cond.) 7, L. H. G. Gittins 8.

HANDBOROUGH, OXON.—On May 6th, 1,260 Doubles in four methods: P. Cooney 1, J. Keyte 2, D. Floyd (first quarter) 3, N. Bridges 4, H. Floyd (cond.) 5, A. Franklin 6.

HARPENDEN, HERTS.—On May 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Day (cond.) 1, D. C. Price 2, B. L. S. Hulatt 3, Mary A. Coburn 4, A. E. Rushton 5, F. C. Jacklin 6, H. Wood 7, R. Newson 8.

HATHERN, LEICS.—On May 6th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: B. H. Smith 1, V. Lacey 2, J. Exon 3, C. D. Cowley 4, D. Swift 5, T. Harris (cond.) 6.

HEREFORD.—At the Cathedral, on May 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. J. Read 1, Rosemary Jarrett 2, J. C. Eisel 3, T. Wood 4, F. Reed 5, G. Davis (cond.) 6, A. T. Wingate 7, M. Munn 8.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.—On May 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: R. Salter (first quarter, aged 15) 1, S. Cowell 2, H. Tooke 3, G. Moore 4, R. Wiles 5, P. Squires 6, R. Lofty 7, C. Moore (cond.) 8.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On May 6th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: D. George 1, Gwen May 2, Catherine Powell 3, Joan A. Smith 4, Pam Bird 5, H. Colcombe 6, J. King (cond.) 7, S. Davies 8. First quarter in the method by all.

HEYTESBURY, WILTS.—On May 7th, 1,260 Minor (720 London Surprise, 540 Plain Bob): E. Woolgrove 1 Cherry White 2, R. W. Rex 3, B. Mills 4, R. F. Crook 5, G. K. Dodd (cond.) 6. Rung by a visiting band.

HOLME HALE, NORFOLK.—On May 6th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: H. A. Bennett 1, Miss F. A. M. Frost 2, G. W. Heyhoe 3, W. J. Bailey 4, P. J. Woodcock (cond.) 5, R. R. Harmer 6.

HURST, BERKS.—On May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Gibbs 1, Mrs. B. C. Castle (cond.) 2, Miss S. A. Castle 3, R. K. Rivers 4, B. C. Castle 5, R. J. Castle 6, C. A. Eele 7, F. J. E. Hicks 8.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDS.—On May 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): A. Kershaw 1, O. J. J. Rogers 2, R. A. Ward 3, W. Peacock 4, R. Churchill (cond.) 5, P. Newing 6, D. C. Hall 8.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.—On May 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Miss J. Chilton (first of Triples) 1, Miss G. E. Graney 2, R. W. R. Picton 3, K. D. Waples 4, R. J. Picton 5, D. J. Goodman 6, B. M. Barker (cond.) 7, A. H. Hill 8.

LAUGHTON, SUSSEX.—On May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Booth 1, R. Hughes 2, M. Reed 3, S. Brook 4, B. Turner (cond.) 5, R. Booth 6. First quarter on the bells with new rope guides.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On May 6th, 1,288 Kent Treble Bob Major: M. T. Symonds (cond.) 1, R. Chambers 2, A. R. Knight 3, F. Hunt 4, S. Smith 5, F. Boreham 6, F. F. Mortlock 7, L. Pryke 8.

LEIRE, LEICS.—On May 7th, Plain Bob Minor: F. Watson 1, B. G. Warwick 2, G. Charlton 3, M. Stevens 4, E. Morris (cond.) 5, B. M. Smith 6.

LICHFIELD, STAFFS.—On May 6th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Sedgwick 1, Miss B. Cawser 2, Miss J. V. Morgan 3, J. McDonald 4, J. B. Webb 5, B. J. Townsend 6, E. Malin (cond.) 7, R. J. Warrilow 8.

LONG ASHTON, SOMERSET.—On May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Bridle (first quarter) 1, P. G. Yeo 2, W. P. Blake 3, J. H. Gilbert 4, E. Abraham 5, N. H. Yeo 6, D. G. Yeo (cond.) 7, F. Bridle 8.

MADELEY, SALOP.—On May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Pritchard 1, J. L. Stanier (cond.) 2, Miss E. Jones 3, Miss D. E. Lewis 4, F. W. Jones 5, H. Hyde 6.

MANGOTSFIELD, GLOS.—On May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Brown 1, C. E. Jefferies 2, T. Jefferies 3, J. W. Jefferies 4, M. J. Jefferies (cond.) 5, G. Blagg (first quarter) 6.

MARHAMCHURCH, CORNWALL.—On May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mary Medland 1, Lesley Sherwin 2, R. J. Hicks 3, H. Trewin 4, C. E. Taylor (cond.) 5, F. J. Fry 6.

MARKET DRAYTON, SALOP.—On May 6th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: A. Hazeldine 1, E. Roberts 2, H. White 3, W. Tyler 4, T. Price 5, R. Hazeldine 6, B. Madeley 7, F. Price (cond.) 8.

MELLS, SOMERSET.—On May 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Patricia Burt 1, A. F. Lee (cond.) 2, C. J. A. Brown 3, C. J. Richards 4, L. R. G. Taylor 5, J. J. Jefferies 6, H. L. Parfrey 7, T. J. Milsom 8.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. M. Powell (first quarter) 1, L. Derrick 2, C. Kortright (cond.) 3, Mary Powell 4, H. Hardwidge 5, Mrs. D. Strong 6.

NEATH, GLAM.—On May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. J. Lewis 1, J. Matthews 2, G. J. Lewis 3, L. Jenkins 4, H. Boyce (cond.) 5, A. Thomas 6.

NETTLEHAM, LINCS.—On May 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. H. Jeffrey 1, G. A. Dixon 2, D. Birkett 3, M. A. Burton 4, W. R. Parker 5, J. M. Burton (cond.) 6. Also as a farewell compliment to D. Birkett.

NORTH NIBLEY, GLOS.—On May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Rose (first quarter) 1, A. Evans 2, B. Cooper 3, A. Fidler 4, O. Mills (cond.) 5, P. Mills 6.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On May 6th, 1,440 Kent and Oxford T.B.: H. King 1, L. Cordell 2, M. McQuistan 3, R. Bridges 4, J. McPhail (cond.) 5, W. Wenlock 6.

OUNDLE, NORTHANTS.—On May 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (with 2 bells covering): Miss T. Lovell 1, W. L. Ferrar 2, A. Wills 3, Miss P. E. Clarke 4, C. Page 5, A. B. Clarke (cond.) 6, D. Vessey 7, A. Pywell 8.

PORTBURY, SOMERSET.—On May 6th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob, April Day): J. Riley (first quarter), 1, M. Horseman (cond.) 2, Monica Horseman 3, R. Gale (first of Doubles) 4, J. Brain 5, R. Haskins 6.

PRESTON, LANCS.—On May 6th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: G. A. Dimmock 1, Betty Faunch 2, Maryl Crossthwaite 3, Mrs. M. Crossthwaite 4, D. Lawson 5, C. Crossthwaite 6, A. Gardner 7, J. Couperthwaite (cond.) 8.

PRESTON, DORSET.—On May 6th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): W. E. Watson (first quarter) 1, G. Cornick 2, Miss B. Marsh 3, Sylvia Watson 4, A. J. Slade (cond.) 5, H. T. Cornick 6.

RAMSGATE, KENT.—At St. Lawrence-in-Thanet, on May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. E. Miles 1, H. J. Webb 2, Mary S. Taylor (first as cond.) 3, Pauline Fennell 4, S. J. Gee 5, T. W. Edwards 6. First of Doubles for 1, 3 and 4.

READING, BERKS.—At St. Laurence's Church, on May 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: B. Shingler 1, Janet K. Secker 2, Felicity Webber (first of Triples) 3, Patricia Heather 4, Jennifer M. Davies 5, F. J. Sage 6, P. M. Wilkinson (cond.) 7, V. Cherrill 8. Also at St. Mary's Church, on May 8th, 1,312 Cambridge Surprise Major: Patricia Heather 1, Janet K. Secker 2, Mollie Tilbury (first of Cambridge Major) 3, Jennifer M. Davies 4, P. M. Wilkinson (first of Cambridge Major) 5, R. F. Diserens (cond.) 6, C. E. Lewington 7, N. J. Diserens 8. Also at St. Giles' Church, on May 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. J. Munday 1, A. Diserens (cond.) 2, F. J. Sage (first of Grandsire Triples) 3, M. H. Johnson 4, R. K. Russ 5, T. P. Edwards 6, F. W. Lewis 7, R. Hudson 8.

REIGATE, SURREY.—On May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Freda Hankey 1, Betty Saggers 2, G. West 3, W. Dunn 4, W. Inwood 5, A. T. Shelton 6, G. Oliver (cond.) 7, K. Game 8.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.—On May 6th, 1,250 Plain Bob Minor: D. Wilson (first quarter) 1, A. Fry 3, C. Pring 4, R. Hoare 5, R. Sherman (first in method) 6, W. Cheater (cond.) 7, E. Turner 8 (covering). Rung after meeting short for Grandsire Triples.

ROCHESTER, KENT.—At the Cathedral, on May 6th, 1,184 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Wrigby (first of Triples) 1, W. A. J. Knight (cond.) 2, Miss E. Wharton (first of Triples 'inside') 3, T. Beaumont 4, A. Wrigby 5, R. E. Norris 6, C. E. J. Norris 7, D. Norris 8.

ROMSEY, HANTS.—On May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. D. G. Northway 1, Miss M. P. Coffin 2, H. J. Page 3, M. L. Northway (cond.) 4, D. Greenlaw 5, C. T. Drew 6, C. M. White 7, R. C. B. Smallman.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On May 6th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: R. Young (first quarter) 1, Christine E. Rodgers 2, Mary Atkinson 3, R. Woodward 4, Susan Chaddock 5, I. Tilling 6, P. Coote 7, N. Chaddock (cond.) 8.

ST. BEES, CUMBERLAND.—At the Priory Church of SS. Mary and Bega, on May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Birney (first in the method) 1, Miss V. Bell 2, G. Tembey 3, G. McKay 4, S. Richardson 5, J. Butterfield 6, T. T. Jones (cond.) 7, H. Wilson 8.

ST. MARY CRAY, KENT.—On May 8th, 1,260 Canterbury Minor: S. Hardy 1, F. Corringe (cond.) 2, R. Beard 3, F. G. Wheller 4, P. Braund 5, B. Aldridge 6.

SALISBURY, WILTS.—On May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Prout 1, Margaret R. Page 2, Ann Abrahams 3, B. J. Lawes 4, L. A. Page 5, H. H. Abrahams 6, W. A. Theobald (cond.) 7, E. C. Read 8.

SEALE, SURREY.—On May 6th, 1,200 Grandsire Doubles: Miss R. Mills 1, Mrs. A. Merritt 2, Miss M. Davies (first attempt) 3, C. Poyntry 4, E. Gardiner (cond.) 5, Miss V. Martin (first attempt) 6.

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP, SOMERSET.—On May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Welch 1, R. Pond 2, H. Bunghay 3, F. Welch (cond.) 4, J. Cornelius 5, J. Stenner 6.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—On May 6th, at the Cathedral, 1,248 Kent Treble Bob Maximus: R. E. Price (cond.) 1, D. H. Buxton 2, F. Ward 3, D. Armstrong 4, K. Abbott 5, J. S. Rank 6, B. Balderson 7, R. S. L. Long 8, J. S. Seager 9, B. Holland 10, H. O. Chaddock 11, G. K. Chaddock 12.

SHENFIELD, ESSEX.—On May 6th, 1,440 Spliced Surprise Minor (London, Wells, Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich and Primrose): G. Goldwin 1, J. Fennell 2, R. Isgrove 3, C. Tiffin 4, R. Tiffin 5, H. Turner (cond.) 6.

SOUTHGATE, LONDON.—At Christ Church, on May 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Joan Spreadbury 1, S. G. Peck 2, Pam Miller 3, J. Perrett 4, D. Towers 5, H. Miller 6, C. Aldridge (cond.) 7, W. Wainwright 8.

STAMFORD, LINCS.—On May 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. Tyres 1, J. R. Nichols 2, C. Matthews 3, F. Boyall 4, R. H. Knight 5, J. H. Bluff (cond.) 6.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—At St. Thomas' Church, on May 6th, 1,332 Plain Bob Minor: Barbara Stephens 1, W. H. Cooper 2, F. V. Nicholls 3, Jill Tombs 4, P. W. Webb (cond.) 5, D. H. Watson 6.

STRENSHAM, WORCS.—On May 6th, 1,260 Reverse St. Bartholomew Bob Doubles: Anne Broxton 1, F. Hawkes 2, W. Williams 3, A. Halling 4, M. Hawkes (cond.) 5, E. W. Penn 6.

SUNBURY-ON-THAMES, MIDDLX.—On May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): R. Jones 1, D. Brock (cond.) 2, Janet Bailey 3, Doreen Gibbons 4, E. Pizzey 5, P. Brand 6, D. Boniface 7, D. Struckett 8.

SWINESHEAD, LINCS.—On May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. B. Dawson 1, Mrs. R. Reynolds 2, J. H. Taylor 3, N. B. Fovargue 4, R. Howard 5, P. H. Reynolds (cond.) 6, J. P. Morriss 7, E. Wilson 8.

TEWKESBURY, GLOS.—On May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Christine Halling 1, M. Hawkes (cond.) 2, A. Halling 3, E. Leach 4, E. W. Penn 5, Anne Broxton 6.

TRULL, SOMERSET.—On May 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Sylvia Vine 1, Mrs. B. Morris (first 'inside') 2, R. Shire 3, E. J. Baker 4, B. Vine (first 'inside') 5, H. Churchill (cond.) 6.

WALTON-LE-DALE, LANCS.—On May 7th, 1,272 Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor: Maryl Crossthwaite 1, D. Lawson 2, Judy Moir 3, Betty Faunch 4, F. Stead (cond.) 5, J. Couperthwaite 6.

WELLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—On May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Warwick (first quarter) 1, A. Plowman 2, A. Stone 3, A. R. Elliott 4, C. W. Partridge (cond.) 5, W. West 6. Also for the silver wedding on April 22nd of ringer of 4th.

WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.—On May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Ireland 1, G. Salter 2, I. Hughes 3, G. Walford 4, W. Stevens 5, D. T. North 6, C. Gammon (cond.) 7, C. Baker 8.

WENTWORTH, YORKS.—On May 6th, 1,440 Plain Bob Doubles: K. West (first quarter) 1, Canon A. King 2, P. Thompson 3, M. King 4, M. Meadows (first as cond.) 5, A. Beaumont (first quarter) 6. First quarter by local band.

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON.—On May 6th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Browne 1, J. L. Glanvill 2, J. Arbury 3, J. M. Carter 4, J. Manley 5, F. D. Mack (cond.) 6, P. W. Gatter covering. Rung after meeting short for a peal of Grandsire Triples.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.—On May 7th, 1,260 Minor (720 Oxford T.B., 540 Plain): P. Perkins 1, A. Cansdale 2, Evelyn R. M. Cansdale 3, B. Gibbons 4, D. Culham 5, E. Leggett (cond.) 6.

WYCHBOLD, WORCS.—On May 6th, 1,280 Doubles (Reverse St. Bartholomew, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire): P. J. Brown 1, J. E. Pullon 2, M. J. Fellows 3, Heather M. Pullon 4, P. Cattermole (cond.) 5, L. H. G. Gittins 6.

ACTON, SUFFOLK.—On Mar. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Webber 1, D. Culham 2, E. Leggett (cond.) 3, P. Perkins 4, B. Gibbons 5.

ALVASTON, DERBYS.—On May 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss L. P. Hydes 1, D. F. Roberts (first 'inside') 2, Miss B. A. Manning 3, E. Thomas (first 'inside') 4, B. R. Manning (cond.) 5, K. Whittaker (first quarter) 6. First quarter since band re-formed January, 1959. Rung for Sung Eucharist.

AYLESTONE, LEICS.—On May 1st, 1,260 St. Clement's Court Bob Triples: Marie Davenport 1, R. S. Morris (cond.) 2, Sandra Chesterton 3, Christine Wakefield 4, Patricia Wardle 5, T. I. Roper 6, A. J. Poynor 7, P. Martin 8. Rung to welcome Canon F. W. Pratt at sung Eucharist.

BACKWELL, SOMERSET.—On May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Audrey Hailstone 1, T. G. Phillips (cond.) 2, Barbara Hailstone (first quarter) 3, W. P. Blake 4, D. Smith 5, J. Brain 6, J. Lott 7, P. Ogbourne (first quarter) 8. Rung half-muffled by the Sunday service band in memory of the late Dr. H. W. Bradfield, Bishop of Bath and Wells, whose funeral took place this day.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On May 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss J. Lavender 1, Miss J. Winchester 2, Miss E. Cooper 3, A. Rogers 4, S. Kimber 5, D. Parsons (cond.) 6, L. Reece 7, F. Jennings 8.

BEXLEY, KENT.—On May 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. Ford 1, Miss B. Foster 2, Miss J. Jones 3, P. W. Hicks (first quarter) 4, Miss M. R. Andrews (cond.) 5, C. H. J. Williams 6. For Evensong.

BIRLINGHAM, WORCS.—On May 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. J. Brown 1, J. E. Pullon 2, M. J. Fellows 3, M. D. Fellows 4, P. Cattermole (cond.) 5. Believed to be the first quarter on the bells, a ring a five, since 1695.

BISHAMPTON, WORCS.—On April 22nd. 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. D. Fellows (cond.) 1, Heather M. Pullon 2, M. J. Fellows 3, J. E. Pullon 4, P. Cattermole 5, L. H. G. Gittins 6. Rung on ringers' tour.

BRISTOL.—At Christ Church (city), on May 5th, 1,440 Kent T.B. Royal: Elisabeth Bowden 1, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 2, Monica Horseman 3, R. G. Hooper 4, Joan Grey 5, B. A. Shackleton 6, R. J. Bowden 7, D. Y. Yeo 8, J. Brain 9, M. J. Horseman 10. First of Kent Royal by all except the treble ringer.

BURFORD, OXON.—On Mar. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Christine Houlton (first quarter) 1, M. C. F. Collett 2, J. W. Dixon 3, T. J. H. Prince 4, W. J. Dixon (cond.) 5, B. J. Hall 6, T. W. Timms 7, J. J. Westmacott 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. Boulter, former churchwarden.

BURWOOD, NEW SOUTH WALES.—On April 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Ferris 1, J. Fryer 2, Audrey Peters 3, W. Rowe 4, L. McQueen (first of Triples) 5, J. Cummings 6, T. Goodyer (cond.) 7, K. Stracey 8. Rung on the occasion of the dedication of the bells.

CAPEL, SURREY.—On May 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. Pearce (12, first quarter) 1, A. Harman (cond.) 2, Hannah Penfold 3, R. Tullett 4, Barbara Sheldon 5, P. Ede 6. For morning service.

CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA.—On May 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: O. Lamb 1, W. Smith 2, J. Riley 3, V. Sheppard 4, R. Law (cond.) 5, J. Ernstzen 6. For Evensong and as a farewell to the Rev. P. Gibbs.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—At the Church of St. Peter on May 1st. 1,260 Plain Bob Major: Brenda Balls 1, G. Woodruff 2, A. Dale 3, B. Webb 4, K. Smith 5, E. Piper 6, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 7, E. P. Duffield 8. For Evensong.

CONSETT, CO. DURHAM.—On May 8th. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Wall 1, J. Vickery 2, E. Oliver 3, N. Errington 4, R. B. Skelton 5, W. Tyson (cond.) 6. For Evensong and the 21st birthday of Miss Janet Errington.

CREWKERNE, SOMERSET.—On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): K. Pinney 1, J. Hacking 2, M. Bartlett (first 'inside') 3, S. White 4, L. Wear (cond.) 5, Miss B. Branter 6, S. Wills 7, R. Miller 8. The conductor thanks the band for this tribute on the birth of a daughter (Mary) to Mrs. Wear.

DOWNTON, WILTS.—On May 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. M. White 1, Audrey J. Knight 2, M. D. C. Northway 3, M. L. Northway 4, H. J. Page 5, E. H. J. Mussel 6, R. N. Marlow (cond.) 7, C. Churchill 8.

DUBLIN, EIRE.—At St. Patrick's Cathedral, on May 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. W. Jones (first of Stedman) 1, B. K. Lunn 2, W. H. Wilson 3, C. J. Reede (first of Stedman) 4, D. Vokes (first of Stedman) 5, J. A. Atkinson 6, T. McMorran (cond.) 7, G. S. Malone (first quarter) 8. To mark the election of Mr. W. H. Wilson as president of St. Patrick's Cathedral Society.

QUARTER PEALS

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. White 1, J. Hibbert 2, Mrs. C. J. Hibbert 3, C. J. Hibbert 4, C. Garlick 5, A. H. Webb 6, G. W. Bishop (first as cond.) 7, L. Cox 8. First in method 2 and 5.

GREAT BARRINGTON, GLOS.—On Mar. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Susan Cambray (first quarter) 1, Brenda Hall (first of Doubles) 2, B. Hall 3, T. Stratford 4, T. W. Timms (cond.) 5, Mrs. K. Hall (first of Doubles) 6.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On April 3rd, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. R. G. Spice 1, F. R. Nicholls 2, Miss D. Robinson 3, M. J. Dyer 4, A. J. Davey 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service. Also on Easter Sunday, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. T. Howes 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, Miss D. Robinson 3, M. J. Dyer 4, F. R. Nicholls 5, H. S. Peacock 6. For morning service. Also on May 1st, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: P. E. Wells (first of Surprise) 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, A. J. Davey 3, F. R. Nicholls 4, M. J. Dyer 5, H. S. Peacock 6. For morning service.

HERTFORD.—On May 4th, at St. Andrew's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. W. Thorn 1, E. J. Phillips 2, J. Kemp 3, A. S. Carter (cond.) 4, C. Springham 5, C. E. Hayter 6, S. F. Carter 7, P. W. Saunders 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Winifred Gill, wife of the Rector, whose funeral service took place this day.

HORNBY, LANCS.—On April 30th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Maryl R. Crossthwaite 1, W. G. Wilson 2, J. P. Partington 3, F. Stead 4, G. Rothwell 5, C. Crossthwaite (cond.) 6, M. D. Fishwick 7, D. Butterworth 8. First of Surprise Major for 1 and 2.

KEA, CORNWALL.—On April 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. R. Dunstan (first on treble) 1, A. J. Davidson 2, Miss J. G. Hobbins 3, Miss M. Driver 4, C. W. Jose (cond.) 5. To celebrate the installation of Dean Lloyd as Dean of Truro Cathedral.

KINGS LANGLEY, HERTS.—On May 1st, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: A. H. Hill (first of Major) 1, R. W. R. Picton 2, Miss G. E. Graney 3, Miss M. Erik 4, D. J. Goodman 5, K. D. Waples 6, R. V. Wallis 7, B. M. Barker (cond.) 8. A farewell to Mrs. Doris Brittany, a loyal church worker, who is leaving the parish.

LEICESTER.—On May 8th, at St. Margaret's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Mason 1, A. E. Hartley (cond.) 2, E. Morris 3, K. R. Mason 4, J. Adams 5, G. Oliffe 6. For Evensong.

LEYLAND, LANCS.—On May 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Nelson 1, W. H. Hunter 2, D. Lawson 3, D. Marsden (first quarter) 4, K. Durow 5, J. Owens (first as cond.) 6.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on May 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jean F. Barnett (first quarter) 1, A. Boyack 2, Mrs. N. Bagworth 3, I. H. Oram 4, N. Bagworth 5, E. A. Barnett (cond.) 6, A. Bagworth 7, P. D. Chapman 8. For Evensong.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on May 8th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: W. G. Wilson 1, Freda Greaves 2, Hilda Oatway 3, Catherine Powell 4, S. Croft 5, A. Streeter (first on ten) 6, R. Cadamy (first of Caters) 7, J. Marks 8, W. F. Oatway (cond.) 9, J. Tomsett 10.

LOWER HEYFORD, NORTHAMPTON.—On April 23rd, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: G. Cooper 1, Mrs. W. H. Collins 2, E. C. Garrett 3, M. R. C. Hensher 4, R. Danby 5, W. H. Collins (cond.) 6. A wedding compliment to Mr. Michael Turner and Miss Ruth Hensher, only daughter of the Rector.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On May 5th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Jennifer Brake (first quarter) 1, Mrs. R. Quint 2, Mrs. D. Strong 3, L. Derrick (cond.) 4, Mary Powell 5, Olwen Quint 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Dr. H. W. Bradfield, Bishop of Bath and Wells.

NORTHAMPTON.—On Mar. 27th, at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. F. Roome 1, Miss P. F. Curtis 2, J. C. Rainbow 3, Miss J. A. Downing 4, Miss D. M. Miller 5, T. Jennings 6, E. Billings (cond.) 7, Miss A. Shackshaft 8. First of Triples for 2 and 8. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. T. Johnson on the birth of a daughter. Also on April 10th, at the Church of St. Edmund, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: G. F. Roome 1, R. S. Roberts 2, E. Thresher 3, Miss J. A. Downing 4, A. R. Jones 5, E. G. Orland 6, J. C. Rainbow 7, E. Billings (cond.) 8. For morning service.

OCKHAM, SURREY.—On April 3rd, 1,380 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Drury 1, Miss P. Drury 2, J. Martin 3, Miss D. Gibbons 4, B. Priestley (cond.) 5. For morning service.

PARRAMATTA, NEW SOUTH WALES, AUSTRALIA.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Jan J. Gates (first quarter) 1, Audrey E. Peters 2, Wendy A. Nichols (first of Bob Doubles 'inside' on tower bells) 3, R. L. Clark (first as cond.) 4, R. W. Ferris 5, P. B. Gates 6. Rung for St. George's Day by members of the Order of the Comrades of St. George.

PIDDLEHINTON, DORSET.—On April 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Cheeseman 1, R. Sturmey 2, Terha Barnett 3, J. W. Rose 4, E. H. Amey (cond.) 5, G. Lord 6.

RADLEY, BERKS.—On Feb. 28th, 1,320 St. Simon's Doubles: Catherine Capman 1, R. Raven 2, Daphne Pollard 3, Susan Alexander 4, Marie R. Cross (cond.) 5, M. Gilbertson 6. First quarter 1 and 6; first in method 2, 3 and 4. Rung in honour of the birth of a second son to H.M. the Queen. Also on Feb. 28th, 1,320 Doubles (Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury, St. Simon's and Grandsire): Catherine Chapman 1, R. Grange 2, Daphne Pollard (first in four methods as cond.) 3, R. Raven 4, Marie R. Cross 5, M. Gilbertson 6. First in four methods 1, 2 and 4. Rung for the engagement of H.R.H. Princess Margaret and Mr. Antony Armstrong-Jones.

ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Greaves 1, A. Greaves 2, M. Rose 3, L. Nice 4, R. Rose (cond.) 5, E. Nice 6. Also, for Evensong, 1,440 Double Court: J. Wright 1, A. Greaves 2, L. Wright 3, L. Nice 4, R. Rose (cond.) 5, E. Nice 6.

SHOREDITCH, LONDON.—At St. Leonard's, on April 24th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Miss J. R. Cox 1, Mrs. T. H. Francis 2, Mrs. R. F. Deal 3, P. Beresford 4, A. R. Ling 5, F. J. Matthews 6, B. F. Baker 7, D. Beresford (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On April 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. D. Rivers 1, Pamela M. Jervis 2, Mrs. Janet Livingston 3, Linda J. Kew 4, E. L. A. Hudson 5, J. C. Birt 6, W. Birmingham (cond.) 7, D. Livingston 8. First of Stedman Triples for 2, 4 and 8. Rung for the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. A. Hudson.

SOUTH CERNEY, GLOS.—On April 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Anne Legg 1, M. J. Cook 2, B. Wakefield (cond.) 3, P. Wakefield 4, R. J. Smith 5, R. Wakefield 6. A compliment to Mr. Alan Legg (brother of the treble ringer), on passing the entrance examination to Wadham College, Oxford.

STORRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On April 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. J. Chacksfield 1, J. Maple 2, J. Newall 3, Miss J. Horton 4, B. W. Farhall (cond.) 5, J. Chacksfield 6. Rung in memoriam Dr. G. A. Mitchel (priest), who was interred on April 28th.

SYDNEY, NEW SOUTH WALES.—At St. Mary's Basilica, on Mar. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. R. A. Curran 1, Audrey E. Peters 2, R. J. Klima 3, Wendy A. Nichols (first of Triples) 4, J. H. Fryer 5, J. J. Cummins 6, T. W. Goodyer (cond.) 7, J. F. Hammond 8. Rung for the Feast of St. Patrick and the silver jubilee of Cardinal Gilroy's consecration as a Bishop.

WELLS, SOMERSET.—At the Cathedral, on May 1st, 1,299 Stedman Caters: Bridget Sanger (first of Stedman) 1, A. J. Sanger 2, G. Salmon 3, P. C. Wright 4, S. A. Read 5, R. J. Fox 6, D. Randall 7, E. Naylor (cond.) 8, H. J. Sanger 9, T. Setter 10. For Evensong.

WAREHAM, DORSET.—On May 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Orchard (first quarter) 1, R. S. W. Robertson 2, Judith Harding 3, A. Bull (first 'inside') 4, C. G. Cherrett 5, A. M. Cunningham 6, C. T. Brown (cond.) 7, C. Hodge (first quarter) 8. For Parish Communion.

WYCHBOLD, WORCS.—On March 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Cattermole (completed circle as cond.) 1, Heather Pullon 2, Valerie Powell 3, J. E. Pullon 4, R. S. Smith 5, L. H. G. Gittins 6. Local band for Evensong. Also on Mar. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Heather Pullon 1, J. E. Pullon 2, M. J. Fellows 3, M. D. Fellows 4, P. Cattermole (cond.) 5, M. T. Sprackling 6. A 13th birthday quarter for Jimmy Pullon. Also on March 27th, 1,259 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain, April Day): Valerie Powell 1, J. E. Pullon 2, Heather Pullon 3, P. Cattermole (cond.) 4, A. D. Cook 5, H. Zschorn (first quarter) 6. For Mothering Sunday gift service. Also on April 3rd, 1,259 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain, April Day): Valerie Powell 1, Heather Pullon 2, J. E. Pullon 3, A. D. Cook 4, P. Cattermole (cond.) 5, L. H. G. Gittins 6. Rung half-muffled for Passion Sunday. Also on Easter Day, 1,260 April Day: Valerie Powell 1, J. E. Pullon 2, V. Neale 3, A. D. Cook 4, P. Cattermole (cond.) 5, Heather Pullon 6. For Evensong. Also on April 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. J. Fellows (age 12, first as cond.) 1, M. D. Fellows 2, J. E. Pullon 3, Heather Pullon 4, P. Cattermole 5, B. M. Gittins (age 13, first quarter) 6.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

In an endeavour to maintain their bells and ropes without asking the church authorities, Whiston, near Rotherham, bell ringers at their annual meeting decided to make a charge of 2s. 6d. per rope for all peal attempts.

The Shropshire Association have this year rung more peals than in any complete year since 1954. It seems as if some of the Leicester Guild enthusiasm has reached this county.

Congratulations to Mr. John Fryer (15) on calling his first peal at Parramatta. He is the youngest person to conduct a peal in Australia. The peal was a birthday compliment to Mr. George Pipe, who was ringing in it and was on a business trip to Sydney.

'A splendid, well-struck peal' was Mr. Albert Walker's opinion of the peal of Stedman Cinques he conducted at Birmingham Cathedral for his 84th birthday. The band wish to associate the name of Mr. George E. Fearn with the peal, as he arranged the tower and the bells.

Burghill, Herefordshire, ringers at their annual meeting, on May 3rd, decided on an outing in Breconshire and Monmouthshire, towards the end of June. Four new ropes are to be provided and an emergency light installed in the ringing chamber. Officers for next year are Mr. W. A. Stokes, captain; Mr. Ivor Probert, vice-chairman, and Mr. F. Morris, honorary secretary.

Although unable to ring since his illness last September, Mr. E. A. Stafford was present at the annual general meeting of St. Mary's Cathedral Society, Glasgow, when he was re-elected honorary secretary and treasurer. Mr. Stafford's absence from the belfry has been a severe blow coming, as it has, soon after the band was depleted by the loss of other ringers leaving Glasgow. Four recruits are making good progress and joined in the ringing on the day of the birth of Prince Andrew and on the evening of the wedding of Princess Margaret.

Mr. A. R. Peake, of Swindon, write: Mr. George E. Feirn's footnote to his peal of Spliced Major (see page 309) is not quite correct as at Cricklade, Wilts, on May 2nd, 1959, a peal of Spliced Doubles in 53 methods was rung containing 503 changes of method.

Visiting a particularly heavy five in the Vale of Evesham a touring party found several bottles of plum wine in the belfry.

A letter from Cape Town this week states that the state of emergency is over and practice has been resumed at St. Mary's, Woodstock.

With reference to last week's front page article, Mr. Patrick J. Bird asks us to state that it was the tower of Bristol Cathedral that was, for at least the last century, badly cracked and not the tenor, as was inadvertently printed.

While the restored Church of St. Nicholas, Great Yarmouth, will not be open for worship until next year, the new bells are rung each Sunday from 5.30 to 6.30 p.m. to remind Christians of the time of evening services at other churches and chapels. Visiting ringers are cordially invited to take part in this Sunday ringing and also at the weekly practice on Thursdays at 7.30 p.m.

For the special service terminating Rotherham High School's Jubilee at Rotherham Parish Church, the ringing was done by girls and old girls with a little assistance on the two tenors from the local Ringing Master and son. The girls themselves rang Bob Minor, Grandsire Doubles and Little Bob Minor on the front six and the ringing concluded with call changes on the back eight.

Bro. W. Frank Stenson, P.P.G.M., who for many years has organised bell ringing at the A.M.C. of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, will, unfortunately, not be present at this year's gathering at Brighton, but he has made the arrangements. For the Sunday afternoon service ringing members should be at St. Peter's Church at 2.30 p.m. The secretary of St. Peter's band is Mr. A. W. Bond, 130, Poplar Avenue, Hove.

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THE ROYAL WEDDING

THE wedding of H.R.H. Princess Margaret and Mr. Antony Armstrong-Jones on May 6th makes the year 1960 memorable in ringing history. Two big Royal occasions during the year gave the country at large an opportunity of knowing that the art of change ringing is not dead. A glance at our peal and quarter peal columns will reveal the large number of new ringers as indicated by first performances.

Naturally Westminster Abbey was the focal point and Mr. Harold N. Pitstow's band started a peal of Stedman Triples immediately the bride and bridegroom left. This peal was successfully brought round in 3 hours and 7 minutes. In the broadcast at the time the bells of Westminster were well heard. However, in television shots in the evening of the Abbey, the bells of St. Clement Danes' were used as a background. Mr. Pitstow's letter on the subject appears on our correspondence page.

Apart from the Abbey only two other peals have been recorded in London. The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths sang a peal of Cinques at St. Martin-in-the-Fields and there was a peal at Putney for the Surrey Association.

At the 'Britannia' passed St. Mary's, Woolwich, the bells were being rung under the direction of Miss M. R. Andrews.

The peal at South Wigston came round at 4.50 p.m. Probably this was the the second peal to be completed as the peal at Westminster Abbey was undoubtedly the first.

A new method for the occasion was Windsor Delight Major, rung at Wigston Magna. The composition used was that rung to Clacton Surprise Major at Willesden on June 26th, 1958.

At Lincoln Cathedral, Lyddington Surprise Maximus was rung for the great occasion. This method is given as Oakham Surprise Maximus in Corrigan's Collection. As the extension from Royal does not agree with the new Council ruling another Rutland County name is given in Lyddington.

Associated with the wedding will be the first peal on the bells of St. Mary's, Chepstow, since rehanging and augmenting to ten. The peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by seven regular Sunday service ringers and Mr. R. E. Coles who stood in for Mr. John Sims, who is recovering from an operation. Steady progress is being made in ten bell ringing here. Chepstow ringers provide ten members of the choir and two Parochial Church Councillors.

YOUNG PEOPLE

Fourteen year old Michael E. Turner called his first peal at Haselbury Plucknett, Somerset, for the wedding. It was Grandsire Doubles with five callings.

Fifteen year old David J. Marshall conducted his first peal of Major for the Royal wedding at Daventry.

One of the youngest to ring a peal for this happy occasion was Antony Fasey at Kingswinford, Staffs. He is 12 years old and this was his first 'inside.'

Mr. C. Kenneth Lewis, on May 6th, enabled four ringers to ring their first peal at Bowdon. The other experienced ringer with him was Mr. David Vincent.

Young people at lunch-time on May 6th rang the bells at Glaston, Rutland, for the wedding. They were Jennifer Barrett (13), Christine Russell (14), Philip Heath (15), Rodney Todd (15), Robert Woodward (15) and Richard Busby (15). This must the youngest team to ring for the wedding

AT CHICAGO

A chime concert and 'swinging peal' was rung from the Mitchell tower of Chicago University, on May 6th at 12.15 p.m. in honour of Princess Margaret's wedding.

The Sunday service band at Middle Littleton, Worcs, have made local history by ringing their first peal as a band.

Packworth ringers scored three peals in a day (Saturday) for the Royal wedding. Two 17 year old ringers—Roger Tallis and Maurice Hughes—stood the test well.

SERVANTS OF THE EXERCISE – No. 21



MISS HILDA G. SNOWDEN,
Vice-president, Essex Association.

Miss Hilda Snowden is the type of lady who, having determined on any course of action, tackles the job with enthusiasm and attains her goal. Whether it is in the field of ringing, motoring, golf or music, she is right at the top. She is highly respected and admired in her native county of Essex, and her achievements are outstanding. She possesses a natural charm and speaks with a broad Essex dialect, which might incline people who did not know her to underestimate her ability. Her friendly disposition has endeared her to the Exercise, for she is well known all over the country.

She was born at Halstead in 1916, and learned to ring there in 1931. Her early experiences were not happy, however, as ladies in the belfry were not received with enthusiasm. But Hilda had decided to become a ringer and with her brother she cycled to all the neighbouring towers for practice, and obtained a lot of experience that was to prove very useful later. She rang her first peal in 1932, and has, to date, rung 248 peals, two of them being silent, and 26 which she has conducted. She is of sturdy build, and has always been eager to ring at the heavy end.

Amongst many of her notable achievements are: ringing the 10th at Exeter (33 cwt.) to a peal of Grandsire Caters; ringing in the only peal ever rung on the back eight at the same Cathedral, and ringing the tenors to peals at Dunmow, 21¼ cwt., Stowmarket, 24 cwt., Woodbridge 25¼ cwt., Debenham, 21¼ cwt., and Waterford, Ireland, 20 cwt. The last-named peal was the first time a lady had rung a tenor in Ireland. She is very proud to have rung Bocking tenor to Double Norwich twice and London once. She rang the tenor to the first and only peal of London rung by the Ladies' Guild, conducted by Edith Fletcher. All her performances on the tenor have been with the tenor 'turned in.' She has yet to ring a peal on the tenor 'covering.' Such was her determination to ring a peal of Cambridge Maximus that she travelled the 32 miles several times for practice at Ipswich, and, of course, achieved her object.

She was mainly responsible for the recasting and rehanging of Halstead's bells, in 1957, and she piloted an Appeal Committee through two years' very hard work. It was a terrific struggle to raise the necessary funds, but she won through and Halstead now possesses a musical ring of bells, well worthy of the church where they hang. Miss Snowden has taken an active part in the work of the Essex Association, and was the first lady to hold office of any kind in Essex. She was secretary of the Northern District for 20 years, and Master for 11 years. This loyal service was recognised in 1959 by making her a life vice-president. She has represented the Essex Association on the Central Council since 1945. She loves good ringing, and she has a great regard for those Essex stalwarts, Lewis Wiffin (only survivor of the band which rang the first ever of Cambridge Maximus) and Frank Claydon, both still going strong at 78 years of age.

JAFUS.

The band who rang the peal at Hinton-on-the-Green, Worcestershire, for the Royal wedding would like to associate with it the name of Mr. W. J. Newman, who kindly stood down at the last minute to enable a local ringer who had just recovered from a minor illness to participate.

CONDUCTOR'S GRAVEYARD

The Royal wedding peals include one at Condover, Salop, which was the first on the bells since 1952, despite the many attempts. Locally the tower is known as the 'conductor's graveyard.'

At the conclusion of the peal at St. Martin's, Salop, on the Saturday, the band were very pleased to be met by the Vicar at the foot of the belfry stairs, especially as he had thoughtfully brought liquid refreshments with him.

It was not intended to ring Kent Treble Bob Minor in the bell tower at Evesham, but Kent T.B. Major. This was necessitated by the company meeting short. However, the circumstances did enable Messrs. Geoffrey and Gerald Hemming to complete the cycle of Kent from Minor to Maximus.

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SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS

A warm welcome was extended by Mr. D. Carlisle when the Society of Sherwood Youths held their first meeting at Sandiacre on April 30th. Mrs. Carlisle provided a very appetising tea for the members and visitors. In the evening Stapleford was visited and methods rung during the day included London, St. Clement's, Cambridge and Double Court.

Hints For Beginners—21

In Stedman, the basis of the method is that the three bells at the front ring alternately quick and slow sixes. Thus if you are delayed by bobs for an odd number of sixes, you must go in the same way that you came out last time.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Lewisham District

The Lewisham District had a beautiful afternoon for their quarterly meeting—a joint one with the Kent Branch of the Ladies' Guild—at Chelsfield on April 30th.

Between 40 and 50 members and friends enjoyed a very pleasant service conducted by the Rector (the Rev. L. R. King), who joined the company for an excellent tea which had been prepared and was served by members of his congregation. After tea and a short business meeting the gentlemen returned to the tower leaving the Ladies' Guild to have their meeting.

Ringing was under the leadership of Mr. I. H. Oram, District Ringing Master.

GRANTLEY HALL BELLRINGING COURSE

THE first course ever to be held in the North of England took place at Grantley Hall, near Ripon, during the week-end following Easter. After dinner on Friday evening the warden, Mr. C. L. Rigg, told the assembled students that the courses in session. Irish dancing and the art of bellringing, were entirely new ventures at Grantley and while as yet he was unable to discern any affinity between the two subjects he hoped something would emerge before the dispersal of the courses.

All the bellringing students then attended a lecture by Mr. Frederick Sharpe, who dealt in a masterly manner with the history of bells and ringing, illustrated by lantern slides; the students were greatly impressed by this talk as Mr. Sharpe was able to relate his personal experiences and draw on his vast knowledge of the various techniques in founding and tuning.

On Saturday morning the students divided into elementary and advanced groups; this was accomplished with some difficulty as the lectures were attractive to all, so whilst Mr. W. E. Moreton dealt with 'How to learn and teach Change Ringing' Mr. N. Chaddock lectured on the first stage in conducting. Further lectures followed with Mr. Moreton developing conducting into more advanced stages, whilst Mr. Chaddock with the aid of a model bell in a frame and a film strip showed 'How Bells are Hung and Rung.'

PRACTICAL WORK

After lunch the students left the college for ringing on tower bells. Half the party stayed at Ripon Cathedral with Mr. Sharpe and Mr. Chaddock. The warden, who appeared anxious to delve still further into the mysterious art of bellringing, was also present. Provided with raw recruits, Mr. Chaddock demonstrated his system of teaching pupils how to handle a bell; later the clappers were unlashed and touches were rung on the ring of ten bells.

Mr. Moreton's party journeyed to Wath, a nearby village with a beautiful old church having a light six where the Rector, the Rev. E. A. Hosband, welcomed the ringers. The instructor called touches of Minor, explaining the change in coursing order when bobs were called.

After dinner Mr. Sharpe gave his second lecture on the 'Care and Maintenance of Bells and Belfries' during which even the most enlightened student must have gained considerable knowledge about the subject. With the aid of a comprehensive set of slides the lecturer showed amongst other things the importance of correct positioning of bells in a tower. Owing to the number of questions the allotted time for the lecture was exceeded, much to the annoyance of some 'Tykes' who subsequently discovered that the bar had closed! However, hearing the sound of music certain ringers invaded the large lecture room where they were invited to join in the Terpsichorean art and the sight of large bellringers cavorting around the floor in an Irish reel was a sight to be remembered.

Sunday morning commenced with family prayers conducted by the warden, introduced by a solemn touch of Grandsire Triples, tenor size 25, rung by R. A. Lennard 1-2, N. Chaddock 3-4, F. Sharpe 5-6, and W. Moreton 7-8; this touch was repeated after the service.

The advanced group joined Mr. Moreton who lectured on 'Composition and Method Structure.' The methods analysed were Double Bob and London Bob and he also explained Court and Double Court places. The system of checking the possibility of validity of a method at the half lead was shown. As Mr. Moreton drew a line after the hand stroke lead of the treble in Plain Bob we got the impression he favoured this point for the lead end, an opinion shared by at least one of his students.

HANDBELLS—TUNES AND CHANGES

Meanwhile, tune ringing on handbells was in progress in the music room with Mr. Chaddock as tutor; he gave the method of tune ringing used by his band of ringers. This was the ordinary staff notation in four parts: each person had a sheet and rang two or four bells, the music having been adapted from piano scores by the conductor. Other methods of music notation were explained briefly, including that used by Mr. Sharpe's famous band.

In the change ringing on handbells the three position system was advocated by Mr. Moreton in preference to the twin blue lines and he introduced a unique method of presenting his lecture; a tape recorder repeated the six places in Minor ad infinitum, whilst two bells rang in the particular position he was describing. Then the students were each issued with two handbells which were rung in the position required: 1-3, 2-4, 3-5, etc.; the sound created by about 15 bells striking together was remarkable! Mr. Sharpe, who took part, said nothing but like the parrot must have thought a lot! Unfortunately only one lecture could be devoted to this subject but a start was made.

DEMONSTRATIONS

After lunch the handbell tune ringers gave a demonstration to the whole assembly, with Mr. F Sharpe and Mr. and Miss Chaddock rendering four in hand 'The Grandfather's Clock,' followed by three novices who gave a very creditable performance of 'The Old Hundred.' The dancers next took the floor to display intricate footwork in Irish reels and, not to be outdone, the bellringers followed with a surprise item. 'The Cumberland Square eight' danced with great vigour.

Mr. F. Sharpe presided at the final discussion when comments on the course were given by various students. Everyone was unanimous on one point—that the week-end had been a great success and another course should be arranged. The warden stated that it would be essential to cater for beginners in a future course or the venture would fall flat. Expressions of appreciation were enthusiastically shown to the tutors, Mr. Sharpe, Mr. Chaddock and Mr. Moreton, also to the Dean of Ripon and the Rector of Wath for the use of the bells.

From a student's angle one was impressed by the preparatory work done by the lecturers and tutors, which portrayed how seriously they had undertaken their duties; Mr. Sharpe had brought his renowned collection of handbells, many founders' marks, a model bell hung in a frame and two large bells, not forgetting a collection of slides and photographs which must be unsurpassed in the country. Mr. Chaddock presented copies of his conducting lecture, which ran into several pages, to the students and he brought along a goodly number of handbells, film strips and a model bell. The tape recordings used by Mr. Moreton were the outcome of much thought and endeavour as were the charts which he had carefully prepared. A word of thanks to the warden and his staff for our comfort over the week-end and I conclude with the mention of a classic remark made by Mr. Rigg shortly before we dispersed. Mr. Sharpe, in commending the Exercise, said that 'No two rings of bells are alike.' Mr. Rigg retorted. 'And no two ringers are alike'!

N. F. M.

DEDICATION

BURWOOD, NEW SOUTH WALES

The Archbishop of Sydney (the Most Rev. H. R. Gough) dedicated the new ring of eight bells (tenor 11¼ cwt.) at St. Paul's Church, Burwood, New South Wales, on April 3rd, in the presence of a congregation numbering 1,000. The bells, cast by John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, are the gifts of parishioners and different organisations. The second bell is in memory of the late Archbishop of Sydney and Mrs. Mowell.

In his sermon, the Archbishop said that a ring of bells should perform three functions: to call men to worship, to sound a spiritual warning, and to mark times of rejoicing. The trumpet calls to the Hebrew people fulfilled the same purposes.

Worship was man's highest duty, and the bells had a noble purpose in providing the summons, the archbishop said.

They also served as a warning to the lapsed. In Britain they would have indicated that the German invasion was imminent, and their role in marking national danger was a parallel to their announcement of spiritual danger for those who disregarded the call to worship.

Bells also indicated rejoicing and triumph, Dr. Gough said. Their sound proclaimed the victory of the Cross. The danger of a cracked bell, and a cracked message to the world, was one against which the congregation had to guard, he said.

Immediately after the service the bells were rung by K. Stacey, L. Macqueen, Audrey Peters, J. Fryer, T. Goodyer, J. Cummins, R. Clark and R. Ferris. A peal attempt failed but later a quarter peal was rung and a special supper provided at the Rectory for the ringers. All were highly complimentary at the 'go' of the bells. There is no shortage of recruits for St. Paul's bells and these include the Rector (the Rev. R. A. O'Brian).

AMBITIOUS HOPES FROM SOUTH WALES

South Wales Nomads have taken a practical interest in the three bells at St. Mary's Church, Panteg, on the Newport-Abergavenny road. Two of the bells were cast by John Palmer in 1661 and were rehung and a new bell added by Llewellin and James, of Bristol, in 1885. Diligent work in the belfry has resulted in a half-hour's ringing for Sunday services instead of chiming, in charge of David Thomas (13), who has taught others to handle.

With the possibility of augmenting the ring to five or six bells the ringers have started a weekly savings scheme. The official opening of the fund will take place with a ringing festival and open day on July 2nd. Those who cannot attend are asked to send their gifts to the Rev. Mr. Curtis-Morgan, St. Mary's Rectory, Panteg, Mon.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The Society's annual cup contest, held at Beighton on May 7th, brought car loads and contestants and others to the small Derbyshire village.

The senior judge, Mr. H. Chant, gave his assessment as follows: Handsworth, 87 faults, time 12¼ mins; Warsop, 80, 12 mins; Shelley, 75, 13 mins; Sheffield University, 87, 13¼ mins; Sheffield Cathedral, 54, 11 mins; Rotherham Parish Church, 63, 12¼ mins.

Sheffield Cathedral were thus declared the winners, with Rotherham runners-up. The winners, who also had the fastest time, rang Plain Bob as did Rotherham and the University team. Handsworth rang Cambridge and the other two teams Treble Bob.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE ROYAL WEDDING

Dear Sir,—On the evening of May 6th B.B.C. Television presented a telerecording of the Royal wedding, the opening shots of which depicted Westminster Abbey from various angles, accompanied by ringing on a ring of eight bells.

Viewers assumed, not unnaturally, that this was part of the wedding peal rung on the Abbey bells, but as a matter of fact the recording used was not of the Abbey bells.

I have protested to the producer of the programme and he admitted, rather reluctantly, that the recording used was of St. Clement Danes'.

The most disturbing aspect of the conversation was his attitude towards bellringing. He stated that no one took any interest in bells—they served only as background—which statement I refuted, and he would not agree that anyone viewing the programme would associate the bells which they were hearing with the picture of Westminster Abbey appearing on the screen.

It would appear that the Broadcasting and Television Committee of the Central Council has a good deal of spade work yet to do to convince the B.B.C. that there is a public interested in bells.—Yours faithfully,

H. N. PITSTOW.

Banstead, Surrey.

DETAILS FOR 'ARTFUL DODGER'

Dear Sir,—In reply to 'Artful Dodger' (page 296), it is true the Barnsley and District Society hope to hold the annual shield contest at Felkirk, near Barnsley, on Saturday, June 11th. This contest was formed in 1926, when 11 teams entered and was for towers within a 12 mile radius of St. Mary's, Barnsley. In 1934 this contest was made open to anyone who was a member of the Society, membership being 1s. per year. Four members from one tower can be made up with two from any other tower providing they are all members. The entrance fee for the contest is 10s. per tower, with prizes according to the number of entries.

It is not for me to say that this contest is to decide who are the champions of England. Perhaps some of the other Societies may ask Why not all cup or shield winners meet at some central tower and then decide who are the champions? This would mean that two or more judges would take part, and be in different places. Our judge will be Mr. Harold Chant, Felkirk. I hope you all have heard about him, and hope this will satisfy 'Artful Dodger,' of Huddersfield.—Yours etc.,

JAMES W. BUXTON.

Shelley, Huddersfield.

BALSHAM, CAMBS

Dear Sir,—Some of your readers might like to know that, after survey, it has been recommended that the five bells of Holy Trinity Church, Balsham, will not be rung again until a new frame and new hangings are provided. The tenor is 16 cwt. and the 4th is by John Tonne, 1540, the only example of his work in Cambridgeshire. The oak frame is worn out.

The sum of £1,300 has to be raised before we can welcome ringers again.—Your faithfully,

ALAN H. NEALE.
Churchwarden

Balsham, Cambs.

GREATEST NUMBER OF CHANGES OF METHOD

Dear Sir,—In the Belfry Gossip column of the issue of May 6th, you stated that the peal of Spliced Major rung at Cleatham on April 16th contained the greatest number of changes of method yet rung (461).

A peal of Spliced Major containing 467 changes of method was, however, rung 'in hand' by the Cambridge University Guild on November 28th, 1958.

This peal was noteworthy in that it was the first peal of 'Spliced' for three members of the band.—Yours sincerely,

A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL.

Gainsborough.

AMERICAN SCHOOLS GET TOGETHER

Dear Sir,—It may be of interest to your readers that the bell ringers from Kent School paid us a visit recently, the second time we have rung together his academic year.

The Kent boys drove for nearly 200 miles, arriving here on Saturday in time for an hour's ringing before supper. There was more ringing after supper and on Sunday morning for an hour and a half before the main service in the school chapel.

Also present was Mr. James Laker, an English ringer, originally from Kent (England), now residing in Orleans, Massachusetts. We are always happy to see Mr. Laker arrive as he has been one of the mainstays in maintaining liaison between England and America. He came to Groton as early as 1926 with Mr. Tony Price (Middlesex Association) and others. He also took part in a peal attempt at Kent School after the installation of their bells in the early thirties.

Other guest ringers this week-end were Dr. and Mrs. D. H. Niblett, of Oxford University, now doing research at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York. They drove forty miles from Boston on Saturday and again on Sunday.

The ringing consisted of Grandsire Doubles and Triples, Stedman Doubles and Erin Triples.—Sincerely yours.

RUSSELL S. YOUNG.

Groton School (Mass.)

DIARY CORRECTION

Dear Sir,—Over the years the 1,260 Stedman Triples shown at middle bottom, page 24 of the Ringers' Diary, has lost some bobs, viz., one at 8 in the 7th course, and one at 3 in the 10th course.

I have not noted any comment on this before, and although it may be obvious to a great many, I bring it to notice for the benefit of others who may be perhaps calling their first quarter.—Yours faithfully,

R. D. SHORT.

Bridgwater.

APPRECIATION

Dear Sir,—May I, through your columns of 'The Ringing World,' on behalf of the Shelley ringers, thank the Sheffield Society of Bell Ringers for the enjoyable afternoon at Beighton, near Rotherham, on May 7th, and congratulate the Cathedral ringers on their success. They will have to take the cup back next year.

We brought away with us happy memories of the church and new friends, which will not have to be handed back. Whenever we hear Beighton mentioned again this happy event will come back to our minds; so here's thank you to all who helped with this event and welcomed us into the Society.—Yours etc.,

J. W. BUXTON.

Shelley, Huddersfield.

THE MIDDLE EIGHT OF WORCESTER CATHEDRAL

Dear Sir,—The original ring of 12 at Worcester Cathedral was cast in 1870 by J. Taylor and Co., to the specification of Lord Grimthorpe, the designer of both bells and clock of 'Big Ben.' The bells of St. Paul's Cathedral were also cast to his specification. The Grimthorpe 12 at Worcester, however, were not a success from the point of view of quality of tone and in 1928 the ring of 12, plus the three half-tone bells, were recast by Taylor's, resulting in the present grand 12.

The three half-tones are all hung for ringing and, in theory at any rate, allow quite a number of major and minor combinations from 5 to 12. Only the 'flat 6th,' however, is properly 'in the circle'; this bell permits the use of a 'middle eight.'

The other two half-tones are a 'flat 4th' and a 'flat eighth.' There bells are outside the proper circle and, as far as is known, have never been used for change ringing. They do, however, increase the scope of the tune-playing machine which operates every three hours from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Their use in change ringing is, nevertheless, not impossible and perhaps one day they may be heard. The major eight with the eleventh as the tenor (34-3-4 in C sharp) would surely be worth hearing.

About 23 peals have now been rung in the tower but until 1957 no attempt had ever been made to ring a peal on the 'middle eight,' as far as is known. The 1957 attempt was arranged as a welcome to the present Dean, the Very Rev. R. L. P. Milburn, but was unfortunately unsuccessful. The next attempt was, however, and on May 7th a peal of Bob Major was rung to celebrate the marriage of H.R.H. Princess Margaret and Mr. Antony Armstrong-Jones.

The details of the 'middle eight' are as follows: Treble 7-3-16, 2nd 8-0-20, 3rd 8-1-25, 4th 9-0-19, 5th 10-2-24, 6th 12-0-1, 7th 14-3-26, tenor 20-0-6 in E.

Following the example of other towers which possess a 'middle eight' the question of naming it has been discussed though without, yet, arriving at a decision. Some suggestions were the 'Cattley eight' to commemorate Canon Cattley, through whose efforts the original 12 were put in the tower, and the 'St. Dunstan's eight.' St. Dunstan was Bishop of Worcester and patron saint of bellringers.—Yours faithfully,

Cheltenham. DAVID BEACHAM.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

On April 30th the Royal Cumberland Youths held a quarterly meeting at Brentwood, Essex, and although not so strongly supported as was expected, an enjoyable time was had by those present.

Ringing in the afternoon was followed by Evensong, tea in the church hall, and a short business meeting with the Master, Mr. D. Beresford, in the chair.

Congratulations were extended to the Essex County Association on their recent achievement in ringing the new record peal of Bob Major, and to the conductor, Mr. Frank Lufkin. The Master was pleased to note that several members of the band, including the conductor, were also members of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.

Thanks were accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, to the curate for taking the service and to Mr John Sitch and his helpers for arranging an excellent tea and having everything in readiness for the meeting. A special word of thanks was due to Mr. Sitch for making the meeting possible.

Ringing up to Spliced Surprise then continued until 8.30 p.m.

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GUILD OF CLERICAL RINGERS

RINGING WEEK IN LANCASHIRE

THE week after Low Sunday, which has by now become a traditional date, saw 17 members of the Clerical Guild, together with four clergy wives and one 'clergy sister' (sic), assembled at a most comfortable hotel at Lytham St. Anne's on the Lancashire coast. The day-outings took us to the Preston area, to Leyland and Southport and finally, after a diversion, into hillier country inland, to Blackpool. This part of the country is noted more for industry than scenery, but it gave some rural clerics from Southern England a valued insight into churches, belfries, church life and the work of the ministry very different from their own.

The general verdict was that the ringing on the tour was of a higher standard than in recent years. Five Surprise Major methods were successfully rung. Cambridge at several towers, Superlative at St. Anne's, Yorkshire at Emmanuel Church, Southport, and St. John's, Blackpool. The courses of London at Whittle-le-Woods and Christ Church, Southport, were, in the opinion of our worthy president, the first rung for a number of years, while Bristol at Penwortham was a 'first ever.' There were 10 bell towers in the schedule. St. John's, Preston, and Leyland Parish Church, both excellent rings. At the former, well-struck Grandsire and Stedman led up to Kent Royal. At the latter, local ringers joined happily in the ringing. At the 8 bell towers, apart from the Surprise methods for the experts, Plain Bob, Stedman and Grandsire were assiduously attacked by 'the others.' A peal attempt on the splendid 8 at Bilsborrow came to grief after an hour's good ringing. Some of our peal-band are sadly short of practice.

THE DIGNITARIES

We hope that ringers do not think of parsons as pompous and stuffy. Anyone who had this opinion would have revised it hastily had he shared the humour and good fellowship of the Clerical Week. We had a notable proportion of dignitaries—two canons, one prebendary, four rural deans and two proctors in Convocation—though there was some 'doubling' in the last two categories! In addition, we elevated one younger priest to the temporary rank of archdeacon because we are sure that his manner, figure and legs mark him out for high office. Despite such weight of authority there was much humour and laughter on the tour. Much was inevitably made of the fact that a body of respectable Anglican clergy was due to ring in two Roman Catholic churches. One incident will live long in our memories.

We paid a visit to Kirkham on our last evening together. We made our way to the belfry through a trapdoor and proceeded to raise—or more accurately to try to raise—the ring in peal. The bells are fairly heavy and very temperamental; ropes flew in all directions; some went up quickly, others did not. The result was chaotic. We rang some very erratic Grandsire Triples and then found that the hasp and staple device for locking the belfry had, of itself, locked us securely in! We thought of 'firing' the bells but decided that this would differ so little from our previous efforts that nobody would notice. Our only hope seemed to be to go on ringing (!) until the locals were driven to haul us out of the belfry to stop the din. But the resourcefulness of the clergy triumphed in the end. A mysterious cupboard in the capacious belfry was ransacked and a long nail found. We had no idea of its original purpose but in the hands of a young priest who must have had training in housebreaking before ordination it released the catch and we were free—almost helpless with laughter.

The impact of our visit on Lancashire was varied. This year we made no publicity from radio or television though our arrival was noted in one national newspaper of immense circulation. Our self-esteem at this was destroyed when we read that we were going to ring tunes on handbells as we journeyed from tower to tower. We were photographed twice for local papers. In one the photographer insisted on the whole party gazing with rapt admiration at four handbell ringers operating outside the coach—as though we would do this when we could get inside and go off to another tower! While some very creditable ringing was going on at St. John's, Preston, we received a plaintive message imploring us to stop soon as people in an office on the other side of the street were trying to work. As a result of this—or perhaps because the path of our coach did a neat single dodge with the Preston Motorway and so was inspired to speed—we were early at our next tower, Walton-le-Dale and Higher Walton, a very unusual circumstance on any tour.

'EXPERTS AT WORK'

At Christ Church, Southport, we needed the permission of the Chief Constable to be set down outside the church in the well-known Lord Street, but though our ringing matched the bells and their aristocratic environment, little was heard of them outside above the roar of the traffic. Enough was audible, however, to draw from an old lady a comment which all ringers might like to hear. It was to the effect that she loved to hear the bells because they showed that we still live in a Christian country. It was otherwise at St. John's, Blackpool, where the 8 are so loud in the main street that one unfortunate police constable was seen trying to shut out the extraneous sound as he tried to report by telephone to headquarters. Whether he was asking for authority to stop us we never knew. At all events we were allowed to complete an enjoyable visit. Later that afternoon at South Shore (Blackpool) one local opined that we were doing 'a reet bit o' good ringing' while another constable confided to our coach driver that he thought experts were at work on the bells.

At the business meeting only one change was made in the officials of the Guild, K. W. H. Felstead replacing A. G. G. Thurlow on the committee. It needed skill on the part of our respected president, in the chair, and slick work by members of the meeting to effect the re-election of J. H. B. Andrews before he had time to refuse to be nominated again to the post of secretary and treasurer. All was well, however, and we have the satisfaction of knowing that the affairs of the Guild and in particular the arrangement of next year's week, which is to be in Hampshire, are still in his capable hands.

It would be indeed churlish to conclude the account of so pleasant a week without expressing our gratitude to all who made it possible. Our secretary had the local help and knowledge of R. D. St. John Smith in making all his preparations. They were successful in every respect. Without exception our welcome at towers was all that one would expect of warm-hearted Lancashire. Incumbents or tower captains and sometimes both were at hand waiting our arrival and all seemed pleased to see us. At Leyland and Tarleton the local clergy had arranged sumptuous teas for us with great generosity. Had we not used up many calories in our exercise we should have been hard put to it to do them justice. We are genuinely grateful for so much kindness and shall look back to our Lancashire visit with many pleasant memories.

F. A. S.

ST. MARY'S, FLINT

The bells of St. Mary's, Flint, which have been silent for nearly 30 years, may ring again next year. There are six bells in the tower, five of which require retuning and the tenor recasting. Messrs. John Taylor and Co. have been approached and work suggested includes that mentioned above, the provision of two additional trebles and rehanging of the bells in a steel frame instead of the present oak structure. The estimated cost is £1,600 and this, states 'The Chester Chronicle,' is to be submitted to a public meeting. Another ring of eight in North Wales will be most welcome.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

Secretary's Hint Of Increased Subscriptions

THE annual meeting of the Suffolk Guild was held at Bury St. Edmunds on April 23rd. Ringing took place during the afternoon and evening at the Norman tower of the Cathedral and at St. Mary's, in a variety of the standard methods from Triples to Royal.

The Guild service was held in the Cathedral, and conducted by the Precentor. The Ven. H. R. Norton (Archdeacon of Sudbury) gave the address and extended a most cordial welcome to the 60 members and visitors present. In his address he emphasised the importance of bells in the life of the Church and expressed the appreciation of the clergy for the work of the ringers and the faithful manner in which it was carried out. At tea, which was served at Palmer's Restaurant, Archdeacon Norton and Canon R. C. R. Godfrey (Vicar of St. Mary's) were the guests of the Guild.

OPEN HANDSTROKE LEADS

The business meeting was held in the Abbot Anselm Institute. The chairman, Mr. C. W. Pipe (vice-president), welcomed the members and visitors and said how glad he was to see many friends from Cambridge, Essex and Norfolk and hoped they would enjoy their ringing. He reminded members of the need to maintain good striking. There was, he said, a tendency nowadays to overlook the open handstroke lead. Suffolk had always enjoyed a tradition for good striking and he hoped that the members would strive to maintain it.

Once more a number of members had passed to higher service during 1959 and the meeting stood in silence in their memory.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. C. J. Sedgley (vice-president) and Mr. C. R. Lovett.

The general secretary and treasurer (Mr. J. W. Blythe) presented his report and accounts which were adopted. Mr. Blythe added a note of caution that it might prove necessary to consider increasing the subscription before long.

The Ringing Master (Mr. L. G. Brett) reported that 79 peals were rung during 1959 and that although Sunday service ringing was by no means perfect, every effort was being made to improve it.

The technical adviser (Mr. R. W. M. Clouston) stated that he was still carrying out his inspection of the bells in the diocese and hoped to complete it in due course in spite of the fact that he now resided outside the diocese.

Mr. G. E. Symonds (Pearson handbell trustee) reported that four sets were out on loan and that the remainder were in the St Mary-le-Tower belfry.

NEW VICE-PRESIDENTS

The meeting unanimously agreed to elect Mr. G. E. Symonds and Mr. B. Chilvers as vice-presidents. Both had devoted many years of service to the Guild. Mr. Symonds having held various offices in his 74 years as a ringer, whilst Mr. Chilvers had been a District secretary for some 30 years. The existing vice-presidents were all re-elected.

The Ringing Master (Mr. L. G. Brett), general secretary and treasurer (Mr. J. W. Blythe) and honorary auditor (Mr. J. W. H. Preastner) were all re-elected.

The committee was re-elected with one exception, Mr. A. R. Mann replacing Mr. R. W. M. Clouston. The secretary pointed out that this would be the last occasion on which the committee would be elected by the annual general meeting if the proposed revision of the rules was accepted as the districts would then elect their own representatives.

The Central Council representatives elected were Miss Rosemary Seabrook and Messrs. J. W. Blythe, L. G. Brett and C. W. Pipe. The Pearson handbell trustees (Messrs. C. J. Sedgley and G. E. Symonds) and the technical adviser (Mr. R. W. M. Clouston) were all re-elected.

J. W. B.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE CRITIC

AS anticipated, the annual meeting of the Hertford County Association, held on April 23rd, was well supported, including a coach party from the Northern District led by Mr. E. G. Buck. Towers open were Kings Langley, Rickmansworth, Bushey, Elstree, Aldenham and Oxley.

The annual service was held at St. Mary's, Watford, and was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. G. Downward, who gave an interesting and amusing address. Tea was arranged by Mrs. R. G. Bell and other local ladies at the old Free School, where some 120 members and friends were well catered for.

After tea, the president (Mr. G. W. Debenham) welcomed the visitors and opened the business meeting with a reference to the loss by death of Nathan Patmore (Great Munden), G. N. Blake (Cathedral Society), Vic Neale (Hertford steeplekeeper), A. Blakeley (Bengeo), H. Jones (Rickmansworth), H. W. Holland (Tring), W. Milton (Watton-at-Stone), A. Wright (Hertford).

New members elected were: Messrs. R. Wilkie, N. D. Cleland and F. Walters (Rickmansworth), Miss M. Gauntlett (Cathedral), Mrs. C. M. Harbott (Ashtead), Miss C. White and Miss R. Fleming (Harrow Weald) also Ian D. Zass-Ogilvie (Hampstead).

ALLEGED LACK OF GUILD INTEREST

The president gave an account of information received at the Watford District annual meeting relating to an application by the Rickmansworth band to join the Oxford Diocesan Guild and followed this with a summary of the recent correspondence in 'The Ringing World.'

Mr. Hatchett, after being asked if this was a true statement of the facts and being asked for his comments, agreed that the statement was true but explained that there had been a misunderstanding about the application to the Oxford Diocesan Guild. This had not been intended as an application but as an inquiry as to the Oxford Diocesan Guild's views on the subject. He apologised for the apparent lack of normal etiquette in applying for membership of a neighbouring Association prior to notifying the Hertford County Association.

Mr. Hatchett continued, presenting his ideas of how an association should function and in which manner he felt that the Hertford County Association failed.

The subject was then thrown open to discussion. Many members expressed their views and the general consensus of opinion was that as Mr. Hatchett's views of the Association were the result of a very limited experience, he could not possibly be in a position to chastise the Association as a whole. It was felt that the few meetings he had attended even in his own district did not entitle him to criticise even the functioning of the Watford District. It was pointed out that Mr. Hatchett's correct procedure was to attend meetings of the Watford District and if dissatisfied make an effort to improve that district; if he should then meet with complete dissatisfaction, then was the time to consider criticism of the Association rather than the district. Many of his suggestions, it was stated, had already been considered by both the Association as a whole and by individual districts. Some had been discarded as impracticable, some shelved for further consideration and some were actually in operation in some districts.

Mr. Hatchett agreed with the general line of reasoning adopted by the members to his actions and apologised for going into print somewhat too hastily. A full discussion of his proposals would obviously prolong the business in hand considerably and Mr. Hatchett agreed that they be brought up under 'any other business.'

BENEVOLENT FUND

Mr. C. W. Woolley proposed that the Benevolent Fund be wound up and that the money at present in the fund be transferred to the General Fund. Mr. K. K. Dunstan seconded and after a short discussion, the motion was put to the vote and carried with only one dissentient.

The committee's recommendation that all peal fees, compositions and details be sent to the peal secretary and not to the district secretaries was proposed by Mr. H. V. Frost, and seconded by Mr. B. C. Johnson. After long discussion and three amendments, the meeting voted in favour of the committee's recommendation.

The committee's report recorded the success of the 75th anniversary dinner, attended by 170 members and the summer festival with the Bedfordshire Association at Hertford.

Mr. B. C. Johnson, peal secretary, in his report stated that 93 peals were rung during 1959, an increase of seven over the previous year. Leading peal ringers were Mrs. C. A. Critchley 29, G. W. Critchley 27, K. R. Dunstan 27. Leading conductor was Mr. J. R. Mayne (19). During 1959 11 new Minor methods were rung and six of them were the first in the method as peals. Major methods rung for the Association for the first time were eight, of which four were new methods.

The accounts showed that the £75 in the Voluntary Bell Fund had been divided between the five districts and each was now managing its own fund. The Benevolent Fund amounted to £108 19s. 6d., and this would be transferred to the General Fund, which stood at £355 6s. Arising from the librarian's report it was decided to go ahead with the scheme for an extra bookcase for the library.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following officers were elected: President, Mr. W. C. Hughes (Hemel Hempstead); honorary general secretary, Mr. A. Rex Agg (Hitchin); assistant, Mr. H. V. Frost (St. Albans); honorary treasurer, Mr. F. J. Plummer (Hitchin); peal secretary, Mr. G. W. Debenham (St. Albans); honorary librarian, Mr. C. F. Sayer (St. Albans); honorary auditors, Messrs. Mercer and Hole (St. Albans); Central Council representatives, Messrs. W. Ayre, R. G. Bell, G. W. Critchley, G. Dodds.

The Association agreed to hold over the question of a summer festival until next year.

The position of 'The Ringing World' was discussed and our Central Council representatives were instructed to vote against any levy on peals that might be proposed. The Kimpton annual ringing competition was discussed and the meeting expressed itself in favour.

Mr. Hatchett proposed an instructional course to be held at Rickmansworth and the Association agreed on its usefulness and was prepared to support it. The matter of Mr. Hatchett's membership was cleared up and he agreed to withdraw his remarks in 'The Ringing World.'

The president (Mr. W. C. Hughes) after making very good use of the new gavel and stand, presented to the Association by the retiring president (Mr. G. W. Debenham), proposed a vote of thanks to the clergy of the district, for the use of the bells and to the Vicar of Watford for his address. Mr. R. G. Bell also thanked all others by name who had helped towards the success of the meeting.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Southern Branch

For their spring meeting the Southern Branch visited Pulham St. Mary, where the attendance was not quite so large as had been expected.

The service was conducted by the Rector, Rev. J. Huggins, who welcomed the ringers to his church. This was followed by a most enjoyable tea arranged and served by the local ringers and their wives.

In the absence of the chairman, Mr. A. G. Harrison (vice-president) presided over the business meeting, at which three new members and the Rector (honorary member), were elected.

It is hoped to visit Attleborough on July 2nd for the next meeting where the special methods will be Beverley Surprise and College Exercise.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Annual Meeting

Easter Monday again dawned bright for the Ely Association annual meeting which was held this year in the Ely District. Swavesey (6) and Over (8) were both open for ringing at 10 o'clock and over 60 ringers were at these towers awaiting the start. Many well known ringers were present from a long distance, including one who left home at 6 a.m. on a cycle but later found comfort in a car.

Again the printed direction routes proved a great help and ringers were soon able to speed to the other towers in the order of Longstanton, Willingham, Cottenham, Swaffham Prior, Burwell, Soham, Littleport, Haddenham, Wilburton and Stretham.

Over 150 ringers and friends assembled in Ely Cathedral for the ringers' service which was held in the Lady Chapel. This was conducted by the president of the Ely District, the Rev. D. Foulds, with Mr. M. J. Dyer as accompanist.

Tea followed after which the business meeting was held with Mr. W. W. Cousins in the chair. The officers were re-elected with the exception of Mr. R. J. W. Housden, peal secretary, who will shortly be leaving the district. Mr. C. W. Cook was elected to this office. It was proposed to visit the Cambridge District in 1961. After tea Littleport, Haddenham, Wilburton, Stretham and the Sutton towers were again open for further ringing.

It was very pleasing to note the good following of the members of the Association. Two buses were run from around the Hunts and Wisbech districts and visitors included were from the following areas: Essex, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Suffolk, Peterborough, Lancashire, Worcester, Hoddesdon, Surrey, Hertford, London and Middlesex.

H. S. P.

UNIVERSITY NEWS

BRISTOL

The University of Bristol Society at their annual meeting on May 3rd elected the following officers for 1960-61: Master, Mr. John C. Baldwin; secretary, Mr. Ian C. Maycock; tower secretary, Mr. Edward G. Mould; treasurer, Miss Mary Busch. A first year representative is to be elected at the first general meeting next session.

READING

At the annual general meeting of Reading University Society, on May 5th, the following were elected to serve on the committee for the session 1960–61: Master, Peter M. Wilkinson; secretary, Jennifer M. Davies; treasurer, Patricia Heather; lay members, Felicity Webber and Frederick J. Sage.

LONDON

About 30 ringers, including visitors from Wolverhampton, Winchester and Birmingham, but not including Manchester University, attended the annual meeting of the University of London Society on May 7th. Ringing was at St. James', Clerkenwell, and St. Olave's, Hart Street, and ranged from rounds to five Spliced. A service at St. Olave's preceded the annual meeting.

Officers re-elected were: Mr. P. M. J. Gray, president; Messrs. David Martin, D. Layton and Alan Thirst, vice-presidents; Marcus Barton, secretary; Michael Rose, treasurer; Peter Layton, auditor; Derek Sibson, committee member. New elections were: Geoffrey Pratt, Master; Miss June Langton and J. Michael Lakin, committee members.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Bicester Branch

Members of the Bicester Branch, when they met at Souldern for their quarterly meeting on May 7th, were encouraged to learn that these bells were again being rung for Sunday services. Ringing ranged from rounds to Cambridge Surprise Major.

Six new members were welcomed (three from Fritwell, two from Souldern and one from Brill). The Branch chairman (the Rev. J. H. B. Elkerton) conducted the service and preached. Tea was given by Mrs. W. Deeley and her lady helpers and a collection was taken for the World Refugee Fund.

ALPHABET FOR BEGINNERS

BY. T. J. LOCK

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HALF LEAD.—Although this term is not used very much, it is none the less of considerable interest to the few. As you study method construction you will soon appreciate that whatever work is contained in the first half of a lead in any symmetrical method is repeated in reverse in the second half. In other words, the line diagram showing the work of a bell in the second half of the lead is a mirror image of that of the work of a bell, most likely another bell, in the first half. Proof of this is given by referring to the Collection of 370 Surprise Major Methods by Andrew J. Corrigan, wherein methods are given by notation up to the half lead only.

So you will see that if you are given figures for only half a lead of any symmetrical method you would have enough information to complete a whole lead, after knowing whether it was a seconds or an eights place method.

HANDBELLS.—One would imagine that to be able to gather at home, but barring the snug comfort of an arm-chair, with only half the number people that would be required to ring in the tower and to sit comfortably to ring a pair of handbells would be most popular, but in practice this is not the case. Although there is a totally different approach in learning double-handed change ringing on handbells to that of learning change ringing on tower bells, it is no more difficult. The trouble really is in trying to learn changes in handbell ringing after and on the same principle that one learned changes in tower bell ringing. The experts say it is quite useless to attempt to split the mind into two and follow the work of each of the pair of handbells separately. The average mind is incapable of maintaining two separate chains of thought simultaneously for any length of time and no amount of mental effort will make this possible. Much more can be read in the Central Council guide entitled 'Change Ringing on Handbells,' price two shillings and sixpence per copy.

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.—John Holt, a London born ringer who died at the early age of 27 years, made a momentous contribution just over two hundred years ago by producing a one part peal of Grandsire Triples, it being the first peal of such composed with ordinary bobs and two ordinary singles only. This composition, containing 150 calls, has but one name—Holt's Original. John Holt was the first person to call it although, because it was then considered to be too complicated and difficult to ring and conduct at the same time, he made the calls from manuscript, seated in the ringing chamber whilst eight other ringers made the performance. The composition cannot be divided up into similar or regular parts but the surprising thing remains that there are so many milestones or checkpoints, including the second and sixth bells never being called 'before' except near the very end, that any mistake in the ringing would soon reveal itself. Also, there are several touches and quarter peals which can be extracted from the composition.

Even today the best advice to the conductor calling the Original for the first time is for him to ring the treble, to save confusion of mind. The generally accepted way of calling this peal is by the bells 'before,' and where there are two calls at successive leads to use the letter D meaning double, e.g., 7 in the hunt with a double call.

Holt also composed a well known ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples but a special Holt's Bob-Single must be used at halfway and end. This special call may be used instead of the two singles in the one-part peal.

HOME.—We have already referred to one calling position. Before. The next, in alpabetical order, is Home—sometimes called Right.

Home is the label given to a call (Bob or Single) when the observation bell is in the position of the heaviest working bell at the time it is about to commence changes from rounds. Examples would be better than to try and clarify this explanation. In Plain Bob Minor the Home position is when the observation bell is dodging in 5-6 down: in Grandsire Triples the Home position is when the observation bell is dodging in 6-7 up: in Plain Bob Major the Home position is when the observation bell is dodging in 7-8 down.

The effect of a call at Home depends upon the method being rung and whilst I venture to suggest that to make your life more interesting you look up in a textbook a Home in the particular method you have in mind. I would have you know that in methods with 1 3 5 2 7 4 8 6 at the first lead end the Home comes at the end of a course but in methods with 1 4 2 6 3 8 5 7 at the first lead end the Home sometimes comes at that first lead end—see Kent Treble Bob Major and Bristol Surprise Major.

In setting out some compositions, figures, instead of letters, are resorted to, such as in Double Norwich Court Bob Major where a Bob at 5 (the fifth lead in the plain course) has the same meaning as a Bob at Home.

THREE COUNTIES TOUR

Four ringers from Suffolk joined young members of the Kent and Sussex Associations for a tour of towers in Kent, Sussex and Surrey on April 30th.

Ringing began early in the morning at Wrotham (8), and from there we travelled with much speed to Sevenoaks (8), Brasted (6), and Westerham (8). Then into Surrey where we were welcomed to ring at the two six bell towers of Limpsfield and Limpsfield Chart. After a picnic lunch on Limpsfield Common we made our way to Chiddingstone (8), where we were joined by friends from Tenterden and Tunbridge Wells. Then on to Edenbridge (8), and East Grinstead (8). With the help of 'Dad Ladd' a good course of London Surprise Major was rung at Coleman's Hatch (8) and we finished the day by ringing at Rotherfield (8), and Mayfield (8).

We wish to thank all incumbents and tower captains for helping us to enjoy a good day's ringing. M. A. L.

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VICTORIAN RINGERS VISIT ADELAIDE

IT is often said that to travel hopefully is better than to arrive. But we take leave to doubt that this applies to visiting ringers. Certainly the 15 ringers from Victoria who visited Adelaide over the Anzac week-end (April 23rd-25th) seemed pleased to have arrived and were very soon in action.

George Pipe and eleven of his merry men (and women) from St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, came together with three from St. Paul's, Bendigo, led by Warne Wilson.

Although Adelaide has only two towers to offer—St. Peter's Cathedral with a heavy Taylor octave (41¼ cwt. in C, 1946) and the suburban church of St. Andrew, Walkerville, with a light Mears six (13 cwt. in F sharp, 1886)—a lot of good ringing was indulged in at both churches.

On Saturday morning at St. Peter's (during which we had the television cameras whirring in a corner) Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major were enjoyed. Enjoyed is the operative word, for these really are lovely bells—full, rich and sonorous in tone. We, at St. Peter's, are naturally biased in their favour but the visitors were so enthusiastic in their praises that it must be granted that Taylors have given us a magnificent eight.

The chime of 13 bells (Taylor 1932-33) at St. Augustine's Church, Unley, were inspected early in the afternoon and a great gathering of ringers met at St. Andrew's, where the first ringing was for a wedding. Before the bells were stood for the night, methods up to Cambridge Surprise Minor had been rung. In the evening the home of Bill Pitcher, the St. Peter's secretary, was the scene of a convivial gathering which was helped along with handbells, a tape-recording of some of the afternoon's ringing, and food and drink.

On the Sunday, at morning and evening services at both churches the bells were well and truly rung. At St. Andrew's, before Evensong, a quarter peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor was successfully brought round by a band of St. Paul's, Melbourne, ringers. This is believed to be the first quarter of Cambridge Surprise Minor rung in Australia, certainly in South Australia. There was additional ringing at St. Peter's during the afternoon when another event of note was the ringing of the first course of Double Norwich Court Bob Major on the bells.

ANZAC DAY

Monday, Anzac Day, started with an hour's half-muffled ringing while the march was in progress. During the memorial service in the gardens below the Cathedral the muffles were removed and the end of the devotions was marked by a burst of open-bell ringing. This was closely followed by another first—the first quarter peal of Major on the bells, rung by four Adelaide and four Melbourne ringers, who also happened to be four Englishmen and four Australians. The method was Plain Bob, conducted by George Pipe from the tenor. What a joy it was to hear this 41 cwt. bell weaving in and out among the others, dominating the music, and to see George's masterly handling of it. Ringers throughout Australia owe a great debt to George Pipe: he never ceases to encourage us towards greater things, his enthusiasm is highly infectious, and his great abilities as ringer and conductor are a universal inspiration.

After lunch we dashed back to St. Andrew's for Stedman Doubles and Plain Bob, Kent and Cambridge Surprise Minor, and a last ring at St. Peter's produced a final first on the bells—a course of Kent Treble Bob Major.

A busy and highly enjoyable week-end finished when the visitors were farewelled on the Overland for their 500-mile journey back to Melbourne (it is the distance of Zurich from London). We in Adelaide know from our interstate trip last year that such a journey for a ringing week-end is well worth while. Apart from the stimulus it gives towards better ringing, the friendships made and strengthened in the belfry are of great value.

W. B. PITCHER

TOWERS OF THE FENLAND

By T. A. BEVIS

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ST. MARY'S CHURCH, WHITTLESEY

'This is a very handsome church,' wrote Cole, during his travels through the Fenlands, 'with ye most beautiful spire I ever beheld, placed on a square noble tower adorned all about with fine curious work after ye cathedral fashion; the tower is very lofty, and ye spire of stone, exceedingly taper and elevated, is adorned with leaf work in a most expensive manner. The church is by no means answerable to ye magnificence of its tower and spire, which may vie with any in England for beauty and strength. All leaded and in good repair....'

Cole's description is most appropriate for the tower of St. Mary's is regarded as being the finest in Cambridgeshire, and Dr. F. J. Allen has described the spire as 'the latest and most brilliant spire in our county, and one of the finest spires in England.'

Built in the 15th century and rising in three richly ornamented stages to panelled battlements, the tower has crocketed pinnacles at the angles from which spring flying buttresses to support the spire. Black panels above the west window once contained a Calvary, but this, with attendant figures of Mary and John, was removed under Puritan influence. It may well be that this steeple, adhering as it does to the Northamptonshire style, originated at the Oundle School of Masons.

We read from the Inventory of Church goods, taken July 27th, 1552, that the tower contained at that time 'iij great bells, a sanctus bell and ij handbells and a sacrey bell.' In 1544 a parishioner, John Cammings, bequeathed his 'sowl to Allmightie God, to our Ladye St. Mary and to all the company of Heaven.' His largest charitable bequest was 'to the bells 2s.'

If we walk into the church we may see a fine engraving of the building enclosed within an oak frame which was carved from the ancient bell frame, on the occasion of the bells being rehung in 1902. Chimes play tunes four times a day. In 1767 they were arranged to play four tunes on the six bells then existing. They were later enlarged for six tunes on eight bells about 1803, and were rehammered by an anonymous gift in 1925.

A newel stair climbs to the large, panelled ringing chamber, which is encumbered by an unsightly overflow tank for the church boiler. The clock is arranged in a box above the heads of the ringers.

Before the year 1758 there were five bells in which year they were recast and augmented to six by Joseph Earye. Forty-five years later Osborne and Dobson recast two of the bells and added two more, making the present ring of eight.

The bells were rehung by Messrs. Taylor's in 1954, but have not left the steeple in the past 150 years, therefore the weights are uncertain. It is estimated that the tenor, which is in the key of E, weighs 18 cwt.

The treble has inscribed 'The Lord to praise my voice I'll raise,' and the third utters 'Peace and good neighbourhood.' Sound advice is also exhorted by the fourth, 'Do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with thy God,' and number six gives us useful information. 'The five old bells into six was run with additional metal near a tun, 1758.' The seventh is inscribed 'Prosperity to the Established Church and no encouragement to enthusiasm' (the last would should have been, I think, 'Fanaticism.'

Incidentally, Whittlesey has 16 bells! eight others (tenor 19 cwt.) being contained in the tower of St. Andrew's Church, situated quite close to St. Mary's. The original five were supplied by Joseph Earye in 1759. Thomas Mears recast three of the bells in 1843, and the tenor was recast and two trebles added by Gillett and Johnston, in 1930.

WALPOLE ST. PETER

Whittlesey St. Mary's is a typical 'Northamptonshire' church, despite its situation in the 'cold, damp, Fens.' If we would see a church built to an advantage provided by the nature of the land, then we would do well to visit the scattered village of Walpole St. Peter, Norfolk.

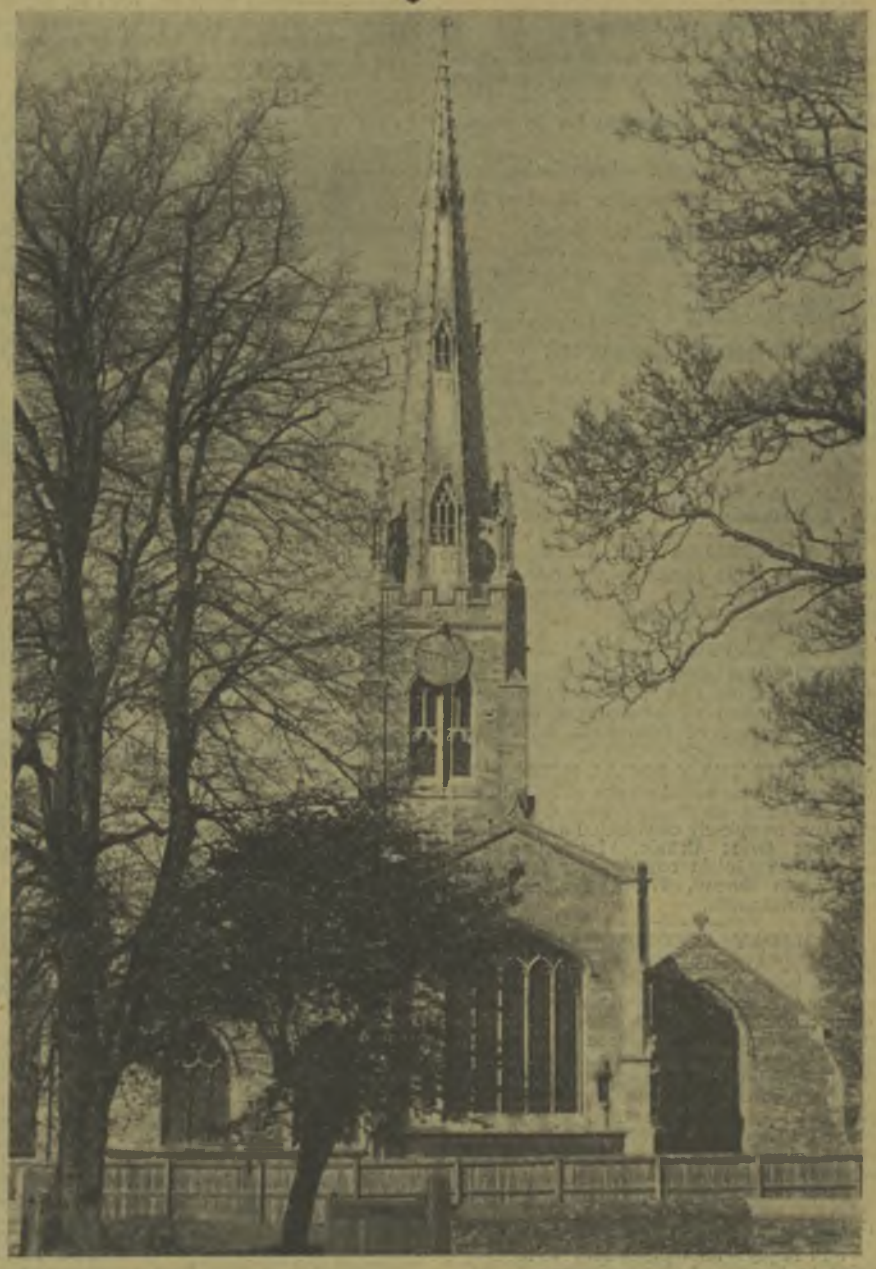
In size and beauty, with the possible exception of Terrington St. Clement, it is without peer among the famous Marshland churches and is rightly styled 'Queen of the Marshes.' Passageways beneath towers are not uncommon, but at Walpole the case is reversed: the altar is raised so high in the chancel as to enable a passage beneath from north to south!

The tower is the oldest part of the church and is 600 years old: it is, however, plain in comparison with the breathtaking splendour of the rest of the building. The ancient sanctus bell at one time was used as a lime pot and was restored to its original cote over the nave in 1730.

There are six bells which are rung from a gallery, the treble by Thomas Lester, of London, 1747, a founder, who experienced hard times until he took a partner, Thomas Pack. The second bell is by John Warner, and the third, fourth and fifth bells by John Draper, 1629. This gentleman became Mayor of Thetford, Norfolk, in 1592, at which town he was established, having moved his business from Bury St. Edmunds. He is best known for his quaint inscriptions, e.g. at St. Benedict's Church, Cambridge: 'Of all bells in Benet I am the best, and yet for my casting the parish paid less.' Another: 'This bell was broake and cast againe as plainly doth apeare, wich time church wardens were Edward Dixon for the one whoe stode close by his tackling. And he that was his partner then was Alexander Jacklin.'

Thomas Osborne, of Downham Market, who created many bells of fine tonal quality, cast Walpole's tenor (12 cwt. in F) in 1792.

The treble of this ring was found to have a crack in the soundbow in 1919 but this was made right in 1939. Messrs. Taylor rehung the bells within a steel frame in 1950, they having been previously contained in a 'more than substantial' frame.



ST. MARY'S CHURCH, WHITTLESEY

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EWELME, OXON.—On April 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: H. J. Winfield, jun. 1, Ann Winfield (first quarter) 2, Pat Reason 3, R. Baker (cond.) 4, R. Tuckwell 5, H. J. Winfield 6. Also on April 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): W. Fulkner 1, Pat Reason 2, J. Godman (cond.) 3, F. Godden 4, R. Tuckwell 5, H. J. Winfield 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Sidney Winfield for many years churchwarden.

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BIRTH

HAW.—On Tuesday, May 10th, 1960, to Ruth and Jim Haw, Deeping St. James, a son (Philip Hamilton), a brother for Carol.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

SCATTERGOOD, Ringing Master, Chesterfield Parish Church. Sincere wishes for your birthday Sam, on May 19th. May good health and happiness be yours always.—E.

DEATH

DALE, John.—On April 28th, 1960, aged 95 years. Life member of the Essex Association.

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ST. MARY CRAY PARISH CHURCH.—Annual ringers' service. Saturday, May 21st. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Braund, 12, St. George's Road, Foots Cray. 5896

THE VETERANS REUNION (London), June 18th, at Bishopsgate. Will all who hope to come please notify me within the next week, please.—J. Euston, 28, Fairmile Avenue, Streatham, S.W.16. 5962

ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL.—**Correction.**—Time of practice for Saturday, May 21st, 7-8.30 p.m. Owing to Choir Festival. 5962

PIPE'S PILGRIMS' tour of the Lake District and North Country towers, July 31st to August 6th inc.: 14 lakes and 24 towers. There are five vacancies. S.A.E. applications to C. W. Pipe, Grundisburgh, Woodbridge, Suffolk. 5950

PEAL CARDS AND QUARTER PEAL CARDS, minimum 12 in set, price 6s. 6d. post free. For quarter peal cards, second copy written out in style of a peal is essential.—'The Ringing World' Office, Guildford.

MEETINGS

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Great Gransden, Saturday, May 21st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 5937

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Watlington, Saturday, May 21st. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis Sec. 5913

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting, Thorington, Saturday, May 21st. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. 5879

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Crondall (6) on Saturday, May 21st, 6-9 p.m.

HAWKHURST GUILD.—Meeting, May 21st, Hawkhurst. 5919

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—Meeting, Fownhope, Saturday, May 21st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. 5911

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Meeting at Melton Mowbray, on May 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 5929

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Meeting on Saturday, May 21st. Ringing arrangements as follows: Harmondsworth 3-4.30 p.m. Harlington 4-5 p.m., followed by tea and further ringing afterwards. 5923

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting, Barnby-in-the-Willows (6), Saturday, May 21st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements. Look up Sandiacre Surprise.—W. L. Exton, Hon. Sec. 5862

SUFFOLK GUILD.—East Central District.—Meeting, Fressingfield (8), Saturday, May 21st, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. To our Norfolk ringers, all will be made welcome.—W. J. Button, Hon. Sec. 5914

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Wenhaston, Suffolk, a service of thanksgiving for the restoration of the bells (the debt having now been cleared), Saturday May 21st, 3 p.m., preacher Rev. T. H. Child. Bells available after service until 9 p.m. Names for tea to C. J. Gibson, 1, Heath Road, Wenhaston, Halesworth. 5908

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting at Billingshurst (8), on Saturday, May 21st, at 3 p.m. 5902

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Buxted (8), Saturday, May 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service. Tea 5 p.m. 5904

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester, Southampton and Andover Districts.—Joint meeting, Saturday, May 21st. Goodworth Clatford 1.30 to 2.30 p.m. Longstock 2.30 to 3.30. Kings Somborne and Stockbridge 3.30 to 4.30 p.m. Service Stockbridge 4.30 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. Four cafes available. Mottisfont 6.15 to 7 p.m. E. Tytherley 7 to 8. Broughton 8 to 9 p.m.—G. Dodd, P. Dickenson, I. Hartless, Hon. Secs. 5906

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Annual meeting joint with DONCASTER DISTRICT SOCIETY, at Arksey, near Doncaster, May 21st. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea in Church Hall at 5 p.m. Barnby Don bells (6) will also be available from 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. Subscriptions are now due and annual reports will be available. A good attendance is hoped for. All welcome.—J. J. L. Gilbert. 5885

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—Practice meeting, Saturday, May 28th, at Burrington. Bells (6) 5 p.m.—David H. White. 5946

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Branch practice at Selworthy, May 28th, 7 p.m. **Please note change of date.**—A. R. Tudball, Hon. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Meeting at Wilden (5) and Colmworth (5), Saturday, May 28th. Wilden bells 3-4.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Colmworth bells after meeting. Names for tea to me, please.—R. L. Piron, 8, Bowhill, Bedford, Tel. 61835.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Acton. May 28th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by May 25th. No name no tea.—W. Kerr, 102, Moreton Road, Crewe. 5963

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Joint meeting with the North Wales Association at Pulford, Saturday, May 28th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, May 25th, please, to Mr. T. W. Stockton, 8, Wrexham Road, Pulford, Chester.—R. C. H. Sibley, Hon. Sec. 5971

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION and YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—**Altered meeting arrangements.** The joint meeting at Carlton on May 21st will now be held on **May 28th,** at 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Whorlton, followed by ringing there. Names for tea by Tuesday, May 24th, to P. W. B. Semmens, 52, Belle Vue Grove, Middlesbrough. 5974

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby and Ilkeston District.—Monthly meeting Duffield, Saturday, May 28th. Bells (10) 3 to 5 p.m and 6 to 8 p.m. Teas available at cafe.—W. A. Morley, Dis. Sec. 5973

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION and SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD (Mansfield District).—Joint meeting Selston, May 28th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by meeting and service. Names for tea by Thursday previous, to Mr. L. Rawson, 14, Lindley Street, Selston.—B. A. Sollis, D. H. Rooke, Hon. Secs. 5951

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Monthly meeting, Childswickham (6), May 28th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Cheltenham. 5964

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Rural Branch.—Monthly meeting at Byrham (6), May 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service, tea and meeting to follow.—F. Hussey, 39, Gordon Avenue, Whitehall, Bristol 5. 5975

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—South Forest Branch.—Meeting, Newland, Saturday, May 28th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Coombs, Oaklands Farm, Newnham, Glos. 5976

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at Presteign, Radnorshire, on Whit Monday, June 6th. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m., followed by business meeting. Bells available from 11 a.m. Knighton (8), Lyonshall (6), Kington (6), Old Radnor (6), New Radnor (6), Eardisley (6). Those requiring tea should notify before Thursday, June 2nd, Rev. E. G. Benson, The Rectory, Presteign.—H. G. Thomas, Sec. 5953

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting at Essendon, Saturday, May 21st, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. **Please bring own tea.**—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 5956

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midland District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, May 28th, at St. Nicholas', Kings Norton, Birmingham. Ringing 3 to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.30 to 5. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Ringing from 6 to 8 p.m. approx. Notifications for tea not later than Wednesday, May 25th, to Miss M. Funnell, 7, Lanchester Road, Kings Norton, Birmingham 30. 5898

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Guiseley, on Saturday, May 28th, at 2.30 p.m. Names for tea not later than Thursday, 26th, to Mr. A. C. Walsh, Dunster, Oxford Avenue, Guiseley. 5944

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meeting at Buckminster, Saturday, May 28th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting in the Vicarage, Buckminster, at 5 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, May 25th, to Mrs. Smith, The Vicarage, Buckminster. Please do send names for tea. T. Templeton, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5955

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting at St. Saviour's, Leicester, Saturday, May 28th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea in Church Room 4.30 p.m. Ringing Humberstone (6) 6.30 to 8 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, May 25th, please, to Mr. W. G. Hand, 21, Halstead Street, Leicester. 5958

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Meeting. Peckleton. Saturday. May 28th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea. please. by Wednesday. 25th. to Mr. E. A. Hall. Main Street. Peckleton.—M. Vernon. Dis Sec. 5960

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Branch.—Annual meeting. Sleaford. May 28th. Tea for those who notify by Tuesday previous, Mrs. Wray. 16. Eastgate. Sleaford.—C. Brown. Hon. Sec. 5933

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Necton, on Saturday. May 28th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea by the previous Thursday. to Mr. G. Heyhoe. Necton. Swaffham.—C. Tovell. Sec. 5941

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Enstone. on Saturday, May 28th. Reply numbers for tea by previous Tuesday.—J. Keyte, Hon. Sec., 'Rosemary.' Freeland. Oxford. 5921

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Meeting. Hambledon. May 28th. Ringing 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by 24th. to Miss Hague. 6, Stompits Road. Holyport. Maidenhead. 5966

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Practice meeting. May 28th. Britford. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Downton also available in evening. Please send names for tea by May 24th. to Miss Eloie. 8. Albany Road. Salisbury. 5909

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Calne Branch.—Meeting. Broad Hinton (6). May 28th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea. please. Canon White. The Vicarage. Broad Hinton. Swindon.—W. Hacker. 5967

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—Quarterly meeting. Saturday, May 28th. at Lillington. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15 p.m. All welcome. Numbers for tea by Wednesday. May 25th.—Richard Longridge. Bourton Vicarage, Gillingham. Bourton 316. 5952

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting on Saturday. June 4th. at Granby. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea **must** be given by May 31st. to S. Adams, 54. Wilford Road. Ruddington. Nottingham. 5938

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division. —**Please note:** quarterly meeting at Bexhill. on May 28th. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify for tea to F. Beeney (Sec.). Hillbrae. Carters Corner. Hailsham. 5965

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Practice at Hanbury. Saturday. May 28th. Bells (8) available 7-9 p.m.—F. Hyde, Branch Sec. 5969

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Branch.—Meeting. Colaton Raleigh. Saturday. June 4th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by May 30th. to R. T Perry. Redcliffe. Lympstone. 5948

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. — Crusader meeting. Havering-atte-Bower. June 4th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Romford (8) will also be available at 6.30 p.m. Names for tea please. to Mrs. J. Branch. 91. The Drive. Romford. 5968

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting. Hoo. Saturday. June 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday. please. to Mr. A. Vidgeon, Whitehouse Farm. Hoo. Rochester. 5954

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Ringing meeting Cheddleton. Saturday. June 4th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., in the Churnet Hall. Names for tea to Mr. J. Martin. 5, Vicarage Terrace. Cheddleton. Leek.—J. G. Burton. Hon. Sec. 5970

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. —Monthly meeting at Dore on Saturday. June 4th. at 3 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday. June 2nd. to Rev. G. Heawood. Dore Vicarage. near Sheffield. 5945

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District. —Practice meeting. June 4th. at Horringer (8). Bells 6.30 p.m.—A. F. Ballam. 5961

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting. Whit Monday. June 6th. at Chelmsford. Service in Cathedral 11 a.m. Preacher Archdeacon of Colchester. Annual meeting immediately after service in Chapter House. Coffee, etc., available in Cathedral Hall from 10.15 a.m. to 10.45 a.m. Lunch 1.30 p.m. cost 5s. Tea as a running buffet. cost 2s. 6d., if purchased by closing date, June 1st. Later applications 6s. 6d. and 3s. respectively. Ringing: Cathedral 9.30 to 10.45 a.m. (Service touch at 10.45) and from 4 p.m. From 3 to 6 p.m.: Boreham (8), Great Waltham (8), Broomfield (6). Little Waltham (6). Springfield (6), Ford End (6). High Easter (6). and from 6 to 9 p.m: Galleywood (8). Widford (8). Great Baddow (8). Danbury (6). Sandon (6), Little Baddow (5). Lunch and tea tickets from F. V. Gant. 3 Central Drive. Hornchurch. 5899

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District. — By-meeting. Goodnestone (6), Saturday, June 11th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. the Village Hall, at 2s. per head. Names, together with cash, please, by Wednesday, June 8th, to Mrs. R. Brett, Copmans Hall, Goodnestone, Canterbury. 5980

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

THE 63rd annual meeting of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild was held at Feltham. on April 30th. when several of the company of eighty odd accepted the opportunity of ringing on the recently augmented ring for the first time. This is a case. not often to be recommended. where the bell founders did the specialists' work of casting the bells and supplying frames and fittings. whilst the fixing and hanging and other builders' work was entrusted to a 'local man.' But this man was Tony Price who. through being a competent engineer and knowing what he was doing. has made a first class job of augmentation from eight to ten bells. Also. he was inspired to do the work as a memorial to the late A. J. Lewis. who had lived the life of a generous Christian gentleman. including having interest in the scheme for the provision of the two new trebles. Other towers open for ringing during the afternoon were Bedfont and Stanwell.

The Rev. G. C. Taylor. president. officiated at the service with organist and choir, and gave the address.

At the outset of the business meeting. presided over by that president. a special welcome was given to Mr. W. Webb. Heston. who was present with his wife. Mr. Webb looked very fit and well again after his serious operation. The meeting stood in silence whilst the names of the following deceased members were read:—A. C. Chaplin. Dagenham: C. V. Ebberson. Snettisham: C. W. R. Grimwood, Hersham: C. J. Matthews. Southfields: G. Pidwell. Ruislip: C. G. Pitcher, Harrow-on-the-Hill: A. H. Pulling. Guildford: H. J. Ranzetta, Buckhurst Hill; F. Shepherd. Sunbury-on-Thames; A. D. Stone. Brighton: A. B. Wiffen. Richmond: Mrs. Prockson. mother of Bill and Mabel Prockson. was also remembered—she had been a loyal friend of the Association and had on many occasions given assistance at ringers' gatherings at Clerkenwell.

50 NEW MEMBERS

In his annual report the honorary secretary listed the several towers where meetings had been held. including the five joint meetings which had again proved to be most successful. Fifty resident and fourteen non-resident ringing members had been elected. Thirty towers shared in the reported total of 135 quarter peals. practically all of which had been rung for Sunday services. One of the quarter peals was Grandsire Caters at St. Clement Danes', rung by a band from St. John's Hillingdon. Fifty-two peals had been rung. nine of which were on handbells. Eleven methods had been rung to peals for the first time. and an Association record of 105 methods in a 5.040 Spliced Doubles was achieved. An augmentation. from six to eight. had been completed at Hendon and a restoration finished at Edmonton. Work of restoration is also going on at Tottenham and a scheme for a complete new ring at Harrow-on-the-Hill is being proceeded with.

The honorary treasurer in presenting the annual statement of accounts regretted the fall in receipts from subscriptions, which reflected itself through to the balance sheet. It was accepted that the fall was due to outstanding subscriptions which, it was anticipated, would be recovered.

Mr. Goodfellow reported on arrangements that had been made for the dinner to be held at Ealing on October 1st. to commemorate the life of the late J. Armiger Trollope, one time editor of 'The Ringing World.'

SUNDAY SERVICE SURVEY

Mr. Lock gave some details submitted in connection with Survey of Sunday Service Ringing. This Association had returned 46 forms to the Central Council Committee. out of a possible of 64. and information given included 22 towers. where ringing was considered to be satisfactory, nine towers where bands were depleted. 10 towers where the bells were silent through various reasons and 11 towers where the bells were unringable. Ringers in four towers rang call changes only and in 23 towers call changes and method. Ringing took place only once each Sunday in nine towers and help was required in 11 towers. There were 8 cases where the incumbent was not keenly interested in the bells and the ringers.

The Association officers were elected as follows: President. Rev. G. C. Taylor; Master. J. R. Mayne; treasurer, F. W. Goodfellow; secretary. T. J. Lock; assistant secretary. Miss R. Foreman. librarian. G. A. Parsons; trustees, A. Cutler. F. W. Goodfellow. T. J. Lock; auditor. M. Hodgson. Messrs. F. T. Blagrove. F. W. Goodfellow T. J. Lock and J. R. Mayne were re-elected Central Council representatives.

A sum of 15 guineas was voted towards the cost of the new bells at Harrow-on-the-Hill.

It is hoped that the next annual general meeting will be held at St. John-at-Hackney.

Thanks were extended to all clergy for assisting the Association in its work, and to Tony Price and others for making arrangements for this particular meeting.

T. J. L.

THE PHILIPS RING A PEAL

The first 'Philips' peal rung on the eve of the Feast of SS. Philip and James, at Birmingham Cathedral, was intended to be Plain Bob Maximus, but a series of unfortunate events reduced it in the end to Major.

Firstly, business engagements reduced the band to Royal and then at the appointed time only nine arrived. After an hour's wait it was decided to go for Major.

Later, it was learned that Philip Chalk had met with a car accident near Coventry on his way to Birmingham and, although fortunately not injured, was fully occupied in getting his battered car back to Woodford Green.

Philip Davies had produced both peals of Maximus and Royal, and indeed one of Major at short notice, but to be doubly sure a more familiar composition was used.

It is generally thought that the Philips are capable of something better another year.

OBITUARY

MR. J. W. BIFFIN

Mr. William A. J. Knight. of Gillingham. writes that he has been connected with Milverton and its ringers since 1900 and started ringing in 1905-6. He thinks Ted Biffin and Alf Harvey came to Milverton station in the latter part of 1912. when 'Old Tout' was stationmaster. Ted Biffin was transferred to Wiveliscombe during the war and started that band method ringing. During the 20's 'Old Tout' got together a Doubles band for peals and Ted rang in two Doubles peals at Chipstable and Ashbrittle. These were his first peals—not that at St. Thomas's, Exeter, on October 25th, 1924, which was his first of Triples.

QUARTER PEALS

BEDFORD.—On May 4th, at St. Paul's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): Kathleen Rivett 1, F. Rivett 2, J. H. Edwards 3, R. L. Piron 4, J. B. Long 5, S. Ivin (cond.) 6, D. Thompson 7. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to Alderman Charles Naylor Barrett, Mayor of Bedford, who was cremated this day.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.—On May 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jennifer C. Davey (first quarter) 1, Sylvia A. Hayward (first of Triples) 2, E. Furbank 3, H. Turner (cond.) 4, E. Sitch 5, A. Pryke 6, B. Hines 7, H. Flanders 8. A birthday compliment to ringer of third.

BREDONS NORTON, WORCS.—On May 1st, 1,260 Single Oxford Bob Minor: E. Cooke 1, R. Perks 2, R. Hickmott 3, J. Firkins 4, F. Wood 5, J. Attwood (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

BURES, SUFFOLK.—On Easter Day, 1,280 Kent T.B. Major (Ilkeston Variation): D. W. Roots 1, Mrs. L. Mills 2, Miss E. Cansdale 3, Miss J. Spurgin 4, C. Bower 5, D. L. Mills (cond.) 6, L. D. Mills 7, A. N. Cansdale 8. For Evensong and a farewell to C. Bower, who, after 21 years at Bures, is leaving for Colchester.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—On May 1st, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss M. Bibby (first of T.B.) 1, Miss J. Peacock 2, J. Carrott 3, S. Penfold 4, J. Fowles 5, F. V. Gant 6, A. J. Salisbury 7, L. S. Woods (cond.) 8. Rung for Matins, also as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 7th.

IXWORTH, SUFFOLK.—On May 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Fordham 1, L. Pierce 2, M. Sharpe 3, H. King 4, L. Sharpe 5, E. Bishop (cond.) 6. For morning service and a 30th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Pierce.

KETTERINGHAM, NORFOLK.—On May 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Moore 1, S. Cowell 2, R. Wiles 3, P. Squires 4, R. Lofty 5, P. Adcock (cond.) 6. For the Feast of SS. Philip and James.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On April 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Susan Bell 1, A. H. Winch (cond.) 2, Mrs. Felicity Marshall 3, Rev. C. Marshall 4, G. Marriner 5, A. H. Smith 6, R. Davies 7, B. Hawkins 8. A farewell to Mrs. F. Marshall, it being her longest length of Triples 'inside.'

RADLEY, BERKS.—On May 6th, 1,260 Doubles (360 Plain Bob and Reverse Conterbury, 540 Grandsire): M. Gilbertson (first on working bell) 1, R. J. Crawford 2, R. Raven 3, R. Grange 4, M. R. Cross (cond.) 5, A. Vere Hodge (first quarter) 6. First in three methods by 2 and 4. First in three methods by the Radley College Society.

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SOME CHESHIRE BELLS

THE names of Mottram and Stockport are familiar to our readers. It is an area where change-ringing has a long tradition, an area in which long-length peals have been scored. The bells of these two deaneries constitute Part VI of 'Cheshire Bells,' the work of Mr. J. W. Clarke, Master of the Chester Diocesan Guild, and the publication adds to the extensive records of English bells.

Throughout the last century this was a happy hunting ground for prize ringing and the spectacular side of our art. For example, the Rudhall eight at St. Michael's, Mottram, completed in 1805, were visited by the College Youths of Ashton-under-Lyne, and John Holt's Ten-Part of Grandsire Triples was rung in 2 hours 23½ minutes, and according to a scribe of that period was described as 'the best and quickest ringing ever performed in this kingdom.' It was also on these bells that the record length of 16,800 Kent Treble Bob was rung in 9 hours 40 minutes in 1906. The bells were recast in 1910, and in 1922 Mottram was again in the news with the peal of 18,240 changes rung in over 11 hours, which was later found to be false.

Nearby is Northenden, now in the county of Lancashire, having a six famous for prize ringing contests. This, as Mr. Clarke points out, is reflected in the inscriptions on the bells, quite different from the usual style. Thus the treble reads: 'Here goes my brave boys,' followed by 'I'll follow with spirit and pleasure,' and 'Hark how merry my friends are before me.' Finally, the Rudhall tenor of 1750 reads: 'When with my sweet tone your cover'd sir the generous subscription of I^no^ Worthington gent adds dignity to our sound.' These bells have been quarter turned and rehung.

On the subject of inscriptions, in these days, when Church unity is to the fore, the treble at St. Thomas', Norbury, was the gift of the Nonconformist of Hazel Grove, with the wording 'Behold how good and joyful a thing it is brethren to dwell together in unity.' In this tower the Ringer's Bell is the third and is in memory of Pte. Herbert Wilkinson; Loyal North Lancs Regt., who died on December 15th, 1918. The Freemasons of Hazel Grove gave the fourth. Those associated with the Girl Guide movement will like to note that the treble at St. Mark's, Bredbury, was the gift of St. Mark's Rangers, Guides and Brownies.

There are two cases in this area of the bells of one church being acquired by another. The old six bells from St. Mary's, Stockport, were purchased by All Saints', Marple, in 1813, and after the inscriptions had been 'edited' with hammer and chisel were duly hung in the tower. The Stockport tower, it should be mentioned, was then in a ruinous condition and the bells had been removed. The worsening of the tower's condition is attributed to the prolonged ringing for Nelson's victory at Trafalgar in 1805. The tower then was cracked and was supported by rough buttresses. However, the tower was rebuilt in 1817, and Rudhall was commissioned to cast a new ring of eight at a cost of £1,087, of which Marple appears to have contributed £407. There is now a ring of ten at St. Mary's, Stockport, a restoration, including the recasting of the tenor and the adding of two new trebles, being carried out by Taylors in 1897.

The other case was not so much an acquisition as a presentation. In 1837 Thomas Legh presented the bells of Disley to the newly-built church at Norbury. They were an old six, four being recast in the 17th century by Oldfield. Legh then commissioned Thomas Mears to cast and install a new ring for Disley. The latter bells are still in use, but were rehung with new fittings and oak frame in 1897.

Probably the oldest bell in these two deaneries is a treble at Taxal which was recast from an older bell by Robert Quernby, of Nottingham. This bell is not dated, but the Tudor rose stamp used by Quernby indicates a date between 1570–1592. This bell is still preserved, hanging above the Taylor six of 1904. An interesting story concerns Poynton Church. In the 18th century St. George's, Poynton, was a chapel-of-ease, and the church bell was hung in an adjacent oak tree. This gave rise to the following local rhyme:—

> The further you go the more you see
> A church without a steeple and a bell hung in a tree.

The bell remained in the tree until 1887. A new church was built in 1859 and the tower added in 1885. Taylors were commissioned to provide a ring of six for the tower in 1887.

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EIGHT BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Fri., May 6, 1960, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
At Bishop Latimer's Church.
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.

Elizabeth M. Yardley	Treble	Bryan D. A. Woolley	5
Muriel Reay	2	Norman J. Goodman	6
David J. Purnell	3	George E. Fearn	7
John Pinfold	4	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed by H. Law James. Conducted by Peter Border.

CLIFTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., May 6, 1960, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt.

Brian F. Sims	Treble	David Newis	5
Geoffrey W. Mayes	2	John Hobson	6
Sheila Percival	3	Percy W. Thompkins	7
Jill Mayes	4	John P. Hulme	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by John P. Hulme.
First peal as conductor.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., May 6, 1960, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt.

Vernon Forshaw	Treble	Keith Newby	5
Mrs. Norma Wall	2	A. Hedley Wood	6
William Wall	3	Nicholas M. Newby	7
W. Thomas Turner	4	Raymond Suart	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Nicholas M. Newby.
Rung by the Sunday service band.

HAGBOURNE, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., May 6, 1960, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Taylor's Six-Part. Tenor 21½ cwt.

John H. Napper	Treble	*Clifford J. Garlick	5
Douglas Jordan	2	Alfred H. Webb	6
George W. Bishop	3	William Corderoy	7
William L. Gilks	4	Douglas R. Bosley	Tenor

Conducted by Alfred H. Webb.
* First peal.

SEVENOAKS, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., May 6, 1960, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in E flat.

*William J. Manning	Treble	Doris E. Colgate	5
Sheila M. Dobbie	2	John O. Weller	6
Paul J. Dye	3	Walter H. Dobbie	7
Richard V. Fuller	4	Philip A. Corby	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.
* First peal of Major.

AMBLESIDE, WESTMORLAND.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Sat., May 7, 1960, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes.
At the Church of SS. Mary-the-Virgin and Anne.
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 32½ cwt.

A. Peter Whitehead	Treble	F. John Nelson	5
Alan Capstick	2	H. David Holland	6
*Lawrence D. Clement	3	Derek Taylor	7
Sidney Hough, jun.	4	Denis Mottershead	Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by Denis Mottershead.
* First peal in the method.

ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 7, 1960, in 3 Hours,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in E.

*Jean Horton	Treble	Bernard E. Matthews	5
S. Kathleen M. Knight	2	E. Winifred Keys	6
*C. R. Chad Coussmaker	3	Ernest Treagus	7
Richard G. Blackman	4	Raymond P. Wood	Tenor

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Raymond P. Wood.
* First peal of Plain Bob Major.

LONG STANTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sat., May 7, 1960, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in A flat.

*Hugh Bishop (Selwyn)	Treble	Alan Griffin (Trinity)	5
Frances Secker (Girton)	2	Stan Hood (Trinity Hall)	6
Terry Page (Downing)	3	Peter Langton (Trinity)	7
†P. B. Hodson (Emmanuel)	4	James Taylor (St. Cath.'s)	Tenor

Composed by Cornelius Charge. Conducted by Peter Langton.
* First peal of Major. † First 'inside.'

SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 7, 1960, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
At Christ Church,
A PEAL OF 5184 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

*Frederick Pearson	Treble	Cyril Low	5
Ronald Kenrick	2	Jack Ashcroft	6
†Patricia Buss	3	Norman Heaps	7
‡Margaret Forest	4	Joseph Ridyard	Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Joseph Ridyard.
* First peal. † First of Surprise. ‡ First of Bristol on an 'inside' bell.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 7, 1960, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Mary and Nicolas,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In three methods, being 1,536 Yorkshire, 2,208 Cambridge and 1,344 Superlative, with 132 changes of method. Tenor 15 cwt.

*John G. Ames	Treble	*Edwin T. Chapman	5
*John E. Allen	2	Stanley E. Bennett	6
J. Martin Thorley	3	*Cyril R. Burrell	7
*Albert W. A. Leggett	4	*Ronald C. Noon	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Ronald C. Noon.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., May 9, 1960, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Thomas.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

Carol Fernley	Treble	Bernard F. L. Groves	5
*John R. Gilden	2	Basil Jones	6
Mrs. L. Boumphrey	3	Leslie Boumphrey	7
Eileen M. Fearn	4	Brian Harris	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Leslie Boumphrey.
* First peal of Surprise.

BARROW-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., May 10, 1960, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
At the Church of The Holy Trinity.
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr.

*Septimus Neave	Treble	Arthur Crowder	5
Jack Bray	2	George Dobbs	6
C. Aubrey Harrison	3	Michael Crowder	7
Ronald Chafer	4	George W. Moody	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Jack Bray.
* First peal in the method.

HUGGLESCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Tues., May 10, 1960, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

F. George Bailey	Treble	Roland Beniston	5
Richard J. Clifton	2	John A. Underwood	6
Arthur F. Rowley	3	Joseph W. Cotton	7
John K. Smith	4	Derek P. Jones	Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood, Bart. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.

ROYAL WEDDING PEALS — Continued

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., May 10, 1960, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in C.

IVAN SAUNDERS	*Treble*	EDWARD HOWES	5
JOHN WILSON	2	LESLIE W. HOUGHTON	6
ERNEST H. MASTIN	3	TONY OWEN	7
FREDA P. GREAVES	4	NORMAN V. HARDING	*Tenor*

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by ERNEST H. MASTIN.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

BURBAGE, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., May 6, 1960, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents in ten methods, viz.: (1) and (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) College Exercise and Ockley T.B., (4) Norbury and Duke of Norfolk T.B., (5) Kingston and Sandal T.B., (6) London Scholars' Pleasure and Capel T.B., (7) Kent T.B. Tenor 9½ cwt.

GLADYS RICHARDSON	*Treble*	HENRY KIRK	4
DOROTHY M. STAFFORD	2	JOHN R. KENNETT	5
J. DAVID ADAMS	3	ALEX. RICHARDSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. KENNETT.

IDLE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., May 6, 1960, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb.

*FRED S. WILKINSON	*Treble*	*BERNARD CLOUGH	4
*DAVID ROBERTSHAW	2	MICHAEL S. BRUCE	5
THOMAS HILL	3	D. PETER J. BRUCE	*Tenor*

Conducted by D. PETER J. BRUCE.
* First peal. First as conductor. First ever by local company.

KINGSTONE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., May 6, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being five extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Clifford's Pleasure, Southrepps, Plain Bob, April Day, Kennington, New Grandsire, Reverse St. Bartholomew and two six-scores of Grandsire.
Tenor 9 cwt.

IVOR G. JONES	*Treble*	CHARLES PHILLIPS	4
MICHAEL V. POWELL	2	LESLIE H. COLCOMBE	5
REGINALD G. POWELL	3	ALFRED J. WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD G. POWELL.
First peal in nine methods by all the band, and on the bells.

SAPCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., May 6, 1960, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three 720's Cambridge Surprise and four 720's Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in A flat.

JOHN WATKINS	*Treble*	A. JAMES POYNOR	4
JENNIFER STRATFORD	2	MARTIN C. FAULKES	5
KEITH B. TOWNSEND	3	MICHAEL E. BROWN	*Tenor*

Conducted by MICHAEL E. BROWN.

SUTTON, MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., May 6, 1960, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*PETER WM. HORN	*Treble*	HILARY L. KIRKMAN	4
*PATRICIA A. HULLEY	2	ANTHONY WM. LAWTON	5
CHARLES WM. LAWTON	3	MRS. E. M. P. LAWTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES WM. LAWTON.
* First peal. The ringer of the tenor has now 'circled the tower' on a working bell.
Rung by the Sunday service band.

TYTHERINGTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., May 6, 1960, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREATER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven different extents in two methods: Two of Kent and five of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

*HUGH N. EVANS	*Treble*	CLIFF J. RICHARDS	4
†GILLIAN M. HUSSEY	2	‡ANTHONY W. GIBBS	5
PETER E. PARRY	3	PATRICK J. BIRD	*Tenor*

Conducted by PATRICK J. BIRD.
* First peal. † First in two methods. ‡ First in two methods 'inside.' First peal on the newly-augmented bells.

WEST HADDON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., May 6, 1960, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 12 extents of Reverse Canterbury, ten of Grandsire and 20 of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*SUSAN E. ADAMS	*Treble*	RICHARD J. DANBY	3
†J. FRANCIS JOHNSON	2	WILLIAM H. COLLINS	4
JOHN E. GODDARD	*Tenor*		

Conducted by RICHARD J. DANBY.
* First peal and first attempt. † First in three methods. First as conductor.

CARTMEL, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 7, 1960, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

NICHOLAS M. NEWBY	*Treble*	W. THOMAS TURNER	4
JAMES BLACKBURN	2	THOMAS F. METCALFE	5
KEITH NEWBY	3	FRANK BIRKETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by NICHOLAS M. NEWBY.

GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 7, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three extents of Oxford Bob and four of Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in A.

SIDNEY CARNALL	*Treble*	*ELEANOR ROSE	4
VALERIE WATERFIELD	2	JOHN COATES	5
HAROLD DENMAN	3	RICHARD HOBBS	*Tenor*

Conducted by RICHARD HOBBS.
* First peal in two methods.

POYNTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 7, 1960, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven extents in four methods: (1) and (2) Killamarsh T.B., (3) and (4) Kent T.B., (5) and (6) Cambridge Surprise, (7) Oxford T.B.
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb. in F sharp.

EILEEN FEARN	*Treble*	FREDERICK SHALLCROSS	4
DOROTHY M. STAFFORD	2	JOHN R. KENNETT	5
CAROL FEARNLEY	3	FRANK OSBALDISTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. KENNETT.

THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 7, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being extents of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt.

PERCY W. MILLS	*Treble*	GEORGE N. ORMAN	4
EDWARD E. DAVEY	2	ALAN R. ANDREWS	5
FREDERICK A. HARVEY	3	WALTER F. DOWNS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

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WEST TARRING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 7, 1960, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

Dorothy K. Saunders	*Treble*	June M. Clements	4
H. W. Woolven	2	Leonard Stilwell	5
W. Arthur Riddington	3	Mervyn Fromm	*Tenor*

Conducted by Mervyn Fromm.
First peal as conductor.

APSLEY END, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., May 9, 1960, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents in nine methods: (1) Carlisle, (2) Beverley and Surfleet, (3) Cambridge and Primrose, (4) York, (5) Lightfoot, (6) London, (7) Norwich. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*Edwin J. Upton	*Treble*	Augustin V. Good	4
Kenneth R. Dunstan	2	Keith B. Good	5
Walter Ayre	3	William C. Hughes	*Tenor*

Conducted by Walter Ayre.
* 75th peal.

SEALE, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., May 10, 1960, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Lawrence,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

Edward J. Bragg	*Treble*	Ernest Gardner	4
William M. Viggers	2	Tom Page	5
Cecil Poyntz	3	G. Kenneth Williamson	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. Kenneth Williamson.
First peal of Minor as conductor.

COMPTON DANDO, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., May 13, 1960, in 3 Hours.
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 15 extents of Plain Bob and two of Grandsire. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*H. M. Peter Swann	*Treble*	*Colin Allward	4
*Mrs. A. J. Frith	2	Francis C. Mogford	5
Ronald W. Treasure	3	Leslie B. Coles	*Tenor*

Conducted by Francis C. Mogford.
* First peal.

LANE END, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 14, 1960, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
At the Church of The Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb. in B.

*Wendy Hussey	*Treble*	‡David A. Cornwall	4
†Sidney Smith	2	†Colin Hagger	5
†Kenneth Seymour	3	*Roger Hazell	*Tenor*

Conducted by Roger Hazell.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal. ‡ 50th peal. First as conductor. David A. Cornwall has now rung peals of Plain Bob from Minor to Maximus on even numbers.

OTHER PEALS

TWELVE BELL PEAL

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., April 21, 1960, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,
At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Edgar C. Shepherd	*Treble*	Michael Elson	7
Muriel Reay	2	John McDonald	8
Ruth M. Border	3	Anthony Ager	9
Bryan D. A. Woolley	4	George E. Fearn	10
Roderick J. Lees	5	John Anderson	11
John Pinfold	6	Peter Border	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Peter Border.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Easter Monday, April 18, 1960, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
At the Roman Catholic Church of SS. Thomas and Edmund,
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in F.

Muriel Reay	*Treble*	Norman J. Goodman	5
Edgar C. Shepherd	2	Arthur V. Pearson	6
Roderick J. Lees	3	Michael Elson	7
George E. Fearn	4	John McDonald	*Tenor*

Composed by Wm. Barton. Conducted by John McDonald.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., April 21, 1960, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5152 NORTHOLT SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

Dennis Knox	*Treble*	Alick Cutler	5
Thomas J. Lock	2	G. William Critchley	6
Claudia A. Critchley	3	Alfred J. House	7
Joan Beresford	4	John R. Mayne	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Dennis Knox.
First peal in the method.

ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., April 22, 1960, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10½ cwt.

Judith K. Harris	*Treble*	Gordon H. Arguile	5
Redvers F. Elkington	2	Ralph Elkington	6
Alban Disney	3	Herrick B. Bowley	7
David S. Harris	4	William A. Lacey	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. Hattersley.
Conducted by Redvers F. Elkington.
100th peal on the bells.
Rung on the eve of the Feast of St. George-the-Martyr.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., April 26, 1960, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Thomas,
A PEAL OF 5008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

Leslie Boumphrey	*Treble*	Bernard Groves	5
*Eileen M. Fearn	2	*Roland F. Eccles	6
†Carol Fernley	3	Robert B. Smith	7
William H. Dowse	4	Brian Harris	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Carter Conducted by Brian Harris.
* First peal of D.N.C.B. † First of D.N.C.B. 'inside.'
Rung for the marriage of David John Hilton to Joyce Rothwell, a ringer at this church.

HAVANT, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., May 4, 1960, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Faith,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb.

Dorothy K. Saunders	*Treble*	Herbert W. Woolven	5
Alan A. J. Buswell	2	Raymond P. Wood	6
Leonard Stilwell	3	W. Arthur Riddington	7
Ernest Treagus	4	Morgan Marshall	*Tenor*

Conducted by Raymond P. Wood.
A wedding compliment to David S. Jones and Margaret E. Marshall, daughter of the ringer of the tenor.

DONINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., May 9, 1960, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary and the Holy Rood,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRAUNSTONE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14½ cwt.

John G. Ames	*Treble*	Edwin T. Chapman	5
John E. Allen	2	Stanley E. Bennett	6
Ronald C. Noon	3	Albert W. A. Leggett	7
Frank Taylor	4	J. Martin Thorley	*Tenor*

Composed by R. F. B. Speed. Conducted by Ronald C. Noon.
First peal in the method by all.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., May 11, 1960, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Lawrence,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12½ cwt.

Oswald Claybrook	*Treble*	Frederick Jackson	5
*Roger King	2	Walter Allman	6
John E. Bibby	3	Cyril Valentine	7
Denis Maddock	4	Francis Bibby	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Denis Maddock.
* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.

WERRINGTON, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Wed., May 11, 1960, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Martin,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Grove's variation of Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 14½ cwt.

Wilfred C. Boucher	*Treble*	*D. Roy Bould	5
Charles Sangwin	2	A. William Myers	6
H. Frederick Myers	3	Thomas G. Myers	7
Harry Stacey	4	Oliver J. Gittins	*Tenor*

Conducted by Thomas G. Myers.
* First peal on eight 'inside.'

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIO. GUILD.
On Thurs., May 12, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5120 BRONDESBURY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER	*Treble*	DENNIS KNOX	5
ALICK CUTLER	2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	3	THOMAS J. LOCK	7
JOAN BERESFORD	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
First peal in the method. 400th peal on the bells.

HASELBECH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., May 13, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 12 lb. in F.

EDWARD M. THRESHER	*Treble*	ROBIN WILSON	5
*PATRICIA F. CURTIS	2	MICHAEL R. BENNETT	6
ERIC BILLINGS	3	ERNEST G. ORLAND	7
ROBERT S. ROBERTS	4	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN H. WOOD. Conducted by PATRICK I CHAPMAN.
* First peal of Major 'inside.' First of Little Bob by all except the conductor.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., May 13, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

LINDA J. KEW	*Treble*	SYDNEY M. BAILEY	5
SHEILA WALLACE	2	ROY WOODRUFF	6
E. DENNIS POOLE	3	ROGER HAZELL	7
*JOHN E. CAMP	4	DAVID A. CORNWALL	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by DAVID A. CORNWALL.
* First peal on eight.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the sixth.

BLOXHAM, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 14, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF BLOXHAM,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

JOHN T. HIBBERT	*Treble*	BRIAN A. CRACKNELL	5
CYRIL J. HIBBERT	2	ARTHUR SAYERS	6
BRIAN MILLS	3	MALCOLM S. CLOKE	7
DENNIS C. BOWEN	4	GEOFFREY K. DODD	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. Sayers on their wedding anniversary.

DORE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY
(Yorkshire Association.)
On Sat., May 14, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH.
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt. in G.

*RAYMOND WOODWARD	*Treble*	IAN TILLING	5
MRS. ELSIE CHADDOCK	2	PHILIP COOTE	6
HERBERT O. CHADDOCK	3	JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK	7
†DAVID G. TRENCH	4	NORMAN CHADDOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN COX. Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First in the method.

BRONDESBURY SURPRISE MAJOR
36—56.4.58—58.36—14—3.16—36.1.
8ths place lead-end: 13527486. 4ths place bobs.

SIX BELL PEALS

FITTLEWORTH, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 18, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Childwall, Double Oxford, Thelwall and Plain Bob.
Tenor 7 cwt.

GEOFFREY R. CRISP	*Treble*	RAYMOND A. BROWN	4
E. JANE LANGTON	2	PETER N. LANGTON	5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	3	BERNARD E. MATTHEWS	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER H. LANGTON.

RIPPINGALE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 23, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents of Beverley, Surfleet, Durham, York, Ipswich, Primrose and Cambridge. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

WILLIAM R. MARSH	*Treble*	L. BLANCHARD	4
JAMES HAW	2	JAMES H. MUSSON	5
CECIL WADE	3	ALBERT SCOTT	*Tenor*

Conducted by CECIL WADE.
Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Marsh.

BRISLINGTON, BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., April 28, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven different extents in four methods: One of Cambridge, one of mixed Kent and Oxford, two of Kent and three of Plain Bob.
Tenor 15 cwt.

REGINALD G. HOOPER	*Treble*	BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON	4
*CLIFF J. RICHARDS	2	PATRICK J. BIRD	5
D. JOHN HUNT	3	F. CECIL MOGFORD	*Tenor*

Conducted by PATRICK J. BIRD.
* First peal in four methods. First on the bells.

DOWNHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 30, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 7¼ cwt.

*VIVIEN R. MATTHEWS	*Treble*	HERMON J. OLIVER	4
JOAN E. M. HILLS	2	LAURENCE H. TURNER	5
*ROBERT J. HILLS	3	HARRY TURNER	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.
* First peal.

SWANMORE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., May 1, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of St. Clement's and five of Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*SUSAN M. HADDELSEY	*Treble*	ROBERT WAKE	4
S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT	2	E. WINIFRED KEYS	5
C. R. CHAD COUSSMAKER	3	BERNARD E. MATTHEWS	*Tenor*

Conducted by BERNARD E. MATTHEWS.
* First peal.

PACKINGTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Thurs., May 5, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY ROOD.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in B flat.

DEREK P. JONES	*Treble*	F. GEORGE BAILEY	4
JOAN COTTON	2	JOSEPH W. COTTON	5
W. GEOFFREY HAIR	3	*RICHARD J. CLIFTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
* 100th peal. The treble ringer has now 'circled the tower' to peals.
Rung in memoriam Mrs. Eleanor Harriet Jones, grandparent of the conductor, who died April 22nd, aged 89 years, at Hitchin, Herts.

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BOWDON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., May 6, 1960, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents called differently.
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in F sharp.

*DAVID R. POTTS	*Treble*	*T. MICHAEL FREEMAN	4
*BARBARA M. BANGHAM	2	DAVID VINCENT	5
*BARRY B. WARD	3	C. KENNETH LEWIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.
* First peal.

MORECAMBE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Lancaster Branch.)
On Sat., May 7, 1960, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

*ROSEMARY HARMSWORTH	*Treble*	HERBERT RAINFORD	4
†ANNE BATTY	2	‡§GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE	5
‡MRS. DOROTHY ECCLES	3	ROLAND F. ECCLES	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE.
* First peal. † First 'inside.' ‡ 25th peal together. § 25th peal on the bells.
A farewell peal to Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Eccles, who are leaving the district.

WOLLASTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 7, 1960, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being extents in seven variations of calling, with no 6-5's at backstroke.
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb. in G.

*JAMES E. PULLON	*Treble*	‡SAMUEL COOK	4
†MICHAEL J. FELLOWS	2	MARTIN D. FELLOWS	5
*HEATHER M. PULLON	3	PAUL CATTERMOLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by PAUL CATTERMOLE.
* First peal of Minor. † First of Minor 'inside.' ‡ First 'inside.'
Rung to mark the commencement of the centenary celebrations of this Church of St. James, Wollaston, opened in spring of 1860.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 14, 1960, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and St. Clement's, and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 6¼ cwt.

CHARLES PERKINS	*Treble*	*FRANK TAYLOR	4
ALAN G. PAYNE	2	J. MARTIN THORLEY	5
JOSEPH W. BAILEY	3	JOHN G. AMES	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.
* 50th peal on the bells.

SEDLESCOMBE, SUSSEX.
THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.
On Mon., May 16, 1960, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

JOAN V. GARNETT	*Treble*	WILLIAM BUTTON	4
MARGARET A. LADD	2	HERBERT W. WOOLVEN	5
JOHN E. WARNER	3	LESLIE N. MELTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE N. MELTON.

HANDBELL PEALS

LEICESTER
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., May 8, 1960, in 2 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT ST. MARGARET'S SELECT VESTRY HALL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

DIANA J. PERRINS	1—2	JOHN A. ACRES	5—6
JOHN M. JELLEY	3—4	ERNEST MORRIS	7—8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by JOHN A. ACRES.

BIRSTALL, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., May 12, 1960, in 2 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT 44, BEECHFIELD AVENUE,
A PEAL OF 5296 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

DEREK M. SAWYER	1—2	JOHN A. ACRES	5—6
ERNEST MORRIS	3—4	*B. STEDMAN PAYNE	7—8

Composed by E. MAURICE ATKINS. Conducted by DEREK M. SAWYER.
* 200th peal for the Guild, and 50th 'in hand.' First as conductor.

John Taylor & Co.
LOUGHBOROUGH
The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

Quarter Peals rung in honour of the Wedding of H.R.H. Princess Margaret and Mr. Antony Armstrong-Jones

HALF PEALS

ASHCOTT, SOMERSET.—On May 6th, 2,520 Plain Bob Minor: M. Legg 1, K. Prime 2, H. Collings 3, D. White 4, S. G. Smith 5, G. Prescott (cond.) 6.

BURGHCLERE, HANTS.—On May 11th, 2,520 Minor (720 Surfleet Surprise, 720 Beverley Surprise, 720 London Surprise, 360 Plain Bob): E. Woolgrove 1, Hazel White 2, R. W. Rex 3, B. Mills 4, R. F Crook 5, G. K. Dodd (cond.) 6.

CHURCH GRESLEY, DERBYS.—On May 6th, 2,520 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Roobottom (14) 1, D. G. Brunning 2, D. Eames (14, first 'inside') 3, D P. Jones 4, J. K. Smith 5. Jointly conducted.

CLEWER, BERKS.—On May 10th, 2,520 Stedman Doubles: A. J. Bird 1, Margaret Shuttle 2, N. Phillips 3, W. Butler 4, J. Brooks (cond.) 5.

EALING, MIDDX.—At Christ the Saviour, on May 10th, 2,520 Grandsire Triples: W. G. Wilson (cond.) 1, G. M. Harvey 2, Miss J. Scrutton 3, W. Oatway 4, S. Croft 5, H. W. Rogers 6, D Thcedom 7, Miss E. Palmer 8.

LOWER HEYFORD, OXFORD.—On May 6th, 2,520 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. West 1, J. Elmer 2, H. Adams (cond.) 3, H. Adams 4, R. Gardener 5, H. P. Adams 6.

APPLETON, BERKS.—On May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. G White 1, J. Drewitt 2, F. Messenger 3, E. Drewitt 4, H. C. White 5, F. A. White 6, B. R. White (cond.) 7, H. White 8.

BIDSTON, CHESHIRE.—On May 10th, 720 each of Carlisle Surprise and Cambridge Surprise: Mrs. C. B. Pemberton 1, Margaret R. Jeacock 2, D. G. Marsh 3, J. Fraser Clift (first as cond.) 4, G. M. Roscamp 5, C. B. Pemberton 6.

BRAMPTON, HUNTINGDON.—On May 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: E. Bailey (first quarter) 1, R. F. Baker (cond.) 2, Lucy Allen 3, E. J. Whiting 4, J. W. Allen 5. Also on May 6th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles; R. Cooper (first of Stedman) 1, Lucy Allen (cond.) 2, R. F. Baker 3, E. J. Whiting 4, J. W. Allen 5.

BREWOOD, STAFFORD.—On May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): A. Allsop 1, H. Wakelam 2, C. S. Dumbell 3, M. Whiteman 4, R. G. W. Broughton 5, I. Rimmer 6, R. L. Hawksworth (cond.) 7, L. Roberts 8.

BURSTOW, SURREY.—On May 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob, Grandsire and Canterbury Doubles: Mrs. B. F. Russell 1, T. Padbury 2, P. Booer 3, L. Penfold 4, A. J. Bull (cond.) 5, H. Padbury 6. Also 720 of Oxford Single Bob and Canterbury Minor: D. Wilson 1, L. Penfold 2, H. Parsons 3, G. Charlton 4, W. Slaughter 5, A. J. Bull (cond.) 6.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCS.—On May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Gray 1, J. Bray (cond.) 2, R. Chafer 3, G. W. Moody 4, H. Hall 5, C. A. Harrison 6, P. Barnes 7, H. Baldwin 8.

CHELSFIELD, KENT.—On May 8th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Grandsire and 660 Plain Bob): Ann Buncombe 1, D. Manger (cond.) 2, Jillian Outhwaite 3, M. Legg (first in 2 methods) 4, J. Parker 5, A. Smith 6.

CHISLET, KENT.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. R. Hadlow 1, H. Luck 2, W. J. Ruck 3, A. Hinkley 4, J. A. Russell (cond.) 5, J. Tumber 6. Rung for the dedication service of this restored ring of six by Bishop Rose.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—On May 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Durnsford (first quarter) 1, R. A. Stevens 2, R. V. Johnson 3, G. Apps 4, J. W. Jeffery 5, E. Packham 6, F. Godsmark (cond.) 7, E. J. Brett 8.

DUNCHURCH, WARWICKS.—On May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. J. Pinfold 1, R. P. East 2, R. F. B. Speed (cond.) 3, P. H. Barnwell 4, F. P. East 5, J. A. Holden 6. First quarter 1 and 2.

EDLESBOROUGH, BUCKS.—On May 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. W. Sinfield (cond.) 1, Mrs. J. W. Sinfield 2, M. D. Pearson 3, I. Knox 4, W. Sear 5, F. Scar (first quarter) 6.

EVERTON, NOTTS.—On May 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Ball 1, Mrs. N. Worsdall 2, F. Jackson (cond.) 3, A. Wilson 4, A. Jowitt 5, R. Worsdall 6. By Bawtry ringers.

FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.—On May 8th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Miss M. A. Finch 1, P. Treble 2, J. D. Cox 3, V. M. Cox 4, P. Joyce 5, W. W. Wright (cond.) 6.

GRANTHAM, LINCS.—On May 8th, 1,133 Grandsire Caters: C. McCarthy (first of Caters) 1, D. A. Frith 2, Miss M. Bailey 3, F. W. Pinchbeck 4, P. Slight (first of Caters 'inside') 5, J. Watson 6, K. Ketteringham 7, H. R. Woods 8, J. M. Simpson (cond.) 9, J. Holmes 10. Before Evensong.

GREENS NORTON, HANTS.—On May 8th, 1,260 Minor (Kent, Oxford and Plain Bob): A. A. Booth 1, Sandra Freeman 2, C. Rigby 3, Betty Mansfield 4, W. F. Eydon 5, A. W. Mansfield (cond.) 6.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On May 6th, 1,260 Oxford T.B. Minor: W. J. Croft 1, Miss M. E. Preece (first in method) 2, Miss J. Croft 3, L. R. Runnacles 4, F. W. Croft (cond.) 5, G. Cherry 6.

HARWELL, BERKS.—On May 8th, 1,260 Grandside Triples: D. Jordan (cond.) 1, J. Napper 2, K. H. White 3, D. Bosley 4, C. J. Garlick 5, M. Bishop 6, W. Corderoy 7, L. F. Cox 8.

HARWORTH, NOTTS.—On May 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Bull 1, Mrs. N. Worsdall 2, R. Worsdall 3, A. Jowitt 4, A. Wilson (cond.) 5, F. Jackson 6.

HALIFAX, YORKS.—On May 6th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Sheila M. Moulds 1, Patricia Reeve 2, R. E. Moulds 3, C. Sweeney 4, D. S. Hollas 5, N. J. Parkin 6, J. H. Fielden 7, G. F. Bryant (cond.) 8 By the Sunday service band.

HEYTESBURY, WILTS.—On May 7th, 1,260 Minor (720 London Surprise 540 Plain Bob): E. Woolgrove 1, Miss C. White 2, R. W. Rex 3, B. Mlls 4, R. Crook 5, G. K. Dodd (cond.) 6.

HEADINGTON, OXFORD.—On May 15th, 1,260 Doubles (300 Plain Bob, 960 Grandsire): R. Bruce (first on treble) 1, Jill Masters 2, Cherry Withell 3, E. Parsons 4, Tom Smith (cond.) 5, J. Cruickshank 6.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On May 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Sue Meredith 1, Doreen Armstrong 2, Ruth Blackshaw 3, J. Woolley (first quarter) 4, M. Harrison 5, T. F. Bradley 6.

HONITON, DEVON.—On May 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6 and 8 behind): Miss J. Real 1, C. Monley 2, C. Webb 3, J. Real 4, W. Baker 5, W. Sparkes 6, W. Webb (cond.) 7, T. Clouston 8.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On May 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. Friend (first quarter) 1, C. Hill 2, W. Wright 3, W. Hill 4, R. Jones 5.

KIRK ELLA, YORKS.—On May 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss P. Irwin 1, I. N. Goldthorpe 2, G. W. Pybus (first of Minor) 3, K. Kirk 4, D. S. Johnson 5, R. Ducker (cond.) 6.

LANCASTER.—On May 6th, at St. Peter's R.C. Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Crook 1, T Jackson (first quarter) 2, R. Warden 3, R. Rainford 4, H. Rainford 5, J. Pye 6.

LONDON, E.C.—On May 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss G. Williams (first quarter) 1, Miss E. J. Langton 2, D. E. Sibson 3, Miss P. Jervis 4, M. R. Rose 5, G. Pratt 6, J. M. Lakin (cond.) 7, M. Taylor 8.

LUPPITT, DEVON.—On May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Middleton 1, A. J. Crabb 2, J. Sage 3, C Churchill (cond.) 4, L. Marker 5, T. E. Thorne 6.

MALDON, ESSEX.—On May 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Christine Towler (12, first in method) 1, I. Panton 2, F. White 3, S. C. Easter 4, J. Clarke 5, J. Towler 6, A. Hubble (cond.) 7, D. Shaw (first in method) 8.

MILVERTON, SOMERSET.—On May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Gale 1, W. Baker 2, Miss J. Taylor 3, E. Ford (first of Triples) 4, H. V. Young 5, C. Tarr 6, F. Casley (cond.) 7, H. Taylor 8.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—On May 6th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Tripes: Miss M. E. Gauntlett (first quarter) 1, W. J. Arnold 2, G. Dodds 3, B A. Cornell 4, W. Little 5, R. F. Ewer 6, G. Penney (cond.) 7, J. McClenahan 8.

SHALFORD, SURREY.—On May 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. E. Enticknap 1, G. D. Enticknap 2, A. E. Hunter 3, P. C. Saunders 4, J. Horsman (first 'inside') 5, A. C. A. Hunter 6, L. C. W. Hunter (cond.) 7, A. G. Rooke 8. First quarter of Triples for 2, 6 and 8.

STAINES, MIDDX.—On May 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Wiggins 1, R. Shepherd 2, Jean Williams (first 'inside') 3, E. Skipsey 4, D. Hawkins (cond.) 5, B. Shepherd 6. First quarter first attempt for 1 and 6

STORRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Chacksfield (first on treble) 1, Mrs. J. Chacksfield 2, J. R. Maple 3, Jean Henton 4, B. W. Farhall (cond.) 5, K. Pritchard 6.

TOTTERNHOE, BEDS.—On May 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. G. Newman 1, M. D. Pearson 2, I. Knox 3, R. J. Scott 4, W. Sear 5, J. W. Sinfield (cond.) 6.

UXBRIDGE, MIDDX.—On May 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Sheehan 1, Mrs. E. R. Gotham 2, D. G. Rowlands (first 'inside') 3, H. W. Impey (cond.) 4, E. R. Gotham 5, F. Bedford 6.

OTHER QUARTER PEALS

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): S. Henson 1, J. Hale 2, W. T. Petty (cond.) 3, L. Groom 4, H. Preece 5, E. Hiddins 6, D. W. Davies 7, D. Bryant 8. For Evensong.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.—On May 15th, at the Norman tower, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: R. J. Stannard 1, C. Stannard 2, J. Stannard 3, W. Stannard (cond.) 4, A. W. Rolfe 5, D. Rowland 6, G. Jennings 7, W. Goodship 8, F. Buckle 9, J. Banks 10. The conductor is father of the first three ringers. Rung for evening service and as a farewell to Mr. J. Banks.

COGGESHALL, ESSEX.—On May 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Turner 1, W. G. Wade 2, A. T. Beckwith 3, W. C. Bilner 4, G. Everett (first as cond.) 5, D. B. Shepherd (first on a working bell) 6, F. Mead (first quarter) 7 (covering). First quarter peal by a local band for about 40 years.

EDMONTON, MIDDX.—On May 15th, 1,248 Little Bob Minor: Iris George 1, W. George 2, Trudy Newcombe 3, D. Langdon 4, D. Towers 5, T. Hawkins (cond.) 6. First of Little Bob Minor for all the band. For Evensong.

HALIFAX, YORKS.—On April 24th, at All Souls' Church, 1,280 Dorchester Surprise Major: Patricia Reeve 1, Sheila M. Moulds 2, R. E. Moulds 3, M. V. Copping 4, E. M. Fielden 5, G. F. Bryant 6, C. Sweeney (cond.) 7, J. H. Fielden 8. By the Sunday service band.

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTS.—On May 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. M. Phillips 1, P. Harding 2, F. Slatford (cond.) 3, E. Norris 4, A. Knight 5, N. Knee 6, E. Hitchins 7, A. Bull 8. Rung for the wedding of Mr. J. Case to Miss M. Polden.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On April 24th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob: Wendy Bowak 1, Ann Hancock 2, M. McQuistan 3, L. Cordell 4, W. Wedlock 5, J. McPhail (cond.) 6. For Matins. Also on May 1st, 1,260 Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob: H. King 1, Ann Hancock 2, M. McQuistan 3, R. Bridges 4, J. McPhail 5, W. Wedlock (cond.) 6. For family service. Also on May 3rd, 1,260 Oxford and Kent T.B. and Plain Bob: H. King 1, Ann Hancock 2, Wendy Bowak 3, M. McQuistan 4, L. Cordell 5, W. Wedlock (cond.) 6. For Wendy Bowak's 21st birthday.

ORMSKIRK, LANCS.—On May 10th, 1,280 Kent T.B. Major: J. Marsh 1, Miss J. Moir 2, J. Lunham 3, R. Larkin 4, D. Heaton (first in the method) 5, J. Couperthwaite 6, L. Pearson 7, S. Walmsley (cond.) 8. Believed to be the first quarter of Major on the bells since they were recast in 1948.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKS.—On April 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: V. H. Nash 1, Pamela M. Turner 2, R. E. Tallis 3, M. C. Hughes 4, C. J. A. Goy 5, R. E. Tallis, jun, (cond.) 6. For Matins.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—At St. Andrew's Church, on May 10th, 1,257 Stedman Caters: H. W. Milford 1, Miss Y. C Porter (first of Stedman Caters) 2, A. W. Coles 3, F. E. Day (first of Stedman Caters) 4, D. R. Bould (first of Stedman) 5, W. G. Lavers 6, A. W. Myers 7, D. F. Wheeler 8, T. G. Myers (cond.) 9, M. J. Bray (first on ten) 10. Arranged for Mr. A. W. Coles on holiday.

SAXILBY, LINCS.—On April 28th, 1,440 Minor (Single Court, Single Oxford): M. Keyworth 1, Shirley Guymer 2, Pamela Cox 3, J. M. Blaikie 4, H. Dove 5, J. B. Nicholson (cond.) 6. A tribute to Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Blaikie on the birth of a son (Robert Menzies).

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On May 8th, 1,344 Plain Bob Triples: C. A. Diggins 1, F. C. Maynard 2, H. Warboys 3, P. Chapman 4, F. Sykes 5, A. J. Boyack 6, B. Downes 7, M. Hayes 8. For Evensong.

WARMLEY, GLOS.—On May 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. E. Brook (first quarter) 1, A. W. Gibbs (cond.) 2, Myra J. Wilkins 3, Rita M. Webb 4, H. Taysom 5, B. K. Lewis 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. Kilmaster and Mrs. W. Hunt, both interred this day.

WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.—On May 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Ireland 1, Mrs. A. North 2, G. Gammon 3, C. Webber 4, I. Hughes 5, O. Walford 6, D. T. North (cond.) 7, C. Baker 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to Dr. Bradfield, late Bishop of Bath and Wells.

WHITTLEBURY, NORTHANTS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Linnell 1, G. Linnell 2, D. Burbidge 3, D. R. Truman (first 'inside') 4, C. E. Truman (first of Doubles as cond.) 5. First quarter by a local band.

WOOTTON BASSETT, WILTS.—On April 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): Miss A. Bird 1, L. A. Wilson 2, C. Dunford 3, L. Beazley 4, P. Spackman 5, N. Ogbourne 6, E. F. Brooks (cond.) 7, J. Amor 8. First quarter 1 and 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. L. Wilson, who celebrated their diamond wedding on April 16th.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

A farewell peal was rung on the bells of Holy Trinity, Morecambe, on May 7th to Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Eccles. Until this year Mr. Eccles was the honorary secretary of the Lancaster Branch of the Lancashire Association, and Mrs. D. Eccles was tower secretary at Holy Trinity. They will both be very much missed. They are now living at 53, Alexandra Road, Sale.

Thomas Jackson, aged 14, is the youngest ringer in Lancaster ever to ring a quarter peal. His keenness is a great encouragement to his tutor.

Canon C. Carew Cox, Master of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, marks his fiftieth year in the priesthood on Sunday. Our congratulations to him on reaching such a significant landmark.

The 'Yorkshire Post's' cartoon on the College of Campanology, A.D. 1542, has caused amusement to many north country ringers.

The Warminster and District edition of 'The County Churchman' has a delightful sketch of Mr. Louis Wilson, Ringing Master at Wootton Bassett Church, a post he has held for 63 years. Now 84, he has been ringing for 72 years.

A welcome home peal to D. W. Kerley, after his world's cruise on H.M.S. 'Centaur,' was lost at Aberdare at the end of the 11th part of Parker's 12 part. Honours were, however, done by a quarter peal on May 15th.

Four members of the Rowe family of St. Ann's, Stamford Hill, have rung their first quarter together. This was on May 15th when Paul, aged 12, rang his first. In about two years time the family hope to ring six bells to a quarter.

A band of youngsters, with the help of Mr. E. M. Atkins and Mrs. Hood, rang the bells of St. Michael's, Teignmouth, immediately after the Royal wedding. The young ringers were Philippa Russell (13), Ian Hay (13), Michael Colquhoun (15), Elizabeth Rossiter (13), Danny McCollough (17), Ian McCollough (18) and Andrew Mackenzie (15).

After two hours' ringing in a peal at Alfreton, Derbyshire, the seventh bell broke a gudgeon pin and crashed into the pit. The bell was not cracked, but considerable damage was done to the fittings. The bells are now out of commission until they have received the bell-founders' attention.

The first peal on the bells of Brislington, Bristol, was rung on April 28th.

The latest addition to our press secretaries is Miss Sheila Percival, of The Elms, Pedley Lane, Clifton, who represents the Biggleswade District of the Bedfordshire Association.

Who was the ringer who took the band in his van for a peal attempt, and, over the usual drink afterwards before a long return journey, said he would rub some grease on his hands and tell his wife he had had a puncture, only to find when he returned to the parked van that he had got—a puncture!

The Misses J. C. Davey and S. A. Hayward, of Brentwood, Essex, visited St. Paul's, Bedford, on May 8th, and impressed the local band by the way they rang their first course of Grandsire Caters. 'A credit to their instructor and themselves,' comments our correspondent.

Mr. J. Euston, of 28, Fairmile Avenue, Streatham, S.W.16, who is organising this year's veterans' reunion in London in place of Mr. Coles, on June 18th, explains that the date was chosen to give the most hours of daylight. Any of the younger generation who can provide transport or bring or escort a veteran will be welcome.

Unfortunately a quarter peal of Minor only could be rung to celebrate the return of Wakefield Trinity R.L.F.C., following that team's victory over Hull in the Rugby League Championship Cup Final. A break followed ringing on ten bells, and when it was time to begin a quarter peal only six ringers could be mustered, others being presumably lost in the vast crowd (40,000 strong according to some reports) which thronged the team's route through Wakefield from the railway station to the Town Hall.

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LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD'S GOOD YEAR

THE 61st annual meeting of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild was held, as always, at Lincoln, on April 30th, when over 150 members enjoyed the usual warm welcome from the city clergy and ringers. There was ringing for all tastes at the Cathedral, St. Giles's, St. Peter at Gowts and St. Botolph's.

Those attending Cathedral Evensong heard an interesting address given by the Archdeacon of Lindsey, the Ven. E. L. Marsden. Tea was served in the ancient Chapter House by ringers' wives and friends. The Dean, who is president, thanked all who had helped with the preparations of a most enjoyable tea.

At the business meeting, the president presided and all the officers were re-elected. Mr. J. A. Freeman notified the meeting that this would be the last time he would offer himself for re-election as Guild Master. He felt that the time had come when someone better able to keep in touch with all the branches should hold the office.

This was heard with regret and the president expressed the feelings of all when he said that it was typical of the Master to take this difficult decision in this way. Mr. Freeman had felt it was the right thing to do so he must do it.

Messrs. John Freeman, G. E. Feirn, J. L. Millhouse and J. Bray were elected representatives on the Central Council for the next three years.

After some discussion it was agreed to include the Guild Librarian on the Guild Committee with the necessary change of rule. Notice was given that a proposal would be put forward at the next annual meeting to include Central Council representatives also on the committee.

The president spoke of the successful jubilee dinner and congratulated those responsible for its organisation.

The Master, in his annual report, also referred to the dinner and expressed appreciation to Messrs. J. Bray and J. Freeman for their work in this connection. He repeated what he said ten years ago, that they could look back with satisfaction at the steady progress which had been maintained and they still held a prominent place in the Exercise.

'Our record of Sunday service and peal ringing is of a high standard and here let me make it clear that the former should be our first duty as church bell ringers, with regular and punctual attendance. Nevertheless, peal ringing has its place in our life and is a measure of the vitality of the Guild.

'Our peal total for the year is 131, much higher than last year, and has only been surpassed twice before, and while no particularly outstanding peal has been rung, I think this has been a very successful year throughout the Guild.'

During the year Coningsby bells have been rehung and Belton bells have been augmented from four to six.

A very pleasing feature of the meeting was the number of young members present.

A BROADCAST FROM FENLAND

On May 13th, listeners to 'East Anglian Highlights' heard an interview between four of the bell ringers of St. Wendreda's Church, March, Cambs. The interview, which took place on the Thursday previous to the broadcast, centred chiefly around the younger ringers, of whom there are 15, and during the recording the six bells could be heard in the background, ringing to Bob Doubles. Opening the interview, the reporter stated that the bells were not the oldest in the Fenlands but were regarded by East Anglians as possessing fine tonal qualities.

One of the ringers described to listeners the method Bob Doubles, and the difference between full peals and quarter peals, and the younger ringers (two boys and a girl) spoke of their ambitions with regard to bellringing, and told of why they were attracted to the art. It was the first time that the bells of St. Wendreda's Church had been 'on the air.'

SERVANTS OF THE EXERCISE – No. 22



MR. JOSEPH T. DYKE,
Hon. Member, Central Council.

Mr. J. T. Dyke is one of the great stalwarts who has pioneered for a good standard of ringing in Somerset. Like so many other highly distinguished members of the Exercise he is a teacher by profession. He is amongst that gifted band of people who can not only show how ringing should be done—but can teach how to do it; for as we all know, it's not always the best ringer that makes the best teacher.

His greatest joy is teaching six and eight bell bands to ring, and teaching their conductor the art of conducting a peal. The result of some of his efforts is reflected in the remarkably good ringing which is broadcast on Sunday mornings in the Light Programme. Although Joe is not completely satisfied with it, there is no doubt that many bands, up and down the country, wish that they could ring half as well. Joe Dyke's was the inspiring influence which produced such a satisfactory result.

He was born in 1892 at Burton-on-Trent, and educated at the Grammar School there, and Cheltenham Training College, matriculated at London University in 1910, and commenced teaching in 1912. He learned to ring at Burton, in 1908, and rang his first peal there in 1909. How fortunate he was to be in Burton at that time, for they had a remarkably high quality company with the standards laid down by the Wakleys, Joe Griffin, John Austin, and others in that famous band, which made ringing history in those days! He joined H.M. Forces in 1914, and served overseas in the Gloucester Regiment during the war, transferred to the Machine Gun Corps in 1916, and became a prisoner of war in 1918.

At the conclusion of the war he returned to teaching in Somerset, and he made a great impact on ringing in that county. His ability was soon recognised, for he became a branch secretary of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, and was elected general secretary in 1925, serving in that office for 28 years. His peals total is about 700, of which he has conducted 400. Amongst his notable achievements are turning in the tenor at St. Mary Redcliffe to Cambridge Surprise Major, Royal and Maximus, Queen Camel tenor to Minor, and Sherborne Abbey tenor to Major. He even rang Redcliffe tenor to Major before the bells were rehung, a colossal job at that time. He also took part in the record peal of 15,312 Cambridge Surprise Maximus at Ashton-under-Lyne, conducted by William Pye. On several occasions he took part in two peals of Cambridge Maximus in one day.

He has been a member of the Central Council since 1927, serving on the Standing Committee, and was also a member of 'The Ringing World' Committee until illness overtook him. He was mainly responsible for the first beginners' instruction book put out by the Council. All his friends in the Exercise will wish him well.

JAFUS.

Broken Stay Accident

A nasty accident happened in Wye Parish Church, Kent, on Sunday, May 8th. Miss A. J. Field (17), the daughter of Lt.-Col. N. J. Field, while ringing, had the stay of her bell broken. She was carried up to the ceiling and fell back heavily to the floor. Her left arm was broken in two places and her left ankle bone cracked. She was also bruised and suffered from shock.

RETALIATION

Because in sonnet form I choose to write,
I hope this little rhyme will not offend
All those whose further joy it is to wend
Their way through works of men of greater light.

But now, the reason why I take to verse;
It comes because I dare not be outdone
Or take the credit that I have not won.
Although my try is needs a great deal worse.

You see, my name is Claire, but please do note
The 'i' in it, which will distinguish, but,
I dearly trust, may not be made to cut
Some contact with two other 'Clares' who wrote.

And now may further 'Clares' themselves reveal,
That we may join perhaps to ring a peal?

CLAIRE.

Lincoln.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

Northern District

The usual warm welcome awaited the ringers of the Northern District of the Essex Association and their friends, when they met at the Church of St. Mary, Great Dunmow, on May 14th.

The Vicar, the Rev. D. Callum, conducted the service, which was choral, and Mrs. Coates was at the organ. An excellent tea was provided in the Church Hall by the local ringers and friends.

Fifty-one members were present in the afternoon and they represented eighteen different parishes. One new ringing member was elected, Mr. R. Martin, of Halstead.

It is hoped to hold the next meeting at Colne Engaine on July 2nd.

Votes of thanks were expressed by the District Master, and Dr. Castleden replied on behalf of the Dunmow ringers.

THE PROFESSOR WOULD LIKE TO KNOW

If it was pure coincidence that, on the day of the Rugby League Cup Final, a 'pack' of Wakefield ringers descended upon **Hull** to ring at the reopening of the Holy **Trinity's** bells?

He understands, however, that there is no truth in the rumour that a little 'loose forward' was rung to celebrate the occasion, or that one ringer during a temporary lapse in Stedman was instructed to carry out a 'stand-off half-turn.'

He also dismisses as sheer fabrication the report that a furore was created by the omission of an aspirate when someone suggested it was about time to 'Turner in.'

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

Presentation To Mr. R. F. Eccles

THE annual meeting of the Lancashire Association was held at Morecambe on April 30th. Ringing commenced at 10.30 a.m. and the following towers were available: Lancaster Cathedral R.C. (10), Lancaster Priory (8) and Holy Trinity, Morecambe (8).

The annual service was held in Holy Trinity Church, the preacher being the Rev. G. Snowdon.

An excellent tea was enjoyed in the Parish Hall, immediately after which a presentation was made by Mr. John Woods, of Lancaster, on behalf of the branch and friends from an adjacent branch, to Mr. R. F. Eccles, of Morecambe, who had resigned from the secretarysnip of the branch owing to his leaving the district. Mr. Woods thanked Mr. Eccles for all he had done for the branch and wished him every success for the future. Mr. Eccles suitably replied.

The general secretary thanked the Rev. G. Snowdon for the welcome extended to the Association, and asked him to convey thanks to the organist and choir for their services.

The honorary vice-president (Mr. P. H. Derbyshire) opened the meeting in the absence of the president. The minutes of the last annual general meeting were confirmed, and it was proposed that a vote of thanks be recorded to Mr. G. Thwaites for the tremendous amount of work he was carrying out on the 'Woodhouse Ringing Machine.'

Mr. J. Ashcroft was elected vice-president. Mr. F. Dunkerley re-elected secretary, and the Rev. R. D. St. John Smith, Messrs. P. Crook, F. Dunkerley and J. Ridyard re-elected representatives to the Central Council.

SOUTHPORT APPRECIATED

The report of the committee stated that it was very gratifying to the Association and to he secretary to have received so many compliments, paid by members throughout the Exercise, on Lancashire's welcome and efforts in making the Central Council's visit to Southport a great success. In this matter Miss P. Grimme had given valuable service and it was unanimously agreed to record appreciation to her. The report on expenses incurred for the Central Council's visit was approved, and gratefulness was expressed to those who gave donations.

The report recorded, with sympathy to the relatives, the following losses by death: non-resident, Herbert Knight, Wolverhampton; life ringing member, E. Roger Martin, Preston (former vice-president and branch secretary); ringing members: Joseph Leatherbarrow, Newchurch, former vice-president and for 48 years tower-keeper, captain at Newchurch; Charles W. Blakey, Accrington, a capable organiser who contributed to the success of the visit of the Central Council.

The membership of the Association was made up of honorary life members 68, new 1; non-resident members 633, new 38; ringing members 1,116, new 91.

MISSING DETAILS OF PEALS

The peal secretary's report recorded 110 peals rung during the year, a decrease of 15 per cent on the previous year. Conductors were reminded that it was their duty to give full particulars of peals rung. Six peals had been received giving place, date and method only. These peals were not included in the report because of lack of information and he had not been able to trace them in 'The Ringing World.'

Twenty-four members rang their first peal: 183 their first in some particular method or on higher numbers; one first as conductor. In all, 262 members took part in peals, which was 17.1 per cent. of total resident members. Leading conductors were Derek Ogden 11, Edward Jenkins 10; leading peal ringers, John P. Parkington 36, Edward Jenkins 19, Roger Leigh 19.

The following firsts for the Association were rung: Cholmondley Surprise Major; Spliced Plain Major, 9 and 15 methods; Londinium Surprise Maximus.

The reports and the audited balance sheet were approved.

The following members were transferred to life membership: Mr. W. H. Fowler, Brindle; Mr. J. Wilson, Kendal; Mr. F. T. Postlethwaite, Lancaster, and Mr. W. H. Ratcliffe, St. Anne's-on-Sea.

The general secretary, on behalf of the Association, closed the meeting with a vote of thanks to all who had in any way contributed to the success of the day, which, he was sure, had been enjoyed by all present.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The attendance at the Chew Deanery quarterly meeting at Wrington on April 30th was disappointing during the afternoon and at tea but the tower was filled to capacity in the evening. This was referred to at the business meeting with Mr. H. W. Knight in the chair, when it was decided that members and visitors should signify their names for tea at the quarterly meetings in order that a reasonably accurate estimate for catering could be obtained.

Three new members and one lapsed member rejoined from Portbury; two lapsed members from Clapton-in-Gordano and one new member each from Yatton and Nailsea were elected.

The Rev. C. S. L. Alford conducted the service and ringing reached Cambridge Surprise Royal.

RINGING CHORISTERS FROM LINCOLNSHIRE



The team which rang the quarter peal on April 28th at Saxilby to commemorate the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Blaikie. As Mr. Blaikie is organist-choirmaster at Saxilby it was thought fitting to choose a team of choristers to do the ringing on this occasion. Back row: M. Keyworth (bass), J. B. Nicholson (bass), H. Dove (tenor). Seated: Shirley Guymer (soprano), J. M. Blaikie (organist-choirmaster), Pamela Cox (soprano). All are members of the Saxilby Sunday service team and the Saxilby church choir. Mr. Blaikie is also a member of the P.C.C. and Lindsey Branch representative to the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Dorchester Branch

Sunny spring weather was the setting for the spring quarterly meeting of the Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers, at Preston. The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. P. H. W. Isdell-Carpenter, who spoke of the wonderful heritage in the bells of parish churches. Mr. J. Slade (Deputy Ringing Master) was the organist.

The business meeting was conducted by the chairman, the Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth. The honorary secretary, Mr. R. H. Duke, mentioned that a message of congratulations had been sent to the Queen on the birth of Prince Andrew, and that a reply had been received from the Palace.

There was a new appointment, said Mr. Duke, that of Guild Librarian, a post filled by the Rev. W. Uphill, formerly vicar of Stower Provost and honorary secretary of the North Dorset Branch. New members elected were Mr. M. Thomas (Ringing), Mrs. H. Howard and Mrs. A. Timms, of Wyke Regis (Associate).

The next meeting was fixed provisionally for Bere Regis in June. Branch practices were arranged as follows: Litton Cheney, Wool, Fordington, Cattistock, Piddletrenthide, Upwey, Abbotsbury, at fortnightly intervals, from May 7th, subject to confirmation.

The chairman thanked the ladies who had served tea, and Mr. J. Rose (Deputy Ringing Master) moved a vote of thanks to the Vicar for his welcome and to the organist.

R. H. D.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

MORE ABOUT BELL BROADCASTING

Dear Sir,—I compliment B.B.C. T.V. on the 'All Your Own' programme in which the youthful ringers were interviewed on Sunday afternoon (May 15th). What a contrast in the evening (after fixing up new batteries for my wife to enjoy hearing St. Mary Redcliffe), and tuning to Home Service in good time we were rewarded with the last blow only of the tenor of these bells.

Similarly, a week ago, four Isle of Wight peals were broadcast for which my help was enlisted in arranging the recordings. The whole of these were allowed about 1½ to 2 minutes and one, Godshill, partly obliterated by a voice, while an organ had 4 to 5 minutes, as also a choir of monks from Quarr Abbey. Never again do I put myself out to arrange another recording.—Yours,

W. UPTON.

Newport, Isle of Wight.

'THEOLOGICALLY INCORRECT'

Dear Sir, — The letter from Mr. W. E. Strawson, of Sarratt, makes strange and disturbing reading. One hears occasionally of restrictions placed on ringers in their towers by various incumbents with their own individual ideas, but this is, I think the first time that we have heard of a young ringer (who is, by Baptism, a full member of the Church of God) being forbidden to ring, simply because she has not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Neither the Roman Church nor any of the Churches of the Anglican Communion have ever taught that one is not a full member of the Church until one is confirmed—indeed, in the Roman Church, Confirmation is not considered essential for the reception of Holy Communion. As one is made a member of the Christian Family through Baptism, I am convinced that the action of the Rector of Sarratt is theologically completely incorrect. It should, obviously, be the ideal to have a band of ringers all of whom are regular communicants, but surely it is not essential for a young ringer to be a communicant before being allowed to ring for services—particularly when we gather that the young ringer in question regularly attends service after ringing.

It is very difficult in a case like this to suggest what action Mr. Strawson could take, as unquestionably the Rector has the legal right to decide who shall or shall not ring in his tower; but I venture to suggest that if action of this kind should become widespread a large number of towers which rely on young boys and girls to keep their bells going will soon become silent if Confirmation should become an essential qualification for admission to the belfry. Obviously it should be the ideal for all baptised Christians to receive Confirmation and become regular communicants, but in my opinion to apply such a restriction, as is apparently being applied at Sarratt, is going much too far. I wonder if one of our more senior clerical ringers could suggest a solution to what is certainly a difficult question? As the bells at Sarratt have only very recently been augmented to five, and there is presumably a new band, it would be a great pity if their enthusiasm should be damped so early in their ringing career by completely unnecessary restrictions.—Yours sincerely,

PETER N. BOND.

Fordcombe, Kent.

NOTE.—We thank other readers who have written on this subject, but at the request of a Hertford County Association official we are closing the correspondence.—Ed.

NEW CUMBERLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir,—Mr. John M. Jelley, of Leicester, asks for details of New Cumberland Surprise Major, rung at St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent on May 2nd, 1901. I am not able to give the method in Place Notation, but quote fully from 'A Glossary of Technical Terms,' reprint 1904, page 68. (Published by Central Council.)

New Cumberland Surprise Major.—This, the earliest of the more modern Surprise methods, was introduced by the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer, in 1886.

It is a double method in which the main feature in the work of Albion Treble Bob, viz.: contiguous places in direct order in one intermediate position and a single dodge in the other, is adopted as a foundation upon which certain additions are grafted. The work in front and behind (with one exception in each position) is always a .3 dodge on one side of the whole-pull, and a single dodge on the other. The exception is ordinary Treble Bob work once in front and once behind, before and after which, and in connection with it. Contiguous places are made, in reverse order in the nearest position, the first pair or places being preceded, and the last pair followed, by a dodge with the treble in the same position.

There is one other additional phase of work, both up and down, which occurs when the working bell has dodged with the treble in front or behind after its own whole pull; it then dodges once in the nearest position, and goes as far as sixths place, if going up, or thirds place, if coming down, coursed by the treble. It makes that place (sixths up, or thirds down), returns, passing the treble in 4-5, makes thirds or sixths place, returns again coursing the treble, dodges in the furthest position, and again, with the treble behind, or in front, as the case may be. The work between sixths and thirds places is, for convenience, called the 'four-bell hunt work.' The other additional work, previously described, may be known as the 'Double Court Place Making'; and includes ordinary treble bob work in front and behind.

The path of a working-bell, after dodging with the treble in front before its own whole-pull, is as follows: 3-dodge in front, near places, far dodge—3-dodge before, single dodge after, whole-pull behind—near places down—Double Court place making in front, preceded and followed by dodge with treble in 3-4—far places up—single dodge before, 3-dodge after, whole-pull behind—near dodge—far places down—3-dodge before, single dodge (with treble) after, whole-pull in front—four bell hunt work up—single dodge (with treble) before, 3-dodge after, whole pull behind—near places, far dodge, down—3-dodge before, single dodge after, whole-pull in front—near places, up—Double Court place making behind, preceded and followed by dodge with treble in 5-6—far places, down—single dodge before, 3-dodge after whole pull in front—near dodge, far places, up—3-dodge before, single dodge (with treble) after, whole-pull behind—four bell hunt work, down— dodge (with treble) in front.

At a bob fourths place is made, instead of the whole-pull behind, by the bell that has dodged 3-4 up: after making fourths place, it dodges 3-4 down and proceeds to a 3-dodge in front before its whole pull, the two bells below it are undisturbed: the bells in 5-6 double their place-making, and those in 7-8 each make a 3-dodge instead of a single one.

I trust this will meet Mr. Jelley's requirements.—Yours sincerely,

ROBERT W. LEAVETT.

Tollesbury, Essex.

LOUGHBOROUGH COMMENT ON KIRKBY-LE-SOKEN RECORD

Dear Sir,—I should like to make a few comments on the reports of the 22,400 Bob Major at Kirkby-le-Soken. I am sure many ringers will agree with me that this peal was but a poor performance compared with the 21,600 Bristol rung by John Norton and his band, even if it was a few changes longer.

Great emphasis was laid on the aspect of progress made—this is doubtful to say the least. Why did they not ring Bristol?' you ask. There is an easy answer to that, I think. All this would be excused with good grace, but for the fact that their conductor and your leader writer have taken the pains to preach a sermon to those of us who have attempted to ring 40,320 Bob Major at Loughborough.

In the first place, we rang 28,000 odd on one occasion. The reason this came to grief sounds to be extremely like one event reported by Mr. Lufkin. One of the ringers, attempting to snatch some food, momentarily lost control. He 'thought fit' to say '4th after tenor,' or some such thing—like me. I consider he should have thought fit to say 'Stand.' Their comments upon discipline and talking seem rather superfluous, when it is shown that the old, old bogy—playing around with food—marred their own performance. No, Mr. Lufkin—you have not reached the dizzy heights yet—take your band to Loughborough, and do what we have done, for a start—then learn Bristol and give us something to congratulate you upon.—Yours etc.,

STEPHEN IVIN.

Houghton Conquest.

CHARGES FOR PEALS

Dear Sir,—In reply to the Rev. L. J. Birch, who thinks a fee should be charged for the wear and tear of ropes and other gear when peals are rung, I should like to pass on to him what arrangement we have with peal bands here at Dorchester St. Peter's.

For an attempted peal rung by a band outside the membership of the tower, there is a fee of £1 1s. to be paid. In this way the number of peals that are rung are few, which perhaps is a good thing, as the people living nearby cannot complain that the bells are rung too often. Any who do ring a peal here usually pick a band that is reasonably sure of scoring the peal, and in that way we usually maintain a high standard of ringing and striking.

The rule of this fee for peal ringing was made in 1913 when the rules of the St. Peter's Society were drawn up. This rule still stands, although some of the other rules have been revised recently to bring them into line with these modern times.

If more towers were to charge a fee as we do, there would be fewer peals rung, which would give more experienced ringers more time to help the less experienced, and so improve the standard of ringing in their own particular locality.

Whilst on the subject of peals—I have occasionally noticed reports of peals rung half-muffled in a Major method. How can anyone bear to listen to a half-muffled tenor turned in with all the other bells? Any bells always sound their best half-muffled whether it be six, eight, ten or twelve, but to do them justice and to appreciate the grandeur and solemnity of half-muffled ringing let us have the tenor covering.—Yours sincerely,

R. H. DUKE.

St. Peter's, Dorchester, Dorset.

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SURREY ASSOCIATION

Economy Over Report Produces Healthy Balance

FORTY-SIX members and friends sat down to tea in the brand new hall of St. John-the Baptist, Croydon, on April 30th, for the annual meeting of the Surrey Association. The Vicar welcomed us and was thanked for taking the service and for his address. The service was read from the Association's new book for the first time.

At the business meeting, the committee reported little change in the health of the Association during the past year, but the treasurer announced a 20% increase in the General Fund balance to over £153, chiefly due to the Central Council representatives paying their own expenses, and the 'home-made' annual report. Three new members were elected.

Before declaring Mr. F. E. Darby the new Master, Mr. F. E. Collins said how much he had enjoyed his term of office, and wished his successor every success. Mr. Darby then took the chair, and declared the following re-elected for 1960: General secretary, Mr. R. I. F. Parsons; treasurer, Mrs. K. Chilcott; auditor, Mr. T. A. Blow; assistant secretary, Mr. F. E. Roberts; C.C. representatives, Messrs. A. P. Cannon, F. E. Collins, W. F. Oatway; liaison officer to Guildford Guild, Mr. F. E. Collins. It was agreed to move the library from St. John's, Croydon, to St. John's Church, Redhill, with Mr. F. E. Roberts as librarian.

Several alterations were made to the rules, including one permitting certain district and general offices to be held by one person between the District and Association annual meetings; and another to make the balance between district and general funds more flexible.

The new Association service book was next discussed and members complimented those responsible on its excellent contents, style and printing. The bell on the front cover was a drawing of St. Lawrence, Jewry, tenor, and also appeared on the report circulated at the meeting. The next annual general meeting was fixed for Reigate, on April 15th, 1961.

A sub-committee of six was appointed to meet the Guildford Guild for discussion on their latest proposal, which suggested exploring ways and means of associating the work of the two bodies. The meeting stood in memory of Mrs Marjorie Kitchen, of Thames Ditton, who had died in February, and after the usual votes of thanks to the retiring officers, to the tea-providers (and a jolly good tea it was!), to the vicar and organist, members returned to the tower to ring anything from rounds to Cambridge Surprise Maximus.

F. E. R.

YOUNG RINGERS IN THE VALE OF EVESHAM

During the Easter holidays young ringers from Wychbold and Stourbridge toured the Vale of Evesham with the blossom on the trees at its best.

At St. Stephen's, Redditch, they were told they were the youngest band to ring the bells. Belfry prayers, led by the Vicar, preceded a good quarter of Doubles at Beoley. The rarely-rung old six at Coughton (Bagley 1686) were raised and rounds rung. The night was spent at Birom Hall Youth Hostel.

With the help of Michael Selby, a quarter of Bob Minor was scored at Cleeve Prior the next day. The heavy five at Honeybourne went very badly and only a few rounds were rung. The Vicar remarked that the band's efforts were well up to the average. Lower Quinton was thought to have one of the best sixes in the Midlands. Grandsire and Plain Bob were rung and there were compliments from local residents on the striking. The light six at Clifford Chambers and the eight at Bidford-on-Avon finished the day's programme and night was spent at the youth hostel.

The route on the last day was through the orchards of the Lench Hills to Salford Priors (a beautiful eight). Church Lench, Bishampton (where a quarter was rung), Upton, Snodsbury and Crowle were visited. The average age of the band was only 14¼ years.

A ROYAL WEDDING TOUR

On May 7th a party of eight ringers set off at 7.30 a.m. in two cars, one starting from Andover, the other from Thatcham, to visit seven six-bell towers in Wiltshire and Somerset. The object was to ring a 720 in each tower and a different method in each.

This was successfully achieved, and ended with a quarter peal. All the ringing was in honour of the Royal wedding.

Towers visited and methods rung were as follows: Devizes St. Mary's, 720 Kent T.B.; Kilmersdon, 720 York Surprise; Radstock, 720 Durham Surprise; Croscombe, 720 Oxford T.B.; Bruton, 720 Cambridge Surprise; Sutton Veny, 720 Plain Bob; Heytesbury, Wilts, 720 London Surprise and 540 Plain Bob.

Taking part were Miss C. White, Miss H. White, E. Woolgrove B. Mills, G. K. Dodd (conductor), R. Crook and R. W. Rex. At each tower Grandsire Doubles was also rung with Miss Jill Jarrett taking part.

A most enjoyable day ended at 11.30 p.m., with thanks to all incumbents and to all who met us.

R. W. R.

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MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD DINNER

A change of venue for the second annual dinner enticed 31 members and guests to gather together for a sumptuous meal. After the coffee, the president, Mr. D. Ferguson, expressed his delight at the growth of the Guild from its small beginnings, 13 years ago, and then proposed the loyal toast. The secretary, Miss P. Walker, welcomed the visitors and singled out Mr. George Fearnehough, who had opened his house (and larder!) to the Guild on many Sunday evenings. Mr. D. Taylor replied for the visitors.

Belying his assertion of not being a good after-dinner speaker, Mr. Fearnehough proposed the toast of 'The Guild.' He was grateful to the Guild—not least for providing his son with a fiancée and for visiting him—in spite of the interminable argument which took place whenever ringers met. The Ringing Master, Mr. David James, replied and expressed the hope that visiting would still be allowed.

After the pleasantries, the annual general meeting was held. The Master asked the president about his insignia of office—including the famous mat emblazoned with Parker's twelve-part. Mr. Ferguson offered the mat to the next president, since he felt that after 13 years he should retire. The Master thanked Mr. Ferguson for his services to the Guild, before giving his report. The year 1959-60 was one of the Guild's best years: twelve-Spliced Surprise had been rung at practice night and there had been six peals (so far!). Two memorable ones had been the Rutland, at Hawkshead, and the Yorkshire, with the freshers, Trevor Taylor (unfortunately absent) was congratulated for teaching learners at Hulme and handbells at 'Tech.'—not forgetting the eleven-hours' marathon in Piccadilly on Rag Day.

Presenting her secretary-treasurer's report, Miss Pat Walker was thankful for the low level of illumination—members present could not notice her new dress and 'hair-do' or scrutinise the balance sheet.

The following elections were then made: Patron: The Bishop of Manchester; president: Mr. Derek Ogden; vice-presidents: Mr. D. Ferguson, Mr. G. Fearnehough, Canon R. H. Hussey; Ringing Master: Mr. Robert J. Warrilow; secretary-treasurer: Mr. Ronald J. Johnston; honorary auditor: Mr. Derek Taylor. Committee: Messrs. Trevor Taylor, John Soanes and Barrie Sheppard.

The members of the Guild would like to thank the retiring officers and committee, and especially at this time George Nix for making all the arrangements for the dinner.

B. A. T.

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD

A most enjoyable time was spent at Sowerby, set on the top of the Pennines, by the Archdeaconry of Halifax Guild on May 7th. Ringing was well struck, and was in both Minor and Major Surprise methods. Three methods of Triples were rung and of the Minor ringing both open lead and closed lead ringing was to be had.

The local band provided a well laid out tea. At the business meeting the committee asked for younger ringers to be encouraged to Guild meetings. About 15 methods were rung and the committee were well pleased with the steady progress being made. Next meetings: Almondsbury (evening), June 4th: Northowram, July 2nd.

BARNSLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Meeting at St. Mary's, Ecclesfield, sometimes called the 'Minster of the Moors,' on May 14th, the Barnsley and District Society elected three new members and Mrs. Doris Kelley, of Handsworth, as the first lady honorary member. Details were given of the outing into Yorkshire (fare and two meals 25s.). Felkirk was selected for the next meeting, which will be the shield contest. Mr. Noel F. Moxon thanked the local company for making the arrangements and Mr. Leslie Smith replied.

ALPHABET FOR BEGINNERS

By T. J. LOCK

"I"

IN COURSE.—For the purposes of composition, method construction, proof, etc., it is assumed that there are two kinds of rows. This combination has been described as the 'in and out of course' of the rows. To distinguish the two rows their kinds are known as—in course and out of course; even and odd: in phase and out of phase; positive and negative. The term used matters little if the idea is clearly understood and this we hope to explain briefly.

First we assume that rounds is in course, even, in phase or positive. To determine the nature of any given row we must find out how many pairs will need to be changed to get back into rounds. If it is an even number then the row is positive or even and if it is an odd number then the row is negative or odd. For convenience we use the plus and minus signs of mathematics to denote even and odd rows.

In actual practice it is not necessary to go back to rounds each time as we proceed from row to row determining the nature as we go along. The rule of mathematics applies, that—

Even plus Even gives Even.
Even plus Odd gives Odd.
Odd plus Odd gives Even.
Odd plus Even gives Odd.

The following example will probably make it clear—

Rows	Nature	Explanation
123456	+ Even	Assumed to be Even.
214365	− Odd	Odd number of pairs change.
241635	− Odd	Even number of pairs change.
426153	+ Even	Odd number of pairs change.
462513	+ Even	Even number of pairs change.
645231	− Odd	Odd number of pairs change.

IN THE HUNT.—A bell which is coursing the path of the treble is said to be in the hunt. It would naturally be the second bell in a plain course but, of course, could be any of the working bells in a touch, although in order to get the bells back into rounds the second would be the last bell to be called into the hunt. The term is restricted to a very select few of the Plain methods such as Grandsire and Double Norwich Court Bob when rung on an odd number of bells.

INSTRUCTOR.—Under this term I want to consider the importance of an instructor, and discuss generally but very briefly some necessary qualities he should possess. Instruction in practically anything has far reaching results within the extent of the subject taught, and with bell ringing there is much at stake.

The ringing instructor 'moulds' his learners and when, as is usual, he is tower captain as well there is the safe conclusion that a competent and thorough instructor will produce competent and thorough ringers—providing he gets the right metal to mould! On the other hand, an incompetent and slovenly ringer reflects bad instruction and his pupils would not reap the enjoyment of good ringing. It follows then that an instructor would be at an advantage if he possessed personality, patience, perseverance and an optimistic outlook, and also the ability to control in a firm but kindly manner all kinds of youthful characters. He should himself handle a bell properly, strike it correctly, be able to conduct and, preferably from experience, have a good knowledge of the technical terms and various methods. One other vital matter is that he must encourage progress and never, never attempt to stop any of his band becoming a better ringer than himself.

A PRE-REFORMATION FOUR

The four pre-Reformation bells at Spetchley, Worcs, were rung on May 6th to salute the Royal wedding. They had not been raised since about 1940 and before this was done ropes were fitted and the bells well-greased. The bells went very well and a quarter of Spetchley Minimus was rung, despite the odd rope circle and showers of rubbish descending through the holes in the ceiling. The treble ringer found it necessary to wear a 'sou-wester' for the quarter.

OUTINGS

CHESTER AND DISTRICT

Ringers from Chester, Buckley, Dodleston and Flint had a very enjoyable outing in Shropshire and Staffordshire, on April 27th, when ringing was enjoyed at Oswestry, Westbury, St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, Hodnet, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Tunstall and Crewe.

Four members of the party placed cars at our disposal and in addition to the pleasure of ringing at fresh towers, the bells in each case giving satisfaction in every respect, we fully appreciated the journey through the spring countryside.

A good standard of ringing was maintained throughout the day, and it was very pleasing to note that the younger members, who had never previously rung on 12 bells, acquitted themselves very well at Shrewsbury. Special thanks are due to the Rector of Westbury, who entertained us to mid-morning coffee and cakes, which were most acceptable. J. W. G.

WYLYE VALLEY TOUR

A company that included such personalities as A. Patrick Cannon, Peter N. Bond, Bill Stote and Clive Smith, all with over 1,000 towers to their credit, met at Wilton, Wilts, on May 7th for a tour of the Wylye Valley.

Towers visited were South Newton (6), Wishford (5), with iron poker stays and the tenor rung from the stairway. Steeple Langford (5) Wylye (5), Chitterne (5), Shrewton (5), Boyton (5), Sutton Veny (6), Norton Bavant (5), the only tower new to all the company, Heytesbury (6), the best bells of the day, Dinton (6), Compton Chamberlayne (6) and finally St. Thomas', Salisbury.

Even plus Odd gives Odd.
Odd plus Even gives Odd.
Odd plus Odd gives Even.
Even plus Even gives Even.
Even plus Odd gives Odd.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Members of the Biggleswade District met at Blunham on Saturday, May 14th, and were pleased to welcome visitors from the Bedford and Luton districts and also from the Ely Diocesan Association.

It was rather a warm afternoon for ringing the heavy six but various methods were rung, including the special methods, York Surprise and Canterbury Pleasure Bob, a method rarely rung in this district.

Ringers joined the local cricketers in the village hall for an excellent tea arranged by Miss J. Harding, one of the local band. After tea, Mr. B. Sims took the chair for the business meeting at which three new members from Blunham were elected. Next meeting at Eaton Socon on June 11th.

S. P.

MERROW, SURREY

Organised by Valerie Bundy, Merrow ringers had an enjoyable outing on May 7th, the first tower being the six at Kingsclere, where London Surprise was rung. The ringers of Highclere were enjoying their own outing but left a note of welcome in the belfry. Kintbury was the last tower to be visited before lunch at the Red Lion, Lambourn.

A good course of Cambridge brought the best out of Lambourn bells. The ringing at Newbury (10) was good for six-bell ringers and included Plain Bob, Kent Royal and Grandsire Caters. After tea came Thatcham (8) and the new church at Silchester (5), most difficult to find as it is built on the Roman ruins several miles from the village. The day concluded in prayers led by the Rector.

D. A. R. M.

PUTNEY

As usual Putney ringers, with friends from Barnes, Kingston and Wimbledon, picked a fine day for their outing on May 7th through Hertfordshire and Essex.

Ringing started at North Mymms followed by Walden, where, according to the Rector's instructions, the lock was filed off the belfry door! Yorkshire was managed at Knebworth, where the church has an ideal parkland setting. A cross-country journey followed to Great Hormead where Wells was tried.

Saffron Walden, after tea, gave many of the party their first chance of ringing on 12 bells. The bells at Bishop's Stortford were found to be rather hard to handle At the last tower, Much Hadham, most of the party were too tired to do real justice to this long draughted octave. Sincere thanks go to all clergy and ringers who made such an enjoyable day possible.

ORSETT, ESSEX

The Constable country was selected by Orsett ringers for their outing on May 7th, with a picnic lunch by the famous Flatford Mill.

Ringing started on the light six at Wormingford followed by the pleasant eight at Ardleigh and the six at Stratford St Mary. After lunch East Bergholt ringers kindly gave a demonstration on their unique bells hung in a bell-cage in the churchyard. With our ears still ringing from these five great bells we went on to St. Peter's, Colchester, where on this fine eight our 11-year-old surprised us all by ringing the treble perfectly to Grandsire Triples.

After tea came the heavy six at Kelvedon and Coggeshall—and who would not enjoy ringing this new eight in the rebuilt church? We are all very grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Blatch for organising the day, the incumbents and ringers who met us.

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BIRTH

PAWLEY.—To Julian and Margaret, a son (Richard Julian), at Leicester, May 2nd, 1960, a brother for Sarah. 5984

CHANGE OF NAME

Notice is hereby given that I, Roger Wetenhall Daniels, of Shatton Lodge, Cockermouth, Cumberland, have by a Deed Poll, dated March 22nd, 1960, renounced the use of my surname of Daniels and have adopted and assumed the surname of Wetenhall and in future will be known as ROGER WETENHALL DANIELS WETENHALL. Dated May 11th, 1960.—Roger Wetenhall Daniels Wetenhall, formerly Roger Wetenhall Daniels. 5981

PERSONAL

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at 'The Rising Sun,' Carter Lane, E.C., Saturday, May 28th, 6 p.m. Ringing at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, 3.30 p.m.—John Chilcott, Hon. Sec. 5987

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby and Ilkeston District.—Monthly meeting Duffield, Saturday, May 28th. Bells (10) 3 to 5 p.m and 6 to 8 p.m. Teas available at cafe.—W. A. Morley, Dis. Sec. 5973

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION and SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD (Mansfield District).—Joint meeting Selston, May 28th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by meeting and service. 5951

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Kindly note that tomorrow's meeting (May 28th) will be at **Arlingham**, 3 p.m. Not Moreton Valence, as notified. Take picnic tea. Drink will be supplied. 6002

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting at Cranleigh, Saturday, May 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Look up Oxford Bob Triples and Double Oxford Bob Major.—S. J. Ponting, Hon. Sec.

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division. —**Please note:** quarterly meeting at Bexhill, on May 28th. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify for tea to F. Beeney (Sec.), Hillbrae, Carters Corner, Hailsham. 5965

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Monthly practice at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Wednesday, June 1st, 6.30 p.m. Visitors welcome. 6000

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Newark District.—Evening practice, North Muskham, on Thursday, June 2nd. Bells 7.30 p.m. Methods: Oxford and Kingston Treble Bob, Cambridge and Wells Surprise.—W. L. Exton, Hon. Sec., 60, Albert Street, Newark, Notts. 5986

CHESTER GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—A meeting will be held at Frodsham, on Saturday, June 4th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—C. Raddon. 5995

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Branch.—Meeting, Colaton Raleigh, Saturday, June 4th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by May 30th, to R. T. Perry, Redcliffe, Lympstone. 5948

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Meeting at March, Saturday, June 4th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. L. Murfet, Dis. Sec. 6004

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. — Crusader meeting, Havering-atte-Bower, June 4th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Romford (8) will also be available at 6.30 p.m. Names for tea please, to Mrs. J. Branch, 91, The Drive, Romford. 5968

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Saturday, June 4th. Abbotts Leigh (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. for those notifying by June 2nd. Mr. N. Coombs, 1 Glen Cottage, Abbotts Leigh, near Bristol. 6008

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton Branch.—Meeting, Cromhall (6), Saturday, June 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service. Tea. Please attend.—B. T. Cooper, Flat 2, Rangers House, Dursley. 5912

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Practice meeting at Offley, on June 4th, at 5.30 p.m.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting, Hoo, Saturday, June 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to Mr. A. Vidgeon, Whitehouse Farm, Hoo, Rochester. 5954

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—By-meeting at East Peckham, Saturday, June 4th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by June 1st, please, to Mr. T. Saunders, East Peckham, near Tonbridge. 5983

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at St. Philip's, Nelson, on June 4th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m. Meeting to follow.—John Pilkington, Sec. 5988

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Monthly meeting at Melling, on Saturday, June 4th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Gibson, Brentwood, Melling, Carnforth.—P. Handley, Branch Sec.

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Ringing meeting Cheddleton, Saturday, June 4th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., in the Churnet Hall. Names for tea to Mr. J. Martin, 5, Vicarage Terrace, Cheddleton, Leek.—J. G. Burton, Hon. Sec. 5970

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Thame, Saturday, June 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, June 1st, to J. Gedman, 22, Sunnyside, Benson. 6014

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting, Buckingham (8), Saturday, June 4th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Names for tea not later than June 1st.—F. Vickers, 64, Bourtonville, Buckingham. 6007

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. —Monthly meeting at Dore on Saturday, June 4th, at 3 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, June 2nd, to Rev. G. Heawood, Dore Vicarage, near Sheffield. 5945

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District. —Practice meeting, June 4th, at Horringer (8). Bells 6.30 p.m.—A. F. Ballam. 5961

SUFFOLK GUILD.—West Central District. —Evening meeting, Hinderclay (6), June 4th. Bells 6.30 p.m.—H. Mitson, Dis. Sec. 5999

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division. — Quarterly meeting, Withyham (8), Saturday, June 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea only for those who notify by Wednesday, June 1st, Mrs. E. L. Hairs, Norman Cottage, Park Corner, Groombridge. 5997

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District. —Quarterly meeting, Saturday, June 4th. Bells available: Sopley (5) 2.30 p.m., Ringwood (8) 6 p.m. Guild service at Sopley 4 p.m. Tea at Ringwood 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, to Mr. W. E. Cheater, 43, Addison Square, Ringwood, Hants. 6001

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Walpole St. Andrew, Whit Monday, June 6th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 6003

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Whit Monday, June 6th, at Cheimsford. Service in Cathedral 11 a.m. Preacher Archdeacon of Colchester. Annual meeting Coffee, etc., available in Cathedral Hall from 10.15 a.m. to 10.45 a.m. Lunch 1.30 p.m. cost 5s. Tea as a running buffet, cost 2s. 6d., if purchased by closing date, June 1st. Later applications 6s. 6d. and 3s. respectively. Ringing: Cathedral 9.30 to 10.45 a.m. (Service touch at 10.45) and from 4 p.m. From 3 to 6 p.m.: Boreham (8), Great Watham (8), Broomfield (6), Little Waltham (6), Springfield (6), Ford End (6), High Easter (6), and from 6 to 9 p.m: Galleywood (8), Widford (8), Great Baddow (8), Danbury (6), Sandon (6), Little Baddow (5). Lunch and tea tickets from F. V. Gant, 3 Central Drive, Hornchurch. 5899

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at Presteign, Radnorshire, on Whit Monday, June 6th. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m., followed by business meeting. Bells available from 11 a.m. Knighton (8), Lyonshall (6), Kington (6), Old Radnor (6), New Radnor (6), Eardisley (6). Those requiring tea should notify before Thursday, June 2nd, Rev. E. G. Benson, The Rectory, Presteign.—H. G. Thomas, Sec. 5953

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Shield Contest (with prizes), Felkirk, near Barnsley, on Saturday, June 11th. Draw 3 p.m. Teas. Please notify, not later than June 4th, Rev. T. Boyard Webster, Felkirk Vicarage, South Hiendley, Barnsley. Entrance fee 10s. Names to be in by June 4th.—James W. Buxton, 21 Royd House, Shelley, Huddersfield. 5996

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Summer Festival, Saturday, June 11th. Ringing arrangements: Capel 10.30-12 noon, Ockley 11-12, Ranmore 11.30 a.m.-1 p.m., Cobham and Stoke D'Abernon 2-4 p.m. (probably), Epsom Christ Church 3-4, Leatherhead from 4 p.m., Dorking 7-8 p.m. Service at Leatherhead, following by tea in St. Nicholas' Hall. Numbers for tea by previous Wednesday, to G. Marriner, 6, Leach Grove, Leatherhead. 6005

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Apsley, Saturday, June 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, June 7th, to Mr. A. Good, 44, Belmont Road, Hemel Hempstead.—J. Good, Dis. Sec. 5994

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District. — By-meeting, Goodnestone (6), Saturday, June 11th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. the Village Hall, at 2s. per head. Names, together with cash, please, by Wednesday, June 8th, to Mrs. R. Brett, Copmans Hall, Goodnestone, Canterbury. 5980

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PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Weedon, Saturday, June 11th. Important—names for tea by Saturday previous, to I. Nightingale, 11A, New Croft, Weedon.—F. W. Hancock. 6009

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Annual general meeting, Lichfield, Saturday, June 11th. Service at St. Michael's Church 3.45 p.m. Tea in St. Michael's Hall 4.30 p.m., followed by general meeting. Bells available: Cathedral (10) 2.30-3.25 p.m. and 6.30-7.30 p.m., St. Mary's (8) and St. Michael's (6) during afternoon and evening. Also Little Aston (6), Elford (6), Kings Bromley (6), Yoxall (6), Longden (6), from 10 a.m.-12.30 p.m. and 7.30-9 p.m. Names for tea (limited to approx. 125) to Mr. D. J. Tranter, 36, Seven Acres, Aldridge, near Walsall, by Wednesday, June 8th at the latest. 5990

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Annual meeting, Bridlington, on June 11th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service in Church 4.30. Tea in Schoolroom 5.15 p.m. Names, please, by June 10th, to Mr. J. A. Parker, Newhaven, 188, Queeensway, Bridlington, E. Yorkshire.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5989

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Machynlleth, Saturday, June 18th. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Please notify for tea by June 11th, to W. Cathrall, 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham. 6006

'Prelude'

'Catch hold, then, please!' the Ringing Master calls.
So, jackets pegged, or handbags chaired—they turn
To face the ropes, mute-hanging from the walls.
And first one, then another (with concern
For well-struck go-off) grasps the tufted strand.
Awaiting now—'Look to!'—that first command.
Then silence falls, and eyes aside are swung
To upstretched hands, upon the sallies clung.
Now 'Treble's Going!' warns, and ropes grow taut,
As bells on balance poise, before they hurl
Their swinging hammer-tongues—each to be caught
'Gainst bold metallic lips—in noisesome swirl.
Yet one more call, before these sounds come on—
Uncompromising, final—'Treble's Gone!'

A. Y.-B.

1960.

MR. R. BOYLETT

We regret to announce the death, on May 11th, of Mr. R. Boylett, of Pirbright, Surrey, aged 51. A loyal and faithful Sunday service ringer he will be missed. Fellow ringers from Pirbright and Worplesdon attended the funeral on May 17th and rang 720 Grandsire Doubles, half-muffled, directly after the service.

OBITUARY

MR. F. M. MITCHELL

The death occurred in Gravesend Hospital on May 4th of Mr. Frederick M. Mitchell, of Milton-next-Gravesend, after a long illness, at the age of 82 years.

As a young man Mr. Mitchell came in contact with a Rector of Milton, who was a great worker among the youth of his parish, who brought him into the Church of England and introduced him into the belfry. Some years later Mr. Mitchell called a peal of Minor at Milton, in which those taking part had all been baptised and prepared for Confirmation by this Rector.

Somewhere about the end of the 1914-18 war Mr. Mitchell lost his first wife and in 1923 he married Miss Ethel M. Goodship, of Reading, who was one of several gifted lady ringers in that area. After her marriage Mrs. Mitchell kept up her interest in ringing and is now an honoured vice-president of the Ladies' Guild.

In 1930 Mr. Mitchell was instrumental in increasing Milton bells from six to eight and in this connection his name is recorded on one of the new trebles. For twenty years he was in charge of Milton as a six bell tower and during this period he had (except perhaps for Lamberhurst) the most progressive six bell band in the county.

As a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths he was Master of the Society in 1932. This he was extremely proud of.

It is, however, in his work for the Kent County Association that Mr. Mitchell will be remembered for no Association ever had a more faithful servant. He was elected a member in 1908. From 1914-19 he was a district representative on the central committee. For the next ten years he was secretary of the Rochester District, and in 1929 he was elected to succeed Canon Helmore as general secretary of the Association. To accept this office, knowing the man he had to follow, required some courage, but Mr. Mitchell filled it with dignity and distinction for 17 years until 1946, when, to the regret of all concerned, due to advancing years and failing health he had to resign.

In 1930 he combined the office of treasurer with his secretaryship and he retained this office after his resignation as secretary until 1956 when his health would no longer allow him to continue. From 1930 to 1950 he also represented the Kent County Association on the Central Council.

His total number of peals is in the region of 250, most of which were rung in Kent.

The funeral service took place at Christ Church, Milton, followed by cremation at Rochester. Among the family mourners was Mr. Gilbert R. Goodship (brother-in-law). Other ringers present were Mr. E. Barnett, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Barnett, Mr. J. Burles, Mr. G. Butcher, Mr. F. Cullum, Mr. R. Furminger and Mr. G. H. Spice. Mr. C. J. Norris was present at the crematorium.

E. B.

MR. C. E. AUSTIN

With great regret the Devon Guild, and particularly the Mid-Devon Branch, heard of the death of Mr. Charles F. Austin, of 2, Quarry Terrace, Paignton, which occurred on April 27th, and it was unfortunate that this was not known until after his burial.

'Charlie,' as he was always known, was about 85 years of age, and it was only recently that he was made an honorary life member of the Devon Guild. He commenced to learn change-ringing soon after the first world war under the tutorship of the late Mr. Frederick T. Gover, and he was always a good striker. As far as can be ascertained, he took part in four peals of Grandsire Triples, the first one being in 1928 in his own tower at Paignton (the first peal on the bells). The writer is now the only survivor of that band.

For some years he was steeplekeeper at Paignton, and he attended the annual branch meeting at Paignton as recently as March 19th last. He is survived by a married daughter who learnt to ring in the early twenties.

A. L. B.

QUARTER PEALS

BRIDGERULE, DEVON.—On May 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Hicks 1, J. H. Bowden 2, C. Sangwin 3, R. Hill 4, H. Stacey 5, C. E. Taylor (cond.) 6, J. W. Sangwin 7, O. Cittens 8.

CHEDZOY, SOMERSET.—On May 10th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: H. Best (first of Treble Bob) 1, D. Miller 2, K. Prime (first in the method) 3, M. Stone 4, C. Clarke (cond.) 5, F. Sweet 6.

GREAT HALE, LINCS.—On May 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Bird 1, Daphne Brown 2, J. W. Bailey 3, L. H. Taylor 4, H. Barsley 5, J. M. Thorley (cond.) 6. For Confirmation service.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.—On Easter Day, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: F. Bowden 1, C. Johnstone (first of Major inside') 2, Miss J. Miles 3, Miss A. Carpenter 4, Miss E. Pearson 5, J. L. Queen 6, A. V. Queen 7, J. P. McDermott (cond.) 8. For Matins.

LONDON.—At St. Giles-in-the-Fields, on April 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. Talbot 1, C. Wood 2, J. Hayns 3, Miss C. Harbot 4, G. Parsons 5, D. Sibson 6, J. Euston (cond.) 7, M. Harbot 8. First of Stedman Triples by 3 and 4, who are from Ashtead, Surrey.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on May 8th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: S. Penfold 1, D. Mitchell 2, J. Carrott 3, A. H. Worboys 4, M. Bland 5, F. V. Gant (cond.) 6, J. Fowler 7, A. Boyack 8, A. J. Salisbury 9, L. S. Woods 10. For Evensong. Also on May 8th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss E. J. Langton 1, D. E. Sibson (cond.) 2, C. Wood 3, J. A. Hales 4, G. Parsons 5, G. Pratt 6, L. Bullock 7, J. Euston 8. For Matins.

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Many learners are unable to control a bell through failing to raise their arms fully at each stroke.

MILVERTON, SOMERSET.—On May 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Gale 1, W. Stevens 2, Miss J. Taylor 3, F. Casley 4, G. Sparkes 5, W. Nurcombe 6, C. Tarr (cond.) 7, H. Taylor 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Bishop of Bath and Wells (Dr. H. W. Bradfield). Also on May 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: E. Quicke 1, S. N. Bristow 2, Miss J. Taylor 3, D. T. North 4, W. Stevens 5, H. V. Young 6, C. Tarr (cond.) 7, H. Taylor 8. First of Bob Triples for 1, 3, 5, 6 and 8.

NORTHAMPTON.—On Easter Day, at the Church of St. Edmund, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. White 1, Miss D. M. Miller 2, Mrs. G. F. Roome 3, Miss J. A. Downing 4, R. S. Roberts 5, J. C. Rainbow 6, E. Billings (cond.) 7, G. F. Roome 8. For the 7 a.m. Holy Communion. Also at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, on Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. G. F. Roome 1, J. C. Rainbow 2, G. F. Roome 3, Miss J. A. Downing 4, R. G. Chater 5, T. Jennings 6, A. R. Jones (cond.) 7, Miss A. Shackshaft 8. To mark the christening of Kathleen Lesley Johnson. Also on May 8th, at the Church of St. Edmund, 1,380 Doubles (Stedman, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place Bob, April Day, Plain Bob, Reverse St. Bartholomew, All Saints, and Grandsire): E. Billings 1, Miss J. A. Downing 2, G. F. Roome 3, J. C. Rainbow 4, R. E. Roberts (cond.) 5, R. S. White (first quarter) 6.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—At St. Thomas' Church, on May 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jill Tombs 1, M. J. Fellows 2, Barbara Stephens 3, F. V. Nicholls 4, R. Smith (cond.) 5, P. W. Webb 6, D. H. Watson 7, M. D. Fellows 8. Rung half-muffled as a last tribute to Mr. C. E. Cookson, a member of the Parochial Church Council.

SPROUGHTON, SUFFOLK.—On May 7th, 1,260 Minor (720 Oxford, 540 Plain Bob): J. Prentice 1, R. Taylor 2, R. E. Lester 3, H. Milson 4, E. A. Cracknell 5, R. W. Steward (cond.) 6. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Joyce Steward and Mr. Bryan Taylor.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On May 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. T. Stacey 1, A. E. Bissett 2, H. Trewin 3, H. Stacey 4, H. Heard 5, C. Sangwin 6, J. W. Sangwin (cond.) 7, G. Halford (first quarter) 8. A birthday compliment to the treble ringer and also his first quarter away from the tenor. Also the 70 birthday of conductor.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, SOMERSET.—On May 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse St. Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Patricia Burt (first in 4 methods) 1, A. F. Lee (cond.) 2, D. F. Barnett (first in 4 methods) 3, J. J. Jefferies 4, T. J. Milsom 5, D. F. Jefferies (first in 4 methods) 6. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the Bishop of Bath and Wells.

QUARTER PEALS

ABERDARE, GLAM.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Jones (first quarter) 1, W. Harford 2, D. L. Kerley 3, D. W. Kerley 4, Geoff Kerley 5, Geo. Kerley 6, G. Hopkinson (first as cond.) 7, L. Scott 8. For Evensong and a welcome home to D. W. Kerley after his world cruise on H.M.S. 'Centaur.'

BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss L. Doone 1, V. J. C. Dale 2, R. J. Brown (cond.) 3, Miss J. Wood (first quarter) 4, Miss B. Fisher 5. For Matins.

BODENHAM, HEREFORDSHIRE.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. D. Thomas 1, Mrs. T. Rushton 2, Miss D. M. Rushton 3, A. E. Rushton (cond.) 4, R. Billings 5, A. E. Holder 6. For morning service and as a birthday compliment to ringers of 3 and 4.

BRISTOL.—On May 8th, at St. Stephen's Church, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Beryl Abbott 1, Elizabeth Jackson 2, Angela Grainger 3, J. A. Bennett 4, M. J. Austin 5, P. J. Bird (cond.) 6, Jane Cook 7, R. Blackler 8, J. C. Baldwin 9, I. Maycock 10. First of Grandsire Caters for 2, 4, 5 and 10. Rung by the U.B.S.C.R. for Evensong.

DAVENTRY, NORTHANTS.—On May 1st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: G. Bonsor (first of Major) 1, J. F. Johnson 2, Elisabeth A. Negus 3, Mary J. Marshall 4, Gillian Tavener 5, Hilary M. Johnson 6, H. M. Johnson 7, D. J. Marshall (cond.) 8. Average age of band 17. Also on May 8th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. F. Johnson 1, Elisabeth A. Negus 2, Mary J. Marshall 3, Hilary M. Johnson 4, Gillian Tavener 5, P. J. Chapman 6, H. M. Johnson 7, D. J. Marshall (cond.) 8. First of Treble Bob by all the band except 6.

DONCASTER, YORKS.—On May 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ann Ayres 1, Marguerite Battram 2, Kathleen Mallender 3, S. Boyes (first 'inside') 4, W. E. Critchley (cond.) 5, H. Wagstaff 6, J. McCluskey 7, G. White 8.

EDMONTON, MIDDLESEX.—On May 8th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: W. George 1, Pat Rowe 2, H. Rumens 3, Trudy Newcombe 4, D. Langdon 5, F. Gilbert 6, J. Weeks 7, T. Hawkins (cond.) 8. Rung for Evensong at the commencement of Christian Aid Week.

GREAT MARLOW, BUCKS.—On May 8th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: P. R. Dean 1, Jill Cook (first in method) 2, E. D. Poole 3, J. Young 4, Mrs. E. Mead 5, L. J. Young 6, R. E. Dean (cond.) 7, E. Silvey 8. For Christian Aid Week service.

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THE GLORIES OF KENT AND ITS RINGING

THE appealing title was culled from the letter inviting this article to mark the occasion of the Central Council's third visit to the 'Garden of England.' The writer, of West Country origin and domiciled for a mere two decades, is less likely to look through rose-coloured spectacles than some proud Man of Kent or Kentish Man (or Maid of Kent or Kentish Maid). The distinction, one should explain, is between those born east of the River Medway and those born to its west, though few are ever sure of the correct way round, which is surprising since this same river is the boundary between the dioceses of Canterbury and Rochester, and goes to show that two dioceses or no there is a unity about Kent naturally preserved among its ringers through their county Association.

The county town of Maidstone is itself astride the Medway, and the Maidstone District is the central one of the six into which the county has been divided to give workable units for ringing activities. Londonwards lies the Lewisham District, north and south the Rochester and Tonbridge Districts respectively, matched by the Canterbury and Ashford Districts as you go eastwards. Their boundaries were fixed when railways were enjoying their heyday, but any inclination to revise them in the light of the present day is heavily affected by the weight of tradition. For all the Districts are very different and individual but nevertheless form a cohesive county 'commonwealth' in quite a literal sense. One pertinent reason for this—much to the credit of the founders of the Association 80 years ago—is that there is a composite and not particulate financial structure, with no continuation funds from year to year in the individual Districts. We sink or swim together, and take pleasurable interest in the variety of activity across the District boundaries.

To reach Folkestone, Central Council members will traverse eastwards through Kent and see it fresh in its new mantle of green growth—the orderly fruit trees, their young fruit beginning to swell, and the hop binds racing up their strings. Free of the outskirts of the Metropolis the rural scene predominates—oast houses and village churches sprinkled around, fringed in the north by the chalky Downs, revealed nostalgically in the white cliffs at Dover. But if the heart of the Kent countryside is the Weald, there is a different loveliness in the wilder Romney Marsh which skirts it in the south. Here sheep abound, with an occasional field of tulips giving an attractive patch of colour. The fine church of Lydd, the 'cathedral' of the Marsh, is a dominating feature, and here one is right away from the holiday crowds. In bygone years the smugglers favoured this outlying corner.

At Folkestone itself another contrast presents itself, between the harbour area and the heights of the Leas Cliff, from where, on a clear day, the coast of France is plainly visible. It is an ideal conference and holiday centre, and non-ringing wives and younger members of the family will have all they need to entertain them while ringing matters are in progress. Fortunately the conference proper is restricted to a single day, so we trust that members, despite all the attractions, will put in a hard day's work.

Already I have hinted that the Kent County is celebrating its 80th birthday, for it was on Whit Monday in 1880 that the foundation meeting was held in the Chapterhouse at Canterbury Cathedral. The two previous meetings of the Central Council in Kent were, not surprisingly, held in Canterbury, the cradle of Christianity, and in 1960 it is hoped that many will include a visit to this most wonderful city. The Archbishop is the Association's president, and we recall with pleasure a recent Association dinner at Rochester when His Grace joined with us and his 'unruly' Bishop of Rochester.

All members of the Kent County are extremely proud of our one remaining foundation member, Mr. E. S. ('Old Ted') Ruck, of Willesborough, and it is no coincidence that this tower has such a remarkable record of Sunday service ringing. And here it is appropriate to mention a few names which live in the annals of Kent ringers, beginning with James Barham, of long ago, whose band, the Lenham Youths, displayed remarkable prowess. The ringing of the full extent of Bob Major (40,320 changes) at Leeds in 27 hours or so, admittedly with reliefs, was a superb enterprise, and Barham's tombstone in Leeds Churchyard is now maintained by the Association.

As for the Kent County itself, it was built up around the exertions of Canon Helmore, who for 40 years was its general secretary and treasurer. His immediate successor in office was Mr. Fred Mitchell, who has just died. Ringing is often a family affair, and to exemplify this in Kent who better than the Council's most efficient secretary, Mr. E. A. Barnett, of Crayford, whose father and grandfather achieved distinction before him?

Finally, the bells of Kent, truly a wonderful and varied array. How difficult to pick out individual towers; but the various excursions planned over Whitsun include a goodly sample, ranging from the ring of five in the wooden campanile at Brookland, and the light 12 in the Waterloo Tower at Quex Park, to such lovely octaves as New Romney, Ashford and Headcorn, and the recast ten at Maidstone itself.

Kent, its countryside, its maids and men, its churches and bells, every member of the Kent County welcome the ringers of England to this Garden of England!

E. S. J. H.

Peals rung in honour of the Wedding of Her Royal Highness Princess Margaret and Mr. Antony Armstrong-Jones

TWELVE BELL PEAL

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
On Fri., May 6, 1960, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor 26 cwt. 11 lb. in D.

FREDERICK WILSHAW	*Treble*	PETER LAFLIN	7
*EILEEN FEARN	2	HAROLD C. LONYON	8
BERNARD F. L. GROVES	3	BASIL JONES	9
*CAROL FERNLEY	4	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	10
*DENNIS HENSHAW	5	ALAN A. POTTS	11
JOHN WORTH	6	BRIAN HARRIS	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
* First peal on 12 bells.

TEN BELL PEAL

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Mon., May 9, 1960, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 26 cwt. 18 lb. in D.

MRS. G. W. HUGHES	*Treble*	ARTHUR T. DUTTON	6
HOWARD HOWELL	2	ROGER W. BARKER	7
M. JILL FISHER	3	JAMES S. EASTWOOD	8
MARION E. KEY	4	GEORGE W. HUGHES	9
BARNABAS G. KEY	5	FREDERICK G. HANDLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by GEORGE W. HUGHES.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

DARESBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., May 6, 1960, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5088 ILKESTON, KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16½ cwt.

CECIL RADDON	*Treble*	MRS. D. LOWE	5
*DENIS MADDOCK	2	*DOUGLAS LOWE	6
*MICHAEL THOMPSON	3	HAROLD WORRALL	7
HARRY W. HOWARD	4	*ROGER KING	*Tenor*

Composed by E. C. GOBEY. Conducted by HAROLD WORRALL.
* First peal in the method.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
On Fri., May 6, 1960, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

ANTHONY K. FORTIN	*Treble*	J. KEITH WARD	5
CHRISTOPHER M. BLOOMER	2	*ROY B. WAWMAN	6
WILLIAM BUTLER	3	DEREK W. STONE	7
FREDERICK R. SCOTT	4	*COLIN J. WATSON	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN HOWES. Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.
* First peal.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., May 7, 1960, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in E.

EDWARD J. BRAGG	*Treble*	STANLEY G. PONTING	5
TOM PAGE	2	*G. KENNETH WILLIAMSON	6
*DENNIS G. BLOWS	3	†ROY COLLINS	7
SHELAGH R. COLLINS	4	E. JOHN WELLS	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by E. JOHN WELLS.
* First peal in the method. † 50th peal. First in the method as conductor, and 75th peal as conductor.
Rung also to celebrate the birth of a daughter (Margaret Anne) to Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Wells.

MORPETH, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 7, 1960, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE WATCH TOWER,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

MARION S. AINSWORTH	*Treble*	GEORGE S. DEAS	5
JOHN E. ANDERSON	2	KENNETH W. CHEESEMAN	6
BRYAN PATTISON	3	ERIC N. HARRISON	7
ROBIN G. TURNER	4	J. ALAN AINSWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by DENNIS KNOX. Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 7, 1960, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND THOMAS-A-BECKET,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt.

WILLIAM CLOVER	*Treble*	CHARLES H. MOORE	5
GEOFFREY R. DREW	2	PETER M. ADCOCK	6
THOMAS E. SPIGHT	3	HENRY TOOKE	7
PERCY SQUIRES	4	REV. G. C. GALLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by REV. G. C. GALLEY.
Rung also as a birthday compliment to W. Clover.

HERTFORD, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
On Sat., May 14, 1960, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

E. JANE LANGTON	*Treble*	*PATRICK COLLINS	5
MIKAELA ERIK	2	CHRISTOPHER M. PAIN	6
MARCUS P. BARTON	3	DEREK E. SIBSON	7
DR. D. J. NEAL SMITH	4	†GEOFF. PRATT	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.
* First peal. † First in the method.

SIX BELL PEALS

CROMER, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., May 6, 1960, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In two methods: One extent Kent T.B., six Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

RAYMOND W. BALLS	*Treble*	PETER M. ADCOCK	4
JOHN R. SMITH	2	THOMAS E. SPIGHT	5
PHILIP J. L. PURSLOW	3	GEOFFREY R. DREW	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY R. DREW.
Rung also to mark the birth of a son (David George) to Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Balls.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., May 6, 1960, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being four extents Single Oxford and three Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

JOHN F. WRIGHT	*Treble*	J. EDWARD BROWN	4
FREDERICK DERRY	2	WALTER WESTON	5
HENRY P. COLLIN	3	JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

SOHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., May 6, 1960, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*BARRY BASS	*Treble*	C. REX WALLER	4
*GEOFFREY D. WATTS	2	ROGER J. PALMER	5
DEREK G. TAYLOR	3	RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN.
* First peal and first attempt.
Rung by Soham Grammarians.

BISHOPWEARMOUTH, COUNTY DURHAM.
THE DURHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Sat., May 7, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Double Court Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.

KEITH WARD (King's)	*Treble*	JOHN THORLEY (King's)	4
DENNIS ELLISDON (King's)	2	CHRIS. J. HERBERT (S. John's)	5
BRYAN PATTISON (Bede)	3	NICHOLAS WEBB (King's)	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.

ELSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 7, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents Single Oxford and five Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*SUSAN MEREDITH (14)	*Treble*	F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER	4
†RUTH BLACKSHAW	2	MAURICE W. HARRISON	5
‡JOHN HIGGS	3	WILLIAM L. EXTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.
* First peal. † First 'inside.' ‡ First in two methods.

GRAPPENHALL, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 7, 1960, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb.

ERIC BAILEY	*Treble*	ROY FOSTER	4
FRANK TAYLOR	2	MICHAEL THOMPSON	5
JOHN C. BREEZE	3	HAROLD WORRALL	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD WORRALL.
Rung also as a 'get well' peal for Ian C. Potts, a local ringer.

NEW BUCKENHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 7, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's, Childwall, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

WILFRED G. SAUNDERS	*Treble*	F. CHARLES GOODMAN	4
C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO	2	FRANK C. J. ARNOLD	5
ARTHUR G. BASON	3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by H. WILLIAM BARRETT.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., May 9, 1960, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, COLEGATE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 720 each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, Childwall, and two 720's of Plain Bob.
Tenor 9¼ cwt. in G.

NORMAN COSSEY	*Treble*	JOHN COX	4
MIRIAM A. HIGDON	2	FRANK C. J. ARNOLD	5
ARTHUR G. BASON	3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by H. WILLIAM BARRETT.

MELBOURNE, VICTORIA.
THE ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.
On Tues., May 10, 1960, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 11 cwt. in G sharp.

*GRAEME W. HEYES	*Treble*	GEORGE W. PIPE	4
MONICA E. COLLINS	2	*ARTHUR H. FISHER	5
DIANA M. PIPE	3	*JOHN J. F. ROPER	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.
* First peal of Surprise. First of Surprise in Australia.

BRANT BROUGHTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 14, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

G. COLIN JACKSON	*Treble*	J. EDWARD BROWN	4
RONALD G. RUSSELL	2	FREDERICK DERRY	5
PERCY D. BALDOCK	3	JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

PETERCHURCH, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 14, 1960, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr.

*ARTHUR E. KINSEY	*Treble*	REGINALD G. POWELL	4
*JOY SMITH	2	CHARLES PHILLIPS	5
*LEONARD SMITH	3	*MICHAEL V. POWELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD G. POWELL.
* First peal in the method.

LEIRE, LEICESTERSHIRE
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., May 18, 1960, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES IN SEVEN METHODS
Being 42 extents: (1) to (4) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (5) to (8) Southrepps, (9) to (12) Clifford's Pleasure, (13) to (16) Plain Bob, (17) to (20) Kennington, (21) to (24) April Day, (25) to (32) Grandsire, (33) to (34) Plain Bob, (35) and (36) Kennington, (37) and (38) April Day, (39) and (40) Plain Bob, (41) and (42) Grandsire.
Tenor 7¼ cwt. in A flat.

FREDERICK WATSON	*Treble*	*MARCUS G. STEVENS	4
ERNEST MORRIS	2	BRIAN M. SMITH	5
BRIAN G. WARWICK	3	WILLIAM C. KILLER	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal of Doubles. First of Doubles on the bells.

OTHER PEALS

TWELVE BELL PEALS

BUCKFAST, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., May 14, 1960, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE BENEDICTINE ABBEY OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 41 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in C.

JOHN PHILLIPS	*Treble*	WILLIAM T. COOK	7
WILFRED WILLIAMS	2	R ROGER SAVORY	8
TUDOR P. EDWARDS	3	DENNIS RANDALL	9
ARTHUR H. REED	4	WILLIAM HIBBERT	10
MRS. P. LEWINGTON	5	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM	11
ALAN F. THIRST	6	THOMAS J. SETTER	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

LIVERPOOL, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 14, 1960, in 3 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 41 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in C.

G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	*Treble*	*ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	7
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	2	JOHN MACDONALD	8
PHILIP A. CORBY	3	*WALTER H. DOBBIE	9
FRANK W. PERRENS	4	JOHN A. ANDERSON	10
PHILIP G. K. DAVIES	5	FRANK C. PRICE	11
THOMAS J. LOCK	6	RALPH G. EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
* First peal of Cambridge Maximus.
A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Alice Lester, of the local band.

TEN BELL PEALS

MANCHESTER.
THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sat., May 14, 1960, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE VIRGIN MARY, SS. GEORGE AND DENYS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 27 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in D.

GEORGE F. NIX	*Treble*	†RONALD J. JOHNSTON	6
*BARRY S. SHEPPARD	2	ROBERT J. WARRILOW	7
†CYNTHIA BIBBY	3	DAVID W. JAMES	8
†MARGARET ROSS	4	DEREK OGDEN	9
*JOHN H. SOANES	5	BARRIE HENDRY	*Tenor*

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.
* First peal on ten bells. † First of Bob Royal.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Mon., May 16, 1960, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5040 BRAUNSTONE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

*JOHN M. JELLEY	*Treble*	JOSEPH W. COTTON	6
†RICHARD J. CLIFTON	2	BRIAN G. WARWICK	7
*ALAN E. HARTLEY	3	*JOHN A. ACRES	8
ERNEST MORRIS	4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS	9
*RALPH ELKINGTON	5	G. RONALD EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by SHIRLEY BURTON. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal of Royal in the method. † First of Royal in the method 'inside.'

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 21, 1960, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5028 SPLICED ROYAL
Being 928 Little Bob and 4,100 Plain Bob, with 209 changes of method.
Tenor 25¾ cwt.

S. BARRY SCHOFIELD	*Treble*	PETER SCHOLFIELD	6
RITA M. JOWETT	2	JOHN H. FIELDEN	7
*FREDERICK A. MUNDAY	3	NORMAN SMITH	8
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	4	IAN M. HOLLAND	9
B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD	5	RICHARD E. PRICE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
* 150th peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

CALDICOT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 30, 1960, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND BARTHOLOMEW.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 9 lb.

NIGEL LAMPING	*Treble*	MELVIN EDWARDS	5
*EDMUND J. R. HARTLEY	2	*ADRIAN F. R. HARTLEY	6
*ROGER G. HAVARD	3	BRYNLEY TAYLOR	7
GEOFFREY J. B. STICKLAND	4	ANTHONY M. COOMBS	*Tenor*

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by ANTHONY M. COOMBS.
* First peal of Major. First of Major as conductor.
Rung to congratulate Miss Janet Harvey (a ringer of Radyr) upon her engagement to Mr. Derek Faulke, of Sevenoaks.

WINDSOR, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 7, 1960, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Pritchard's Four-Part. Tenor 17 cwt.

A. James Glass	*Treble*	Kenneth Buckingham	5
Monica M. Blagrove	2	Howard Oglesby	6
Glyn I. Jenkins	3	Frederick R. Scott	7
J. Keith Ward	4	Frank T. Blagrove	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank T. Blagrove.
Rung for the christening of Mark Thomas Blagrove.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 14, 1960, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

June I. Dear	*Treble*	J. Richard Castledine	5
Jill Mayes	2	Edwin G. Buck	6
Ronald J. Sharp	3	Colin A. S. Harwood	7
Leonard B. Scoot	4	Jack S. Dear	*Tenor*

Composed by William Barton. Conducted by Colin A. S. Harwood.
First peal in the method as conductor.

MATLOCK, DERBYSHIRE.
THE SOUTH DERBYSHIRE & NORTH LEICESTERSHIRE ASSN.
On Sat., May 14, 1960, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Giles,
A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

*Edward H. Willows	*Treble*	*David Parkins	5
David K. Walklate	2	Edwin Walklate	6
*Noreen Wickham	3	‡Reginald J. Stretton	7
†Michael Knight	4	John F. Murfin	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by David K. Walklate.
* First peal on eight bells. † First of Major 'inside.' ‡ First of Major.

ST. NEOTS, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 14, 1960, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in D flat.

Alfred Ballard	*Treble*	John M. Jelley	5
J. Edward Cawser	2	Robert B. Smith	6
Frederick E. Wilshaw	3	E. Alan Jacques	7
W. Ernest Rawson	4	William J. Root	*Tenor*

Composed by W. E. Critchley. Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.

SHEPSHED, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 14, 1960, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Botolph,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

C. W. Hall	*Treble*	*E. Tebbutt	5
*James A. Lord	2	*Frank Chambers	6
Celia Cowley	3	James W. Bowley	7
Philip Webster	4	Roland Beniston	*Tenor*

Composed by H. Howlett. Conducted by Roland Beniston.
* First peal of Major.

STOKE PRIOR, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 14, 1960, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

*Martin D. Fellows	*Treble*	Martyn Hawkes	5
†Michael G. Selby	2	†William B. Pomeroy	6
†Paul Cattermole	3	Gerald C. Hemming	7
†Gordon T. Brown	4	Geoffrey J. Hemming	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. Hattersley. Conducted by Gerald C. Hemming.
* First peal of Surprise. † First 'touch' of Yorkshire.
Rung as an 18th birthday compliment to the ringer of the sixth.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 14, 1960, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in G.

Grace Burchnall	*Treble*	William L. Exton	5
*Lavina Mumford	2	Katharine Burchnall	6
†Valerie Waterfield	3	Harold Denman	7
*Eleanor Rose	4	Richard Hobbs	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. Burton. Conducted by Richard Hobbs.
* First peal of Major. † First on eight bells. First 8-bell peal as conductor.
Rung to mark the completion of 20 years as Vicar of Sutton-on Trent by Canon R. T. Keal.

WOLSTANTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 14, 1960, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Margaret,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14½ cwt.

Douglas R. Whalley	*Treble*	*Ronald Barlow	5
Philip Mason	2	†Leslie Whalley	6
Harry Roberts	3	Phillip S. Whalley	7
Albert Lawton	4	Alan D. Steele	*Tenor*

Composed by H. Whittle. Conducted by Douglas R. Whalley.
* 100th peal. † First of Major.
A birthday compliment to the conductor.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., May 16, 1960, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Remigius,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 47 lb.

William Clover	*Treble*	*Roy Wiles	5
Henry Tooke	2	Charles H. Moore	6
Percy Squires	3	Raymond G. Lofty	7
Thomas Spight	4	Peter M. Adcock	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Peter M. Adcock.
* First peal. First as conductor.
Rung to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Ted Curson, of Harlow, on the birth of a daughter.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., May 16, 1960, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Thomas.
A PEAL OF 5056 BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

John R. Gilden	*Treble*	Bernard F. L. Groves	5
Eileen M. Fearn	2	Leslie Boumphrey	6
Carol Fernley	3	Samuel J. Haines	7
Basil Jones	4	Brian Harris	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Basil Jones.

MELBOURNE, VICTORIA.
THE ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.
On Tues., May 17, 1960, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
At the Cathedral Church of St. Paul.
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. in G sharp.

George W. Pipe	*Treble*	Arthur H. Fisher	5
Kenneth J. Minchinton	2	*William D. Watson (15)	6
Diana M. Pipe	3	*John H. Fryer (16)	7
Monica E. Collins	4	John J. F. Roper	*Tenor*

Composed by F. Nolan Golden. Conducted by George W. Pipe.
* First peal of Major, and in Victoria. First of Little Bob by all the band except the conductor, and in Australia.
A compliment to Nolan Golden on his recovery.

ASH-NEXT-SANDWICH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 21, 1960, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, comprising 2,496 London, 1,216 Bristol, 960 Cambridge, 384 Superlative, and 118 changes of method.
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in E flat.

Doris E. Colgate	*Treble*	Stanley Jenner	5
Robert Collins	2	Ian H. Oram	6
Arthur S. Richards	3	Mark W. Marshall	7
Ralph Bird	4	Philip A. Corby	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.
For composition, see 'Ringing World,' November 6th, 1959.

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FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

NASH, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 9, 1960, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in B.

Adrian F. R. Hartley	*Treble*	*James W. Goodfellow	4
Melvin Edwards	2	Edmund J. R. Hartley	5
Brynley Taylor	3	Anthony M. Coombs	*Tenor*

Conducted by Edmund J. R. Hartley.

* First peal of Minor. First as conductor. Fastest peal on the bells, and by all the band.

Rung to mark the christening the previous day of H.R.H. Prince Andrew.

MARSTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Easter Monday, April 18, 1960, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5040 ALL SAINTS' DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor 5 cwt. in C.

Noel D. Deam	*Treble*	Edward Venn	3
Alec Gammon	2	Roy H. Jones	4
Clive Holloway	*Tenor*		

Conducted by Clive Holloway.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. David Pullin, of Stanton St. John.

PENARTH, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 18, 1960, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Augustine of Canterbury,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob Minor. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in C.

Edmund J. R. Hartley	*Treble*	Adrian F. R. Hartley	4
Roger G. Havard	2	James W. Goodfellow	5
Brynley Taylor	3	Anthony M. Coombs	*Tenor*

Conducted by Anthony M. Coombs.

First peal of Minor in two methods for all the band.

Rung for Easter.

ST. HILARY, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., April 19, 1960, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Hilary,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being eight extents each of Antelope, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob and Plain Bob, four each of Reverse St. Bartholomew and April Day, and two each of Stedman, Grandsire, Kennington Bob, Clifford's Pleasure Bob and Southrepps. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

David J. Llewellyn	*Treble*	James W. Goodfellow	3
Edmund J. R. Hartley	2	Adrian F. R. Hartley	4
Anthony M. Coombs	*Tenor*		

Conducted by Anthony M. Coombs.

First peal in ten methods on the bells, and by the band.

WINTHORPE, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., April 21, 1960, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary and All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being one 240 and 40 extents of 120 (ten callings). Tenor 7 cwt., approx.

F. William Midwinter	*Treble*	*‡John R. Pratchett	4
*Ivy Roe	2	Dennis Simpson	5
†William L. Exton	3	†Mark W. Lewis	*Tenor*

Conducted by William L. Exton.

* First peal 'inside.' † 25th peal together. ‡ First of Doubles. Mr. F. W. Midwinter has now 'circled the tower.'

Rung for the birthday of Her Majesty the Queen.

LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., May 11, 1960, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 OFFLEY SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

Catherine White	*Treble*	Raymond G. Smith	4
Frank C. Price	2	John R. Mayne	5
Dennis Laud	3	Kenneth R. Dunstan	*Tenor*

Conducted by John R. Mayne.

First peal in the method.

RAYNE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., May 11, 1960, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of (1) Alnwick, (2) Chester, (3) London, (4) York, (5) Beverley, (6) Ipswich, (7) Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 7 cwt.

James L. Towler	*Treble*	Peter Wood	4
*Dennis A. S. Symonds	2	*Patrick W. Saltmarsh	5
Alan R. Syder	3	Howard W. Egglestone	*Tenor*

Conducted by Howard W. Egglestone.

* 50th peal together.

A birthday compliment to John Symonds.

BRILL, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 14, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising an extent each of (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, (3) St. Clement's, (4) Single Oxford, (5) Double Bob, (6) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

Ernest G. Jones	*Treble*	William Birmingham	4
Robert A. Reeves	2	Cyril H. Kinch	5
Michael Hatchett	3	Alan R. Pink	*Tenor*

Conducted by Alan R. Pink.

First peal of Minor on the bells.

Rung as a welcome to the new incumbent, the Rev. H. M. Norton.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 14, 1960, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES IN 21 METHODS

Being 42 extents: (1) Reverse St. Bartholomew, (2) Stedman, (3) Reverse St. Bartholomew, (4) Stedman, (5) Plain Bob, (6) Kennington, (7) April Day, (8) St. Simon's, (9) St. Albans, (10) Eynsham, (11) St. Martin's, (12) St. Paul, (13) St. Leonard, (14) Southrepps, (15) Reverse Canterbury, (16) Clifford's Pleasure, (17) St. Giles, (18) St. Nicholas, (19) St. Andrew, (20) St. Miles, (21) Winchendon Place, (22) St. John, (23) Grandsire, (24) Plain Bob, (25) Kennington, (26) April Day, (27) St. Simon's, (28) St. Albans, (29) Eynsham, (30) St. Martin's, (31) St. Paul, (32) St. Leonard, (33) Southrepps, (34) Reverse Canterbury, (35) Clifford's Pleasure, (36) St. Giles, (37) St. Nicholas, (38) St. Andrew, (39) St. Miles, (40) Winchendon Place, (41) St. John, (42) Grandsire. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in B.

Mrs. B. G. Warwick	*Treble*	Brian M. Smith	4
Ernest Morris	2	Roland H. Cook	5
Brian G. Warwick	3	Frederick Watson	*Tenor*

Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.

The treble ringer has now 'circled the tower,' being the first lady to do so. Quickest peal on the bells.

Rung for the 32nd anniversary of the dedication of the bells: also a 40th wedding anniversary to the rector's warden and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Bottrill.

OFFLEY SURPRISE MINOR
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BARKING, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., May 13, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Cambridge, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in G.

ROBERT E. LESTER	*Treble*	HUBERT A. MITSON	4
*GILBERT R. GOODSHIP ..	2	BERNARD C. FAIRHEAD ..	5
URBAN W. WILDNEY ..	3	FRANK B. LUFKIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT E. LESTER.

* First peal in seven methods 'inside.'

Arranged and rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Alice E. J. Lester, a member of the local band.

BLACKROD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Bolton Branch.)
On Fri., May 13, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHARINE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*CAROL KNIGHT..	*Treble*	FRED BROWNLOW	4
†DAVID YOUNG	2	‡ALBERT GREENHALGH ..	5
†JOSEPH THORNLEY	3	GEOFFREY FOTHERGILL ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY FOTHERGILL.

* First peal, aged 14. † 25th peal together. ‡ 100th peal. First as conductor.

Rung as a farewell to the Vicar, the Rev. F. Horton.

HARTLIP, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 14, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven 720's in 11 methods: (1) London and Wells, (2) York and Durham, (3) Beverley and Surfleet, (4) Bourne, (5) Annable's London, (6) Norwich and (7) Cambridge and Ipswich. Tenor 12 cwt. 20 lb. in F sharp.

A. PATRICK CANNON ..	*Treble*	IAN H. ORAM	4
CRAWFORD T. HILLIS ..	2	RALPH BIRD..	5
ANDREW M. MACVE.. ..	3	MARK W. MARSHALL.. ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

First peal in 11 Surprise methods by all the band. Mr. A. P. Cannon's 600th tower for a peal.

CLOWNE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 14, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in B flat.

*LINDA M. JONES (13) ..	*Treble*	A. BENJAMIN COOPER ..	4
†IAN A. RICHARDSON (14)..	2	MALCOLM P. PHIPPS	5
MRS. BESSIE HOLMES ..	3	JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM.

* First peal. † First 'inside.'

NEWINGTON-JUXTA-SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 14, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being an extent each of London, Ipswich, Beverley, Surfleet, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb. in G.

RALPH BIRD	*Treble*	ANDREW M. MACVE ..	4
IAN H. ORAM	2	*MARK W. MARSHALL ..	5
CRAWFORD T. HILLIS ..	3	*A. PATRICK CANNON ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

* First peal in seven Treble Bob methods.

HANDBELL PEAL

CLEATHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., May 13, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
AT CLEATHAM HOUSE FARM,
A PEAL OF 5160 SPLICED MAJOR

In 42 methods: Single Oxford, Single Norwich, Montgomery Little Bob, Ellesmere Little Court, Marlborough, Highbury, Longney, Winchester, Shipway's, Edmonton, Lavenham, Chesterfield, Maidstone, Ashbourne, Spalding, Richmond, New London, Double Bob, Reverse Bob, Plain Bob, Gainsborough Little Bob, Wellington Little Court, Little Bob, Crayford Little Court, Bastow Little Court, Kent Little Court, Little Oxford Bob, Victoria Little Court, Colville, Romsey, Cheltenham, Leamington, Pulford, Avalon, Painswick, Kidlington, Double Oxford, Pershore, Hereward, Double Norwich, St. Clement's and Crayford College; 359 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

*A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL ..	1—2	GEORGE E. FEIRN	5—6
*JOHN FREEMAN	3—4	†JACK L. MILLHOUSE ..	7—8

Arranged and Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

* First peal in 42 methods. † First in 42 methods 'in hand.'

John Taylor & Co.

LOUGHBOROUGH

The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

Quarter Peals rung in honour of the Wedding of H.R.H. Princess Margaret and Mr. Antony Armstrong-Jones

DATE TOUCH

WOODCHESTER, GLOS.—On May 6th, 1,960 Grandsire Doubles: A Howell 1, F. Garland 2, M. Simpson V. Deane 4, R. Thain (cond.) 5, J. Higgins 6.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Wingrove (cond.) 1 Gwendoline Reeves 2, Dorothy Fletcher 3, Ann Shies 4, R. Broadley 5, M. Broadley 6, A. Bridges 7, S. Hatfield 8.

BLACKBURN, LANCS.—At the Cathedral, on May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (on the back six): J Froome 1, G. Wignall 2, M. J. Halliwell 3, W. Tyson 4, P. Crook (senior) 5, J. F. Wood 6.

BOUGHTON, NORTHANTS.—On May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Elkington (first quarter) 1, W. Barnett 2, R. Hodnett 3, R. Pritchett 4, R. Chater (first as cond.) 5.

BREDENBURY, HEREFORDSHIRE.—On May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. H. Thomas 1, F. J. Bedford 2, J. Clements (cond.) 3, W. Mantle 4, R. Bethel 5, G. Corbett 6.

COWBRIDGE, GLAM.—On May 6th, 1,260 Doubles, in three methods: H. Blick 1,-A. W. Thomas 2, R. E. Coles (cond.) 3, S. Lunn 4, J. Thomas 5, E. Carter 6, L. Groom 7, I. D. Davies 8. Rung with 6 and 7 covering alternatively.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On May 6th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Mrs. D. Symes (first of Kent) 1, C. W. Denyer 2, Miss W. R. Hide (first of Kent 'inside') 3, E. Box (first of Kent) 4, S. Meadows 5, J. W. Marr (first of Kent) 6, R. North (first of Kent) 7, E. J. Wells (cond.) 8.

FOLKINGHAM, LINCS.—On May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Hollingshead 1, Miss I. E. Lindsey 2, C. T. H. Bradley (cond.) 3, J. Lindsey 4, C. Wilkinson 5, J. Machin 6.

GRIMSBY, LINCS.—On May 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): N. Pashley 1, C. Moon 3, H. Mingay 4, F. Kennington 5, J. B. Budd 6, A. Pashley (cond.) 7, H. Hadwick 8.

HENLOW, BEDS.—On May 6th, 1,260 Single Oxford Bob Minor: R. Measures 1, P. Rogers 2, M. Major 3, J. Church 4, R. Fuller 5, L. H. Bywater (cond.) 6.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.—On May 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: W. Oxenham (first quarter) 1, Rosemary Brown 2, G. Mansbridge 3, J. Norris 4, S. Brown (cond.) 5, M. Wooldridge 6.

REDGRAVE, STAFFS.—On May 6th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: A. Driver (first quarter) 1, H. Fuller 2, N. Watson 3, S. Holman 4, A. Foreman 5, J. Paul (cond.) 6.

RYE, SUSSEX.—On May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: (6-7-8 covering): Rosemary G. Hicks 1, Noreen Winter 2, M. Winter 3, A. Hicks (cond.) 4, J. Small 5, M. Hodgson (first quarter) 6, D. Jackson 7, A. Jackson 8.

SILSOE, BEDS.—On May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Janet Wilkinson 1, B. A. Martin 2, B. V. Hart 3, T. P. Harris 4, D. R. Brazier (cond.) 5, Julie Bell (first quarter) 6.

TWERTON, BATH, SOMERSET.—On May 7th, 1,280 Rutland Surprise Major: R. J. Bowden 1, D. J. Hunt 2, A. F. Lee 3, Joan Gray 4, B. A. Shackleton 5, R. G. Hooper 6, D. Hoare 7, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 8. First in method for 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6. Also for wedding of Don C. Exell and Miss Kathleen Reeves.

VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA.—On May 6h, at Christ Church Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Horne 1, Miss J. Midgley 2, Miss M. Horne 3, Dr. A. Batten 4, Miss M. Izard 5, A. Izard 6, E. W. Izard 7, B. Guthrie 8.

WARBOROUGH, OXON.—On May 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (with 7, 6, 8, covering): Jean Exon 1, G. McIlhone (first 'inside') 2, Helen Butler 3, A. Howes (first 'inside') 4, F. Absolom (cond.) 5, M. Thewlis 6, V. Fox 7, D. Exon (first quarter) 8.

WHITBY, YORKS.—On May 12th, 1,260 Grandside Triples: J. Lamerton 1, A. V. Coates 2, J. Waller 3, J. Hodgson 4, G. White 5, June Mallinson 6, S R. Elwick (cond.) 7, F. Lamerton 8.

WHITCHURCH, GLAM.—On May 6th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: B. Taylor 1, E. J. R. Hartley 2, R. G. Havard 3, A. F. R. Hartley 4, J. W. Goodfellow 5, A. M. Coombs (cond.) 6.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Pitson 1, C. Truman 2, J. Linnell 3, F. C. Case 4, W. A. Yates 5, T. E. Roberts (cond.) 6, G. E. Green 7, G. Foddy 8.

OTHER QUARTER PEALS

HALF PEAL

MANCHESTER.—At Brookfield Unitarian Church, on May 19th, 2,520 Plain Bob Minor: C. Livesey 1, G. Rumney 2, P. Dale 3, E. M. Quinn 4, B. Rumney (longest length) 5, W. H. Dowse (cond.) 6.

AUGHTON, LANCS.—On May 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Marsh 1, W. Rimmer 2, Mrs. R. J. Pearson 3, J. R. Lunham 4, S. Walmesley 5, K. Rothwell 6, A. L. Pearson (cond.) 7, A. Lyon (first quarter) 8. On the baptism of Alan Geoffrey, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Pearson.

BECKLEY, OXON.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (300 Grandsire and 960 Plain Bob): J. S. Walker (first quarter) 1, I. M. Ryan 2, G. Larbalestier 3, E. Venn (cond.) 4, R. H. Jones 5. For Rogation Sunday.

BURTON UPON TRENT, STAFFS.—On May 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (6, 4, 8 covering): Janet Cochrane 1, G. Harrison 2, Jill Cochrane 3, G. Brown (first quarter) 4, T. Pryce (cond.) 5, W. A. Corten 6, J. H. Brittan 7, R. A. Welton 8. Rung to mark 60 years' service by J. H. Brittan as a chorister at St. Modwen's.

CAMBRIDGE.—On May 8th, at Gt. St. Andrew's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. J. Griffin 1, F. A. Secker 2, J. Schofield (cond.) 3, T. G. Page 4, D. Davies (first of Triples) 5, J. R. Taylor 6, D. J. Kuby 7, H. Muirhead 8.

CLERKENWELL, LONDON.—On May 15th, at St. James', 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss M. Prockson 1, Miss D. Prynn 2, A. Lewry 3, J. Hayns 4, G. Parsons 5, W. Prockson 6, D. Sibson 7, J. Euston (cond.) 8. For morning service.

CLIFTON, BEDS.—On May 8th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor (7, 8 covering): J. P. Hulme 1, Miss J. Mayes 2, A. W. Dilley 3, G. W. Mayes 4, D. Newis 5, P. W. Thompkins (cond.) 6, T. Dilley 7, S. Bywaters 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. L. Hibbs, member of Parish Council.

DUBLIN, EIRE.—At St. Patrick's Cathedral, on May 17th, 1,260 Stedman Triples (on the light eight): E. G. Buchanan 1, R. I. George 2, W. H. Wilson 3, D. Vokes 4, C. J. Reede 5, J. A. Atkinson 6, T. McMorran (cond.) 7, V. R. McCormick 8. Rung by St. Patrick's Cathedral Society as a birthday compliment to E. G. Buchanan.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On Mar. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples; L. Balchin (first of Triples) 1, Miss S. Curtis (first 'inside') 2, Miss W. R. Hide 3, S. Meadows 4, K. Daw (first of Triples) 5, J. W. Marr 6, R. North 7, C. W. Denyer (cond.) 8. Also on May 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. Curtis 1, Mrs. C W. Denyer 2, C. W. Denyer 3-4, E. Box 5, R. North 6, E. J. Wells (cond.) 7, J. W. Marr 8. Rung on the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. S. Meadows.

GOODWORTH CLATFORD, HANTS.—On May 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jill Jewitt 1, Hazel White 2, Cherry White (first as cond.) 3, B. Mills 4, G. K. Dodd 5, G. Dowling 6. First quarter for 1 and 6. Rung for the wedding, this day, of Miss Dorothy Aldridge, at Andover Parish Church, of which tower she is a member.

GRAFTON REGIS, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. H. Rogers 1, I. W. Neale 2, F. E. Hall 3, C. E. Hall 4, G. A. Atkins (cond.) 5. For Rogation Sunday and the third anniversary of the induction of the Rev. E. Goodman.

HADDENHAM, CAMBS.—On May 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. Howe 1, H. Sharpe 2, G. Markwell 3, D. Murfitt 4, G. Walker (first as cond.) 5, A. Yarrow 6. For Confirmation service.

HEENE, WORTHING, SUSSEX.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss V. Hunt 1, M. Froome 2, D. Weaver (first 'inside') 3, R. P. Wood (cond.) 4, R. Wilson 5, J. Still 6, H. Weaver 7, L. Stilwell 8. A farewell quarter to treble ringer, who is leaving the district.

LEIRE, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On April 18th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire: J. H. Dove 1, C. W. Carr 2, N. W. Price 3, M. Stevens 4, W. Johnson (cond.) 5, F. E. Dove 6. Rung half-muffled in respect of Mrs. E. W. Dove, mother of the ringers of the treble and tenor.

MARCH, CAMBS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Ann Unwin (first quarter) 1, Jennifer Lewis (first quarter) 2, D. Feek 3, J. Payne (first 'inside') 4, T. A. Bevis (cond.) 5, M. Jones 6. For morning prayer; also on the occasion of the baptism of Lesley Ann, infant daughter of Kenneth and Peggy Jennings.

MARYSTOWE, DEVON.—On May 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Johns 1, W. A. T. Brimacombe 2, W. Manning 3, J. Rich 4, D. R. Bould (cond.) 5, L. Cundy 6.

MILDENHALL, SUFFOLK.—On May 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: J. E. Ivings (first of Royal) 1, H. A. Mitson 2, E. R. Nice 3, Miss D. M. Reeve 4, J. Nice 5, H. Fuller 6, R. Rose (cond.) 7, A. F. Ballam 8, J. W. Paul 9, E. A. Cracknell 10. For Evensong.

PENMARK, GLAM.—On April 19th, 1,980 Plain Bob Minor: A. M. Coombs 1, A. F. R. Hartley 2, N. Lamping 3, D. Llewellyn 4, E. J. R. Hartley (cond.) 5, W. J. Goodfellow 6.

PILTON, DEVON.—On May 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Walters 1, D. Jewell 2, C. Sangwin 3, F. Yeo 4, F. Sangwin 5, J. Phillips (cond.) 6, D. Randall 7, H. Stacey 8. First quarter peal on the bells. A birthday compliment to C. Sangwin.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Martin 1, A. Clayton 2, L. Allen 3, C. Mew 4, B. Coatsworth (cond.) 5, B. Bull 6. For Evensong and to mark the engagement of Susan Goddard, a member of the local band.

RADWAY, WARWICKS.—On April 30th, 1,440 St. Miles' Doubles: J. W. Hall 1, P. Amos 2, V. A. Perry 3, A. R. Jones 4, G. F. Roome (cond.) 5. Rung on the Festival of St. Miles Gerard and St. Francis Dickenson.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On May 1st, 1,260 Spliced Grandsire, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob Triples: Miss E. Hatch 1, D. Belcham 2, M. Hallett 3, F. May 4, E. Blower 5, R. Tomlin 6, A. House (cond.) 7, W. Ward 8. For Evensong.

SHARNBROOK, BEDS.—On May 7th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor and 540 Plain Bob Minor: T. Bragg 1, R. Lucas 2, Miss B. Lovell 3, Miss B. Marsh 4, P. Starr 5, B. Makeham (cond.) 6. A tribute to Mr. T. Bragg, who has left Sharnbrook for Australia.

SOUTHWELL, NOTTS.—At the Minster, on April 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Delia Wright 1, G. E. Foster (cond.) 2, F. L. Hemstock 3, D. Simpson 4, J. R. Pratchett 5, A. R. Fowkes 6. First quarter peal on back six. A birthday compliment to ringer of 5.

STAMFORD HILL, LONDON.—At St. Ann's, on May 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. B. Rowe (first quarter, age 12) 1, Miss P. Rowe 2, M. J. Rowe (cond.) 3, E. J. Rowe 4, H. Howson 5, L. Green 6.

SYDNEY, NEW SOUTH WALES.—On May 22nd, at St. Mary's Basilica, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. F. Hammond (first of Minor) 1, Audrey E. Peters 2, Wendy A. Nichols 3, R. L. Clark (first of Minor) 4, T. W. Goodwer (cond.) 5, J. C. Sheehy 6. A welcome home to Ann Brown, after five months in England.

TWICKENHAM, MIDDX.—On May 8th, 1,260 Kent Treble Bob Major: Elizabeth Hill Brown 1, Jill Barron 2, Gillian Neal Smith 3, Ann Muir 4, A. J. Muir 5, D. J. Neal Smith 6, M. D. Hill Brown 7, D. Hill Brown (cond.) 8. A farewell to M. D. Hill Brown, who left for Montreal, Canada, the following evening.

UPPER CLAPTON, LONDON.—At the Church of St. Matthew, on May 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): Mrs. C. F. Neal 1, Mrs. R. K. C. Wilkings 2, Mrs. D. Neal 3, R. K. C. Wilkings 4, D. W. Gray 5, D. Neal (cond.) 6, C. F. Neal 7.

WAKEFIELD, YORKS.—At the Cathedral, on May 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss L. Gott (first quarter) 1, Mrs. W. F. Moreton 2, W. F. Moreton (cond.) 3, D. Cubitt 4, K. Park 5, G. Townend 6. For the triumphal return of Wakefield Trinity R.L.F.C. with the Rugby League Challenge Cup.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On April 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Margaret Westcott 1, D. A. Hewitt 2, Gillian Neal Smith 3, H. Rumens 4, R. Goodman 5, A. S. J. Boyack 6, E. Holman 7, B. Downes 8, Dr. D. J. Neal Smith 9, R. G. Leale (cond.) 10. First of Royal for 1, 3, 5 and 9. Rung by a band from Walthamstow and Richmond on the occasion of a visit by the choir from St. Matthias', Richmond, to Walthamstow to give a recital of Easter music.

WARMLEY, GLOS.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire): S. Lock (first quarter) 1, Myra J. Wilkins (first of 3 Doubles 'inside') 2, Gloria M. Newton 3, H. Taysom 4, A. W. Gibbs (cond.) 4, B. K. Lewis 6.

WHITCHURCH, SALOP.—On May 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. E. Morris 1, Mrs. H. Poyner 2, F. Leech 3, H. F. White 4, F. H. Bennett 5, E. V. Rodenhurst 6, H. Poyner (cond.) 7, B. Malam (first quarter) 8. For the wedding of the Rector, Preb. J. Hall.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.—On May 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss P. Lowes 1, Rita Gower 2, Rosemary Gower 3, L. T. Pope 4, W. P. Garner 5, C. T. Hillis (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. Harriet A. Carlton, mother of Raymond J. Carlton, tower secretary.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Miss Judy Midgley, formerly of St. Andrew's, Plymouth, who is in charge of ringing at Christ Church, Calgary, flew over the Rocky Mountains to take part in a quarter peal at Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria, on May 6th, in honour of the Royal wedding. She was also able to take part in the ringing for Sunday morning service before flying back to Calgary. The opening of the bells in Calgary, in September, 1958, was attended by Mr. Izard and Miss Margaret Izard, who made the journey by air.

Mrs. B. G. Warwick is the first lady to circle Croft, Leicestershire, tower to peals.

Our Welsh friends inform us that the first peal for the Royal wedding was completed at 12.50 at Cadoxton-juxta-Neath. It started before the wedding ceremony at 10.10 a.m.

The 12-year-old who rang so competently in the Royal wedding peal at Kingswinford (see page 340) was David Downing and not Antony Fasey. Sorry, David!

The peal rung at Sapcote for the Royal wedding came round at 4.14 p.m.—36 minutes before South Wigston (see page 351). They were 20 minutes late in starting as our correspondent had the cows to milk!

Commenting on 'Alphabet for Beginners' 'H for Home,' a varsity ringer writes. 'If Mr. Lock rang Reverse Bob Major he would find 1 3 5 2 7 4 8 6 at the first lead-end, but the "Home" position does not come up at the end of the course.'

Particularly welcome at the Morpeth Watch Tower on May 21st was Mr. R. H. Dove's party from Leeds. When the name of Miss Jennie Armstrong, who incidentally was celebrating her birthday, was mentioned one lady remarked, 'O yes, we see her name in "The Ringing World."'

Miss Monica Collins, of Guildford, and now of the Bush Nursing Hospital, Lilydale, Victoria, tells us that she has already developed an 'Aussie' accent and has also a brand new car to cover the 23 miles to Melbourne. Our peal columns reveal that she has rung two peals in two successive weeks.

Mr. George Pipe, from Melbourne, writes: 'You might like to record Australia's appreciation of the efforts to improve "The Ringing World," which several ringers here now enjoy. I think that on its present form it has never been better, especially when the 24 page issues appear.'

Soham Grammarians finished their peal for the Royal wedding on May 6th at 2.39 p.m.

A peal attempt for the Royal wedding of Bob Royal at St. Peter Mancroft came to grief half-way through owing to a shift course.

Mr. Roy D. Tomlin has called his first peal —Holt's Original! He acknowledges the inspiration of the Beddington, Surrey, band in learning the composition, which he called at the first attempt.

When St. Matthias' choir, Richmond, visited Walthamstow to give a recital of Easter music on April 26th, five members of the local band and five from St. Matthias', Richmond, Guild (four of whom were choristers), rang in a quarter peal of Plain Bob Royal.

Mr. H. W. Barrett, Ringing Master of the Norwich Diocesan Association, calls our attention to the faultless ringing of three lads—Michael Utton, Richard C. L. Brown and Michael J. Parker—in their first attempt for a peal at Lowestoft on May 21st.

Mr. Michael Hill Brown, who has left Twickenham for Montreal, Canada, has been a ringer at Twickenham since the installation of the bells in 1950 and a member of the choir since 1948. After the quarter peal the Vicar (the Rev. J. H. A. Charles) presented Michael, on behalf of the choir, with a book and a record of the choir singing a hymn during a broadcast service in which he took part.

Chelmorton, near Buxton, bells are being rededicated on June 26th. Two of the old four have been recast and in order to make a ring of five, Col. J. C. Cavendish, of Derwent, has given two of the old bells from Derwent. One of these has been recast and the metal of the others gone into the new tenor at Chelmorton. There is a frame for six bells.

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Folkestone's Welcome To The Central Council

By JOHN WILLIS
Vice-President and Acting Chairman, Kent County Association

Members of the Kent County Association, and especially those residing in East Kent, are particularly pleased that this year, on Whit Tuesday, the Central Council will meet at Folkestone.

Folkestone is well accustomed to conferences of all kinds, and to please the eye of the visitor there are lavish displays of flowers to beautify a naturally lovely locality.

The Council will be honoured by a civic welcome from the Mayor of Folkestone (Ald. F. W. Archer), and the Church will be represented by the Rt. Rev. the Bishop (Suffragan) of Tonbridge and Canon J. F. Hough, M.A., Vicar of Folkestone.

Hotels and guest houses of all types will seek to provide pleasure to the palate and restful comfort for weary ringers.

Weary they will indeed be if they visit all the towers—about 50—listed in 'The Ringing World' (May 6th, 1960, p. 313) where, through the work of the District secretaries, Messrs. Hillis and Phillimore, and Mr. J. R. Cooper (Ringing Master), the kind co-operation of the clergy and other authorities has been secured. Dr. Hatcher has been in general charge of arrangements with Mr. A. Berry taking care of reception tickets.

Ringers, old and young, will join in welcoming the Central Council, and they confidently expect to hear striking worthy of such an exalted body.

CENTRAL COUNCIL VISIT

Additional ringing arrangements

Owing to a wedding, Newington bells will be available only from 9.30 to 10.30 a.m. on Saturday, June 4th, and not as previously stated.

Folkestone Parish Church will be available on Saturday, June 4th from 7.30 to 9 p.m.

MORE BELFRY GOSSIP

Dr. D. J. Neal Smith learnt to ring at All Hallows', Twickenham, and not at St. Catherine's, Felstead, as has been previously stated.

Tenterden ringers appreciated Mr. Paul L. Taylor standing in a quarter peal on May 14th in place of Miss Yeo, who had strained her shoulder. Mr. Taylor had been inspecting the bells, which require attention.

A peal board has been placed in the ringing room of St. Mary's, Hampton, Middlesex, to commemorate what must be the campanological performance of the past quarter century, the peal of Scientific Triples rung in July, 1958, under the conductorship of Robin G. Leale.

An officers' peal of the Kent County Association for the late Mr. F. Mitchell is being arranged to take place at Milton in the near future. On the evening of his funeral the whole pull and stand was rung at Milton Parish Church.

After losing a peal of Kent T.B. Minor at Whitchurch, Glam, on the day of the Royal wedding, the band made a second attempt at Peterston-super-Ely on the following Tuesday. After about 20 minutes' ringing, the Vicar, who had another key, entered the church and asked the band to stop for about 20 minutes. When ringing was resumed there was only time for a quarter peal.

Among the recent group of registrations of membership of the College of Campanology is yet another overseas one—that of Mrs. Valhalla Grossmith, of Umvukwes (P.O. Box 43), Southern Rhodesia. She will be better remembered as Miss V. Hill, and she sends greetings to all old ringing friends, especially those of whom she has peal-ringing memories, in Oxford and Leicester.

SERVANTS OF THE EXERCISE – No. 23



MR. CHARLES J. SEDGLEY
St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich.

Mr. Charles J. Sedgley, although born in Norfolk, has spent most of his life in Suffolk, and to him, together with G. E. Symonds, must go the credit of not only maintaining, but greatly enhancing, the very high standard of ringing established by the late James Motts and his contemporaries in the St. Mary-le-Tower band at Ipswich.

Mr. Sedgley has excelled in the art of composition, and his contributions have been timely and exceedingly useful. He has some very strong views on how peal compositions should be set out when published and would like the notation to be placed before the resulting course end—not after as is the general practice. Indeed, so strongly is he convinced of this that in 1946 he moved a resolution to get the system changed when the Central Council met at Norwich. Tradition in ringing, however, dies hard, as it does in many other things, and his resolution was not passed.

Born in 1887 at King's Lynn, where his father was a ringer, he learned to ring there, and he rang his first peal at Stow Bardolph in 1906. This was Bob Major, conducted by Frederick R. Borrett. He moved to Ipswich in 1909, where the first peal ever of Cambridge Surprise Maximus had just been rung, and such was his ability that when the second peal was rung, a year later, he took part in it.

He was in the forefront in developing Surprise Maximus ringing at Ipswich and, jointly with George Symonds, increased the range of methods to an astonishing degree, thus placing Ipswich at the very top, by ringing the first peals ever rung of Superlative, New Cambridge, Yorkshire, Pudsey, Rochester and York Surprise Maximus. This was the position for several years, until the Birmingham men, under the leadership of G. E. Fearn, and the Leicester men, under Harold Poole, took up the challenge.

Mr. Sedgley's first peal as conductor was Cambridge Surprise Major at Henley, Suffolk, called from the 4th. But 12 bell ringing has been his greatest delight, and of his total of 324 peals, 125 have been on 12 bells. He has conducted 86. He composed and conducted the first peal of 5,040 Cambridge Maximus ever rung, and of his 12 bell peals, no less than 61 are of Surprise Maximus in eight different methods. He was elected Ringing Master of the Suffolk Guild, when it was founded in 1923, and he served in that capacity until 1956, when he resigned. He was also a member of the Central Council from 1927 to 1956. All his working life was spent in the printing industry until his retirement in 1957.

Mr. Sedgley is very proud of the performances of the Ipswich company in 1938, when 10 peals of Maximus were rung, which included six of Cambridge, two of Superlative and one each of Rochester and Double Norwich. In addition they rang a peal of Yorkshire Royal. He conducted the first of Cambridge Maximus at Saffron Walden, and the last peal, again Cambridge Maximus, at Great Yarmouth in 1939. These bells were destroyed by enemy action, and have now been replaced by a new ring.

JAFUS.

Miss Judy Robinson was ringing her first peal 'inside' on eight bells and not first 'inside' at Shirley (see page 341).

The treble in the quarter peal at Bures (see page 360) was rung by D. W. Brooks and not as stated. Mr. C. Bower who is leaving for Colchester has resided at Bures for 71 years.

With the peal at Leire on May 18th, Mr. Ernest Morris has rung peals of 5,000 changes and over in every possible in tower in Leicestershire with five bells and over. These comprise: 30 rings of 5, 58 of 6, 41 of 8, 4 of 10, 2 of 12, a total of 135. There are four 'impossibles'—Church Langton (8), Shawell (5), Skeffington (5), Stapleford (6 hung dead).

SHEBBEAR COLLEGE

Shebbear College Society had an enjoyable week-end leaving the College at 4 p.m. on Friday, May 13th, and arriving at Haslemere at 8.30 p.m. Met by Philip Stevens and a local schoolboy the party set off for London the next day and had the great privilege of ringing at St. Clement Danes' and a visit to the Whitechapel Bell Foundry, where they were conducted around by Mr. A. A. Hughes. The evening was spent at Maresfield, Sussex, where there was ringing before being hospitably entertained by Peter Turner's family.

On the Sunday the return journey was broken at Calne, Wilts, for ringing on the eight bells, lunch with the Slee family at Bristol, ringing for Evensong at Minehead with the local band and a late tea with Mr. Clifford. College was reached at 10 p.m. The kindness of the many friends who made the trip possible will not be forgotten. Thank you all.

P. P. and R. D.

Hints For Beginners—23

You can ring more comfortably by standing so that the rope falls in a straight line from the boss-hole and is not pulled at an angle.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
Ashford District

The first meeting to be held by the Association at Lympne attracted some 40 visitors to this quiet backwater off the A20, on May 21st. It was held under the auspices of the Ashford District.

The church, with its fine Norman tower, overlooking Romney Marsh, completes an impressive mediæval group with the castle beside it, to which it was attached for centuries.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. W. Neilson. Mr. R. Brotherston read the lesson, and Miss M. Atkinson was at the organ. Afterwards an excellent tea was enjoyed in the Village Hall. At the business meeting, nine new members were elected to the Association, including five from the local band.

The bells, which were restored in 1928 and augmented to six by the addition of a treble in 1952, are rung from the centre of the church floor. Ringing was under the direction of Mr. L. T. Pope, of Willesborough.

C. T. H.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Associate Membership

THE annual meeting of the Yorkshire Association was held at Sheffield on April 30th, when, by kind consent of the respective clergy, the fine ring of eight at St. Marie's and the modern light ten at Ranmoor were available during the afternoon, and the Cathedral (12) following the meeting till 9 p.m.

An excellent tea was enjoyed at the Wolstenholme Hall, followed by the business meeting at which the chair was taken by the president (Archdeacon C. O. Ellison), supported by the general secretary (Mr. L. W. G. Morris), the honorary peal secretary (Mr. W. E. Critchley), and Mr. A. E. Marsh, who deputised for the honorary treasurer. Apologies for absence were received from the honorary treasurer (Mr. G. Benfield), also Messrs. E. Hudson, H. Chant, W. F. Moreton, B. Sutton, S. H. Steeel and M. Phipps.

An omnibus vote of thanks to the Cathedral authorities, St. John's, Ranmoor, and St. Marie's R.C. churches for the use of their bells was accorded on the motion of Mr. V. Bottomley, seconded by Mr. P. Birkett. This was acknowledged by Mr. H. O. Chaddock. A similar vote of thanks to the respective local companies was unanimously accorded on the motion of Miss M. E. Wilkinson, seconded by the general secretary. Mr. J. Seager replied.

In presenting the 84th annual report, the president said they welcomed 53 new members, who had joined during the year, but they had still a long way to go before the position could be considered as being satisfactory. There were many towers without members, and consequently not affiliated to the Association. This indicates the desirability of some form of Associate membership to attach to the Association those ringers who have not yet mastered the art of change-ringing to the point where they can fulfil the requirement of 720 changes. This and various ancillary matters were now being considered by the committee.

A revision of the rules was also being undertaken, but as yet it was incomplete. So far it has been decided to make no alteration in the title of the Association, and not to relax the conditions for full membership. In future nominations for delegates to the Central Council will be received every third year at the September general meeting, to be followed by election at the ensuing January meeting prior to the first meeting of a new Council. This will transfer the responsibility for the election of representatives from the committee to the general membership of the Association.

The peal secretary's report showed that 118 peals had been rung on tower bells, and 18 on handbells, making a total of 136, and of which the conducting had been shared by 46 conductors. Thirty-three members had rung their first peal, and five had conducted a peal for the first time. Peals had been rung on all numbers from Doubles to Maximus, and Surfleet Surprise Minor, Wath Delight Minor and New Cambridge Surprise Maximus figured in the lists for the first time.

While the balance sheet showed a gain for the year of £17 6s. 8d., the committee were aware that some difficulty was still being caused by the late payment of subscriptions by some members, and pointed out that a considerable amount of extra work and anxiety is caused by laxity in these matters. The remedy is an easy one, and is in the hands (or rather in the pockets) of the members. Mr. W. Barton gave the auditors' report, and formally moved adoption of the report. Mr. I. Slack seconded, and the report was unanimously adopted, with thanks to the principal and District officers for continuing to serve the Association so faithfully and well.

The next business was to re-elect the president for the following triennial period. The general secretary said that no other nomination had been received, and the committee unanimously recommended the re-election of Archdeacon C. O. Ellison, who had now guided their affairs with commendable skill and courtesy for the past 13 years. He had great pleasure in moving that Archdeacon Ellison be re-elected. This was seconded by Mr. A. E. Marsh, and carried with acclamation. In acknowledgment, the president thanked the members for their continued confidence, adding that he would be pleased to do his best in the interests of the Association at all times.

Mr. W. E. Critchley was unanimously re-elected peal secretary, coupled with thanks for his exacting work in the past year on the motion of the president, seconded by Mr. J. Seager.

It was unanimously decided to accept an invitation to hold the next meeting at Hull on September 17th on the motion of Mr. H. Walker, seconded by Mr. I. Slack. The president reminded the meeting that arrangements were in hand concerning the Snowdon Dinner, which would this year be held at Rotherham on October 22nd. Members were asked to note the date, and help to ensure its success by giving it their support.

Miss Carol Fernley, of Hazel Grove, and Mr. E. Bennett, of Ulverston, were elected out/county members on the motion of the general secretary, seconded by Mr. I. Slack. This concluded the business, and ringing at the Cathedral followed until 9 p.m.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

The bright sunshine and horse chestnut trees in full bloom created a perfect setting for the meeting of the Archdeaconry of Stafford Society at Codsall, near Wolverhampton, on May 14th. A varied programme of ringing on the excellent light eight was ably supervised by Mr. E. Malin, the Ringing Master. The Society has, indeed, a bright future with the large number of young ringers present.

The service was conducted by the Rev. Gilbert Smith and in his address he spoke of the part bells played throughout the ages. They formed, he said, an historical background going back 600 years and their message was still the same today as long ago.

Tea followed in the church hall where more than 96 members and friends sat down to enjoy the hospitality of the Codsall ringers. Accommodation, needless to say, was rather cramped and many people were unable to sit at tables. We were indebted to Mr. Albert Richards, the Codsall ringers and their many lady helpers for the excellent meal provided.

Ringing continued after tea until about 8.30 p.m. Ringers were left with pleasant memories and we look forward to holding further meetings at Codsall in the future. D. J. T.

'LEARNING AND TEACHING BELL CONTROL'

Mr. Norman Chaddock's script of 'Learning and Teaching Bell Control' (see Notice page 358) has a preface written by Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd who writes: 'The course itself is thoroughly and thoughtfully prepared, and is clearly planned to provide for the quick learner and the slower student. The material is obligingly selective, and so are the pictures; and the experience of a skilled teacher is plainly revealed in such features as suggestions for questioning, paragraphs on stance and poise, and practical hints. The script is valuable without the illustrations, and the illustrations may be used in any normal form of instruction, but the course and the illustrations together make an impressive and valuable addition to the instructor's resources.'

ALPHABET FOR BEGINNERS

By T. J. LOCK

"J"

JANGLE, JAR, JEER, JERK, JOG, JOLT, JUGGLE, JUMBLE.—Don't, in the interests of all that life stands for, avoid all these things. There seems to be a complete scarcity of technical terms relating to ringing which commence with the letter J, but something has got to be written in order to continue and complete the alphabet. Some of the above words can be applied to human character, inasmuch you will find no jeering, jolting, juggling or jumbling in a happy, well organised and progressive band. If you feel like committing any of these things at any time, please don't. Endeavour to find a better solution to the situation. Of the other words, jangling, jarring, jogging and jerking can be applied to your success or otherwise at ringing. If you manage not to jangle, jar, jog or jerk you will be making good progress towards becoming a competent ringer. As an aid to achieving this, when you are preparing to ring, stand easy with one foot slightly in front of the other and a few inches apart (all to suit your own stature): stand with your nose not more than six inches from the natural position of the rope; face the centre of the circle of ropes so that you can see them all with the minimum of movement: stretch your arms so that you catch hold of the sally as high as you are able comfortably to do and then, when you pull at the sally, make a smooth and straight-down-towards-the-floor movement with your hands, retaining hold of the sally in its downward movement for as long as you can. Your grip of the rope at tail-end will also be at the position, when the bell is at back-stroke, that your arms are again comfortably straightened. When you pull the bell from back-stroke, repeat the smooth and straight-down-towards-the-floor movement as far as you can. Always keep your elbows in to your body, no jogging your colleague on the next rope, never raise your heels off the floor and never twist your body one way or the other. Hold the rope firmly and do not let it slip through your hands. Several photographic examples of correct holding and handling of a bell rope are to be found in 'An Elementary Handbook for Beginners in the Art of Change Ringing,' issued by the Central Council, price one shilling. When you meet the ringer who does not do any of these Js quoted above, judge him and make him your pattern.

JOHNSON.—Henry Johnson, 1809-1890, one of the illustrious men of the Exercise, is remembered regularly by the annual dinner held in Birmingham, where he spent most of his life. At the age of twenty he called his own 720 changes of Grandsire Minor and at the age of 35 he was an acknowledged leader. He stimulated and sustained Thomas Thurstans in a great struggle for a peal of Stedman Triples and he was the first person to call the famous four-part extent in this method. Johnson composed a notable 26,016 Stedman Caters containing the 120 course ends and without a fixed bell in seconds place. He produced compositions in various standard methods, gaining merit with his originality and it was he who first showed how Middleton's composition of 5,600 Cambridge Surprise Major could be reduced to a convenient 5,056. To celebrate Johnson's eightieth birthday Sir A. P. Heywood gave a dinner in Birmingham to which all the prominent members of the ringing societies were invited and during which the broad scheme for the formation of a Central Council for Ringers was outlined. Henry Johnson was buried in Aston churchyard and the Exercise showed its respect and appreciation to a remarkable character by erecting a tombstone on his grave.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

WHEN YOUR OUTING TAKES PLACE

Dear Sir,—I have again been asked to assist in arranging outings in this area, which is becoming increasingly difficult, so I am making an appeal to visitors of all towers. Please remember permission is granted to ring: the bells are not yours to bang about. You are in God's house and if you were downstairs you would act as such. You are in strange surroundings so why try methods too ambitious for your company?

Here in Bures we try to keep our tower as good as the rest of our church, but last year we had the paintwork all scratched with shoes, a low ceiling so three tailends cut to pieces, three cracked stays and our Vicar has asked me if visitors could be a little quieter. We had five learners in at one time—four could not even catch the sally; the din outside was unbearable. Parishioners have every reason to try and stop visitors.

Some towers have already been closed on Saturday mornings. The fashion seems to be to grab a quick pull instead of enjoying a nice course of good striking. Can we blame some clergy for thinking we are a company of heathens? Please try to keep our towers open for our fellow ringers who wish to come later.—Yours faithfully,

LESLIE D. MILLS.

Bures, Suffolk.

THE BROADCAST— 'ONE SOLITARY DONG'

Dear Sir,—Seeing the letter by H. N. Pitstow in a recent 'Ringing World' about the B.B.C.'s attitude to ringing reminds me that last Sunday I hurried back to a friend's house from church to hear St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol, bells before the 7.45 p.m. service on the West of England Home Service, as was stated in the then current issue of 'The Ringing World.'

After some trouble in 'tuning in,' we heard the announcer say that they were just going over to Bristol for the evening service. **We did not hear Redcliffe bells, but one solitary dong.** As one who spent three years in Bristol and frequently rang at Redcliffe, it is an understatement to say that I was a little disappointed!—Yours faithfully,

MAURICE E. DOWNS.

Clacton-on-Sea, Essex.

EAST ANGLIAN DIALECTS

Dear Sir,—On page 351 JAFUS refers to broad Essex dialect. This is the first time I have heard of such existing Of course, with Folks to the north-east, a pair of Shires to the west, Dons in the south and Sex in between, there's bound to be some smattering. The voice I heard at **Yarrmuth bell oupnun,** I agree, had a slight Suffolk flavour but no more than a little **'Scud orf tha wort'ur'** and would certainly be treated as **furren** in a good many places between the Waveney and Deben valleys. **I nivver knew she wuss a sarrvunt thow!**

BOR DEARVUD.

PEAL CORRECTION

Dear Sir,—I recently sent in a report of a peal of Kent and Oxford combined, rung at All Saints' Church, Daresbury, on May 6th. The names of the ringers should read:

Cecil Raddon treble, Denis Maddock 2, Harry W. Howard 3, Michael Thompson 4, Mrs. D. Lowe 5, Douglas Lowe 6, Harold Worrall 7, Roger King tenor.

I regret the error.—Yours faithfully,

H. WORRALL.

Warrington.

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD NOT UN-CO-OPERATIVE

Dear Sir,—One can obtain an impression from recent correspondence in 'The Ringing World,' particularly from the impertinent comment in the report of the London University Guild annual meeting, that the Manchester University Guild has purposely been an aloof and unco-operative member of the Universities Association. This impression is most certainly not a true one. We have never refused to help other Universities in our own area, and any member of other Guilds, including London University, are always welcome in Manchester.

The purpose of the letter from our secretary was to correct a false claim regarding a 'big-four' group amongst the University Guilds, and to stress that with as many Guilds north of Birmingham as south of it, the viewpoint of certain southerners who consider the northerners as remote outsiders is now quite unjustified.

We have invited the Universities Association to hold a dinner in Manchester, and I believe that if it takes place it will be the first annual dinner held north of Birmingham. We shall certainly do all we can to help if in future members of southern Universities wish to come 'up North' more frequently than in the past.—Yours faithfully,

DEREK OGDEN,
President,
The Manchester University Guild.

BRISTOL RINGING FESTIVAL

Dear Sir,—May I express, through your columns, my sincere thanks to the Bristol City Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, for the welcome received at their ringing festival on May 14th.

Like many other visitors, I was much impressed by the excellent arrangements and the willingness of local ringers to act as guides, etc., and this great occasion, given civic recognition by the presence of the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Bristol at the official luncheon, will long be remembered by those privileged to attend.—Yours faithfully,

A. E. RUSHTON.

Luton, Beds.

PERFORMANCES

Dear Sir,—I was interested to read Mr. May's letter headed 'Quarter Peals,' in which he mentions 1,000 changes at Headington.

This, of course, was a performance encouraging to the young ringers included, but, of course, was not intended to be claimed at any time as a quarter peal.—Yours sincerely,

TOM SMITH.

Headington, Oxford.

METHOD SPLICING

Dear Sir,—Although 'Method Splicing' has been out of print a good number of years, a copy is at Stockport Central Library. This is recorded at the Central Library in London and is available for use in any library in Great Britain.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN P. FIDLER.

Loughborough.

One Sunday morning, whilst listening to the broadcast of one of those excellent recordings of Evercreech bells, a prominent North Country ringer, as he heard the tenors dodging behind, exclaimed, 'That's a bob there!' His thrifty wife immediately began to search the floor in the hope of finding a shilling, and it was several minutes before he could subdue his laughter enough to explain to her just what kind of a 'bob' he meant!

BRISTOL RINGING FESTIVAL

BRISTOL'S first festival went off very well indeed. How could it have been otherwise when you have the loveliest city in England on a glorious spring day, many fine rings of bells and the whole show organised by one so able as Bert Bennett, assisted by his committee. We've never had it so good! It is said we had 200 ringers there, but it seemed a lot more when they were all crowded into the belfries at Redcliffe, Kingsdown, or the Cathedral. It was a day for the tenor ringer, for from his lofty elevation he alone could see which of the crowd had a bell-rope and which had not. More than once an innocent bystander was fiercely told to dodge before the conductor realised he was not actually ringing!

It was a hey-day for the tower-grabber, but 140 took time off to lunch informally with Bristol's Lord Mayor. His Worship, feeling no doubt in a somewhat statistical mood after having polled more votes against than for himself in the Council elections two days previously, pointed out that had twelve men set out to ring the extent of Maximus on the day the Gloucester and Bristol Association was formed, they could have done it twice over by now. What opportunities we do let slip!

But still, the respectability of sitting down to lunch with a Lord Mayor, a Dean and the Chancellor of the Diocese would probably not have been offered to ringers back in 1878. Nor perhaps would we then have had the opportunity of attending together, and filling the nave at such a moving service as we had in the Cathedral that afternoon. Ringers together are no ordinary congregation, for it is their ministry to assist in the service of worship, and one often feels a oneness between priest and congregation in ringers' services, which is not always present in parish services. What finer hymn could we have had than that wonderful one by George Herbert:

'Let all the world in every corner sing,
My God and King.'

And what appropriate hymn to close with than:

'Now thank we all our God.'

The Dean reminded us of the sacred ministry of our calling, and closed his address with this quotation, 'What we become in the presence of God, so we are all the day through.'

This festival, you see, was conceived with a serious purpose in mind: to rededicate our service to God, to promote our Christian fellowship with one another and particularly with our own clergy. Was it successful? That is only known to each one of us in our own hearts as we live the day through.

P. G.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Chertsey District

A record number of well over 50 people attended the meeting of the Chertsey District at Walton on May 14th. Most of them came from within the Diocese, but there were also visitors from Petersfield, Kingston and Sunbury.

Prior to the service, a meeting of the District Ringing Masters was held to discuss plans for a memorial to the late Mr. A. H. Pulling. It was decided that a bell should be hung in the new Cathedral, preferably to be installed before the dedication service, which could be used for the Cathedral services, and later be incorporated in the ring of bells when the tower is completed.

Tea was prepared by the local ringers and served in the Church Hall and was followed by a short business meeting, with the Guild Ringing Master, Mr. C. W. Denyer, in the chair.

Ringing continued until 9 p.m., Oxford Bob Triples being the most successful method attempted.

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OXFORD UNIVERSITY EASTER TOUR

ON Easter Eve the first-comers descended upon Heathfield, in Sussex, where the Society had 'taken over' a guest house, Barratts Park, as a base for the tour. After the first of a series of excellent suppers, they rang sundry unadventurous methods, as if by way of a gentle warm-up before the tour proper began, on the sweet-toned six at Warbleton.

On Sunday morning there was ringing for services at Brightling, Dallington, Waldron and Heathfield; at the last, a course of Kent was halted while young Nancy Threlfall protested against the idea of her mother ringing while she was not there to watch. Having established, however, that such a thing would not occur again, she preserved an admirable equanimity for the rest of the tour.

After lunch came an impromptu tower-grab; a five was called for, and a good one found at Ewhurst; then followed some pleasant touches on the six at Sedlescombe. After some acrobatics had permitted the recovery of a rope-hook that had run up to its pulley, the heavy-laden vehicles moved on to Dallington. Before the band who were to ring for evening service at Heathfield went on their way, one member demonstrated his answer to the prevailing Sussex fashion of rope-adjustment. Disdaining the use of knots, he struck his bell while remaining seated, rising only at the call of 'Stand.'

The Master was so moved by this performance that he organised an immediate quarter peal, which was abandoned only when we were joined by members of the local band for some combined touches.

On Monday morning there arrived the coach which was to carry us about for the next four days, its driver becoming a enthusiastic spectator in every ringing room. After negotiating for the first time the two right-angled corners between Barratts Park and the Heathfield Hotel (which housed the overflow party), we set out for Hailsham. Here we found a neatly-kept ringing loft, and, conditions being favourable, a touch of six-spliced was brought round.

At Eastbourne the party sampled four interestingly varied rings of eight. At St. Mary's (15¾ cwt.) the bells went well but were a shade thin in tone. There was something of a scramble to give everyone a ring at All Saints' but in spite of harassed cries up the stairs ('Tell him to call it round; there's a service in five minutes and two bands to go yet!') no one was disappointed.

A CANCELLATION

The rush was the result of an alteration of our schedule following the cancellation of a morning peal attempt. Last year, there were no less than nine peals in the tour programme, and the report in the 'R.W.' contained disturbing phrases such as 'anguished moments,' 'considerable furore,' 'ceased abruptly with the Master acting on humanitarian principles' and 'lack of volunteers.' This year, the reduction of the number of peals to three prevented the appearance of any furore, anguish or necessity to apply humanitarian principles; it did not, however, promote the appearance of any volunteers.

The Society continued its ringing at Eastbourne after lunch, exercising itself at St. Saviour's (24¼ cwt. in an imposing brick tower) before relaxing at Christ Church (8¾ cwt.); it then went home by way of Alfriston, where ringers perform in the very centre of the cruciform church. In spite of ominous quiverings of the guide-frame the ropes 'came down straight,' which was just as well in view of the number of holiday-makers who crowded into the church to witness the spectacle.

The strain of this public performance seemed to tell upon several members; although the careful coaching by our tame Wealdman ensured that we all pronounced correctly the name of our last tower, we did less than justice to Hellingly's sound 11 cwt. six.

Tuesday began with visits to Ticehurst, a difficult six, and to Goudhurst (8, 25 cwt.). There was a slight delay before we could get into this tower; those who did not disappear in search of coffee watched the passings and repassings of Frances, who shouted from her car window that she was getting nearer and nearer to success in her quest for the tower key. The secret of the key's hiding-place was eventually learnt, and the wait proved well worth while.

Another very good eight was found at Hawkhurst. After a little difficulty in persuading the tenor to go up right, we discovered that the quaint 'coconut' element in the sound of the bells inspired rhythmic striking, and some of the most enjoyable touches of the tour resulted.

SLUMBERING DURING STEDMAN

A pleasant afternoon began at Northiam and Salehurst. At the latter tower the afternoon sunlight filtering into the picturesque ringing room caused people to slumber during Stedman, but eventually Colin Taylor organised some good Double Norwich for the benefit of his tape recorder. Unfortunately, one of the valves died a slow death during the recording, so that the play-back gave the impression that the tower was being wheeled away slowly over the horizon.

After tea, some good London Major at Battle attracted Peter N. Bond, who joined us in a fast and furious touch of Spliced which gradually overtook the conductor and made its escape. In the evening there was a most enjoyable trip to Burwash, where it was shown that a low ceiling can lend atmosphere to a ringing room without interfering with striking.

On Wednesday, we found that a tape-recorder had been set up to await us at Buxted; perhaps it was stage-fright which thwarted all efforts to ring a really fitting touch. The symptoms persisted at Maresfield, and confidence was not regained until after a grand lunch at the Foresters Arms at Fairwarp. Then everyone found the 15 cwt. eight of Christ Church a joy to handle, although the bells have a repressed, reedy tone in the ringing room which bears no relation to their true voice when heard outside.

Lewes bells, our only ten, were kept manned for an hour before the day finished at Ringmer. This time a low ceiling proved disturbing, and although listeners outside liked the tone of these bells, observers inside the ringing room received the impression that heavy weather was made of most touches. In the evening, the ringers of Heathfield were kind enough to welcome us to a special practice night.

Came Thursday, our last full day, and the weather was as clear and bright as it had remained for the whole of the tour. We started the day at Mayfield, where the noble detonations of the tenor delighted everyone, and carried on to Wadhurst. Here the very attractive 12 cwt. eight were rung to a course of Superlative which matched the glass and wrought-steel screen which separates ringers and nave; all agreed that the idea was excellent, but some had doubts concerning the execution.

Lunch in Tunbridge Wells was followed by a visit to St. Peter's, where the eight were rung at a variety of tempi; then we tried our hand on the six at Frant, a ring of decided originality. Unfortunately we failed to master these bells before our allotted time was up.

The last tower of the tour, and a most fitting one with which to end, was that of St. Denys', Rotherfield. No one could fail to be impressed by this fine 23 cwt. eight.

There had been a peal attempt planned for Friday; whereas, however, many members would have liked to stand in, too few could remain to do so, which meant a reluctant cancellation. Nevertheless, everyone who had come on the tour went away well satisfied, and our grateful thanks go to the incumbents and ringers who permitted us to ring their bells and met us on our arrival. Finally, we are all much indebted to Frances Threlfall for making such an excellent job of all the organisation.

NORWICH DIOCESAN

Twenty-two ringers sat down to tea (provided by the Mothers' Union) at the quarterly meeting of the Northern Branch, held at Cromer on May 14th. The Rev. W. Warr conducted the service and Mr. N. Golden, president, read the lesson. Ringing was under the watchful eye of the Branch Ringing Master, Mr. J. R. Smith.

Mr. A. G. Bason presided at the business meeting when the following new members were elected: Miss R. A. Burton, R. C. T. Burton, C. M. Frior, A. Gill, J. W. Hornigold, R. E. Hutson, O. O. Knight and D. Last (all of Yaxham), Mr. and Mrs. Robinson (Coggeshall, late Chester Guild), P. Squires (Hethersett) and R. A. Jones (Wymondham). Three probationers were also elected. Next meeting Yaxham, July 23rd.

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NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

President's 1,000 Peals For Home Association

MEMBERS, representing 30 towers in the Diocese, together with visitors from London, Suffolk, Lincolnshire and St. Helens, met in Norwich, on the occasion of the annual meeting on Saturday, April 30th, well over 100 sitting down to tea.

The Rev. Giles Galley opened the meeting with prayers, and the company stood for a moment's silence in memory of the 14 members who had passed to higher service during 1959.

The president, Mr. Nolan Golden, took the chair, and was given a great welcome after his recent stay in hospital. Thanking them for their good wishes and especially all who had written letters and visited him in hospital, he said it had been a source of strength and encouragement to him to know that so many of his friends had him in their thoughts and prayers. Unfortunately, he would be going back again for a further operation very shortly, but hoped that it would result in him being fully recovered and able to play his full part in the activities of the Association once again.

The Ringing Master, Mr. H. W. Barrett, said he wished, on behalf of the Association, to offer their congratulations to the president on his great achievement in ringing over 1,000 peals for his home Association, the great majority of which he had also been the conductor, and composer of many of them. His 1,000th peal was a peal of 5,056 of Cambridge Surprise Major, rung at Hingham, August 12th, 1959. He asked this to be fully recorded in the minutes. This was seconded and passed with acclamation. The Association are fortunate to have one of the greatest ringers and composers of all time in their ranks and he wished him a happy outcome to his present indisposition.

The president thanked the Ringing Master for his remarks and said that he looked back with happy memories of his ringing career and of all the friends he made during that time and looked forward to resuming his activities once again. He had not kept detailed records of his peals but could probably furnish the Association with most of the information that they might require.

YOUTH AND 'THE RINGING WORLD'

In his review of 1959 the president said it seemed a year of consolidation rather than a record one. Membership had gone up to 478, an increase of 22 on the previous year. It was most encouraging to see again the large number of young people present, a feature of the last few annual general meetings. It was a great pity that several of the older members had lapsed from membership, but he hoped that everything possible would be done to bring them back. He reminded the younger ringers of the importance of taking 'The Ringing World.' This is essential if they were to get the full enjoyment from the ringing activities. It would help in widening their interest in new methods and could persuade them to learn composition and so eventually be able to call and conduct peals.

The great event of the year was, of course, the dedication and opening of the 13 new bells at St. Nicholas', Great Yarmouth. He congratulated the Vicar, the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, and his ringers on the splendid arrangements made for the 200 ringers who attended to have a ring in the time available. Restoration has been completed at Attleborough, but comment had been made in the failure to have the ropes fall in full circle. The ten at Aylsham will be restored in the present year, also the five at Kessingland. It is understood that this ring will be augmented to six.

The Ringing Master, in his report, stressed the importance of maintaining and improving Sunday service ringing. He had visited a number of towers without warning during the year, and had been pleased to hear the bells ringing. With a membership of approximately 500 he was sure that a great improvement could be made and appealed for greater support in this direction. 85 peals were rung during the year.

The general secretary and treasurer, Mr. W. Love, reported that 82 new members had been elected—60 resident and 22 non-resident life members. The financial position could be termed as satisfactory. Income for the year at £154 19s. 10d., gave an excess of £2 17s. 8d. over expenditure. The General Fund stands at £259 9s. 11d., and the Belfry Repair Fund at £104 15s. 7d.

All the officers were re-elected for 1960, also vice-presidents with the addition of the Rev. Frank Jarvis, Vicar designate of St. Peter Mancroft, and the deletion of the Very Rev. J. A. H. Waddington, who had left the Diocese.

Particulars of the proposed memorial plaque in memory of the late Cecil Ebberson were given to the meeting. It will be in Hopton Wood stone and is to be placed in the ringing chamber at Dersingham. It is hoped the dedication will take place in September.

The service was held in St. Peter Mancroft, the Rev. Gratton Guinness giving the address.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Luton District Meeting At Eaton Bray

In an endeavour to stimulate interest in ringing, and in meetings in particular, the May meeting of the Luton District included an interesting ringing competition, the second of such attractions staged by this district.

From 3 p.m. the bells were kept going and all tastes were provided for, the ringing ranging from rounds to Cambridge Surprise, until 4 p.m. when the competition took place. Over 40 ringers were present. For the competition rounds only were allowed and each band was allowed 30 seconds to get the 'feel' of the bells, after which they were judged on the following 120 rounds. Contesting bands were Eaton Bray, Leighton Buzzard, Husborne Crawley and Westoning, the last named proving to be the winners.

After an excellent tea, provided by the local ladies, the results were declared, an additional treat being the playing of a tape recording of the competitors' efforts by Mr. K. Fleming.

Messrs. F. J. Plummer and A. E. Rushton were the judges, the latter standing in for Mr. R. J. Sharp, whose unavoidable absence was regretted by all.

Further ringing took place both before and after Evensong, conducted by the Vicar, Rev. P. Graham.

A. E. R.

IRISH ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Executive Council and the final contest for the Murphy Cup was held at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, on May 14th. Mr. William Pratt (president) presided at the Council meeting and silent tribute was paid to the memory of Robert S. F. Murphy, P.C., Ringing Master and librarian (life member) and George N. Price and Mrs. T. E. G. Taylor (non-resident life member).

The annual report stated that Radio Eireann broadcast Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin, for 15 minutes to ring out 1959. The B.B.C. (Northern Ireland) provided a good programme in which John T. Dunwoody and Harry Brown, assisted by Mr. W. Pratt and Jean Stewart, explained the intricacies of bellringing. During this 30 minute programme on Christmas Eve the bells of every tower (except Carrickfergus) and those of Armagh Cathedral were heard. St. Donard's was easily the best of the towers which broadcast on Christmas Day.

Three visiting parties rang 28 peals and four local peals had been rung including Plain Bob Royal at Dundela. Membership totalled 369 (life 15, honorary 3, ringing 351) and there were 198 non-resident life members.

Arising from the report two resolutions were passed—to set up a Reserve Fund into which £4 or £5 would be paid annually and to authorise the investment of Association funds in Republic of Ireland guaranteed stock yielding not less than 5 per cent.

'The Irish Bell News' showed a profit of £9 2s. 2d. after setting aside £2 10s. 6d. to the Renewal Fund. A number of favourable expressions of appreciation for the paper had been received.

Mr. William H. Wilson, a ringer at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, since 1907, president of the Association in 1932 and president of St. Patrick's Society, was elected a life member and presented with his certificate.

The election of officers resulted in the re-election of Mr. William Pratt as president and Mr. F. E. Dukes as general secretary. Mr. John T. Dunwoody is the new Ringing Master and also badge secretary and Mr. W. H. Wilson librarian. The Editorial Committee of 'Irish Bell News' is Mr. F. E. Dukes (editor), Mrs. F. E. Dukes, Mrs. J. Jeffrey (nee Jean Stewart) and Mr. G. Bingham.

The Murphy Cup was won by St. Peter's, Bandon, 44 faults, followed by Mount St. Alphonsus, Limerick, 64 faults; Enniskillen 76 and Drogheda 106. The judges were Messrs. W. H. Wilson and F. Bogan and Mrs. J. Jeffrey. Bandon won the cup for the first time.



DEDICATION

SALTASH, CORNWALL

Until May 23rd. the six bells of SS. Nicholas and Faith, Saltash, Cornwall, had been unringable for about 15 years. It was because of other urgent work that the bells had to wait, but now all is well again. On Sunday, May 1st. the bells were hallowed by the Lord Bishop of Truro, the Rt. Rev. J. M. Key, before being hoisted into the tower. The work has entailed a completely new frame and fittings, and the recasting of the third.

The bells were originally a Thomas Bilbie six, cast in 1760. They were rehung by Aggett, of Chagford, in 1902 when the two tenors were recast. The tenor weighs about 15 cwt. The restoration has been carried out by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., and the bells are now tuneful and go well.

The church was filled to capacity for the opening on May 23rd. Evensong was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. J. C. Boyes, and the sermon preached by the Rev. A. S. Roberts (Vicar of Carbis Bay), who took as his text 'The seven angels which had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound' (Rev. viii, 6).

Mr. Roberts pointed out that in May of last year they were celebrating the 100th anniversary of the opening of Brunell's famous Saltash Bridge, and that this May it was exactly two hundred years since Bilbie's six bells were erected. The ringers' work was first of all a dedicated work in the service of the Church, but it was also progressive, and there was a tremendous joy in it. It was an art with a wide interest, and no other body of church workers travelled from place to place like ringers.

'To ringers Saltash, without its bells, had become rather unimportant, but now with restored bells, and a new bridge being built, no doubt many visitors might be expected.

'Receive them as brothers beloved,' said Mr. Roberts, 'and after cultivating the team spirit in the local tower remember the wider sphere of ringing in the Diocese, the whole country, as well as in many countries of the world. Further, ringing cannot be properly learnt without a text book, and every tower, if not the individual, should take "The Ringing World."'

Those present included Mr. Alan Carveth (president, Truro Guild) and Mrs. Carveth, Rev. W. H. R. Trewhella (general secretary), Mr. J. W. Clarke (Assistant Ringing Master), who has been training the new and reconstituted local band at Landulph, and ringers from Teignmouth, Plymouth and many parts of Cornwall. The local band rang the bells first immediately after the service followed by many visitors who kept them going to a late hour.

There was no lack of ringing with Landulph, St. Dominick and St. Stephen-by-Saltash also available. This last, in every circumstance, must be the finest six in Cornwall. With a 16½ cwt. tenor, in a spacious tower, a frame for eight, hung low in the tower, perforated slate in place of louvres and the first example of a lantern roof in Cornwall, they sound magnificent both inside and outside, and as another Taylor ring Saltash is now blessed with two splendid rings.

Ringing included several Doubles and Minor methods, and, of course, plenty of well struck Cornish rounds and call-changes.

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CADE.—Will members of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild accept the sincere thanks of the family of the late Simon Cade, of Scothern, who died on April 8th, 1960, aged 60, for their kindness and sympathy. He was one of the first members of the Guild and rang peals with the late Rev. H. Law James. 6055

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MEETINGS

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting at March, Saturday, June 4th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. L. Murfet, Dis. Sec. 6004

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W.—Crusader meeting, Havering-atte-Bower, June 4th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Romford (8) will also be available at 6.30 p.m. Names for tea please, to Mrs. J. Branch, 91, The Drive, Romford. 5968

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Practice meeting at Offley, on June 4th, at 5.30 p.m.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting, Hoo, Saturday, June 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 5954

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—By-meeting at East Peckham, Saturday, June 4th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. 5983

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Thame, Saturday, June 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. 6014

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting, Buckingham (8), Saturday, June 4th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. 6007

SUFFOLK GUILD.—West Central District.—Evening meeting, Hinderclay (6), June 4th. Bells 6.30 p.m.—H. Mitson, Dis. Sec. 5999

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Withyham (8), Saturday, June 4th. Bells 3 p.m.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Walpole St. Andrew, Whit Monday, June 6th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 6003

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Whit Monday, June 6th, at Cheimsford. Service in Cathedral 11 a.m. Preacher Archdeacon of Colchester. Annual meeting Coffee, etc., available in Cathedral Hall from 10.15 a.m. to 10.45 a.m. Lunch 1.30 p.m. cost 5s. Tea as a running buffet, 2s. 6d. Later applications 6s. 6d. and 3s. respectively. Ringing: Cathedral 9.30 to 10.45 a.m. (Service touch at 10.45) and from 4 p.m. From 3 to 6 p.m.: Boreham (8), Great Waltham (8), Broomfield (6), Little Waltham (6), Springfield (6), Ford End (6), High Easter (6), and from 6 to 9 p.m.: Galleywood (8), Widford (8), Great Baddow (8), Danbury (6), Sandon (6), Little Baddow (5). Lunch and tea tickets from F. V. Gant, 3 Central Drive, Hornchurch. 5899

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Meeting, Saturday, June 11th, Eaton Socon bells (8) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special methods: Double Norwich and Superlative. May we see YOU there.—A. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec. 6049

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Northwich Branch) and LADIES' GUILD.—Joint meeting at Witton, Northwich, Saturday, June 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous, to Mr. H. Parker, 64, Church Road, Northwich. 6036

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern District.—Meeting. Saturday, June 11th, 3 p.m. Tredington. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Shipston-on-Stour bells available, 6.30 p.m. 6029

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD—Leigh (6), June 11th. Names for tea to Mr. B. Pankhurst, Chestnuts, Leigh, Tonbridge.—C. A. Bassett.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Dullingham on Saturday, June 11th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Weston Covill and West Wratting will be visited after tea.—E. W. Bullman. 6037

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Meeting, Bishopstone (8), Saturday, June 11th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to R. Luton, 169, Cheney Manor Road. Swindon, Wilts. 6012

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Summer Festival. Saturday, June 11th. Ringing arrangements: Capel 10.30-12 noon, Merrow and Ockley 11-12, Ranmore 11.30-1 p.m., Cobham and Stoke D'Abernon 2-4, Epsom, Christ Church 3-4, Leatherhead from 4, Dorking 7-8. Service 4.30 p.m. at Leatherhead, followed by tea in St. Nicholas' Hall. Numbers for tea by previous Wednesday, to G. Marriner, 6, Leach Grove, Leatherhead. 6005

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth District.—Quarterly meeting at Calverley, Saturday, June 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by meeting. Names for tea by Wednesday, June 8th, to Mr. F. C. Bennett, 7, Rudge Heath, Pattingham, Staffs.—H. Edge, Dis. Sec. 6021

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION—Eastern District.—Meeting, Cheshunt, Saturday, June 11th, 3 p.m. Tea 5.30. Service 6.30 p.m. Names for tea to R. Durrant, 7, The Folly, Brookfield Lane, Cheshunt. 6024

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION—Western District.—Meeting at Apsley, Saturday, June 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, June 7th, to Mr. A. Good, 44, Belmont Road, Hemel Hempstead.—J. Good, Dis. Sec. 5994

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District. — By-meeting, Goodnestone (6), Saturday, June 11th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. the Village Hall, at 2 per head. Names, together with cash, please, by Wednesday, June 8th, to Mrs. R. Brett, Copmans Hall, Goodnestone, Canterbury. 5980

LADIES' GUILD.—North-Western District. —Joint meeting with Northwich Branch, CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD, at St. Helen's, Witton, Northwich, Saturday, June 11th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea by June 9th, to Mr. H. Parker, 64, Church Road, Northwich.—S. P. Wain, Dis. Sec. 6030

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Meeting, Saturday, June 11th, St. Peter, Portishead. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5.15 p.m., at the White Cot Cafe, followed by meeting in the Church. Names for tea by Thursday, June 9th, to Miss B. Johnson, 10, Lancashire Road, Bristol 7. 6017

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lancaster Branches.—Joint meeting at Silverdale, Saturday, June 11th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. Bolton, Kirkmeade, Core Road, Silverdale.—N. M. Newby and P. Handley, Branch Secs. 6011

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting, June 11th, at Whitworth (8). Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Cups of tea 5, and business (6 p.m.), at the Vicarage. —Hudson, Sec. 6053

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.— Meeting at Ormskirk Parish Church, on Saturday, June 11th. Bells 2.30 until 7 p.m. Please make your own arrangements for tea.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting at Chorley St. Laurence, Saturday, June 11th. Bring own food.—L. Walmsley. 6062

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Next meeting at St. Michael's, Huyton, on Saturday, June 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea by Wednesday, June 8th, at the latest, to Mr. W. R. Birchall, 157, Bluebell Lane, Huyton.—T. E. Radcliffe. 6057

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD—Syston District.—Meeting at Thrussington, on Saturday, June 11th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Room at 5 p.m. (Ratcliffe-on-the-Wreake bells available 2.30 to 3.45 p.m.) Names by the previous Wednesday, please, to Mr. W. C. Hardy, 30 The Green Thrussington. 6035

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leicester District.—Meeting at Gilmorton, Saturday, June 11th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in village hall 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, June 8th, please, to Mr. G. Broughton, Main Street, Gilmorton, near Rugby. 6022

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Loughborough District) and MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD: Joint meeting, Measham, June 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—C. W. Hall and J. W. Cotton. 6019

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION—Southern District.—Meeting, Saturday, June 11th. Evening ringing at St. Mary Abbots, High Street, Kensington, 6.30-8 p.m. Afternoon tower to be announced next week.—M. Powell. 6047

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION—N. and E. District.—Meeting at St. John's, Stanmore, joint with HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Watford District) Saturday, June 11th. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and further ringing until 8 p.m. Ringing also at St. Margaret's, Edgware, 2.30 p.m. until 4 p.m. 6044

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting at Steeple Claydon (6), on Saturday, June 11th. Bells available at 2.45 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous. No name, no tea guaranteed.—D. G. Wheeler, 47, Whaddon Chase, Aylesbury, Bucks. 6050

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD—City Branch.—Half yearly meeting at Stanton St. John, Saturday, June 11th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 3.45 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, 8th, to Mr. R. Jones, 118 Oxford Road, Old Marston, Oxford. 6025

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting Welford (8), Saturday, June 11th. Names for tea by Tuesday previous, to E. M. Thresher, 22, Watson Road, Long Buckby. 6060

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Wing, June 11th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to W. C. A. Clark Middle Street, Wing. 6015

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD—Devizes Branch.—Monthly meeting, Chirton, Saturday, June 11th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Marden (5) and All Cannings (5) also available. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to E. J. Hitchins, 136, Bradley Road, Trowbridge, Wilts. 6027

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Sherrifhales, Saturday, June 11th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, June 9th, to Mr. J. Dakin, The Post Office, Sherrifhales, Shifnal. 6051

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at St. Martin's, Saturday, June 11th. Bells (6) 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, June 9th, to Mrs. D. Leach, Gwalia Wen, St. Martin's, Oswestry. 6052

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Annual general meeting, Lichfield, Saturday, June 11th. Service at St. Michael's Church 3.45 p.m. Tea in St. Michael's Hall 4.30 p.m., followed by general meeting. Bells available: Cathedral (10) 2.30-3.25 p.m. and 6.30-7.30 p.m., St. Mary's (8) and St. Michael's (6) during afternoon and evening. Also Little Aston (6), Elford (6), Kings Bromley (6), Yoxall (6), Longden (6), from 10 a.m.-12.30 p.m. and 7.30-9 p.m. Names for tea (limited to approx. 125) to Mr. D. J. Tranter, 36, Seven Acres, Aldridge, near Walsall, by Wednesday, June 8th at the latest. 5990

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Notts District.—Meeting at Misson (6), Saturday, June 11th. Bells 2.30 to 5 p.m., Bawtry after tea. Names for tea by 7th to Mr. S. E. Young, White Horse Inn, Misson, Doncaster.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—Practice meeting at Lyminster (6), on Saturday, June 11th, at 3 p.m. Sorry, no facilities for tea available.—E. W. Keys, Hon. Sec. 6059

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—Annual meeting, Bridlington, on June 11th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service in Church 4.30. Tea in Schoolroom 5.15 p.m. Names, please, by June 10th, to Mr. J. A. Parker, Newhaven, 188, Queeensway, Bridlington, E. Yorkshire.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5989

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch. — Corporate Communion, Kilmersdon, Sunday June 12th. Bells 7.15 a.m. Service 8 a.m. Names for breakfast, to Mr. G. Pomeroy, 6, South View, Babington, near Frome. 6034

DEVON GUILD.—Annual festival, Exeter, June 18th. Service St. Mark's 4 p.m., address by the Bishop of Exeter. Tea and meeting in St. Mark's Parish Hall. Numbers for tea to Rev. C. G. Poulton, 36, Polsloe Road, Exeter. Ringing arrangements: St. Thomas' 1.30-3 p.m., Heavitree 1.30-3, St. Mark's 3-4, Cathedral 6-8.30 p.m. 5985

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Lindsey Branch.—Joint meeting with the BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY at Barrow-on-Humber (8), June 18th, usual arrangements. Names for tea by June 15th, to Mr. A. Crowder, Manor Farm, Barrow-on-Humber. 6048

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD (Elloe Deaneries Branch) and LADIES' GUILD (Lincolnshire Branch). — Joint meeting at Gosberton, Saturday, June 18th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, 15th, to Mrs. M. Thorley, 32, Whitehall, Gosberton, Spalding, Lincs. 6016

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Machynlleth, Saturday, June 18th. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Please notify for tea by June 11th, to W. Cathrall, 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham. 6006

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Section.—Quarterly meeting at Limpsfield (6), June 18th. 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Large set of handbells available. Names for tea to Mr. E. Jarrett, 3, Titsey Road, Limpsfield, by June 16th.—G. A. West, Hon. Sec. 6042

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch.—Meeting at Alvechurch (8), Saturday, June 18th. 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Coach will leave Bell Hotel, Stourbridge at 2.30 p.m. sharp. —Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., 17, Ham Lane, Pedmore, Stourbridge. 6038

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Annual meeting, Almondbury, near Huddersfield, on June 18th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Committee meeting 4.15. Tea in Church School 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea by Monday, June 13th, to Mr. R. Jobson, School House, 8, Westgate, Almondbury, Huddersfield.—A. E. Marsh, Hon. Dis. Sec. 6054

Birmingham University Society

At the annual meeting of Birmingham University Society on May 17th, Mr. Roderick W. Pipe was elected chairman and Ringing Master and Mr. Alan J. Collins secretary and treasurer for the session 1960-61.

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QUARTER PEALS

ABINGDON, BERKS.—On May 20th, at St. Nicholas', 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Garlick 1, J. Constance 2, Miss M. A. Carter 3, Mrs. A. E. Lock 4, A. E. Lock (cond.) 5, C. Corderoy 6. Rung for the visitation of the Bishop.

CAMBRIDGE.—At the Church of St. Mary the Great, on May 19th, 1,242 Grandsire Caters: J. Wilkin 1, P. H. Pigg 2, J. Schofield 3, Miss H. Muirhead 4, M. Hood 5, E. G. Hibbins (cond.) 6, T. R. Dennis 7, D. Stubbings 8, J. W. R. Quinney 9, H. Muncey 10. For Confirmation service.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. Ainger 1, A. Hudson 2, J. P. Brandon 3, R. Millham 4, P. T. Spencer-Phillips (cond.) 5, H. Carter 6. An 88th birthday compliment to George Green.

HILLINGDON, MIDDX.—On May 22nd, 1,280 London Surprise Major: W. H. Coles 1, T. G. Banister 2, M. J. Palmer 3, A. R. G. Twinn (first of London) 4, F. W. Goodfellow 5, N. D. Robinson 6, J. Hill (cond.) 7, F. C. Price 8. For Evensong.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On May 8th, 1,320 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): R. Blackshaw 1, D. Armstrong 2, F. Bradley 3, A. Larkin 4, M. Harrison 5. Conducted by 2, 3, 4, 5. For evening srvice.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.—On April 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss Y. Pennington (first quarter) 1, Miss M. McKay 2, A. Osbaldiston 3, B. F. L. Groves 4, W. H. Dowse (cond.) 5, R. B. Smith 6. For Evensong.

PATTISHALL, NORTHANTS.—On May 13th, 1,260 Minor (Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob): D. Burbidge 1, J. Linnell 2, C. Truman 3, W. F. Eyden 4, G. Shellard 5, W. A. Yates (cond.) 6.

SAWLEY, DERBYS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Doubles (Spliced, Grandsire and Plain Bob, Plain Bob, Grandsire): Mrs. W. Simpson 1, W. Simpson 2, D. Marshall (cond.) 3, J. Harvey 4, C. Geary 5, R. Newsum 6. Rung for the christening of Susan Elizabeth, daughter of the conductor.

TENTERDEN, KENT.—On May 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. J. Bashford (first away from tenor) 1, Violet I. E. Relf 2, W. Tickner 3, P. L. Taylor 4, P. Relf 5, B. J. Kingsnorth 6. Conducted by Kathleen M. Yeo. Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss Dawn S. M. Day to Mr. Antony F. Tipples.

WARBOROUGH, OXON.—On May 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: V. Fox (first on treble) 1, G. McIlhone 2, Margaret Thewlis 3, A. Howes 4, F. Absolom (cond.) 5, M. Welsh (first quarter) 6. For the tenor ringer's 15th birthday.

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A NEW ZEALANDER'S STORY

MR. G. NELSON SLOAN, of Christchurch, New Zealand, has sent us the story of his experiences during his memorable trip to England last year, in which he rang in 55 towers, including six cathedrals. As soon as he and Mrs. Sloan arrived at Southampton a welcome awaited them in the person of Dr. R. G. T. Bennett (a past Master of the Christchurch, New Zealand, Society) and Mrs. Bennett, who took them to their home at West Hendred.

His first Sunday in England was, for Mr. Sloan, a memorable day in his life—the ringing of the bells at Christ Church, Oxford. He was met by Mr. Charles Coles, with whom he had been corresponding since 1950, and introduced to Mr. Walter Judge (the Master), Mr. Phil Walker (secretary), Mr. Ted Moore and many others. Later he was taken to St. Martin's and All Saints' Church to ring Grandsire Triples. A tour of the colleges took place in the afternoon, and in the evening there was ringing for evening service at St. Ebbe's with that 88-year-old veteran Mr. Wilkins.

The following Tuesday was the sixth anniversary of the Queen's coronation, and another great day of ringing with Mr. Coles and other Oxford ringers. The four towers visited included Merton College. As there are only two active ringing Societies in New Zealand—one being in North Island—it is not possible to have ringers' annual outings. It was therefore a wonderful experience to accompany the Oxford Society on their tour and ring in so many towers.

After Oxford came Midsomer Norton, in Somerset, as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Savage, who for a time lived in New Zealand, and Mr. Savage was Master of their Cathedral Society at the time of the visit of the Queen and Prince Philip. Again the great fellowship of ringers was experienced, and towers visited included Radstock, Marston Bigott, St. Peter's, Evercreech, and 'the best ring in Somerset'—Chewton Mendip. The highlight of his ringing in Somerset, however, was the visit to Wells Cathedral and ringing 'inside' to a touch of Grandsire Caters for Evensong, and afterwards, conducted by the Master (Mr. Gwilym Salmon), taken to see the bells and then to the top of the tower to view the countryside. 'It was with real regret we left Mr. and Mrs. Savage: no family could have looked after us better,' he writes.

The scene changes to the hop fields and/or churches of Kent, with a welcome from Mr. Albert J. Lancefield, who during his stay at Christchurch had conducted three peals for the local Society, one being to commemorate the opening of the bells at St. Peter's, Hamilton, in North Island. It was a great pleasure to meet him again and to be introduced to his parents and brother Mark. With the brothers Lancefield and John Cooper, Mr. Sloan visited many towers, including the lovely ten at Maidstone, where he rang his first touch of Little Bob Royal. At Bethersden came an unexpected honour of making the first entry in the new visitors' book, and supper afterwards with Mr. and Mrs. Marshall.

The experience of attending an Association meeting was something Mr. Sloan had been looking forward to, and the opportunity came with one arranged specially for the 92nd birthday of Mr. E. Ruck, which was held at Willesborough. The day coincided with his own birthday, and Mr. Sloan felt that he could not have spent it in better company. A visit to Canterbury, to ring for Evensong, gave him an opportunity of meeting some of the ringers who had made the recording which was sent to New Zealand for the centenary celebrations of Canterbury in 1950.

The new bells at Lydd were a great joy, and it was on these bells he scored his first quarter of Grandsire Triples. Ringing in this quarter were the Misses Marie Vantom and Kathleen Yeo, and it was a new experience to ring with ladies. 'I must congratulate them and other members of the band on their excellent striking,' comments Mr. Sloan.

The next journey was to King's Lynn to meet Miss Betty Dyer and Mr. Norman Harding. Miss Dyer was in New Zealand a few years ago and rang regularly at the Cathedral, and Mr. Harding by correspondence introduced Miss Dyer to him. It was at St. Margaret's, King's Lynn, that Mr. Sloan rang his first quarter of Bob Major. On his last evening he went to Tilney All Saints' to attempt a peal of Plain Bob Minor, which unfortunately failed in the fifth 720. He sincerely thanks Mr. and Mrs. Harding and Miss Betty Dyer and her family, who made the visit so enjoyable.

On to Clitheroe, Lancashire, to meet Mr. Victor J. C. Wood, with whom Mr. Sloan rang a peal at Christchurch, N.Z., in honour of the visit of the Queen and Prince Philip. They were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wood, who not only hospitably entertained them but motored them some 200 miles around the Lake District. At St James' Church, Mr. Sloan rang his first peal of Plain Bob Major, which was arranged by Mr. Wood and conducted by Cyril Crossthwaite, to a composition by H. W. Wilde, a brother of the late Mr. James Wilde, with whom he had often rung in New Zealand.

Another great day in Lancashire was the ringing tour arranged by Mr. Wood. A very happy party set off at 8 a.m. and arrived home at 11.45 p.m. Ringing took place at High Walton and Whittle-le-Woods before an enjoyable lunch with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Barker. In the afternoon visits were paid to Chorley, Eccleston and Leyland. After a lovely tea at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Crossthwaite, there was evening ringing at Preston Parish Church. Mr. Sloan's last ring in Lancashire was at Blackburn Cathedral, where he had another opportunity of ringing Caters.

Next came a visit to Chichester to stay with Mr. and Mrs. C. Pierce and visit a number of Sussex towers. At Chichester Cathedral he was introduced to Mr. Blackburn, and later had the honour to be one of four to ring handbells at the recital given by the Cathedral choir. He knew about Brighton from the late Mr. George Baker, who died in New Zealand, and while there he rang with a university party at St. Nicholas' Church.

There was a return visit to Dr. and Mrs. Bennett before going to London. Among the towers visited were Arborfield, East Hendred and Wantage. At Abingdon he met Mr. and Mrs. Locke, and rang Grandsire and Stedman Caters at St. Helen's Church.

Finally came the visit to famous London towers. 'I shall never forget,' writes Mr. Sloan, 'how very excited I was to receive a very kind letter from Mr. Hughes inviting me to visit St. Paul's Cathedral to meet Mr. Wilfred Williams (Master), Mr. John Chilcott (secretary) and members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, who would be ringing on the Sunday, and also to visit the Whitechapel Bell Foundry. Sunday could not come quickly enough for me. I attended the morning ringing session and received a very warm welcome. I cannot express adequately how I felt to be in the bell chamber and to be shown the bells swinging at this famous Cathedral. I was present again in the afternoon, and what a thrill it was to me to be invited to ring rounds on No. 6 bell and also to ring it down in peal. When I left New Zealand I had often been asked "Will you get a ring at St. Paul's?," and you can imagine how happy I was to be able to say on my return that I had.'

Other highlights of the London visit were ringing Grandsire Caters and the tenor to Stedman Caters at St. Margaret's, Westminster, a visit to the Whitechapel Foundry, and finally during his last week-end in London to be invited to attend a meeting of the College Youths at St. Olave's. 'The monthly meeting of the College Youths was held that evening,' writes Mr. Sloan, 'and what a wonderful surprise was in store for me. Mr. John Chilcott invited me to become a member of the Society. This great honour I shall always treasure. Upon being elected I was congratulated by the Master who said my election would give ringing in New Zealand some standing. I felt very humble to be the first New Zealand born and trained ringer to be elected to the Society. I was invited to Westminster Abbey when the official band would be ringing for the Battle of Britain Service. It was well worth travelling 12,000 miles to be able to accept such a privilege and to ring a touch of Grandsire Triples on that occasion.

'I hope I shall be able to use to advantage in New Zealand the valuable knowledge I have gained while ringing in England.'

TEN BELL PEALS

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., April 18, 1960, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB CATERS
Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

*JACK PILGRIM	*Treble*	*JAMES BAILEY	6
JAMES BENNETT	2	*ERNEST G. PEARCE	7
*ROGER L. K. WHITTELL	3	*PETER S. BEDFORD	8
*JAMES B. MORLEY	4	*LESLIE N. MELTON	9
*CLIFFORD R. LOVETT	5	RONALD W. STEWARD	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by LESLIE N. MELTON.
* First peal of Plain Bob Caters. First of Caters as conductor.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 23, 1960, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CITY PARISH CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,
A PEAL OF 5077 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt.

MARY H. HALL	*Treble*	DONALD E. COBB	6
ANGELA GRAINGER	2	ELISABETH A. G. BOWDEN	7
ROYSTON BLACKLER	3	ARTHUR H. READ	8
JANE K. A. COOK	4	RICHARD J. BOWDEN	9
ALBERT M. TYLER	5	FRANCIS C. MOGFORD	*Tenor*

Composed by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD. Conducted by ALBERT M. TYLER.
Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Diana J. Fosse (daughter of Dr. George L. Fosse, M.D.) to Edward M. Sweeting.

LUTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 14, 1960, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 25 cwt. 24 lb.

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	*Treble*	FRANK L. HARRIS	6
DAVID HOARE	2	JOHN GILBERT	7
PHILIP N. TUBBS	3	JOHN HARTLESS	8
REGINALD W. REX	4	MICHAEL J. BEST	9
GWILYM SALMON	5	RONALD N. MARLOW	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

MILDENHALL, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., May 16, 1960, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

GEORGE E. THODAY	*Treble*	PHILIP N. TUBBS	6
FRANK L. HARRIS	2	GWILYM SALMON	7
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	3	RONALD N. MARLOW	8
REGINALD W. REX	4	JOHN GILBERT	9
MICHAEL J. BEST	5	DAVID HOARE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. BURFORD. Conducted by DAVID HOARE.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., May 19, 1960, in 3 Hours.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb.

PHILIP N. TUBBS	*Treble*	REGINALD W. REX	6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	2	FRANK L. HARRIS	7
CHAS. E. SEDGLEY	3	GWILYM SALMON	8
DAVID HOARE	4	RONALD N. MARLOW	9
MICHAEL J. BEST	5	JOHN GILBERT	*Tenor*

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY. Conducted by JOHN GILBERT.

DERBY.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Sat., May 21, 1960, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5031 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 19 cwt. 1 lb. in D.

KATHARINE BURCHNALL	*Treble*	*LOUIS WILLDERS	6
GRACE BURCHNALL	2	*PETER A. SHARP	7
*CLAIRE DILLAMORE	3	JAMES W. RAITHBY	8
MARGARET A. SWANN	4	GEOFFREY R. PARKER	9
JACK L. MILLHOUSE	5	HAROLD STEVENSON	*Tenor*

Composed by F. NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal of Stedman Caters.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., April 18, 1960, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.
AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC ABBEY OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND.
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in F.

MURIEL REAY	*Treble*	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	5
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	6
RODERICK J. LEES	3	MICHAEL ELSON	7
GEORGE E. FEARN	4	JOHN McDONALD	*Tenor*

Composed by W. BARTON. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Wed., May 18, 1960, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt.

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	*Treble*	MICHAEL J. BEST	5
PHILIP N. TUBBS	2	RONALD N. MARLOW	6
REGINALD W. REX	3	GWILYM SALMON	7
DAVID HOARE	4	JOHN GILBERT	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by GWILYM SALMON.

RADCLIFFE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., May 18, 1960, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation. Tenor 15 cwt.

MICHAEL D. FISHWICK	*Treble*	*JAMES CUNLIFFE	5
JOHN P. PARTINGTON	2	ROGER LEIGH	6
*GEOFFREY FOTHERGILL	3	ALBERT GREENHALGH	7
†GEOFFREY S. MILLS	4	JOHN ASHCROFT	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN ASHCROFT.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise. † First in the method 'inside.' First in the method as conductor.

MATLOCK, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., May 19, 1960, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

MRS. PAT A. M. HALLS	*Treble*	RONALD H. BULLEN	5
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD	2	BURLEY P. MORRIS	6
DENIS R. CARLISLE	3	GORDON A. HALLS	7
HAROLD TAYLOR	4	MICHAEL R. BLORE	*Tenor*

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY. Conducted by GORDON A. HALLS.

BICESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Sat., May 21, 1960, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDBURG.
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

DAVID T. DARBY	*Treble*	*NICHOLAS J. MARTIN	5
ROBIN J. ELLIOTT	2	JOHN G. PUSEY	6
*JEAN M. ADDICOTT	3	*ANDREW N. STUBBS	7
JEREMY A. M. SALTER	4	JAMES H. PAILING	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by ROBIN J. ELLIOTT.
* First peal of London Surprise. First of London as conductor.
A birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

BUCKLEY, FLINTSHIRE.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 21, 1960, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5152 HEREWARD BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

GEORGE F. SPERRING	*Treble*	*†EDWARD V. RODENHURST	5
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	2	*DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	6
*JOHN S. DEAN	3	*ROBIN J. LEE	7
*F. HECTOR BENNETT	4	PERCY SWINDLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.
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On Sat., May 21, 1960, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.

ALAN D. STEEL	*Treble*	HAROLD F. WHITE	5
*K. PETER JONES	2	GEOFFREY DAVIES	6
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	3	RICHARD J. WARRILOW	7
*CHARLES A. S. WEBB	4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	*Tenor*

Composed by GEO. LEWIS. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.
* First peal in the method. First of Surprise Major on the bells. Rung to mark the golden jubilee of the city of Stoke-onTrent.

HARTLEBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 21, 1960, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

*JOHN HICKS	*Treble*	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	5
*WILLIAM H. TURNER	2	FREDERICK G. HANDLEY	6
JOHN LLOYD	3	ALFRED W. GLAZZARD	7
C. FREDERICK JUKES	4	†CYRIL BOW	*Tenor*

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by CLIFFORD SKIDMORE.
* First peal in the method. † First peal. First peal on the bells since rehanging by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.
Rung as a thanksgiving for the restoration of the church and bells.

KNEBWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 21, 1960, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND THOMAS-A-BECKET,
A PEAL OF 5088 CODICOTE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

PETER J. COLES	*Treble*	JACK S. DEAR	5
PATRICIA M. BOURN	2	COLIN A. S. HARWOOD	6
ALICK CUTLER	3	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	7
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	4	PHILIP MEHEW	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.
First peal in the method.

LONDON.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., May 21, 1960, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANN, STAMFORD HILL,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Washbrook's transposition. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr.

JOHN PHILLIPS	*Treble*	ALAN F. THIRST	5
WILFRED WILLIAMS	2	JAMES PHILLIPS	6
ROBERT W. HINDE	3	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM	7
WILLIAM T. COOK	4	ERNEST J. ROWE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.
A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Horace Belcher on their golden wedding anniversary.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 21, 1960, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13¼ cwt. in F sharp.

GEORGE W. HOWLETT	*Treble*	RICHARD W. R. COATES	5
A. WILLIAM BIRD	2	*RICHARD C. L. BROWN	6
*MICHAEL UTTON	3	*MICHAEL J. PARKER	7
ANDREW E. CROWE	4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by H. WILLIAM BARRETT.
* First peal and first attempt.
A birthday compliment to the ringers of 2 and 7.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 21, 1960, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.
A PEAL OF 5152 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

BERNARD F. L. GROVES	*Treble*	C. KENNETH LEWIS	5
PETER LAFLIN	2	EDWARD JENKINS	6
JOHN WORTH	3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	7
BASIL JONES	4	BRIAN HARRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by BASIL JONES.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 21, 1960, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Pitstow's transposition. Tenor 16½ cwt.

FREDERICK J. CULLUM	*Treble*	JOHN O. WELLER	5
DORIS G. DOBBIE	2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	6
STANLEY B. DOBBIE	3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	7
HUBERT H. FURMINGER	4	RICHARD C. CONSTANT	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.
In memoriam Frederick M. Mitchell, vice-president of the above Association.

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PERSHORE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 21, 1960, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's transposition. Tenor 28 cwt.

WILFRED J. NEWMAN	*Treble*	WILLIAM J. NEWMAN	5
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	2	PATRICK HARRIS	6
RALPH HARRIS	3	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN	7
HAROLD E. RAXTER	4	HARRY PLUMB	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.
First peal on the bells since being rehung.

SAWLEY, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 21, 1960, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

*ROSAMUND BULL (18)	*Treble*	MICHAEL KNIGHT (16)	5
NOREEN WICKHAM (16)	2	‡JOHN HARVEY	6
DAVID PARKIN (16)	3	CLIVE WALKLATE (16)	7
†DEBORAH WILSON (15)	4	MICHAEL R. BLORE (17)	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by MICHAEL R. BLORE.
* First peal on eight bells. † First 'inside.' ‡ First peal, first attempt.

STANFORD-LE-HOPE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 21, 1960, in 2 Hours and 49½ Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Original. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.

*ELIZABETH D. MASON	*Treble*	†FREDERICK W. MILLS	5
*DAVID E. BELCHAM	2	ROY D. TOMLIN	6
JOAN E. M. HILLS	3	MICHAEL J. HALLETT	7
CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON	4	WILLIAM A. SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROY D. TOMLIN.
* First peal on eight bells. † First of Triples. First as conductor.

TURNER'S HILL, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 21, 1960, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	*Treble*	FRANK H. HICKS	5
JUNE M. CLEMENTS	2	†FREDERICK J. ROBERTS	6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	3	HERBERT W. WOOLVEN	7
*OLIVE D. COUCHMAN	4	COLIN A. TESTER	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM HARRISON.
Conducted by W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON.
* 50th peal. † First of Major in the method.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(North Bucks Branch.)
On Mon., May 23, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in F.

HARRY SEAR	*Treble*	ROGER CADAMY	5
*ALBERT E. DANIELLS	2	WILLIAM A. YATES	6
JOSEPH MARKS	3	GEORGE W. HOLLAND	7
DONALD J. MEAGER	4	GEORGE E. GREEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. YATES.
* First peal in the method.
Rung to mark the 50th anniversary of Joseph's Mark's first peal—he rang the third in both peals to the same composition when it was conducted by Harry Sear. Also to mark George Holland's 18th wedding anniversary.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD SOCIETY.
On Tues., May 24, 1960, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,
A PEAL OF 5088 WEMBLEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

CHRISTINE M. WOODWARD	*Treble*	NICHOLAS J. MARTIN	5
ANDREW N. STUBBS	2	DAVID T. DARBY	6
EDGAR J. SMITH	3	CHARLES COLES	7
ERNEST J. MUNDAY	4	JAMES H. PAILING	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. PAILING.
First peal in the method by all the band.
Rung to mark Commonwealth Day.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., May 25, 1960, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5024 WYE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt. in G.

ROGER LEIGH	*Treble*	H. DAVID HOLLAND	5
VICTOR J. C. WOOD	2	GEOFFREY S. MILLS	6
JOHN P. PARTINGTON	3	NORMAN SMITH	7
MICHAEL D. FISHWICK	4	IAN M. HOLLAND	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NORMAN SMITH.
First peal in the method by all the band, and for the Association.
Rung to mark the installation as Mayor of Accrington of Cclr. N. Bentley, a member of the P.C.C. and a sidesman at this church.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., May 25, 1960, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

OSWALD CLAYBROOKE	*Treble*	FRED JACKSON	5
*HAROLD WORRALL	2	JOHN E. BIBBY	6
WALTER ALLMAN	3	CYRIL VALENTINE	7
DENIS MADDOCK	4	FRANCIS BIBBY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.
* First peal in the method.

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
On Sat., May 28, 1960, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5056 BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

E. JANE LANGTON	*Treble*	GEOFF. PRATT	5
JOHN ARMSTRONG	2	ALAN F. THIRST	6
F. ERIC ROBERTS	3	DEREK E. SIBSON	7
ROBIN J. TREBILCOCK	4	PHILIP MEHEW	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN J. IVIN. Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.
First peal in the method for the Society and by all the band except the ringers of 6 and tenor.

CHEWTON MENDIP, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 28, 1960, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in D.

ERIC WADMAN	*Treble*	DAVID HOARE	5
PETER WRIGHT	2	VICTOR ROBERTS	6
HENRY J. SANGER	3	ERIC NAYLOR	7
RONALD G. BECK	4	EDWARD J. CHIVERS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by DAVID HOARE.

EAST ILSLEY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 28, 1960, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's transposition. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

WALTER F. JUDGE	*Treble*	BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON	5
MRS. PAT LEWINGTON	2	REGINALD G. HOOPER	6
FREDERICK A. H. WILKINS	3	WILLIAM HIBBERT	7
CYRIL J. HIBBERT	4	RICHARD WELLS	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

FARNDON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 28, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

*JOHN RYDER	*Treble*	CECIL RADDON	5
ROGER KING	2	HARRY W. HOWARD	6
JOHN E. BIBBY	3	HAROLD WORRALL	7
DENNIS MADDOCK	4	WALTER ALLMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by HAROLD WORRALL.
* 25th peal.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Jean, wife of the ringer of the fourth, and as a welcome home peal to Mrs. Raddon, wife of the ringer of the fifth, from convalescence after a serious illness.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 28, 1960, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED BOB MAJOR
Being 1,280 Plain Bob, 1,280 Little Bob, 1,248 Gainsborough Bob and 1,216 Double Bob, with 154 changes of method. Tenor 9¾ cwt.

ROBERT E. LESTER	*Treble*	URBAN W. WILDNEY	5
MAURICE E. DOWNS	2	JOHN WARNER	6
ALAN R. SYDER	3	FRANK B. LUFKIN	7
BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD	4	WALTER ARNOLD	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
First peal in 4-Spliced Bob Major by the band, and for the Association.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

BREDFIELD, SUFFOLK
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., Feb. 12, 1960, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in G.

JAMES B. MORLEY	*Treble*	ROGER L. K. WHITTELL	4
CLIFFORD R. LOVETT	2	ERNEST G. PEARCE	5
JAMES BENNETT	3	LESLIE N. MELTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE N. MELTON.

OAKLEY, SUFFOLK
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., April 23, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being four extents of Kent T.B. and three of Oxford T.B. Tenor 7 cwt.

CHARLES BROWN	*Treble*	WILLIAM CRACKNELL	4
ALBERT LAWES	2	ALAN FLATT	5
FREDERICK FLATT	3	GEORGE FILBY	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE FILBY.

FORNCETT ST. PETER, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., March 1, 1960, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being six extents each of Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas', St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Reverse Canterbury, Grandsire and Plain Bob.
Tenor 13 cwt.

CHARLES H. BLAKE	*Treble*	FRANK C. J. ARNOLD	3
C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO	2	WILFRED G. SAUNDERS	4
H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Tenor*		

Conducted by H. WILLIAM BARRETT.
A 21st birthday compliment to Mr. Thomas Leonard Blake (second son of the treble ringer), and also in honour of his engagement to Miss Joyce Reynolds.

STANWELL, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., May 6, 1960, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-BLESSED-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Consisting of 2,520 St. Martin's, 1,320 Plain Bob, 600 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and 600 Grandsire, three 12-scores and 36 6-scores.
Tenor 11 cwt.

*JOHN E. PICKETT (13)	*Treble*	*KENNETH E. YOUNG (12)	4
CHRISTOPHER B. FYNES	2 or 3	*DENNIS C. MORGAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER B. FYNES.
* First peal.
Rung for the wedding of Princess Margaret and Mr. Antony Armstrong-Jones.

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 14, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

*JOHN R. PRATCHETT	*Treble*	F. LEWIS HEMSTOCK	4
FREDERICK G. HOOPER	2	F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER	5
HAROLD STEVENSON	3	CLARENCE F. BRIGGS	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK G. HOOPER.
* First peal of Minor.

STOCKBURY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 14, 1960, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 26 six-scores of Grandsire and 16 of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

*MISS F. R. D. UNDERHILL	*Treble*	GEORGE A. NAYLOR	3
†JAMES DAVEY	2	GEORGE KENWARD	4
EDWARD C. BARTON	*Tenor*		

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR
* First peal, first attempt. † First peal 'inside.'

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THORLEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE ST. JAMES', THORLEY, SOCIETY.
On Sat., May 14, 1960, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb.

James Foreman	*Treble*	Reginald Hayden	4
*Cecil Warboys	2	Thomas Camp	5
*Peter Warboys	3	Frederick Bird	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frederick Bird.

* First peal. First on the bells.
Rung by local ringers.

BRADSTONE, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Mon., May 16, 1960, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nonna.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Tenor 7 cwt.

R. Johns	*Treble*	J. H. Benoy	4
W. Manning	2	D. Roy Bould	5
W. C. Boucher	3	L. Cundy	*Tenor*

Conducted by D. Roy Bould.

NEATH, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., May 17, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Thomas,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being three extents each of Reverse Canterbury, Clifford's Pleasure, Kennington and April Day, four of Southrepps, two of Reverse St. Bartholomew, 14 Plain Bob and ten Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 lb.

Michael Larcher	*Treble*	Trevor M. Roderick	4
Rosemarie E. Jones	2	Gwyn I. Lewis	5
Christopher J. Hughes	3	John Matthews	*Tenor*

Conducted by Gwyn I. Lewis.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION
On Thurs., May 19, 1960, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Single Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford, Kent and Plain. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

Walter D. Bailey	*Treble*	A. Edward Leggett	4
Bernard W. Fairhead	2	*David E. Culham	5
Evelyn R. M. Cansdale	3	Allen W. Cansdale	*Tenor*

Conducted by Allen W. Cansdale.

* First peal in seven methods. First in seven methods as conductor.

ATCHAM, SALOP.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 21, 1960, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Eata,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Comprising ten extents of Grandsire and 16 each of Plain Bob and April Day. Tenor 10¼ cwt., approx.

*Joan Harthill	*Treble*	Harry Poyner	4
Mary C. Poyner	2	†Frederick A. H. Cattell	5
Philip J. Evans	3	‡Jim Jones	*Tenor*

Conducted by Harry Poyner.

* First peal. † First in three methods. ‡ First 6-bell peal. First of Doubles as conductor.

BOSHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 21, 1960, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
At the Church of The Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 7 lb.

Bryan C. Burrough	*Treble*	Robert Wake	4
Leonard Stilwell	2	Bernard E. Matthews	5
E. Winifred Keys	3	W. Leslie Weller	*Tenor*

Conducted by Bernard E. Matthews.

BRAMPFORD SPEKE, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., May 21, 1960, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5100 DOUBLES

Being 12 extents of Plain Bob, 10 of Stedman, 20 extents and a 60 of Grandsire. Tenor 5 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in B.

*Kenneth G. Wannell	*Treble*	†David A. Wills	4
*Mary Browne	2	*Peter E. Jupp	5
Frank D. Mack	3	*Frank W. Bye	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank D. Mack.

* First peal. † First in three methods.

FARNWORTH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 21, 1960, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Luke.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

Frank Taylor	*Treble*	Michael Thompson	4
John Breeze	2	John Ryder	5
Clifford W. Shaw	3	Harold Worrall	*Tenor*

Conducted by Harold Worrall.

Believed to be the first peal on the bells since being recast in 1956.

GOSBERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 21, 1960, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 17¼ cwt.

Alan G. Payne	*Treble*	William E. Clarke	4
Freda P. Greaves	2	Harold Barsley	5
John R. Ketteringham	3	J. Martin Thorley	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

HORTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 21, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being 720 each of Surfleet, Beverley, Cambridge, York, Durham, Wells and London. Tenor 11 cwt.

*Jack Riley	*Treble*	Reginald A. Challinor	4
Norman Sherratt	2	Phillip A. Mason	5
Walter Sherratt	3	Roy Worrall	*Tenor*

Conducted by Norman Sherratt.

* First peal. First as conductor. First of seven Surprise by all the band.

LYDIARD MILLICENT, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 21, 1960, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in 16 methods: (1) Whitley, Wooler, Northumberland and Carlisle; (2) Munden and Chester; (3) Alnwick and Newcastle; (4) Norfolk and Primrose; (5) Ipswich and Cambridge; (6) Netherseale, Lightfoot and Wearmouth; (7) Hull. Tenor 10 cwt.

A. Terence Collins	*Treble*	Victor Griffin	4
Lesley J. Bladon	2	Anthony R. Peake	5
Ronald A. Wright	3	Brian Bladon	*Tenor*

Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.

The most Surprise methods to a peal by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

LYTCHETT MATRAVERS, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 21, 1960, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Oxford Treble Bob, one of Kent Treble Bob, two of Single Oxford and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr.

William C. Shute	*Treble*	A. Edward Reeves	4
*Allan D. Mogg	2	Brian P. Mogg	5
*Mrs. Margaret M. Godley	3	Philip W. Mogg	*Tenor*

Conducted by William C. Shute.

* First peal in four methods.

PELSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., May 21, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being one 240 (Morris') and 40 extents (ten callings). Tenor 7¼ cwt.

*Pamela M. Gill	*Treble*	Marion E. Key	4
Leslie W. Key	2	*Keith Williams	5
Barnabas G. Key	3	James S. Eastwood	*Tenor*

Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.

* First peal of Grandsire Doubles.

PUCKLECHURCH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 21, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Thomas-a-Becket,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten six-scores each of Grandsire, April Day and Reverse St. Bartholomew, and 12 of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 26 lb.

Myra J. Wilkins	*Treble*	*Brian K. Lewis	4
Gloria M. Newton	2	Henry Taysom	5
Anthony W. Gibbs	3	John A. Powell	*Tenor*

Conducted by Anthony W. Gibbs.

* First peal 'inside.' First of Four Doubles methods for all the band except the ringer of the second.

ROYDON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 21, 1960, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being ten different callings. Tenor 9 cwt.

*Arthur C. Howard	*Treble*	Benjamin G. Burton	4
†Robert D. Sams	2	Alfred A. Livings	5
Walter P. Sams	3	James H. Terry	*Tenor*

Conducted by Walter P. Sams.

* First peal. † First 'inside.'

Rung to mark the retirement of Mr. H. G. Shaw, choirmaster and organist at this church for 47 years.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 21, 1960, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

*PETER FENNEY (13)	*Treble*	WILLIAM R. MARSH	4
*ROGER TREVITT (12)	2	WALTER WESTON	5
FREDERICK DERRY	3	JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.
* First peal.
Rung in honour of the wedding of Earl Jermyn and Lady Juliet Fitzwilliam.

MOULTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., May 23, 1960, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being an extent each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Surfleet, Beverley and Cambridge. Tenor 15¼ cwt.

STANLEY E. BENNETT	*Treble*	RONALD C. NOON	4
JOHN E. ALLEN	2	ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT	5
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	3	J. MARTIN THORLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

LANGDON HILLS, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., May 25, 1960, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being one extent each of Lightfoot, Alnwick, Chester, London, York, Beverley and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

ANNE EDWARDS	*Treble*	HARRY TURNER	4
ALFRED J. HOUSE	2	PATRICK W. SALTMARSH	5
DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	3	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.

ELM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 28, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

*A. KEITH PHILLIPS	*Treble*	JOHN WILSON	4
STANLEY G. ELSEY	2	ERNEST H. MASTIN	5
M. ROLAND REED	3	GRAHAM J. MANN	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST H. MASTIN.
* First peal.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., May 27, 1960, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Oxford T.B., Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., Double Bob, Childwall, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 11¼ cwt. in G.

*NORMAN SMITH	*Treble*	MICHAEL D. FISHWICK	4
JOHN P. PARTINGTON	2	JOHN H. FIELDEN	5
ROGER LEIGH	3	PETER SCHOLFIELD	*Tenor*

Conducted by NORMAN SMITH.
* 100th peal for the Association.

SWYNNERTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 28, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES
Tenor 9 cwt.

*C. MERYL PURSLOW	*Treble*	G. ARNOLD MOORE	4
GLENDA ROWLEY	2	GEOFFREY DAVIES	5
K. PETER JONES	3	WILLIAM WATKIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. ARNOLD MOORE.
* First peal. First in the method by all except the conductor.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Phillips, a life-long worker at this church.

HANDBELL PEAL

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sun., April 10, 1960, in 2 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT 365, FELIXSTOWE ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different 720's. Tenor size 14 in D.

MARY MADDISON	1—2	JAMES B. MORLEY	3—4
LESLIE N. MELTON	5—6		

Conducted by LESLIE N. MELTON.
First peal 'in hand' as conductor.

John Taylor & Co.

LOUGHBOROUGH

The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

HALF PEAL

TUDDENHAM ST. MARTIN, SUFFOLK.—On May 19th, 2,880 Minor (1,440 Kent Treble Bob and 1,440 Plain Bob): R. G. Crooks 1, R. F. Taylor 2, H. A. Mitson 3, J. E. Ivings 4, J. L. Girt 5, R. E. Lester (cond.) 6. Rung after peal failure as a welcome to the new Vicar, Rev. P. Biddlecombe.

BENHILTON, SURREY.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Dixon (first quarter) 1, M. Anne Burton 2, Emily Lane 3, Patricia Collins 4, P. W. S. Richardson (cond.) 5, R. Moore 6. Rung for the christening this day at Taplow, Bucks, of Ruth Elizabeth and Lynn Patricia, twin daughters of Clifford and Angela Blundell.

CAM, GLOS.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (10 callings): K. Bean 1, R. McLuing 2, C. Legg 3, R. Hedges 4, R. Cox (cond.) 5, J. Woodward 6. Rung with bells half-muffled as a token of respect to Mrs. E. May, mother of Leonard and Edna, both ringers at this church, interred this day.

CHALFONT ST. GILES, BUCKS.—On Palm Sunday, April 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. Bonam (first quarter) 1, B. Cracknell (cond.) 2, Mrs. P. Cracknell 3, A. Atkins 4, B. Edwards 5, T. Bonam 6. For evening service. Also on April 24th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: B. Edwards 1, Mrs. P. Cracknell 2, P. Atkins 3, A. Fortin 4, C. J. Shepherd 5, B. Cracknell (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

CHILDWALL, LIVERPOOL, LANCS.—On May 13th, 2,100 Minor (Cambridge, Kent T.B., Oxford T. B. and Plain Bob): G. H. Pullin 1, F. Anderton 2, Alice E. J. Lester 3, E. C. Birkett 4, P. S. Bennett (cond.) 5, A. J. Martin 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Lester.

CLYST HONITON, DEVON.—On May 13th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: C. J. Turner 1, J. Manley 2, P. Davis 3, E. W. Rowe 4, J. Arbury 5, J. Quick 6, C. C. Turner 7, G. E. Retter (cond.) 8. First of Bob Major for 2 and 7.

CRESWELL, DERBYSHIRE.—On May 15th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Linda M. Jones (13, first of Major) 1, I. A. Richardson 2, P. A. Richardson 3, Mary Barlow 4, G. L. Chambers 5, D. A. Smedley 6, L. Bacon 7, J. R. Ketteringham (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

CROWCOMBE, SOMERSET.—On May 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Welsher 1, M. Baker 2, Miss J. Taylor 3, E. J. Ford 4, J. J. Ford (cond.) 5, W. F. Chidley 6.

DENBY, DERBYS.—On May 7th, 1,380 Doubles (St. Martin's, S. Simon's, S. Nicholas, Winchenden, Slapton S.C., Thornborough S.C., Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire): P. Weston 1, E. Walklate 2, D. Parkin 3, E. H. Willows 4, D. Walklate (cond.) 5.

EALING, MIDDX.—At Christ the Saviour, on May 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. M. Harvey 1, A. M. Stacey 2, S. Croft 3, H. J. Eldred 4, D. Theedom 5, A. Fulwell 6, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 7, Miss E. Palmer 8. For Evensong.

ECKINGTON, WORCS.—On May 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Haylings 1, R. Perks 2, J. Firkins 3, A. Halling 4, E. W. Penn 5, M. Hawkes (cond.) 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the second, and also for the birth of his first granddaughter.

EDMONTON, MIDDX.—On May 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Bacon 1, W. George 2, D. Langdon 3, T. Hawkins 4, J. Weeks (first in method as cond.) 5, Trudy Newcombe 6. For Evensong.

EPSOM, SURREY.—On May 29th, at Christ Church, 1,269 Plain Bob Doubles: Susan Warwick (16, first quarter) 1, R. Fentiman (19, first 'inside') 2, Adrienne Gibson (17, cond.) 3, D. Herschell (15) 4, Sylvia Marsh (17) 5, Sally Hewitt (15) 6. For Commonwealth Youth Sunday service.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. S. Burbidge 1, M. G. Ingram 2, A. Short 3, J. W. Pettigrew 4, D. R. Ingram (first of Triples 'inside') 5, D. T. Finnemore (first of Triples) 6, E. J. Franklin (cond.) 7, R. C. Ingram 8. For Evensong.

FEERING, ESSEX.—On May 29th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: C. Turner 1, W. G. Wade 2, S. Fisher 3, H. Lanastone 4, G. Everett 5, H. Nichols (first as cond) 6, J. Papworth 7, A. T. Beckwith 8.

FORDHAM, CAMBS.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Goodwin (13, first quarter) 1, R. Munns (first quarter 'inside') 2, R. Palmer 3, R. Morley 4, M. Tester (cond.) 5, D. Morley 6. By the Sunday service band.

GRANBY, NOTTS.—On April 21st, 1,260 Minor (Single Oxford and Plain Bob): R. Blackshaw 1, D. Armstrong (cond.) 2, F. Bradley 3, M. Harrison 4, A. Larkin 5, J. Higgs 6. First quarter on bells since augmentation to 6. Rung for the birthday of H.M. the Queen, and also as a 25th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. Mills, of Shelford, and Mr. and Mrs. W. Meredith, of Radcliffe on Trent.

QUARTER PEALS

GREAT PONTON, LINCS.—On May 28th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss J. Thomas 1, P. Slight 2, R. J. Hill 3, F. Pinchbeck 4, J. Meredith (cond.) 5. First of Plain Bob Doubles for 1 and 2. Rung as a compliment for the engagement of Miss Jean Hoy and Mr. Brian Buswell.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—On April 17th, at the Church of St. Nicholas, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Stevens (first quarter) 1, E. J. Wells (cond.) 2, Miss D. Harfleet (first 'inside') 3, Miss A. M. Cox 4, Miss S. R. Collins 5, P. Olroyd (first quarter) 6. Also 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Olroyd 1, E. J. Wells (cond.) 2, Miss D. Harfleet 3, Miss S. R. Collins 4, F. Olroyd 5, R. Stevens 6.

HACKNEY, LONDON.—At St. John of Jerusalem, on May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Penfold 1, F. G. Richardson 2, J. Carrott 3, Miss J. Peacock 4, J. Fowler 5, L. S. Woods (cond.) 6, T. East 7, A. J. Salisbury 8. Rung at the invitation of the Vicar for the televised service attended by the Bishop of London in connection with the Florence Nightingale centenary.

HIGHCLERE, HANTS.—On May 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): P. E. Dodd 1, Cherry White 2, E. Woolgrove 3, Hazel White 4, G. K. Dodd (cond.) 5, Mrs. Sylvia Dodd 6, W. Kewell 7, F. Kewell 8. Rung for the visit of H.M. the Queen and H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh to attend morning service. The bells were also rung as Her Majesty and her party left after the service.

Hints For Beginners—24

To stand comfortably when ringing keep your heels reasonably close and perhaps one foot slightly in front of the other. Move your feet as little as possible.

LUTON, BEDS.—On May 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: B. Hulatt 1, G. Hawkins 2, J. G. Newman 3, R. Kendall 4, H. Wood 5, A. E. Rushton 6, A. J. Smith (cond.) 7, C. Mann 8. For morning service on Mayor's Sunday. The conductor has now 'circled the tower' to quarter peals.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On May 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Canon C. Carew Cox 1, C. W. Powell (cond.) 2, J. Looker 3, G. Gaylard 4, Mrs. C. W. Powell 5, F. Knight 6, H. Gaylard 7, J. Rattenbury 8. Rung as a compliment to Canon Cox on the 50th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood.

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA.—On May 22nd, 1,312 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Diana M. Pipe 1, K. Minchinton 2, G. W. Pipe (cond.) 3, J. H. Fryer (16) 4, W. Watson (15) 5, G. W. Heyes 6, A. H. Fisher 7, J. J. F. Roper 8. First quarter in the method by all the band except the conductor and first in Australia. For Matins.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On May 24th, 1,440 Minor (Spliced Oxford and Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. Plain Bob): Ann Hancock 1, L. Cordell 2, M. McQuistan 3, R. Bridges 4, J. McPhail 5, W. Wedlock (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to the captain (Mr. H. King).

PETERSTON-SUPER-ELY, GLAM.—On May 10th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. W. Goodfellow 1, E. J. R. Hartley 2, R. G. Harard 3, A. F. R. Hartley 4, B. Taylor 5, A. M. Coombs (cond.) 6. First in method by all the band. A birthday compliment to treble ringer.

PURLEIGH, ESSEX.—On May 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Grinstead (first quarter) 1, Mrs. M. Roast 2, H. W. Eggleston 3, P. W. Sattmarsh 4, J. E. G. Roast 5, D. A. S. Symonds (cond.) 6.

RANMORE, SURREY.—On May 15th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Alison Read (first of Major) 1, Mary Munt (first of Major 'inside') 2, C. Lloyd (first of Major) 3, Ethel Cleat 4, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 5, G. F. Pratt 6, Rev. C. Munt 7, E. G. L. Coward 8. First quarter of Major by a Dorking local band. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. C. and Miss M. Munt, who are leaving for Cheriton, Kent.

REIGATE, SURREY.—On May 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Caters: Freda Hankey (first of Caters) 1, E. G. Talbot 2, J. H. Euston 3, A. Streeter 4, G. A. Parsons 5, A. Bull 6, A. T. Shelton 7, W. H. Inwood 8, E. G. L. Coward (cond.) 9, K. Game 10.

ROMSEY, HANTS.—On May 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. Edwards 1, Miss A. J. Knight (cond.) 2, M. L. Northway 3, C. M. White 4, M. D. G. Northway 5, K. J. Jacobs 6, H. J. Page 7, R. C. B. Smallman 8. Rung for the election of Councillor R. H. Harvey as Mayor of the Borough.

ST. BRIDES MAJOR, GLAMORGAN.—On April 9th, 1,440 Minor (720 Kent and Oxford, 720 Plain Bob): E. Morris 1, Rosemary Jones 2, R. Throsby 3, D. Llewellyn 4, T. M. Roderick 5, R. Wright (cond.) 6.

SALISBURY, WILTS.—On May 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. A. Roles 1, R. O. Fry (cond.) 2, H. Prout 3, I. Ann Abrahams 4, Margaret R. Page 5, E. C. Read 6, L. A. Page 7, B. J. Lawes 8. For Evensong. Rung with congratulations to the Master of the Guild, Canon C. Carew Cox, on the 50th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood.

SANDFORD ST. MARTIN, OXON.—On May 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Coleman 1, Miss D. French 2, B. Davis (first 'inside') 3, Mrs. A. Bennett 4, R. Reeves (cond.) 5, P. Reeves 6. First quarter for 2 and 4.

SHOREDITCH, LONDON.—At St. Leonard's, on May 22nd, 1,287 Stedman Caters: Miss D. Deverell 1, Mrs. R. F. Deal 2, Miss M. Harte 3, Mrs. F. J. Matthews 4, C. Hughes 5, F. E. Hawthorne 6, A. R. Ling (cond.) 7, B. F. Baker 8, P. Beresford 9, T. H. Francis 10.

SOUTHGATE LONDON.—At Christ Church, on May 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. G. Gates 1, Ann Aldridge 2, S. G. Peck 3, W. Wainwright 4, H. Miller 5, C. Aldridge (cond.) 6. For Festal Evensong on the Eve of the Ascension.

STEPNEY, LONDON.—At St. Dunstan's, on May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (10 callings): Joyce Willson (first quarter) 1, Elizabeth Stevinson (first as cond.) 2, Hazel Weedon (first 'inside') 3, L. Fox 4, A. Lewry 5, J. Scotcher 6. For Evensong.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.—On May 18th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Miss J. Cook 1, Miss M. Wright 2, V. Griffin (cond.) 3, S. J. Withey 4, Dr. G. C. Raworth 5, Miss C. Lansley 6. For Evensong on the Day of Prayer and Gifts, also to congratulate Mrs. Pinnock on her 105 birthday.

TANWORTH IN ARDEN, WARWICKS.—On May 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. W. Pipe (cond.) 1, Tessa P. Kemp 2, R. Ann Barr 3, Elizabeth Oakeshott 4, J. D. Atkinson 5, A. J. Collings 6, P. W. Webb 7, C. A. Catt 8. By the Birmingham University Society.

WAKEFIELD, YORKS.—At the Cathedral, on May 29th (Oak Apple Day), 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Miss L. Gott 1, Mrs. W. F. Moreton 2, W. F. Moreton 3, J. L. White 4, P. Woodward 5, D. Cubitt (cond.) 6, H. Chant 7, G. Townend 8, K. Park 9, J. E. Kirby 10. To commemorate the 300th anniversary of the Restoration of the Monarchy.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On May 22nd, 1,344 Grandsire Major: C. A. Diggins 1, Miss G. Newcombe 2, F. C. Maynard 3, A. J. Boyack 4, F. Sykes 5, P. D. Chapman 6, T. Hawkins 7, B. R. Downes (cond.) 8. First of Grandsire Major for all except 3 and 4. For Evensong. Also on May 29th, 1,344 Grandsire Triples: C. Diggins 1, F. C. Maynard 2, B. R. Downes (cond.) 3, A. J. Boyack 4, F. Sykes 5, P. D. Chapman 6, D. Hewitt 7, F. Taylor 8. For Evensong.

WASHINGTON, SUSSEX.—On May 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. R. Maple 1, Miss J. Horton 2, M. Newth 3, J. Newell 4, B. Farhall (cond.) 5, D. Hugill 6. Rung for the wedding of Miss R. Maple to Mr. K. Smith.

WEST HARTLEPOOLS, CO. DURHAM.—On Mar. 13th, 1,280 Kent T.B. Major: J. Woodman 1, J. Pladdys 2, J. Payne 3, M. Machin 4, R. Anderson 5, J. Maughan 6, R. Webster 7, W. Maughan (cond.) 8. For evening service. Also on Mar. 27th, 1,296 Little Bob Major: J. Maughan 1, J. Pladdys 2, M. Machin 3, M. Maughan 4, R. Anderson 5, R. Webster 6, J. Woodman 7, W. Maughan (cond.) 8. For evening service and a farewell to the ringer of the 7th.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On May 22nd, 1,296 Beverley Surprise Minor: Caroline Carpenter 1, Susan Rawlings 2, M. H. Sinden 3, J. Perrett 4, A. Bagworth 5, A. S. Bishop (cond.) 6. First in the method for all the band and on the bells. Rung for Evensong.

WOLLATON, NOTTINGHAM.—On May 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Daft 1, G. Stroud 2, P. W. Hawcock 3, P. J. Hawcock 4, R. Preston (first as cond.) 5, R. Stroud 6. A compliment to Peter Giles (Ringing Master) and Hazel Gale, on their engagement.

WOODSTOCK, OXON.—On May 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. W. Franklin 1, D. J. Wooliscroft 2, D. S. Holley 3, R. Datson (first quarter) 4, H. P. Floyd (cond.) 5, W. W. Franklin 6. Rung for the birthday of Miss D. S. Holley.

WYCHBOLD, WORCS.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Valerie Powell 1, J. E. Pullon 2, Heather M. Pullon 3, A. D. Cook 4, R. S. Smith 5, P. Cattermole (cond.) 6. Rung for Evensong by members of the local band.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

It was an unexpected honour for the ringers at St. Michael and All Angels' Church, Highclere, to be called upon to ring a quarter peal on Sunday, May 29th, when the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh attended morning service. The request was made the previous Thursday evening and three Andover ringers were called in to strengthen the local band. Other members of the local band had the pleasure of ringing as the Royal party left the church.

Because of special services, Wednesday practices at Winchester Cathedral will be on Tuesday, June 14th, Tuesday, June 21st, Thursday, June 30th and Thursday, July 14th.

Ringing the treble in the Royal wedding quarter peal at Ashford, Kent (see page 347), was Rita E. Gould and not Rosemary E. Gould.

It was very appropriate that for the Commonwealth Youth Sunday service at Epsom, the band for a quarter peal should be composed exclusively of young people. The conductor was Miss Adrienne Gibson, aged 17 years.

Work has started on the restoration of St. Nicholas', Kenilworth, and the rehanging of the present six bells in a new iron frame by Messrs. Taylors, of Loughborough. It is hoped to complete the work in about six months. The local band are appreciative of the invitation to practise in neighbouring towers while awaiting the return of their own bells.

After the peal of Stedman Triples at Ilsley, on May 28th, the band were entertained sumptuously to tea by Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Hibbert. They then joined the Appleton ringers at their Saturday evening practice and afterwards came a 'March 4th' in retrospect. The member of the band whose birthday coincided with the day could not have been 'treated' better or 'more often' had he been Royalty. The peal was a compliment to Mrs. W. East, cousin of three of the band, who has been organist at St. Mary's for nearly 50 years.

'The completion of the peal of Plain Bob Major at Sawley came as a great shock to many Derby ringers,' write our correspondent. Its success was a matter of congratulation to John Harvey on his first peal at first attempt, Deborah Wilson on her first 'inside' and Rosamund Bull on her first on eight. Perhaps, we should also add the conductor.

Somewhat belatedly we have received another Royal wedding peal, making the 122nd.

The Rev. D. G. Brunning, of Usk, informs us that no one can hold office in the Church unless confirmed and in the Church of Wales all godparents now have to be confirmed.

Within four days, Somerby, Leicestershire, lost two of its veteran bell ringers. They were Mr. William H. Kenney and Mr. James W. Underwood. Both were 78 years of age.

In the peal of Doubles in three methods at Brampford Speke, Devon, on May 21st, there were four first pealers, all of whom are members of the youthful and enthusiastic band at Topsham.

Mr. James H. Musson, the well-known Lincolnshire ringer, had great pleasure in calling a peal for the wedding of Earl Jermyn and Lady Juliet Fitzwilliam, as he had worked on the Lincolnshire estate of the Earl for many years. Unfortunately at the first attempt on April 28th the clapper of the third bell fell on during the fourth extent, but success crowned the second attempt.

How many Quakers have we in the Exercise? Miss Mary Maddison, of Ipswich, has been a member of the Society of Friends for eight years and a ringer for the last three years. 'It is my practice,' she writes, 'to ring for a church service and then attend meeting for worship. I belong to four ringing associations, and my religious views are well-known, yet I have at all times been warmly welcomed into any tower I have visited, and am proud to have a large circle of ringing acquaintances, including some Anglican priests, whom I respect.' So let it be.

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CHESTER GUILD FESTIVAL AT ECCLESTON

THE Chester Diocesan Guild, for its annual festival held at the picturesque village of Eccleston on May 14th, was privileged to have with them the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, who is a ringer, having rung in one peal and many of the churches in his diocese.

Dr. G. A. Ellison preached the festival sermon from Ephesians iv, 13: 'Unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ': 'We are glad to be perfect,' said the Bishop, 'and the ideal that is set before each one of us is nothing less than perfection. Our Lord says that we are to be perfect as our Father is perfect.'

MISSING PERFECTION

'Ringing is a pleasant skilled occupation or hobby for a sacred purpose and therefore, although ringers may do their work with great efficiency, it will miss that perfection for which is strives, and only reach it when it has recognised that ultimate purpose for which it has been outpoured. To make a joyful noise to the Glory of God, those who make the glorious music of bells make it an offering to Him who has given the skill and material.

'Secondly, we also ring for the purpose of calling our fellow Christians into God's House to come and offer their worship and so by what we are doing we are expressing our unity with Almighty God, also that of the whole of His Church, for as we ring in one particular tower, we ring not only to call the people of that locality, but we ring it across the whole world proclaiming the Glory of God and duty of man.

'We must carry that unity out into the life which we live beyond. We learn a unity with God and His Church and that is something which the whole world and every individual in it needs most desperately. We can tell people that through the craft which we exercise we have learnt the joy to do something which is difficult but which we think worth doing. The worry of a broken home and the trouble and ill-feeling in a community, we can tell them from our experience that it is good to do something complete, and how joyful it is to be in unity. We can also tell the world that unity cannot be achieved fully unless our lives are related to the purpose of Almighty God, who has created His world and has called us to be obedient to His calling.'

The annual meeting followed tea in the Village Hall, when over 130 members and friends enjoyed an excellent meal arranged by the local branch.

A GUILD BADGE

Among the decisions reached was the provision of a Guild badge for sale to members, the annual dinner to be held on October 8th, and the festival in 1961 to be held at Macclesfield.

It was also decided to send a letter of congratulation to the band of the Essex Association, which had recently rung the greatest number of changes.

Officers re-elected were Messrs. J. W. Clarke, Master; John Worth, Deputy Master; H. O. Baker, honorary secretary and treasurer; C. K. Lewis, report secretary; Mrs. C. K. Lewis, peal recorder; librarian, P. Laflin; Central Council representatives, J. W. Clarke, H. O. Baker, A. R. Elkins and John Worth.

The annual report recorded the deaths of Mrs. J. Fernley (Norbury), Tom Arrowsmith (Lawton), S. Depledge (Taxal), T. Huxley (Handley), J. Minshull (Macclesfield) and W. O. Wharton (Oxton).

The membership of the Guild is: honorary members 16, life ringing members 17, ringing members 718. These represent 89 towers.

PEAL PERFORMANCES

One peal was omitted from last year's report and had been included with the 109 rung during 1959—106 on tower bells and three in hand. In these peals 137 resident and 30 non-resident members took part. Twenty-two members rang their first peal, 11 their first in the method 'inside' and 64 their first peal in a new method or methods. There were 30 conductors and three called a peal for the first time.

The first peals ever of Kinnerton Imperial Bob Major, Littleton Imperial Major and Overleigh Imperial Bob Major were rung by the Guild, and a record length of 9,568 Spliced Surprise Major rung at Over. Pudsey Surprise Maximus, Superlative Surprise Maximus, Lincolnshire Surprise Royal and Cornwall Surprise Major were rung for the Guild for the first time.

'The appearance of new methods in our records is evidence that the art is vitally alive in the Guild, and we would urge more bands to venture outside what is usually termed standard methods.'

The statement of accounts showed an increase of £38 18s. 2d. in the balance to £61 19s. 6d., but this included subscriptions from one band for the current year of £11 3s. 9d. No charge was made for Central Council representatives' expenses. The Bell Restoration and Augmentation Fund had increased to £172 3s. The report and accounts were approved.

Ringing took place after the meeting at Eccleston and Chester (St. Mary without the Walls).

Wallingford Grammar School

For the first time in its long history a team of pupils from Wallingford Grammar School rang the bells of St. Mary-le-More, Wallingford, for the annual Founders' Day service on June 2nd. Only call changes were rung but the striking was good, taking into account the ages of the boys and the weight of the bells. The ringing was under the supervision of Mr. Claude Corderey, of Blewbury Parish Church.

The boys were: J. Webb (18, Benson), T. Howes (17, Benson), G. McIlone (13, Warborough), R. Howes (14, Warborough), R. Partridge (13, Wallingford), A. Esplin 16, P. Esplin, 14 (Blewbury), M. Young (15, Cholsey), P. Selwood (17, Dorchester), R. Bird (17, East Hagbourne), R. Hill-Baldwin (13, Cholsey) and M. Corderey (14, Blewbury).

SERVANTS OF THE EXERCISE – No. 24



MR. A. W. COLES,
Middlesex Association

Mr. A. W. (Bert) Coles will long be remembered as the orginator and organiser of the very successful rallies of veteran ringers held in London for several years past. He conceived the idea that personal invitation would have the effect of making the older ringers feel that they were really wanted, and the result has been that many happy reunions of old acquaintances have been brought about. It has meant the writing of literally hundreds of letters, and the expenditure of not a little money on postage. Truly a labour of love—but bringing a rich reward, for the pleasure of the 'old timers' in meeting each other is so obvious and sincere.

Bert Coles, brother of the late C. T. Coles, was born in London in 1888, and followed his father as a writer and embosser. He and Charles learned to ring at St. George's East in 1903, under the instruction of G. B. Lucas, of Walthamstow. He joined the Middlesex Association in 1905, and rang his first peal (Grandsire Triples) in 1906 at St. George's East. By 1911 he had conducted his first peal (Stedman Triples) at Cubitt Town. Then came a break due to the 1914-18 war, during which he served in the R.A.F.

On demobilisation he entered the Engineering Department of the G.P.O. (1919), and also resumed his ringing activities. He began a long period of service in the Middlesex Association, and was elected District Master in 1929 to 1935. On the death of William Pye, he was elected Master, serving until 1935. He was made a vice-president in 1946, and served in this capacity until 1953.

Having a flair for instruction, he was appointed instructor to the bands at Bloomsbury, Clerkenwell, Bethnal Green, and other places. Closely associated with William Pye, he became a member of the pioneer band which rang the first peals of Spliced Surprise Major in three and five to 12 methods, and the first peals of Spliced Surprise Royal and Maximus. In 1948 he was awarded the Imperial Service Order.

His peals total to date is 481, of which he has conducted 12. Noteworthy amongst these are 10,440 Cambridge Royal, at Walthamstow, in 1923; 7,392 Cambridge Maximus at St. Mary-le-Bow, in 1925; the first peal at Buckfast Abey (old bells) in 1930, and the first peal of Cambridge Maximus, at Exeter Cathedral, in 1932. Bert Coles is a member of 30 Associations or Guilds, and it is gratifying to note that he is bringing up his son, Peter John, in the proper Coles tradition, to be a ringer, for if he turns out to be as good as his father—he'll do!

JAFUS.

GUILD OF MEDICAL RINGERS

The annual meeting of the Guild took place on May 21st. Members gathered first at the Church of Peter, Benington, where ringing began soon after 3 o'clock. It usually takes a little while for this necessarily scratch company to produce their best results in a new tower, and so it proved, but in the half hour before the service at 4.30 good touches of Double Norwich and of Stedman were achieved.

Unfortunately, the Rector, the Rev. K. O. Morris, was prevented from conducting the service by a car breakdown, and the Guild was most grateful to Mr. J. Thomas, of Benington School, who took the Rector's place at very short notice.

Afterwards the party moved on to the recently rehung six at Aston—in fact the whole of the tower has been restored after an outbreak of fire. Comment on the bells was most favourable, and they do great credit to the founders responsible. Methods rung included most of the standard Minor ones, Plain, Treble Bob and Surprise.

The annual general meeting was held at the 'Coach and Horses,' Stevenage, before dinner. After receiving a report on the year past, officers were elected for 1960/61 as follows: President, W. R. Winkerton; Master, D. J. Neal Smith; secretary, D. L. Gullick. The details for the Dorset meeting on July 2nd and 3rd were announced and it was decided to hold the London meeting on November 12th, and next year's annual general meeting on May 13th.

A most enjoyable dinner followed by handbell touches concluded a very successful occasion. In addition to members of the Guild, during the meeting guests and visitors took a very active part. In particular, the Guild was happy to have as its guest Mr. Rex Agg, the newly appointed secretary of the Hertfordshire Association.

D. L. G.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Subscription To Be Reviewed

THE festival and annual general meeting of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild was held at Wimborne on May 14th, when most towers in the Wimborne Branch were open for ringing during the day. The proceedings commenced with the annual general meeting in the Grammar School, when the Guild was welcomed by the chairman of the Urban District council, Councillor A. R. Maiden.

The Master of the Guild, Canon Cox, presided and opened the meeting with prayer. He replied to the welcome given in suitable terms.

The annual report covering 1958-59, which had been just published, contained the honorary secretary and treasurer's report and it was not deemed necessary to read it to the meeting, it being moved to be taken as read. Mr. West, however, had something to say about the statement of accounts, pointing out to the meeting that the balance in hand in the current account was not enough to cover the expenses. He asked permission to draw on the deposit account if required, and also dropped what may be described as a 'bombshell,' when he suggested the members' subscription be raised. This was discussed and after Mr. True had reminded the members that notice of motion must be given under Rule 11, it was proposed and carried 'that notice be given that the subscription be raised.'

REVISION OF GUILD OFFICE

A sub-committee had been at work on this. The meeting decided to give permission to act and have sufficient copies printed for the Guild, when the final draft had been passed by the Bishop. In his remarks, the Master complimented those responsible for having the report published before the annual meeting. Continuing, he said a telegram had been sent to the Royal family on the birth of a Prince. Copies of the telegram and reply had been circulated to the Branches. A suggested form of belfry prayers, in card form, had been drawn up and sent to the Bishop who had given his approval. These cards will be sent out to all towers.

He said some of the Branch reports made good reading; there was a lot of instruction being done in the form of extra practices, but an increase in members attending Branch meetings would be welcomed. He also asked the secretary to send congratulations to Mr. L. A. Wilson, vice-president, who had just celebrated his diamond wedding.

The whole of the retiring officers were re-elected for the ensuing year: Canon Cox, Master; Mr. W. C. West, hon. secretary and treasurer; Mr. F. S. Slatford, hon. assistant secretary; Mr. J. S. Weeks and Mr. C. F. Andrews, honorary auditors. A new office which had been created was honorary librarian and to this the Rev. W. Uphill was appointed. Mr. G. H. Harding put the motion that thanks be accorded to all officers for their work. The Guild Committee was re-elected en bloc. Honorary life members elected: the Rev. W. Uphill, Mrs. Day and Mr. Hiscocks (Wareham). Mr. F. Haines (Wilton). Mr. Roberts (Berwick St. John).

Grants of money were made to Warminster £5 5s., Charminster £3 3s., Askerwell (second grant) £2 2s.

LOSSES BY DEATH

The following members, who had passed away during the year, were mentioned: William Chalk (honorary life member), Mr. Frank Taylor (Wylye). Mrs. Blanche Hibbard (Tidpit). Mr. Davis (honorary secretary, Wimborne Branch), who had recently lost his wife, and Mr. Paul Field, who although not living in the Guild, having also been bereaved, were coupled with a vote of sympathy expressed by the Master.

It was decided to hold the next annual festival in Calne, the second Saturday in May, 1961.

The service was held in the Minster, the Vicar, the Rev. S. M. Epps, officiating. Canon Cox read the lesson. The Lyme Regis ringers rang a course of Grandsire Caters on handbells, the service being an inspiration to all.

Tea was served in the Grammar School after which a presentation was made to Canon Cox for his great services to the Guild as Master for the past 20 years. The honorary general secretary gave a few details of the work carried through by the Canon and then handed over the Master to the tender mercies of Rev. R. N. Longridge, Vicar of Bourton and honorary secretary, North Dorset Branch, for the presentation.

REDEDICATION

CHISLET, KENT

To hear the bells of St. Mary's, Chislet, Kent, ringing once more, after fifty years' silence, was the stated ambition of Mr. Frank Spanton. In 1951 he set out on the task of raising the necessary money to see the job done and by various means raised £1,308. With this money in hand he placed the order for the work to be done, only to be met with a setback—the roof timbers of the tower were found to be infested with beetle and another £375 had to be found. This has been done, and now, with the roof timbers safe, the bells tuned to a proper scale, in a new frame, and complete now fittings, his ambition has been realised.

On Sunday, May 16th, Bishop C. W. A. Rose, former Bishop of Dover, dedicated the bells during Evensong. Among the congregation, which filled the church, were many of Mr. Spanton's farming friends, the villagers and ringers from surrounding parishes. The service was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. G. P. Chidgey, who was assisted by two former vicars, Rev. R. Meredith and Rev. A. P. A. Barnes. The founders were represented by Mr. P. L. Taylor. Following the service, refreshments were served on the lawn at Chislet Court.

Mr. Spanton, who for many years was a churchwarden at Chislet, has also helped to raise £2,000 for the fabric of the church, and for so small a parish this has been a magnificent effort, and a story that will give him much pleasure in his retirement from farming. Although leaving the farm, he is not leaving the parish, and there is no doubt he will hear the bells of St. Mary's in his new home.

There was still one more snag: with the bells in order there were no ringers, but this is being successfully overcome by the Birchington ringers, who are going over each week to give instruction to a new band. B. J. L.

No Bats In The Bradstone Belfry!

Jackdaws at Bradstone, Devon, Parish Church had a shock over a recent week-end when, to enable the Lifton band of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers to ring to peal of 5,040 Grandsire Doubles on May 16th, two men took five hours to clear out a host of jackdaws' nests which had accumulated beneath the bells and was preventing them from being rung.

The jackdaws had obviously been building their nests there for many years, but had remained unnoticed until the accumulation of wood had lifted the slide of a bell up and the bell, when rung, had toppled over.

Members of the above team have visited six bell towers on the borders of Devon and Cornwall and have to their credit three peals of Grandsire Doubles and three quarter peals.

RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD

Through the kindness of Mr. George E. Fearn, secretary of the St. Martin's Guild, who arranged for the bells, the British Railway Staff Association Guild of Church Bell Ringers held their fourth annual meeting at Birmingham, on May 14th.

Ringers present represented: Taunton, York, Skewen, Swansea, Warwick, Bedford, Swindon, Leamington Spa, Wolverhampton, Crewe, London, Darlington, Wadhurst, Nantwich, Reading, Blackburn and Birmingham. It was a pleasure to see Mr. Jack Pitman amongst the members present. (You can't keep Jack chained to a T.V. set.)

Ringing commenced at 11 a.m. at St. Bartholomew's, Edgbaston, a light ring of eight, and continued during the afternoon at St. Chad's R.C. Cathedral. The Cathedral Church of St. Philip and Aston Parish Church were visited, and under the guidance of the Master, Mr. Bert Kynaston, a good standard of ringing was maintained throughout the day.

Tea was laid on at the Co-op Restaurant in the High Street, where everyone refreshed themselves with the good things provided. After tea Mr. George Fearn apologised that St. Martin's bells were not available, so back to the Cathedral where the business meeting was held in the belfry, with the Master presiding.

Mr. E. C. Shepherd welcomed the Guild to Birmingham and hoped that all had enjoyed the visit. 'We want to see the Guild getting on,' he said, in wishing it every success for the future.

Apologies were received from Mr. O. J. Whitaker, secretary of the Joint Committee B.R.S. Association, Mr. Rodney Meadows, Mr. Bert Sutton, Miss Wallace, Mr. Fred Hannington, Mr. T. R. Barron, Mr. Luton and Mr. Harold Walker. The meeting stood in silence for the late Mr. Fred Seager, who had passed on since last year.

The statement of accounts, with an income of £7 16s., showed a balance of £3 13s. 2d. on the right side. The honorary secretary in his report stated that free passes could not be obtained for wives of members attending the Guild meetings.

It was proposed by Mr. Freeman and seconded by Mr. Sid Foskett, that all officers be re-elected for the coming year. The vacancy of Master of the Eastern Region was left open until the next meeting; all other regional Masters were re-elected. Mr. W. Meredith, Shrewsbury, and Mr. John Lindon, Birmingham, were elected members.

A proposal to held the annual general meeting in 1961 at Lincoln was lost by a casting vote in preference for Darlington. The date will be April 29th, 1961. Mr. Tomlin proposed Southend-on-Sea for the autumn meeting and this was carried. The date fixed was September 30th, 1961.

An omnibus vote of thanks was extended to all who had contributed towards the success of the meeting, and was carried with acclamation.

J. A. H.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

One of the most successful ringing festivals in Mid-Cornwall for several years was that at St. Columb Minor, which was attended by nearly 100 ringers. The service was conducted by the Rev. S. J. Rust, who also gave the address. The tea was arranged by ringers' wives and other local helpers.

Judge for the test ringing was Mr. J. Keatt (St. Merryn) and seven first class and nine second class certificates were awarded. The festival was organised by Mr. D. Burnett (Guild secretary) and Mr. H. Lander (honorary treasurer).

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BROADCAST RINGING

Dear Sir,—May I be permitted to enlighten Mr. W. Upton concerning the broadcast from St. Mary Redcliffe, on May 15th. The bells were not heard over the air before the service owing to an error of 1½ minutes in the timing arrangements made with Broadcasting House.

The bells were heard, however, at the end of the service and I should like to compliment and thank the Rev. Martin Wilson and the B.B.C. engineers for their efforts in making this possible.

My thanks also to the band who made such a good effort for the broadcast.

It is a matter for consideration by all concerned that Sunday service ringing should take place at the end of the broadcast service rather than at the beginning, it being appreciated that it is much more easy to start ringing than to stop especially when seconds are so important.—Yours sincerely,

EMLYN F. HANCOCK.

Bristol.

NEWS FROM CALGARY

Dear Sir,—Ringing at Christ Church, Calgary, very rarely reaches the news headlines, but readers of 'The Ringing World' may be interested to hear that we continue to ring there fairly regularly. It seems extremely difficult to keep a band together. However, we now have the 'faithful few,' most of whom have learnt to ring within the past year. Also with the help of Ted Clements, a former Leicester ringer, who is now living in Calgary, I am hoping we shall be able to progress beyond plain hunting.

I have recently spent a short holiday in Vancouver and Victoria, and was very pleased indeed to meet and ring with the ringers at the Cathedral of the Holy Rosary, Vancouver, and especially pleased to stand in a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples at Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria, on the occasion of Princess Margaret's wedding. Unfortunately, the great distance between towers in this country makes visits like this very infrequent!

Any ringers visiting Canada will be most welcome in Calgary.—With best wishes, yours sincerely,

JUDY MIDGLEY (Miss)

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629 14 Avenue S.W.,
Calgary, Canada.

PATRON SAINT OF RINGERS

Dear Sir,—I was very interested to read the letters in the issue of March 25th, relating to the patron saint of ringers and naming no less than five saints with their respective claims. Would it be throwing 'a spoke in the wheel,' so to speak, by furnishing this piece of information?

'**St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr.**—St. Agatha was a virgin martyred in Sicily. She was held in great honour from the fifth century onwards, and two early churches were dedicated to her in Rome. She is the patron saint of Catania, where she died, and for some unknown reason is also regarded as the patron of bellringers.'

This was printed on page 8, February 5th, 1960, issue of 'The Anglican,' under the heading Saints for the Month, and was probably taken from 'The English Churchman's Calendar,' published by Mowbray and Co.—Yours sincerely,

WENDY NICHOLLS.

Randwick, N.S.W.

NOTATION ALPHABET

Dear Sir,—I must apologise to Mr. Hawkins for not having been sufficiently explicit in my reply ('R.W.' April 8th) to his letter on the listing of methods. Perhaps it will be clearer if I say that I use the following notation 'alphabet' in my own lists of Surprise Major methods.

-.12.1234.1236.1238.1256.1258.14.1456.1458.16.18.34.3456.3458.36.38.56.58.78.

(Although I know of no method that contains four contiguous places, I have included 1234 and 3456 in the above 'alphabet' for the sake of completeness.) Similar 'alphabets' can of course be drawn up for Royal and Maximus methods within a few minutes. Thus, having an 'alphabet,' it becomes an easy question of writing out the methods 'alphabetically.'

As for cataloguing purposes the actual lead-end of the method is of minor importance. I generally leave it to the end of the place notation, when I use the letters referred to by Mr. Pattison. This seems to me to be simpler than to subdivide the methods into classes by their lead-ends, as Mr. Pattison suggests, and also has another marked advantage. When methods, are listed 'alphabetically' and irrespective of their lead-ends, those with the same work above the treble are at once apparent, as in the following example:

-36-4-58-16-12-5-16-1 a Cranbourne
-36-4-58-16-12-5-16-7 b Painswick
-36-4-58-16-12-5-16-7 g Blackburn
-36-4-58-16-14-3-14-5 f Lindum
-36-4-58-36-14-5-36-7 b Superlative
-36-4-58-36-14-5-36-7 g Harleston

Of the above, Cranbourne, Painswick and Superlative are 2nds place methods, and Blackburn, Lindum and Harleston 8ths place methods.

Conversely, a reverse 'alphabetical' listing will show up those methods having the same work below the treble:

34-38.6-56-36.14-14.5-14-1 m Tottenham
56-56.4-58-36.14-14.5-14-1 m Olney
-56-4.56-58.36.14-14.5-14-1 m Dublin
34-56.4.56-58.36.14-14.5-14-1 m Suffolk
-58-4.58-58.36.14-14.5-14-1 m Bristol
-58-4-56-38.14-14.5-14-1 m Hampshire

Neither Mr. Hawkins' nor Mr. Pattison's systems do this. While the former appears to serve no useful purpose, the latter is limited to a pure listing of methods, for which it is, of course, quite adequate.

Finally, I should like to make a small correction to R.A.S. report on Kenwyn Ringers' outing, in which he says that Hartley, Kent, has no bells ('R.W.' May 6th). Having myself had cause to pay occasional visits to Hartley, in the past few months, I can assure him that All Saints' Church has two bells, which, like Fremington's, may be said to have a character of their own!—Yours sincerely,

CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

Cheltenham.

ADVICE FROM FATHER
(On Record Peal Ringing)

Dear Sir,—Congratulations to Stephen Ivin for once again stirring up the correspondence columns. His suggestion to shout 'Stand' after 12 hours' ringing when one bell misses a dodge would, if I was ringing, send me completely 'round the bend.'

Carry on trying for the 40,000 Stephen, and if you bring it off you too can share the honour and glory of Frank Lufkin's band, but don't be so silly and set the bells up at the first bad blow. Unless you hurry, Frank will beat you to it **and** leave you to learn the Bristol and ring a 40,000 of this method.—Yours sincerely,

G. K. DODD.

Highclere, Hants.

NO SERMON INTENDED

Dear Sir,—I fear that Stephen Ivin has misunderstood much of the report of the long peal at Kirby-le-Soken. In the first place no attempt was made at preaching a sermon about long peal attempts. If this is the way he has interpreted it, it can only be because he has a guilty conscience about his own attempts, realising perhaps that others have succeeded in something he has tried to do by sheer determination.

I understand that the comments made about the high standard of discipline in the peal were made by a member of the band, who was also in the recent attempts at Loughborough. This must surely indicate that the discipline during these attempts was not all that it might have been.

Stephen Ivin seems to lay much emphasis on the fact that Plain Bob was rung at Kirby-le-Soken, and not Bristol. Why does he himself not go for a longer length of Bristol? This was, I think, the idea in the mind of the leader writer, when talking about long peals.—Yours sincerely,

MAURICE E. DOWNS.

Clacton-on-Sea.

NOT UNDERSTANDABLE

Dear Sir,—Mr. Ivin's letter (page 371) concerning the record peal at Kirby-le-Soken is a jealous and snooty comment written in extremely bad taste, and it is not the first time he has shown such an attitude in your columns. Does he imagine that Bristol is the Everest of all change-ringing? Surely it is the quality of the performance that is of prime importance. Are these Loughborough people so almighty that they can ring peals of Surprise every 'practice' night? And why don't **they** ring 40,320 Bristol instead of toying around with a simple method like Bob Major?

No, sir! I cannot understand this ridiculous attitude. Who is Stephen Ivin, anyway?—Yours sincerely,

R. BROWN.

Leeds.

THE KIRBY PEAL

Dear Sir,—Talk about catty remarks! I think the letter from Stephen Ivin concerning the 22,400 Bob Major at Kirby-le-Soken was disgusting.—Yours sincerely,

A. G. CLARK.

Tadworth, Surrey.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD
North Dorset Branch

The quarterly meeting of the North Dorset Branch was held at Lillington on May 28th. There were 26 present in the lovely little mediaeval church of St. Martin, whose five bells sounded very pleasant over the green countryside, on a perfect May afternoon.

At the Guild service, the Rev. G. R. Buchanan welcomed the ringers on behalf of the Vicar, Canon Wingfield-Digby. He said that the keenness of the Lillington ringers had resulted in young people from the Sherborne schools coming out to learn from them.

An excellent tea, provided by Mrs. Marks and Mrs. Sampson, preceded the meeting. At this, two new members were elected to the Guild—David Hopkins, of Lillington, and Graham Davison, of Gillingham. It was unanimously agreed that a message of goodwill be sent to Canon C. Carew Cox, Master of the Guild, on the 50th anniversary of his ordination as priest.

The next quarterly meeting was arranged for September 10th at Maiden Bradley. After the meeting ringing was resumed at Lillington and also at Thornford.

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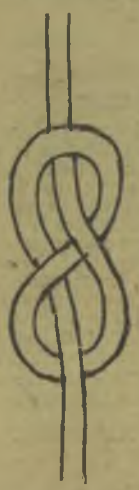
ALPHABET FOR BEGINNERS

By T. J. LOCK

"K"

KNEES.—You will notice that those ringers who make bellringing look easy, the good handlers, do not bend at the knees. If bending of the body does occur it should be done from the hips. However, there is a case for the knee-benders when a heavy bell is being rung. The 'pull,' both at sally (or handstroke) and at rope's end (or backstroke), is too long for the average human's reach, so in addition to hip bending knee bending is automatically resorted to. This long pull is due to the large wheel which is attached to a heavy bell and around which the top end of the rope goes. As the result of this a longer length of rope is required below the sally—at the end which is gripped by the ringer—and to overcome the danger of too much rope coiling on the floor at the ringer's feet, boxes are brought into use.

KNOT.—Peculiar to any part of the whole world is the Yorkshire tuft for bellringing.



This tuft is another padded part, identical to the sally although much shorter, and is at the rope's end. As you may know, the method of adjusting the length of a bell rope with a looped end is merely by threading the end of the rope through the three or four strands of the same rope at a different place so as to make the length of loop longer or shorter as may be required. But the length of rope between the tuft and the sally cannot be adjusted by looping and so other means have to be employed. A knot is used and in itself is quite a simple expedient, because it does not interfere with a ringer handling his bell, it is easily and quickly made and it is easily and quickly unmade. And if one knot does not shorten the rope sufficiently then a second knot may be tied. The sketch will illustrate the knot, which is often referred to as the Yorkshire eight.

KNOWLEDGE.—Your progress in ringing will largely depend on the knowledge you have acquired, and for this short article we shall confine ourselves to two kinds of knowledge, practical and theoretical. Believe me, one kind is of no use to you without the other kind, and they must both be gained together, bit by bit. Basically, it is up to each ringer the amount of knowledge acquired but there are, of course, the more fortunate ones who have opportunity continually knocking at their door. If it is your door, seize the opportunity or else you may have regrets later on.

I would recommend the raw beginner to gain practical knowledge at the outset, such as seeing all 'the works' in the belfry, then receiving demonstrations in bell handling and bell control, and being given experience in ringing rounds and call changes. Even at this stage, rightly or wrongly, I have put some of my pupils on to plain hunting (standing behind them the whole time to Courses of Original telling them over which bells to strike) before I have introduced to them any technical books or impressed upon them the importance of the use of pencil and paper. My word, this is the time when one realises how many learners have deaf ears! At this stage it could be revealed how a little knowledge can be a dangerous thing because the beginner must have continual and constant practice to become a good handler and a good striker, for without this practice, should he be quick on the uptake and be one of those easily adaptable to learning methods, he might sweep through the stages of Plain Bob, Grandsire, Stedman, and Treble Bob and still be a poor striker. But theory, well under control, is an essential and a knowledge of method construction, lead and course ends, and coursing order is part of the attributes of the complete ringer. So regulate your researches into the theory of ringing in relation to your practical attainments.

SPRING TIME OUTINGS

BARKING AND DISTRICT

Ringers of St. Mary's, Barking, and other members of the Suffolk Guild, spent an enjoyable day in the Fen country on their outing on May 21st. A rather cold, dull day was compensated by good bells and glorious churches.

Ringing in various methods, with call changes for beginners, took place at Elm, Wisbech St. Mary, Leverington, Walsoken, Walpole St Peter, Walpole St. Andrew, Terrington St. Clement, Tilney All Saints and Terrington St. John, with lunch at Wisbech and tea at Kings Lynn. To all incumbents, local ringers for their kind help and in particular Mr. J. E. Fox, the party expresses sincere thanks.

R. E. L.

ST. CUTHBERT'S, DARLINGTON

Ringers of St. Cuthbert's, Darlington, and their friends, went northwards on May 21st, for their annual outing. They stopped for an hour at Chester-le-Street, and were welcomed by Mr. Dennis Bayles and Mr. Sheridan. Touches of Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise were enjoyed on this fine ring.

The route then lay, through a mixture of industrial squalor and residential suburbs, which spreads south of the Tyne, through Blaydon and into the lovely country of Tynedale. At Corbridge, the party spent half an hour full of interest at the remains of the Roman Station at Corstorpitum, and then continued to Hexham, for a fine ham and egg tea at the Beaumont Hotel.

The ringing members of the party accomplished the somewhat complicated ascent of Hexham Abbey—a magnificent building which is being worthily restored—and raised the bells only to find that, though the clock hammers had been pulled off, three of them were still fouling the bells. There was a very informal lower, and by the time the defect had been remedied it was too late to ring.

There was compensation for this disappointment, however, in the superb countryside. The organiser of this enjoyable expedition, Mr. E. Mashiter, was warmly thanked by the captain, Mr. T. Cooke, during the tea.

ST. MARY'S, READING

The dismal weather of May 21st did not dampen the spirits of the party from St. Mary's, Reading, which arrived at St. Albans Abbey, the first tower of this year's outing, well on time. Stedman and Grandsire Cinques were rung on the twelve, interspaced with rounds. Having collected the stragglers taking late breakfasts in St. Albans coffee houses, we made for Bengeo, in contrast a light, fast moving octave, where methods up to Spliced came round.

After lunch at the White Hart, Hertford, the lovely ten at All Saints were tackled. Low ropes on the four trebles and the bells being difficult to hear lowered our standards a bit, but two of the party rang Cambridge Royal for the first time.

The main road from Ware to Bishop's Stortford was one of the worst we have ever encountered. However, a patient coach driver soon saw to it that we had the handy ten at Bishop's Stortford ringing out. Highlights of the ringing here were a touch of Stedman Caters and a half-course of Yorkshire Royal, which almost settled to a peal beat. Leaving the eastern borders of Hertfordshire, we journeyed across country to Stevenage, where the Scotch Corner Restaurant provided a sumptuous tea before we rang the fine Taylor eight in methods up to Spliced.

The route to our last tower, Harpenden (8), lay through Knebworth and Kimpton. We had many an anxious moment rounding blind corners on the amazingly narrow roads through these villages.

The success of the day was due in no small measure to ringing friends from Reading University and elsewhere, who gave us their support, and to those good people waiting at each tower, not forgetting Albert Diserens and Frank Lewis, who saw to it everyone was well satisfied.

R. K. R.

LEEDS PARISH CHURCH

Eight towers were represented on what would be more aptly described as a 'Leeds and District' outing on May 21st, to Northumberland and Durham, with Morpeth as the objective.

Good use was made of the two tens—St. Andrew's, Roker, and All Saints', Gosforth—but the former are marred by excessive noise in the ringing room in spite of a 'sound-deadening' ceiling.

An hour's ringing on the light eight at the Morpeth Watch Tower catered for all tastes and we were assured that it is the normal custom, owing to the situation of the tower in the middle of the main street, to shutter the bells drastically when they are rung as opposed to chiming from the 'Ellacombe.'

Perhaps, the biggest surprise of the day came at Brancepeth. One half expected to see a pitshaft or some signs of its situation in the Durham coalfield. Instead, we found a church with a 700 year old tower—a church abounding in seventeenth century woodwork—set in lovely surroundings in the grounds of Brancepeth Castle, from which grounds three hundred years ago came the timber for the British Navy's first three-decker, 'Sovereign of the Seas,' and in which today peacocks strut proudly.

R. H. D.

HILLINGDON

Ringers of St. John the Baptist, Hillingdon, enjoyed a wonderful day in the West Country on May 14th. 'Setting sail' at 7.30 a.m., Evercreech was reached at 11.30 a.m. Treble Ten and Grandsire Caters allowed the visitors to appreciate the lovely bells and meeting several of the local ringers, including Harry Sanger was a great pleasure.

After lunch at Shepton Mallet, Wells Cathedral was reached at 2 p.m. where the party was welcomed. A course of Cambridge Royal foundered towards the end, but Caters on this wonderful ring was more successful. Chewton Mendip was next and one feels almost envious of the folk who live there with such beauty and grandeur all around, enhanced by a lovely example of a Somerset Parish Church, with bells so wonderful as to be difficult to describe. A great consolation was to be able to take their sound home on a tape recorder!

Every favourable comparison was made by some when Trowbridge was reached. This famous ring, so easy to hear and to ring, was very much enjoyed and proved a fitting conclusion to a wonderful ringing outing.

How fortunate we ringers are to have incumbents who will allow us the joy of ringing their bells, the local ringers who meet and welcome us, and captains like Fred Goodfellow who never spare themselves in efforts to organise these perfect days.

W. H. C.

WATFORD, HERTS

Old Windsor, with its light ring of eight, was the first tower on the list for this year's outing of the Watford company on May 14th. During the ringing, the eight non-ringers in the coach party of 33 were able to look round the church and also enjoy the glorious sunshine on the banks of the Thames.

Leatherhead was visited next, where rounds for the beginners was followed by Grandsire Caters and Plain Bob Royal. Cambridge Major went well on the excellent Taylor eight at Shalford, before the Hampshire border was crossed. The village of Bentley is the home of a member of the Watford band, and after an enjoyable ring on the six, which are unusually deep toned for their weight, the party sat down to an excellent tea prepared her relations. The recast eight at Farnham were put to good use. Little Bob Major being among the methods rung.

The weather had been perfect all day and it was an ideal event for the journey over the Hog's Back to Guildford, where we were met, at Holy Trinity, by our respected editor. Ringing on this magnificent octave provided a fitting end to a most enjoyable day, for which thanks are due to incumbents and ringers at the towers visited.

R. G. S.

THE TOWERS OF THE FENLAND

By T. A. BEVIS

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ST. WENDREDA'S CHURCH, MARCH

Many church towers have an open ringing gallery overlooking impressive interiors, but few, if any, of such galleries afford a finer view of an ancient double-hammerbeam roof as that of St. Wendreda's Church, March.

Here the ringers are accompanied by a multitude of angels, so realistic that one can almost hear the beating of their outstretched wings. There are one hundred and twenty of these heavenly figures projected from the hammerbeams in triple tiers, holding various musical instruments peculiar to the 16th century, while at the feet of each of the lower angels, saints and martyrs display emblems and symbols of martyrdom. The roof is regarded by experts as being the finest example of its kind in the country.

Wendreda is an obscure 'local' Saxon saint of whom very little is known. It is said that her earthly remains were interred at Ely, and later transferred to Canterbury. The dedication is believed to be unique.

The 14th century tower stands on two arches and has a groined passage preserving an ancient right-of-way—an unusual but not uncommon feature. A soaring spire brings the steeple's total height to approximately 140 feet. It is unusual for East Anglian towers to possess vertebrae-like exterior turrets from top to bottom, but such is the case at March, and the result of this 'borrowed' West Country style is most pleasing. Dorothy Sayers, author of 'The Nine Tailors,' was a frequent visitor to this church, and the roof of her composite fane, 'Fenchurch St. Paul,' was directly inspired by the angel roof at St. Wendreda's.

There are six bells (tenor 15 cwt. 2 qrs. 18 lbs. in E) of fine tonal quality, cast at Downham Market by Thomas Osborn in 1802. They were conveyed to March from Downham on barges via the River Nene and had a lane (Bell Metal Road) named after them. In the spring of 1929 the bells were tuned and rehung and the treble recast by Taylor's, and they revolve on ball-bearings in a teak frame.

Osborn was a capable founder, being foreman for Edward Arnold, who later formed a partnership with the former at St. Neots foundry, before Osborn set up for himself at his native town, Downham Market, where he died in 1806. He cast many good bells for Fenland, a notable eight being Hilgay, 1779.

The bells at St. Wendreda's carry typical inscriptions of the day in which they were created, the tenor being appropriately inscribed 'I to the Church the living call, and to the grave I summon all.' The fifth, however, has a most unappropriate inscription for the Fenlands: 'Our voices shall with joyful sound make hills and valleys echo round' (poetic licence was surely obtained in this instance!). These two inscriptions also occur at Marham, Norfolk, the fifth and tenor of the ring of six being identical to those at March. Marham's bells were provided in the same year, 1802.

It is thought that St. Wendreda's bells were cast from the metal of previous ones, for Cole refers to a visit to March about the middle of the 18th century and mention is made of five bells at that time. Records date back to 1542, and we learn that two bell ropes in 1555 cost three shillings. In 1558 the bells were rung for the Coronation and in 1593 they received a thorough overhaul. The 'greate bell of March' was recast by John Draper, at Thetford, on February 24th, 1613: it weighed 12 cwts. Another 'greate bell' was recast in 1648.

The first peal of 5,040 changes on the present bells was completed by March ringers on November 5th, 1819 (presumably to the accompaniment of exploding fireworks!). A Sunday service team emulated this achievement on September 29th, 1956. The church was fortunate in having a keen team of ringers as early as 1815 when extents were regularly rung. In 1824 a peal of Doubles was achieved and in the same year the same team rang 1,800 changes of Cambridge Surprise.

The church's handbells, which have been recently renovated, bequeath an amusing story: Over a hundred years old, they were formerly the property of a neighbouring inn, and according to hearsay the local ringers of yesteryear, having welcomed the New Year in the traditional manner, descended the tower and entered the inn, where they drew lots for the largest handbells. Having done this the clappers were unscrewed, the bells inverted and topped up with ale, and a good time had by all!

ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH, LITTLEPORT

'Do not ring and run away,
Leaving other folk to pray;
When a ringer doeth so,
Hand says "Come," but foot says "Go."'

This 'controversial' advice is prominently displayed to visitors entering the ringing gallery at St. George's Church, Littleport, a large perpendicular building which has been much renewed. The lofty 15th century tower is very well proportioned and rises gracefully above tree-tops. It once had a passage through the base, similar to that at March, but this has been closed and the space serves now as a miscellaneous store, an 'improvement' very much to be regretted.

There is a good ring of eight bells by John Warner and Sons, the only inscribed 'instrument' being the tenor (18 cwt. 2 qrs. 5 lbs.), which informs us 'We swing to the Glory of God and in memory of William Bonner Hopkins, Vicar 1866-1890.' The bells were rehung in the original oak frame by Messrs. Taylor's, in 1935, at an expense of £170. Of this amount over £120 was raised by public subscription.

Dedicated on June 24th, 1891 '... at 10 o'clock in the morning the first chimes on the bells were rung ... one remarked that the peal was extremely similar to the beautiful peal of Old Chesterton... The handling of the bells gave much pleasure to the parishioners, and inspired not a few with the desire to become ringers.'

The tower contained four bells in the 18th century, the second, third and treble being cast by John Draper in 1622, 1624 and 1640 respectively, and the tenor (9 cwt.) was by Thomas Osborn, 1790. This ring was considered to be absolutely imperfect, the treble being out of all proportion to the tenor.

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THE CHURCH OF ST. WENDREDA, MARCH
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DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting. Old Brampton (6) 3 p.m., June 11th. Please bring own food. Cups of tea provided.—A. B. Cooper 6072

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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Summer Festival, Saturday, June 11th. Ringing arrangements: Capel 10.30-12 noon. Merrow and Ockley 11-12. Ranmore 11.30-1 p.m., Cobham and Stoke D'Abernon 2-4. Epsom, Christ Church 3-4. Leatherhead from 4. Dorking 7-8. Service 4.30 p.m. at Leatherhead. followed by tea in St. Nicholas' Hall. 6005

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION—Eastern District.—Meeting. Cheshunt, Saturday, June 11th. 3 p.m. Tea 5.30. Service 6.30 p.m. Names for tea to R. Durrant, 7, The Folly, Brookfield Lane, Cheshunt. 6024

LADIES' GUILD.—North-Western District.—Joint meeting with Northwich Branch, CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. at St. Helen's, Witton. Northwich. Saturday, June 11th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting.—S. P. Wain. Dis. Sec. 6030

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Loughborough District) and MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD: Joint meeting. Measham. June 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—C. W. Hall and J. W. Cotton. 6019

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION—N. and E. District.—Meeting at St. John's. Stanmore, joint with HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Watford District) Saturday. June 11th. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. followed by tea and further ringing until 8 p.m. Ringing also at St. Margaret's. Edgware, 2.30 p.m. until 4 p.m. 6044

SOUTH WALES NOMADS.—Practice meeting at Peterstone-Wentloog (Mon.). on Saturday. June 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. especially learners.—D. P.. Hon. Sec. 6063

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting at Lyminster (6). on Saturday. June 11th. at 3 p.m. Sorry. no facilities for tea available.—E. W. Keys. Hon. Sec. 6059

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION—Luton District.—Quarterly meeting. Flitton. Saturday. June 18th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5 p.m. Names to Mrs. A. Munday. The Old Vicarage. Flitton. No name. no tea. 6067

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Market Drayton. June 18th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea (2s. 3d.) by June 15th.—W. Kerr, 102. Moreton Road. Crewe. 6071

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—Meeting at Newbold on Avon. Saturday. June 18th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 6066

DEVON GUILD.—Annual festival. Exeter. June 18th. Service St. Mark's 4 p.m., address by the Bishop of Exeter. Tea and meeting in St. Mark's Parish Hall. Numbers for tea to Rev. C. G. Poulton. 36. Polsloe Road. Exeter. Ringing arrangements: St. Thomas' 1.30-3 p.m., Heavitree 1.30-3. St. Mark's 3-4. Cathedral 6-8.30 p.m. 5985

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Next meeting, Saturday. June 18th. Blackwell (Feast Saturday). Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. Smithson, 29, Littlemoor Lane. Newton. Derbyshire.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 6073

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Meeting. Cranham, June 18th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea after service. Names for tea to S. T. Price. 12, Regent Street, Stonehouse, Glos. 6069

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Evening quarterly meeting, Meysey Hampton, June 18th. Service 6 p.m. Ringing afterwards.—R. Wenban. Hon. Sec. 6077

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—Quarterly meeting, Stanton Lacy, Saturday, June 18th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—G. Randall. 6078

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Lindsey Branch.—Joint meeting with the BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY at Barrow-on-Humber (8). June 18th. usual arrangements. Names for tea by June 15th, to Mr. A. Crowder, Manor Farm, Barrow-on-Humber. 6048

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD (Elloe Deaneries Branch) and LADIES' GUILD (Lincolnshire Branch).—Joint meeting at Gosberton. Saturday, June 18th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday. 15th. to Mrs. M. Thorley. 32. Whitehall. Gosberton. Spalding. Lincs. 6016

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Poole. June 18th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea for those who notify. by June 15th. J. Davis, 13, Sandbanks Road. Parkstone. 6074

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Section.—Quarterly meeting at Limpsfield (6). June 18th. 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Large set of handbells available. Names for tea to Mr. E. Jarrett, 3, Titsey Road. Limpsfield, by June 16th.—G. A. West. Hon. Sec. 6042

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Southampton District.—Quarterly meeting. June 18th. Sherfield English. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Hall. Names for tea by June 15th. to J. Hartless. 17. Testwood Crescent, Salisbury Road. Totton. East Tytherley after tea. 6068

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD (Andover District) and OXFORD GUILD (Newbury District).—Joint meeting. Highclere, June 18th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea in the Armoury. Thatcham (8) 6.30. Newbury (10) 7.45 to 9 p.m. Names for tea by previous Tuesday to G. K. Dodd, 7. The White City. Woolton Hill. near Newbury. 6080

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Meeting at Alvechurch (8). Saturday, June 18th. 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Coach will leave Bell Hotel. Stourbridge at 2.30 p.m. sharp.—Bernard C. Ashford. Sec., 17, Ham Lane. Pedmore. Stourbridge. 6038

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Annual meeting. Almondbury. near Huddersfield. on June 18th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Committee meeting 4.15. Tea in Church School 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea by Monday. June 13th. to Mr. R. Jobson. School House. 8. Westgate. Almondbury. Huddersfield.—A. E. Marsh, Hon. Dis. Sec. 6054

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD—Annual festival. St. Mary's. Swansea. Saturday. June 25th. Bells (8) available 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business to follow. Names for tea by June 18th. to J. A. Hoare, 6. Gendros Crescent. Fforestfach. Swansea. 6056

LADIES' GUILD.—Annual general meeting at Bath. on Saturday. July 2nd. Bells available: St. Michael with St. Paul. Broad Street, 10-11 a.m.: Twerton 11-12 noon: St. Mark's 2-3 p.m.: Abbey 2.30-3.30: St. Mary. Bathwick 7-7.30: All Saints. Weston 7.30-8.30: Corston from 7 p.m. Committee meeting 1 p.m., St. Mary's Church Hall. Service. Bath Abbey. 3.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting. St. Mary's Church Hall. 4.15 p.m. Names for tea (3s. 6d.) by June 29th. to Mrs. Norton. Gout House Farm. Kingston Seymour. Clevedon. Somerset. 6018

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION. — Llandaff Branch. — Meeting. Aberavon, June 25th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—R. E. Coles. 6076

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Dorchester Branch.—Summer quarterly meeting, Bere Regis, on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, June 22nd, to Mr. H. Pitfield, Rose Cottage, Butt Lane, Bere Regis, Dorchester, Dorset.—R. H. Duke, Hon. Sec. 6079

SOUTH WALES NOMADS. — Ringing festival, July 2nd, opening the Panteg Restoration Fund. Mathern 10 a.m. Penhow 11, Nash 12 noon. Llanfrechfa 2 p.m., Panteg 3, (service 4. refreshments), Llangibby 5.30. Caerleon 6.30 p.m. Everyone welcome. 6064

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting, July 2nd, at Whitchurch, Hants. Meeting 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. in Church Hall. Numbers for tea to Mr. E. W. Dance, Bere Hill Farm, Whitchurch, Hants. 19 towers open during the day—details later.—R. R. Savory, Hon. Gen. Sec. 6070

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HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The village of Essendon, on its hill-top, with a pleasantly tuneless ring of six, is an ideal place for a summer meeting. However, on May 21st, a cold day and the fact that no tea arrangements are possible in the village, kept surprisingly few ringers away from the Ashford District meeting.

A short service was conducted by the Rector, and then a 'picnic' would hardly be the right word to describe the sight of several ringers munching their way around the village.

During the business meeting the secretary, Mr. S. Huckle, stated that he hoped the next meeting would be at Welwyn and Tewin on June 18th, special methods being Gainsborough and Little Bob. Several new members were elected from Tewin. J. D.

TOWERS OF THE FENLAND

(Continued from page 405)

At a vestry meeting held on November 4th, 1787, there was recorded 'That the person or persons who broke the bell should be forthwith brought to justice'; and on January 1788, 'That the bells should be forthwith taken down in order that they be run over again with an addition of mettal in order to have five bells for the use of the parish.' Perhaps the treble was the bell which was broken, presumably by a parishioner who could no longer tolerate its discordant note! However, the recasting of the bells did not materialise and it is believed two of them were later sold.

There are two memorials to ringers. One is to the memory of Benjamin Arber, who died September 25th, 1918, who had rung the bells at this church for 60 years. We leave this impressive place having thoughtfully read the wall-tablet erected to the memory of Stanley Ellingham, who expired April 29th, 1911, aged 18 years:

'Though called away so soon, he had for a considerable time rendered efficient and reverent service in this belfry. May God enable each ringer to do his work as faithfully and with as big a motive as he did.'

OBITUARY

MR. AUSTIN B. COOK

The news of the passing of Mr. Austin Bernard Cook, who was secretary of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association from 1921 to 1932, will be received with regret by many old ringers. He died at the age of 78 at the Castle Hill Hospital, Cottingham, near Hull. His membership of the Yorkshire Association dates back to 1907.

He learnt to ring at St. Mary's, Hull, and afterwards rang at All Saints', Margaret Street, until the bells became unringable. Then followed a long association with Holy Trinity, Hull, until ill-health in the late 1930's compelled him to give up active ringing. Much of his ringing was with the late Mr. Charles Jackson and Mr. George Williams, of Hull. Another great friend of his was Mr. Arthur West, of Sutton-on-Hull, whose home with its 300 clocks and handbells was a great attraction to East Yorkshire ringers.

Mr. Cook was employed as a clerk by the North Eastern Railway Company and for some time was a trustee of the Yorkshire Association. Of late years he did not often attend Eastern District meetings owing to ill-health but was always highly respected and welcomed when he could come. He leaves a widow for whom much sympathy is felt. May he rest in peace.

H. S. M.

MR. SIMON CADE

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Simon Cade, of Scothern, on April 8th, at the age of 86 years. One of the first members of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, he rang one or two peals with the late Rev. H. Law James.

At his funeral at Scothern Parish Church the Guild was represented by the Master (Mr. J. H. Freeman) and other members. The Guild also supplied the organist.

After the service a quarter peal of Minor was rung. This was made difficult, by the band finding that a bell rope had been broken a few days previously by a touring band and the muffles had inadvertently been cleared away during 'tidying-up' operation. A Kettleham ringer, however, produced the necessary materials and the ringing was appreciated by several parishioners who had known the late Mr. Cade for many years.

MR. W. H. KENNEY

On May 13th Somerby, Leicestershire, suffered a sad loss by the death of Mr. William Herbert Kenney, aged 78. He was a member of the Goscote Society of Change Ringers, the old Midland Counties Association and the Leicester Diocesan Guild, and had been a regular service ringer at All Saints' Church for more than fifty years.

A good churchman, he did a lot of work for his church, both inside and in the church yard.

The funeral service at Somerby on May 16th was attended by a large congregation, including the ringers, who sent a wreath in the shape of a bell. The bells were rung half-muffled in his memory on the following evening by his fellow ringers and friends from Great Dalby.

MR. J. W. UNDERWOOD

Another old Somerby stalwart passed peacefully away on May 17th, in the person of Mr. James William Underwood, aged 78. He had been in failing health for a long time and had not rung for several years.

A member of the Midland Counties Association, the Framland Association and the Leicester Diocesan Guild, he took a great interest in the church and its bells. At the beginning of the century Somerby had one of the best teams of ringers in the district.

The funeral took place at Somerby on May 21st. Amongst the wreaths was one from the ringers, and also from the British Legion, of which he was standard bearer for the local branch for 24 years.

Before evensong, on May 22nd, a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute to him and to the late Mr. W. H. Kenney. It was conducted by Mr. H. T. Bonshor.

LATE NOTICES

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting, Saturday, June 11th, St. Gabriel's, Pimlico, 3-4 p.m. Tea: own arrangements. Business 6 p.m. St. Mary Abbots, High Street, Kensington. Ringing 6.30-8 p.m.—M. Powell. 6084

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Evening practice meeting on Monday, June 13th, at Barton Seagrave (5), from 7.30 to 9 p.m. All welcome. 6087

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Crewkerne Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Curry Rivel, Saturday, June 18th. Service 4.30 p.m. Please notify for tea.—J. T. Locke, Local Hon. Sec., School Street, Drayton. 6092

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Practice at Minehead, June 18th, 7 p.m. for 10 bell methods only.—A. R. Tudball, Hon. Sec. 6088

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Stanground, Saturday, June 18th. Bells (6) 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing after tea: Woodston (6) 6-7.15 p.m. Fletton (5) 6-8.30 p.m.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 6093

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Ringing meeting at St. Mary's, Prestwich, on Saturday, June 18th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, June 15th, to Mr. F. Reynolds, 38, Windsor Avenue, Whitefield, Prestwich. Special methods: Grandsire and Cambridge.—G. D. Fearnehough, Sec. 6094

LADIES' GUILD.—North Eastern District. —Annual meeting in conjunction with the Eastern District of the DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION, on Saturday, June 18th, at St. Hilda's Church, South Shields. Names for tea by Thursday, June 16th, to Mrs. C. N. Lea, 48, Rosebery Avenue, South Shields. 6083

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—S. & W. District.—Meeting, Saturday, June 18th. Arrangements: Stanwell 2.30-3.30 p.m., Staines (St. Mary) 3-4.30, followed by service. Tea 5 p.m. St. Peter's, Staines 6-8 p.m.—E. R. G. 6089

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—Meeting at Bury, on Saturday, June 18th. Ringing at 3 p.m. Cups of tea at 5 p.m.—J. Porter, Branch Sec. 6086

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Hurstpierpoint (8), Saturday, June 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify numbers for tea by Wednesday, June 15th.—George North, 11, Richmond Terrace, Brighton. 6085

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Edenham, Saturday, June 25th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea by June 20th, to Mr. W. Holmes, Edenham, Bourne, Lincs.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 6090

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY (Est. 1623). —The 337th Anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (12) available from 11 a.m. Service 6 p.m. 12 bell ringing guaranteed. Lunch and tea for those who notify me by 23rd.—L. E. Pitstow, 4, Highfields, ('Phone 2074). 6082

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — The annual festival will be held at Oxford, on Saturday, July 2nd. Service at Christ Church 11 a.m. Annual meeting in the Chapter House 12 noon. Lunch in Christ Church dining hall 1.30 p.m. Luncheon tickets 6s. Application for tickets, accompanied by remittance, must reach Mr. A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Church Lane, Wexham, Slough, Bucks, not later than Tuesday, June 28th. Ringing arrangements as on agenda.—M. R. Cross, Hon. Gen. Sec. 6091

OLD HEADINGTON, OXON.—On April 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Clark, (first of Minor) 1, Miss C. Withell (first of Minor 'inside') 2, J. Cruickshank 3, Miss J. Masters 4, T. H. Smith 5, R. J. Trebilcock (cond.) 6. A farewell to the Rev. Lloyd Gedge, curate, on his departure to Canada.

5,152 NORTHOLT SURPRISE MAJOR

By D. KNOX

23456	M	B	W	H
35264		X	3	
25463	—		3	
56342	—		2	
64523		X		
23645	2		—	
42635	3		—	
34625	3		—	
357624	—	4		
45362	I		—	
427365	—	4		
23456	I			3

First rung at Willesden, April 21st, 1960.

5,056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

By IAN M. HOLLAND

23456	M	B	W	H
43526			2	1
26354	1		2	2
24653	2			1
34562	2	—		1
43265	2			2
25634	2	—	2	2
32546	2		2	2

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FOLKESTONE, 1960

THE Central Council meeting at Folkestone will pass into history as a happy meeting. There were none of those violent divisions of opinion that disturb the individual tranquillity of life; and while it is true to say that all were not of one voice on the many matters presented, nobody left with a feeling of a grievance. This was the third meeting of the Central Council in Kent. The other two, in 1905 and 1937, were in Canterbury. Genial John Willis, the chairman of the Kent County Association, in his welcome gave a memory of the last meeting from Bert Luck, who recalled that on the occasion of the Council meeting he rang his first plain course of Grandsire Cinques 'in hand' at 1.30 in the morning with a band that then included the Council's secretary, Mr. George Fletcher, and his invaluable assistant, Mrs. Fletcher. Such was the stamina of the Council's officials in those days; despite the heavy demands of the preparation and dealing with the agenda, there was time to get somebody through their first.

There is a real family sense about a Central Council meeting, and this is exemplified by the Holy Communion that marks the beginning of proceedings. The Bishop of Tonbridge was the celebrant at this service and there were more than 100 ringers present. Later in the day the Bishop joined the Mayor in the official welcome, backed up by Canon Hough, the father of a ringing family, and Mr. John Willis on behalf of the host Association.

The fact that the Standing Committee had a very long session on Monday evening—they had a break for a meal and then resumed until 10.30—led everybody to believe that a long Council meeting was in store. The whispers of an evening session of the Council did not materialise—for which the Editor gives sincere thanks—and the proceedings ended at 4.45 with the prospects of the great union in 1961 not amid south coast sunshine but in the industrialised conglomeration of towns at Stoke-on-Trent, where the visit will coincide with the civic jubilee.

Much of the Council's financial stability depends on 'The Ringing World,' and Mr. J. Frank Smallwood was in a happier frame of mind when he presented the report on the journal. Despite the unavoidable increase in price, he held that there was no room for complacency—the drive for new subscribers must continue. A fact that was not brought out was that the paper's profit for 1959 of £587 was due to one thing—the strike. Had production been normal throughout the period of the strike there would undoubtedly have been a loss. The larger issues of 1960, including those of 24 pages, indicate the policy of the Committee of giving the maximum of their resources to their readers. The 24-page issues represent the generosity of those who send contributions with peal and quarter peal reports. The principle of the voluntary levy has been Devonshire Ringers and the Bath and Wells Association, where a fee is now compulsory. This has been augmented by direct grants from the Oxford and Salisbury Diocesan Guilds. If the movement spreads, fears as to the future will be allayed. This we do know. Even when the accounts of 1960 are completed the true day-to-day position of the paper will not be known, as much of the revenue—over £2,000—was on the old rate of subscription.

Perhaps the biggest surprise of the Council meeting was the recommendation of the Standing Committee, which was accepted without comment by the floor of the house, to recognise a peal of Minimus. How this would have rejoiced the heart of the late Mr. Wilfred Hooton, the librarian of the Council, who on more than one occasion asked that something should be done to stimulate and help forward ringing in 4-bell towers. We do not expect many peals under this heading as no band of ringers would ring them for choice. Few would care to encounter the monotony. We do recall, however, that before the war two youthful enthusiasts of the Chester Diocesan Guild rang a peal of Bob Minimus 'in hand' at the second attempt. (They broke down at the first because they had forgotten the number of extents they had rung.)

More and more the Council is endeavouring to widen its doors to embrace all church bell ringers. An enquiry has been received from the Devon Association that if they applied for affiliation would they be welcome. An enthusiastic 'Yes,' led by the Rev. John Scott, of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, came from all parts of the hall. There was no argument about round ringers and call-change ringers being outside the pale, the feeling being that they were *Church* ringers. Is this ringing compatible with the views of those who formed the Central Council—'To encourage and assist the development of the art in its scientific aspect as a branch of Church work'? We will leave others to argue this finer point: the writer's view is 'You are doing a job of work for the Church with a bell as I am; can't we both unite?'

In the past there has been a divergence of outlook between the Council and the Central Council of Churches regarding the treatment and care of early bells. A long conference between the two bodies and the bell-founders has resulted in a measure of agreement and a slightly less rigid attitude on the part of 'the Four C's' on the question of recasting. Where an old bell (pre-1600) is ruining a ring of six bells, should it be retained purely on account of its antiquity? There is only one answer that a ringer who has any ear for bell music or appreciation of good striking would give. It is the sincere hope of the Council that 'the Four C's' will accept the amendment of Mr. Lewis, and that the suggestion of keeping an old bell in the churchyard will not go forward. If an old bell is worth keeping,

TEN BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., May 19, 1960, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Roderick J. Lees	*Treble*	Michael Elson	6
Ruth M. Border	2	Norman J. Goodman	7
Bryan D. A. Woolley	3	George E. Fearn	8
John Pinfold	4	John McDonald	9
David J. Purnell	5	Peter Border	*Tenor*

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Peter Border.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 28, 1960, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
At Christ Church,
A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 23¾ cwt.

Carol Fernley	*Treble*	F. John Nelson	6
Sidney Hough, jun.	2	Denis Mottershead	7
Eileen Fearn	3	A. Peter Whitehead	8
Ivor Jenkins	4	H. David Holland	9
Frank Osbaldiston	5	Derek Taylor	*Tenor*

Composed by John Reeves. Conducted by Denis Mottershead.
A birthday compliment to Mrs. H. D. Holland.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Wed., May 25, 1960, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
At the Church of St. James-the-Great,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in B.

David J. Purnell	*Treble*	John Pinfold	5
Ruth M. Border	2	Anthony Ager	6
Edgar C. Shepherd	3	Norman J. Goodman	7
George E. Fearn	4	Peter Border	*Tenor*

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by Peter Border.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 28, 1960, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,
A PEAL OF 5088 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

Sandra E. Chesterton	*Treble*	Joseph Wm. Cotton	5
Peter J. Staniforth	2	John M. Jelley	6
*Patricia A. Wardle	3	A. James Poynor	7
Martin C. Faulkes	4	C. Ronald Edwards	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. James Poynor.
* First peal in the method 'inside.' First as conductor on eight.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Patricia A. Wardle, and an engagement compliment to Patricia A. Wardle and Russell S. Morris.

SWANSEA.
THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 28, 1960, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

*Hazel Way	*Treble*	Trevor M. Roderick	5
Jacqueline King	2	Gwyn I. Lewis	6
Leslie Evans	3	Robert E. Coles	7
J. Arthur Hoare	4	David J. King	*Tenor*

Composed by George Lewis. Conducted by David J. King.
* First peal of Major. First of Major on the bells.
Rung on the anniversary of the reconsecration of St. Mary's, Swansea.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sat., May 28, 1960, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Mary and Michael,
A PEAL OF 5088 ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

Terry Page (Downing)	*Treble*	Dermot Roaf (Trinity)	5
Hilary Muirhead (Newn.)	2	Chris. Johnson (Selwyn)	6
Frances Secker (Girton)	3	Peter Langton (Trinity)	7
Stan Hood (Trin. Hall)	4	James Taylor (St. Cath.'s)	*Tenor*

Arranged by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Peter Langton.
First peal in the method by all the band, and for the Guild.

WARWICK.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 28, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr.

*Shirley Stroud	*Treble*	John W. T. Taylor	5
Ruth M. Border	2	Percy Stone	6
Frank W. Perrens	3	J. L. Garner-Hayward	7
Hubert G. Summers	4	Peter Border	*Tenor*

Composed by G. Baker. Conducted by Frank W. Perrens.
* First peal of Treble Bob.
Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar (Rev. G. M. Smallwood), who was inducted to the living by the Bishop of Coventry on the previous evening.

WEST HARTLEPOOL, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 28, 1960, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Oswald,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 68 lb. in E flat.

Mrs. C. N. Lea	*Treble*	Charles N. Lea	5
John E. Anderson	2	W. Norman Park	6
Kenneth Lawson	3	Eric N. Harrison	7
Roland Park	4	J. Alan Ainsworth	*Tenor*

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

GREAT TEW, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD SOCIETY.
On Sun., May 29, 1960, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 10 lb. in D.

Jean M. Addicott	*Treble*	Andrew N. Stubbs	5
Christine M. Woodward	2	David T. Darby	6
Nicholas J. Martin	3	Malcolm C. Cloke	7
Geoffrey M. Brewin	4	James H. Pailing	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by James H. Pailing.
Rung to mark the tercentenary of the restoration.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., May 30, 1960, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Thomas,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

Eileen M. Fearn	*Treble*	Bernard F. L. Groves	5
*John R. Gilden	2	Leslie Boumphrey	6
Basil Jones	3	Ian M. Holland	7
Carol Fernley	4	Brian Harris	*Tenor*

Composed by Dennis Knox. Conducted by Brian Harris.
* First peal of Yorkshire.

PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., June 1, 1960, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5120 KERRY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb.

Mrs. E. T. Chapman	*Treble*	Edwin T. Chapman	5
Stanley E. Bennett	2	Albert W. A. Leggett	6
John E. Allen	3	Cyril R. Burrell	7
J. Martin Thorley	4	Ronald C. Noon	*Tenor*

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by Ronald C. Noon.
First peal in the method by all.

GOLDHANGER, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., June 2, 1960, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5088 TOLLESHUNT D'ARCY COLLEGE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8¾ cwt.

Alison M. Mann	*Treble*	Bernard C. Mann	5
Frank B. Lufkin	2	*Bernard W. Fairhead	6
Harry R. Appleton	3	Arthur Hubble	7
*Urban W. Wildney	4	Maurice E. Downs	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. Wilde. Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
* 25th peal together. First peal in the method, which is No. 278 in C.C. Collection.
A 21st birthday compliment to Mrs. Ann Fell, daughter of the seventh ringer.

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CHISLEHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 4, 1960, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb. in E.

ISOBEL INMAN	*Treble*	DENNIS BERESFORD	5
A. PATRICK CANNON	2	NORMAN V. HARDING	6
IAN H. ORAM	3	CECIL W. PIPE	7
RALPH BIRD	4	RALPH G. EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES TOPP. Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

First peal in the method on the bells.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Margaret E. L. Beamish and Tom Chapman.

FELSTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 4, 1960, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,
A PEAL OF 5152 WEMBLEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

MARY ROAST	*Treble*	ALAN R. SYDER	5
PETER J. EVES	2	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	6
PETER WOOD	3	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	7
PATRICK W. SALTMARSH	4	JOE E. G. ROAST	*Tenor*

Composed by D. R. CARLISLE and G. A. HALLS.
Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

First peal in the method by all the band, and on the bells. 125th peal as conductor. First on the bells since rehanging.

An 84th birthday compliment to Mr. Arthur Bradley, of Fryerning, life member of the Essex Association.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 4, 1960, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

HARRY BOSWELL	*Treble*	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	5
MURIEL REAY	2	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	6
JOHN MACDONALD	3	RODERICK J. LEES	7
JOHN A. ANDERSON	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

WOBURN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 4, 1960, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5120 WOBURN SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in D.

RUTH M. BORDER	*Treble*	STEPHEN IVIN	5
ALICK CUTLER	2	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE	6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	3	PETER BORDER	7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal in the method.

ASHFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 6, 1960, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23¼ cwt. in E flat.

LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	*Treble*	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	5
H. WILLIAM BARRETT	2	FRANK B. LUFKIN	6
HARRY POYNER	3	VERNON BOTTOMLEY	7
GEORGE E. FEIRN	4	NORMAN V. HARDING	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.

BEDFORD.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 6, 1960, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in D.

JENNIFER M. DAVIES	*Treble*	ROBERT L. PIRON	5
RUTH M. BORDER	2	JOHN B. LONG	6
JAMES G. NEWMAN	3	STEPHEN IVIN	7
KEITH R. WAKEFIELD	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

BLAGDON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 6, 1960, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb.

*PAULINE BUCKLAND	*Treble*	CECIL MOGFORD	5
†MARJORIE LEGG	2	ANTHONY CLEAVER	6
ROBERT BRICE	3	GEORGE PRESCOTT	7
THOMAS HARRIS	4	JOHN BAKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.

* First peal. † 100th peal.

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., June 6, 1960, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

ALBERT SCOTT	*Treble*	*CECIL WADE	5
RONALD C. NOON	2	EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	6
ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT	3	GORDON H. LANE	7
STANLEY E. BENNETT	4	*JAMES W. HAW	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.

* First peal in the method.

Rung to celebrate the birth of Philip Hamilton, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Haw.

APPLEDORE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 8, 1960, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

LEONARD STILWELL	*Treble*	MICHAEL THOMSON	5
CYRIL A. WRATTEN	2	FRANK B. LUFKIN	6
CRAWFORD T. HILLIS	3	JOHN R. COOPER	7
FREDERICK E. DUKES	4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

MALDON, ESSEX
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION
On Wed., June 8, 1960, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in F.

MARY ROAST	*Treble*	*JAMES L. TOWLER	5
PATRICK W. SALTMARSH	2	†DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	6
ARTHUR HUBBLE	3	†JOE E. G. ROAST	7
SYDNEY C. EASTER	4	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.

* First peal of Major. † 100th peal together.

WOBURN SURPRISE MAJOR
—58—4—12—36.14—14.3.14.36.14.5.
8ths place lead-end 14263857. 4ths place bobs.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

FINDON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., May 5, 1960, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

JAMES R. MAPLE	*Treble*	LEONARD STILWELL	4
JEAN HORTON	2	HERBERT W. WOOLVEN	5
DOROTHY K. SAUNDERS	3	W. LESLIE WELLER	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. LESLIE WELLER.

COSBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., May 6, 1960, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 lb. in G.

*M. FRANCINE S. LOAKES	*Treble*	ERIC ROBERTS	4
*R. KINGSLEY MASON	2	ALAN E. HARTLEY	5
DAVID F. LEE	3	JOHN B. BENNETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN B. BENNETT.

* First peal. Rung for the wedding of Princess Margaret.

HARBURY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 14, 1960, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

P. A. ORAM	*Treble*	*H. REEVES	4
R. J. EDDEN	2	H. M. WINDSOR	5
T. K. FARROW	3	*G. L. P. ALDHOUSE	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. L. P. ALDHOUSE.

* First peal of Minor. First as conductor. First peal on the bells since augmentation.

CHISLET, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 21, 1960, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In three methods, being two extents each of Oxford T.B and Kent T.B. and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in E flat.

*THOMAS C. PHILLIMORE	*Treble*	*ERIC T. EADES	4
DEREK C. CHATFIELD	2	DENNIS A. CHAPMAN	5
THOMAS H. HOLMES	3	BERTRAM J. LUCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENNIS A. CHAPMAN.

* First peal of Minor in three methods. First of Minor as conductor. First peal in the tower.

Rung to celebrate the restoration of the bells, rededicated by Bishop Rose on May 15th.

MULBARTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., May 22, 1960, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., St. Clement's and Kent T.B., and three of Plain Bob.
Tenor 8¼ cwt.

WILLIAM CLOVER .. .. *Treble*	*GILBERT LARTER 4
HENRY TOOKE 2	THOMAS E. SPIGHT 5
PETER ADCOCK 3	GEOFFREY R. DREW .. *Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY R. DREW.
* First peal.

ALVELEY, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 28, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 34 extents (ten callings) and four Morris's 240's. Tenor 11 cwt.

JOSEPH L. STANIER .. .. *Treble*	LEO EVANS 4
ROSALINE A. FARLOW .. 2	HARRY EDGE 5
ALFRED S. BAYLEY 3	FREDERICK W. JONES .. *Tenor*

Conducted by ALFRED S. BAYLEY.
First peal on the bells since being restored and rehung.

BELTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Sat., May 28, 1960, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise and two different extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

RONALD DUCKER .. .. *Treble*	DAVID JOHNSON 4
JANET I. PORTER 2	A. H. HAWCROFT 5
JAMES THORLEY 3	LESLIE M. WOODHEAD .. *Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE M. WOODHEAD.

SADDLEWORTH, YORKSHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 28, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Oxford T.B., two of Kent T.B. and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in G.

ROGER LEIGH .. .. .. *Treble*	JOHN P. PARTINGTON 4
MICHAEL D. FISHWICK .. 2	GORDON ROTHWELL 5
*E. MICHAEL QUINN 3	PHILIP J. H. HUDSON .. *Tenor*

Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.
* First peal of Minor.
Rung for the centenary of the laying of the foundation stone of St. Luke's Church, Heywood.

TILLINGHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 28, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 each of (1) London Surprise, (2) York Surprise, (3) Ipswich Surprise, (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) Double Oxford Bob, (6) St. Clement's Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

*JACK F. EATON .. .. *Treble*	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 4
IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS .. 2	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE 5
PATRICK W. SALTMARSH .. 3	PETER J. EVES .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.
* First peal. Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

TONG, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 28, 1960, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four callings) Tenor 12 cwt. in A.

*ANTHONY E. STAMP .. *Treble*	RONALD H. DOVE 4
†HARRY RENSHAW 2	†C. BARRIE DOVE 5
*GAEL BROWN 3	*GEOFFREY D. ARMITAGE .. *Tenor*

Conducted by C. BARRIE DOVE.
* First peal. † First 'inside.' First as conductor.

HAPPISBURGH, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., May 29, 1960, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents (two callings). Tenor 11¼ cwt.

HENRY TOOKE .. .. .. *Treble*	*GILBERT LARTER 4
WILLIAM CLOVER 2	THOMAS E. SPIGHT 5
PETER ADCOCK 3	GEOFFREY R. DREW .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY R. DREW.
* First peal of Surprise Minor.
Rung to honour the engagement of Miss Mary Maddison and Mr. Roy Mills.

GLOSSOP, DERBYSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 4, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 17 cwt. 13 lb. in F.

*CHRISTINE LIVSEY .. .. *Treble*	EDWARD SHUTTLEWORTH .. 4
BERNARD GROVES 2	JOHN ROBINSON 5
GORDON RUMNEY 3	PETER DALE .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by BERNARD GROVES.
* First peal of Minor.

MARSTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 4, 1960, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Comprising two extents St. Columb and ten each of Old, Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 5 cwt. in G.

NOEL D. DEAN .. .. .. *Treble*	*T. MICHAEL RYAN 3
ALEC GAMMON 2	ROY H. JONES 4
EDWARD VENN .. .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by EDWARD VENN.
* First peal.
Rung to commemorate the wedding of Princess Margaret.

MELDRETH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 4, 1960, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

*HENRY LEWIS .. .. .. *Treble*	D. WILLIAM NEWMAN .. 4
†HUGH BISHOP 2	ALLAN GRIFFIN 5
ALFRED MYNOTT 3	GEORGE E. THODAY .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. THODAY.
* First peal at first attempt. † First 'inside.'

STOKE TRISTER, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 4, 1960, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 7 cwt.

RONALD G. BECK .. .. *Treble*	VICTOR ROBERTS 4
ERIC NAYLOR 2	EDWARD J. CHIVERS 5
ERIC C. WADMAN 3	DAVID HOARE .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by RONALD G. BECK.

SUTTON BENGER, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 4, 1960, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In five methods, being two extents of St. Martin's and ten each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 11 cwt. in F sharp.

TERENCE J. MILSOM .. .. *Treble*	J. JAMES JEFFERIES 3
CLIFF J. RICHARDS 2	CEDRIC J. A. BROWN 4
ALAN F. LEE .. .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by CEDRIC J. A. BROWN.
First peal in five methods by all. First on the bells.

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Southern District

A good attendance of over 50 members was one of the factors that contributed towards the success of the annual meeting of the Southern District held jointly with the Doncaster and District Society at All Saints', Arksey, on May 21st. Early visitors were met by genial host Mr. Ernest Cooper, who entertained with some interesting anecdotes of Arksey. The stories of the ten year old boy who married a woman of 61 and the daughter who died the same year as her mother, the daughter being older than her mother, were proved conclusively by reference to the respective gravestones.

The light ring of eight bells in the central tower of this lovely old church at Arksey were put to good use during the afternoon and evening. Barnby Dun's bells were also made available during the afternoon and so great was the demand for a ring on this handy six that the Rector and local company very kindly volunteered their further use after the tea and meeting.

Tea was provided in the Church Hall by the local ladies. The Vicar, Rev. H. H. Naylor, joined the company at tea and afterwards presided at the business meeting. The chief item of business was the election of Mr. Norman Chaddock to the office of Southern District vice-president. The retiring vice-president, Mr. Dan Smith, had only been able to attend occasional meetings since his serious illness, four years ago. Tributes to Mr. Smith's work for the District since his election in 1945 and wishes for his future health and happiness were paid by Mr. F. Brunt, Mr. H. Chant and Mr. J. J. L. Gilbert. Mr. David Cubitt was elected to the office vacated by Mr. Chaddock on the General Committee. Mr. T. Cutts was re-elected and Mr. F. J. Jackson and Mrs. E. D. Kelly were elected to sit on the District Committee.

The following were elected new members of the Association: Mr. T. W. Crossley and Miss Linda Gott (Wakefield), Mr. R. Watkinson (Tickhill) and Miss Lynn Thompson (Handsworth).

It was decided that the next meeting of the Southern District should be held jointly with the Sheffield District Society at Rotherham on August Bank Holiday Monday, providing the Sheffield Society were in agreement. A collection made for the Bell Repair Fund realised the sum of £1 3s. 9d. Attention was drawn to the next Jasper Snowdon Commemoration dinner, to be held at Rotherham on October 22nd. There is accommodation for up to 250.

MR. JOHN R. SMITH'S 400 PEALS

Mr. John R. Smith, of Southrepps, Norwich, has rung his 400th peal. His list is an interesting one.—

Doubles.—3 methods 1.

Minor.—1-14 methods 68 (conducted 30); Cambridge 5 (2); London 4 (2); 7 Surprise 1.

Triples.—Stedman 18 (2); Grandsire 2 (1); Plain 1.

Major.—Various Plain methods 26 (8); T.B. methods 4 (3); Surprise: Cambridge 30 (2); Superlative 14 (1); London 19; Bristol 25; Yorkshire 28 (3); Bedford 2; Lincolnshire 3; Aldenham 3; Rutland 4; Lyme 2; 4 Spliced 3; 1 each of Dublin, Belgrave, Painswick, Aylestone, Loughborough, Helmingham, Dorchester, York, Biddenham, Frolesworth, 6 Spliced.

Caters.—Stedman 7; Grandsire 2.

Royal.—Cambridge 18; Yorkshire 12; Metropolitan 2; York 2; 1 each of Bedford, Belgrave New Cambridge, Rutland, Albanian, Wye, London No. 3, Pontefract, 2 Spliced.

Cinques.—Stedman 7; Grandsire 2.

Maximus.—Cambridge 10; Yorkshire 7; Albanian 2; Aldenham 2; Bristol 2; 4 Spliced 3; 8 Spliced 3; 1 each of Rochester, Bedford, Lindsey, Belgrave, Wigston, Leicestershire, Rutland, Superlative, Pudsey, Buckingham, Buckinghamshire, Metropolis, Langley, Stoneygate, Gartree, Framland; 2 Spliced, 3 Spliced 6 Spliced, 7 Spliced, 5 Spliced, 10 Spliced, 12 Spliced.

In hand.—Minor: Plain 4 (4); Major: Plain 8 (1); Royal: Plain 1.

On tower bells: 287 (54).

On handbells: 13 (5).

SERVANTS OF THE EXERCISE – No. 25



MR. T. J. LOCK, A.R.I.C.S., A.I.A.S.

Secretary, Middlesex County Association

Mr. Tom Lock is very well known throughout the Exercise, not only because he is secretary of the most important ringing associations, but because of the many successful ringing tours he has organised since 1951, which have extended from Yorkshire to Hampshire, and Suffolk to South Wales. The quality of the performances and the standard of striking on these tours have done much to increase interest in the art, and have encouraged many ringers to avail themselves of the opportunity to tackle the higher methods, and improve their standard of ringing. Tom Lock will not tolerate slovenly ringing, and he is very exacting in his demand that the peals rung on his tours shall be an example of what good ringing should be.

He was born at Woolton Hill, Hants, in 1909, and moved from the choir to the ringing chamber when his voice broke in 1924, at the invitation of the captain, Harry Balaam, a one armed ringer who now lives at Basingstoke. Completing his education at Newbury Grammar School, he went to London in 1927 and joined the Willesden band. Here he rang his first peal on December 20th, 1927.

In 1938 he married Kathleen M. Bradford, a well known and highly accomplished ringer, who has served as president of the Ladies' Guild. They went to live at North Mymms, and Tom became captain of the local band. His wife serves as assistant organist at the same church. They have two sons, the oldest is reading Theology at Hertford College, Oxford University, the younger son being still at school. Tom Lock is a chartered quality surveyor by profession, and is a local government officer, responsible for millions of pounds worth of building contract work, which includes the provision of new houses. His services were in great demand as lecturer at evening classes and some of the leading technical colleges.

He has been a staunch stalwart of the Middlesex Association, and served as District Ringing Master, 1935 to 1938; District secretary, 1938-1958, and was appointed general secretary in 1957, serving in both capacities for one year. In succeeding the late E. J. Turner as general secretary, he had a colossal task—but he has filled the position to everybody's satisfaction to date, and the Association is now one of the leading ringing organisations. Elected to the Central Council in 1946, he has served on the Standing Committee, and was a member of the sub-committee formed to recommend a successor to Mr. E. H. Lewis—when he retired from the presidency.

His peals total by March, 1960, was 600, half of them for the Middlesex Association. His first peal as conductor was in 1934, and he rang his first 12 bell peal at Bow in 1938. His list includes over 100 different Surprise Major methods, over half of that number being methods rung for the first time. He has taken part in name peals, married couples' peals and silent peals; has circled Willesden tower to peals 10 times, and also once each at Southwark, Erith and N. Mymms. He has completed 21 years on the Parochial Church Council, served on various committees of that body, and is a sidesman. From all this it will be seen he leads a busy life—but he found time in 1951 to organise and provide accommodation for ringers who visited the Festival of Britain.

JAFUS.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

West Lindsey Branch

Belton, in the Isle of Axholme, whose bells have recently been augmented from four to six, had its first meeting when members of the West Lindsey Branch went there on May 21st, a number of vistiors being among the 70 ringers present. The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. A. L. Adams) and the lesson was read by one of the Belton ringers.

Following an excellent tea in the Village Hall, the Rev. A. L. Adams took the chair for the business meeting in the absence of the vice-president (Mr. C. H. Baker), who was involved with the B.B.C. in connection with the recent broadcast from Gainsborough Parish Church, where he is Ringing Master.

In congratulating the Belton ringers on their new bells, the secretary (Mr. G. L. A. Lunn) said that the occasion was especially noteworthy as the last augmentation from four to six bells to take place in the Gainsborough District (now the West Lindsey Branch) was over 50 years ago.

Further ringing followed in the evening when Epworth bells were also available.

The peal rung at Compton Dando on May 13th (see page 364) consisted of 15 extents of Plain Bob and 27 of Grandsire and not as printed.

WOLVERCOTE'S WEEK-END TOUR

Wales was the venue for this year's week-end tour of Wolvercote ringers and friends from in and around Oxford on May 14th. Abergavenny was the first stop of the coach and on this fine ten touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters were rung. Llangattock (8) was visited before lunch at the nearby County House Hotel.

Ringing in the afternoon was at St. Mary's, Brecon (8), and Llandovery (6) and after tea at Llanbadarn Fawr (8), where a short service was held. The night was spent at an hotel at Aberystwyth.

On the Sunday morning there was morning service ringing at Llanbadarn Fawr before returning to the hotel for lunch. Nantmel (6) and New Radnor (6) were visited on the return journey before crossing into Hertfordshire. On the delightful eight at Eardisland, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Cambridge Surprise Major were enjoyed. A song dedicated to the tour was written and rendered on the way home.

Thanks are due to Mr. N. Chamberlain for his unceasing enthusiasm in organising such a successful and enjoyable week-end and also to incumbents and ringers in towers visited.

Bells will be heard prior to the broadcast service on Sunday morning, June 19th, at 9.45 a.m. on the Midland and West Home Service of the B.B.C., from Diss Parish Church, Norfolk.

HALF PEAL

DRONFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.—On May 31st, 2,520 Plain Bob Minor: M. Allen 1, Angela Scutt 2, K. R. Goodall 3, R. Bradbury 4, G. N. Goodall 5, L. Goodall (cond.) 6. Rung as a compliment to Mr. Roy Bradbury (local ringer) on his engagement to Miss Margaret Beaumont.

ALDERTON, WILTS.—On June 4th, 1,260 Doubles (in 5 methods): J. J. Jefferies (cond. Reverse St. Bartholomew) 1, C. J. Richards (cond. Plain Bob) 2, T. J. Milsom (cond. St. Martin) 3, C. J. Brown (cond. Grandsire) 4, A. F. Lee (cond. Reverse Canterbury) 5. First quarter in 5 methods for ringers of 1, 2, 3 and 4. Most methods rung on the bells.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Frances P. Gilbert 1, D. H. Paine 2, Gwyneth R. Paine 3, Valerie Mepham 4, R. D. Brown (cond.) 5, V. F. Gough 6. First quarter peal for Frances Gilbert. Rung for Rogation Day.

AMERSHAM, BUCKS.—On May 26th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: J. E. Camp (cond.) 1, A. K. Fortin 2, Mrs. E. G. Swift 3, G. Orchard 4, D. C. Lawson 5, R. I. Rothwell 6. First of Stedman for 2, 4 and 5. Rung for Evensong on Ascension Day.

AUGHTON, LANCS.—On May 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Bro. J. N. Brown 1, Bro. N. Heaps 2, Bro. A. Sandford 3, W. Bro. Ashcroft 4, W. Bro. F. C. Birkett 5, W. Bro. T. Rothwell 6, W. Bro. T. R. Butler (cond.) 7, W. Bro. J. Rothwell 8. For a Masonic service.

AYLESTONE, LEICESTER.—On May 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Marie Davenport 1, C. L. Powdrill 2, Sandra E. Chesterton 3, Rev. P. B. Blackman 4, P. Martin 5, T. I. Roper 6, A. J. Poyner (cond.) 7, P. A. Wardle 8. For Ascension Day Evensong.

BATH, SOMERSET.—On May 29th, at the Abbey, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: H. J. Merrett 1, Mrs. D. Evans 2, J. J. Jefferies 3, W. J. Prescott 4, C. G. Parsons 5, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 6, J. R. C. Tiley 7, S. A. Read 8, P. W. Weeks 9, J. W. Owen 10. First of Caters for 3, 5 and 7. An 81st birthday compliment to W. J. Prescott, tower Master of Bath Abbey.

BECKENHAM, KENT.—On May 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss H. Oakshett 1, M. F. Oakshett 2, D. G. Brown 3, P. W. Cave 4, Miss J. Hoskins 5, D. Randall 6, J. W. Smith (cond.) 7, Mrs. C. Shiers 8. For Sunday evening service.

BENFIELDSIDE, CO. DURHAM.—On June 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Lishman 1, J. Vickery 2, G. Wall 3, N. Errington 4, C. T. Lamb (cond.) 5, R. Oliver 6. Rung as a compliment to ringer of fourth, for his parents' diamond jubilee wedding anniversary.

BENSON, OXON.—On May 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Howes 1, P. Wilson 2, J. Godman (cond.) 3, R. D. Wells 4, J. Cherrill (first 'inside') 5, S. Pether (first quarter) 6. Rung on St. Helen's Day for Patronal Festival.

BRISTOL.—At the Cathedral, on April 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob): M. J. Hobbs 1, Gillian M. Hussey 2, J. R. Goodenough 3, C. J. Richards 4, D. J. Hunt (cond.) 5. First in three methods 1, 2, 3, and 4. Also on May 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. J. Hobbs (first of Stedman) 1, C. J. Richards (first of Stedman) 2, D. J. Hunt 3, F. J. Sampson 4, F. C. Mogford 5, P. J. Bird (cond.) 6, D. E. Cobb 7, F. R. Hussey 8. For Commonwealth Youth service.

BURMARSH, KENT.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. Fagg 1, Mrs. F. Watts 2, F. Watts 3, Miss A. Rayner 4, C. T. Hillis (cond.) 5, B. Watts 6. For Evensong.

CAMBRIDGE.—On May 15th, at St. Andrew the Great, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Surprise Minor: Jennifer Davies 1, D. J. Roaf (cond.) 2, H. E. Bishop 3, M. D. S. Hood 4, H. J. Verity 5, J. R. Taylor 6. For Evensong. Also on May 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. J. Griffin 1, F. A. Secker 2, J. Schofield (cond.) 3, H. E. Bishop 4, D. P. Davies (first quarter) 5, J. R. Taylor 6, D. J. Roaf 7, Hilary Muirhead.

CANNOCK, STAFFS.—On May 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Lilian Butler 1, Denise Hesbrook 2, M. Mullard 3, H. Butler 4, G. Bradbury (cond.) 5, A. Armstrong 6. Rung as a tribute to the late Rev. W. E. Walkerdine, a former Vicar of Shareshill, for 32 years.

CAYTHORPE, LINCS.—On May 28th, 1,316 Grandsire Triples: J. Bennett 1, G. Scott 2, S. Proctor (cond.) 3, G. Ingleby 4, H. Squires 5, J. Cragg 6, L. Squires 7, G. King 8. For Caythorpe Feast.

QUARTER PEALS

CHESTER.—At St. Mary-within-the-Walls, on April 27th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): Patricia Sibley 1, Mrs. P. Tucker 2, Edna Price 3, H. O. Baker (cond.) 4, R. King 5, R. Lee 6, R. C. H. Sibley 7. Also on May 1st, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Patricia Sibley 1, Mrs. P. Tucker 2, Edna Price 3, R. King 4, H. O. Baker (cond.) 5, R. C. H. Sibley 6. A birthday compliment to Mr. F. Edge, churchwarden at the above church. Also on May 8th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): Patricia Sibley 1, Mrs. P. Tucker 2, Edna Price 3, Anthea A. Baker 4, R. King 5, H. O. Baker (cond.) 6, R. C. H. Sibley 7. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Margaret Sibley, daughter of the ringer of the 7th. Also on May 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Anthea A. Baker 1, Mrs. P. Tucker 2, Edna Price 3, Janet M. P. Raban 4, H. O. Baker (cond.) 5, T. Holmes 6, R. King 7, R. C. H. Sibley 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to Mr. Joseph Thomas, who was for many years a worshipper at the above church and who was cremated this day. Rung by the Sunday service band, with the help of the ringer of the 6th, who was from Hoole.

CHICHESTER, SUSSEX.—On May 24th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Ann Godfrey 1, S. Kathleen M. Knight 2, C. R. C. Coussmaker 3, S. A. Scott (first of Triples 'inside') 4, W. G. Challon 5, J. S. Still (first of Triples 'inside') 6, E. Winifred Keys (cond.) 7, P. J. M. Bright (first of Triples) 8. Rung following the Festival Evensong of Chichester Theological College. Ringers of 3 and 8 are members of the College.

Hints For Beginners — 25

When ringing never attempt to put other bells right unless you are absolutely sure what they should be doing.

CHIPSTABLE, SOMERSET.—On June 4th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Stedman and Grandsire): H. Purchase (cond.) 1, H. V. Young 2, A. Turner 3, E. Quick 4, G. Sparks 5, R. Purchase 6.

CLAINES, WORCESTER.—On May 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. J. Stanier 1, D. Price (first of Stedman Triples) 2, A. Morgan 3, T. W. Lewis 4, D. Beacham 5, R. Woodyatt (cond.) 6, G. E. Evenden 7, H. Homans 8.

COMBE FLOREY, SOMERSET.—On June 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Ford 1, M. Baker 2, H. Cavill 3, S. Parish 4, E. J. Ford (cond.) 5, J. J. Ford 6. A birthday compliment to Raymond Ford.

COMPTON DANDO, SOMERSET.—On June 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. M. P. Swann 1, Mrs. A. J. Frith 2, L. B. Coles 3, C. Allward 4, F. C. Mogford (cond.) 5, S. Bates 6. For Confirmation service.

CRANFORD, MIDDX.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Susan Goodfellow 1, Josephine Pole 2, June Richardson 3, P. Woodgyer 4, D. Fowles (cond.) 5, J. Goodfellow 6. For the Patronal Festival.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.—On May 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss H. Oakshett, 1, G. T. Jennings 2, Miss M. A. Ladd 3, E. J. Ladd 4, M. F. Oakshett 5, E. J. Jenner 6, J. W. Smith (cond.) 7, B. V. Collison 8.

DANEHILL, SUSSEX.—On June 5th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 660 Plain Bob): Betty Butler 1, Peggy Butcher 2, A. Fuller 3, June Carter 4, A. Butcher (cond.) 5, W. Sale 6. First in 2 methods for 1, 2 and 3. For Whit Sunday and a 14th birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

DUNHOLME, LINCS.—On May 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. Coddington 1, B. A. Fox 2, J. Blaikie (cond.) 3, B. W. Smith 4, J. Godfrey 5, P. Burton 6. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Brian W. Smith. Also on June 4th, 1,440 Plain Bob Doubles: J. M. Smith (first quarter) 1, W. S. Smith (cond.) 2, T. R. Smith 3, B. W. Smith 4, J. Godfrey 5, B. Clarke (first quarter) 6. Rung for Whit Sunday. Sung Eucharist, and to congratulate Charlie and Joyce on the birth of a son this day. The Smith family ringing in the above quarter peal are father, two sons and 13 year old daughter.

EASTHAM, CHESHIRE.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob and Single Oxford: B. C. W. Jenks 1, Miss G. Halford 2, Mrs. F. R. Ferris 3, F. R. Ferris 4, R. E. D. Hamm 5, K. C. Edwards (first as cond.) 6. For Rogation Sunday.

ELSTOW, BEDS.—On May 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Felicity Prole 1, B. Law (first quarter) 2, Marion Clarke 3, B. Huckle 4, P. Wakeman 5, P. Newing (cond.) 6.

EUSTON, SUFFOLK.—On June 4th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: A. Ivings 1, Mrs. H. Ivings 2, W. Ivings 3, H. Ivings 4, J. E. Ivings (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the Rev. Paul Greaves, of Rougham, interred this day at Hardington Mandeville, Somerset.

FELMERSHAM, BEDS.—On May 25th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: R. Piron 1, Kathleen Rivett 2, Mary Mann 3, C. Payne 4, P. Newing (cond.) 5, P. Wakeman 6, F. W. Rivett 7, C. Mann 8. A 21st birthday compliment to P. Wakeman.

FEN DITTON, CAMBS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. E. Bishop 1, T. G. Page 2, P. H. Langton (cond.) 3, M. D. S. Hood 4, D. J. Kirby 5. For morning service.

FINCHLEY, MIDDX.—On May 26th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: B. Watson (first quarter) 1, T. Bevan 2, F. Barker 3, M. Soper 4, A. Warren 5, Miss R. Foreman 6, B. Willis (cond.) 7, L. Tubb 8. Rung for Evensong on Ascension Day.

GREAT HALE, LINCS.—On May 23rd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: A. Bird 1, Daphne Brown 2, P. Fenney 3, R. Trevitt 4, E. A. Cole (cond.) 5, G. T. Brown 6. Rung to congratulate the 'Good Companions' Club' on their achievements.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.—On May 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. C. R. Lovatt 1, C. R. Lovatt 2, Mrs. R. Downing 3, C. W. Pipe 4, J. Bennett (cond.) 5, E. W. Pearce 6, R. Downing 7, D. H. Buxton 8. For Confirmation service.

HALIFAX, YORKS.—At the Church of All Souls, on May 29th, 1,312 Spliced Surprise Major (London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative): M. Vivien Copping 1, Patricia Reeve 2, D. S. Hollas 3, Freda Scott 4, C. F. Bryant 5, J. H. Fielden (cond.) 6, J. F. Bryant 7, C. Sweeney 8.

HARRIETSHAM, KENT.—On June 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Susan Bristow 1, S. N. Scott 2, P. Batchelor 3, D. G. Smith 4, P. E. Deverill (cond.) 5, D. A. Hatton 6. Rung on the back six, and to celebrate the 28th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Deverill, parents of the conductor. First quarter for all except the ringer of the second bell. All participants are still attending school.

HEVERSHAM, WESTMORLAND.—On May 28th, 1,440 Hereward Bob Minor: T. Metcalfe 1, D. Lawson 2, Judy Moir 3, L. D. Clement 4, W. G. Wilson 5, W. J. Couperthwaite (cond.) 6. First quarter in method for all the band, on the bells and in the county. Rung for the 100th anniversary of the installation of the church clock.

HILLINGDON, MIDDX.—On May 28th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: F. C. Price 1-2, Mrs. J. Hill 3, M. W. Seymour 4, J. Sexton (first quarter on 10) 5, D. Ward (Slough) 6, F. W. Goodfellow (cond.) 7, J. Hill 8, W. H. Coles 9, C. A. Ashpool 10. Rung for the Deanery Choir Festival at St. John's.

HURST, BERKS.—On May 26th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. C. A. Eele (first of Major) 1, Miss S. A. Castle 2, Mrs. B. C. Castle 3, Mrs. A. J. Rance 4, R. K. Rivers 5, A. J. Rance 6, H. Smith 7, B. C. Castle (cond.) 8. For the Feast of the Ascension.

KENWYN, TRURO, CORNWALL.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. R. Rowe 1, Miss V. W. Matthews 2, C. K. Brewer 3, A. F. Burley 4, H. Harper (cond.) 5, A. E. Matthews 6. Rung before the 8 a.m. celebration of Holy Communion.

KINGS LANGLEY, HERTS.—On May 26th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: W. Ayre 1, Miss G. E. Graney 2, D. J. Goodman 3, Miss M. Erik 4, K. D. Waples 5, R. J. Picton 6, R. V. Wallis 7, B. M. Barker (cond.) 8. For Ascension Day.

KIRK ELLA, YORKS.—On Whit Sunday, 1,300 Minor (720 Spliced Childwall and St. Clement's Bob, 580 Spliced Plain and Little Bob): I. N. Goldthorpe 1, K. Goldthorpe 2, P. J. Came 3, J. R. Perrett 4, D. S. Johnson 5, J. S. Rank (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

LINCOLN.—At the Cathedral, on June 5th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: C. E. Brown 1, S. A. Chambers 2, R. F. Smith 3, P. A. Sharp 4, W. Tomlinson (cond.) 5, L. Willders 6, H. Lowman 7, H. L. Pask 8, J. Walden 9, G. R. Parker 10.

LONDON, E.C.—On May 29th, at St. Olave's, Hart Street, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. E. Sibson 1, Miss E. J. Langton 2, P. Hull 3, G. Salmon 4, C. M. Pain 5, G. Pratt 6, M. R. Rose 7, R. J. Trebilcock (first of Major as cond.) 8. For Sung Eucharist.

MADELEY, SHROPS.—On May 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Pritchard 1, J. L. Stanier 2, Miss E. Jones 3, Miss D. E. Lewis 4, F. W. Jones (cond.) 5, H. Hyde 6. A 48th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. T. Pritchard, also to mark his 53 years' ringing service.

QUARTER PEALS

MELLS, SOMERSET.—On May 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss H Young (first on 8) 1, E. Wadman 2, A. Mundy 3, J. Moore 4, D. Hoare 5, E. Nash 6, E. Chivers (first as cond.) 7, R. Beck 8.

MORTON, DERBYS.—On June 1st, 1,272 Minor (720 Oswald Delight and 552 Kent and Oxford T.B.): H. Wagstaff 1, M. Foster 2, G. Challans 3, C. Wright 4, B. A. Richards (cond.) 5, H. T. Rooke 6. Rung as a farewell to the Rector, the Rev. F. Crosse, M.C., who is taking the living of Upton Magna, Salop.

NETTLEHAM, LINCS.—On May 26th, 1,320 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): H. A. Burton 1, C. H. Jeffery 2, J. Pearson 3, J. M. Burton 4, W. R. Parker (cond.) 5. For Evensong on Ascension Day.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On June 6th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Wendy Bowak 1, H. King (cond.) 2, L. Cordell 3, S. King 4, M. McQuistan 5, T. Airey (first quarter) 6. Rung at family service for T. Airey.

PENN, STAFFS.—On April 3rd, and also on April 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. T. Ford 1, D. G. Smith 2, E. Stitch 3, Annette Frost 4, C. Griffiths 5, J. A. Roden 6, E. G. Bowyer (cond.) 7, C. F. W. Eyre 8. Rung on both occasions for Matins. Also on May 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Stitch 1, G. Smallwood 2, J. A. Roden 3, Annette Frost 4, C. Griffiths 5, A. Williams 6, E. G. Bowyer (cond.) 7, C. F. W. Eyre 8. Rung on the evening of the funeral, to the memory of Mrs. E. B. Twentyman, a friend of the ringers. The bells were rung 'open' at Mrs. Twentyman's own request.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—At the Church of St. Andrew, on Whit Sunday, June 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. W. Milford 1, T. G. Myers (cond.) 2, F. E. Day 3, H. F. Myers 4, D. F. Wheeler 5, S. O'Shaughnessy 6, A. W. Myers 7, W. H. Marks 8. For Evensong.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.—On May 15th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. B. C. Sadler 1, G. Bacon 2, B. C. Sadler 3, J. Belcham 4, D. E. Belcham 5, P. A. Sadler (cond.) 6, P. Sloman 8. For Girl Guides' Renewal of Promise.

PUTNEY, S.W.—On June 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Bull 1, M. Lewis 2, B. Coatsworth 3, C. Mew (cond.) 4, A. Clayton 5. First quarter on five bells for all. For Whit Sunday Evensong.

RYE, SUSSEX.—On May 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7-6-8 covering): Rosemary C. Hicks 1, Felicity M. A. Rooke 2, Gillian Sewell (first quarter 'inside') 3, A. J. Hicks (cond.) 4, C. Knowles 5, S. Skinner 6, J. Small 7, T. Longley 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Geoffrey Smith, former tower captain.

SANDON, ESSEX.—On May 27th, 1,260 Doubles (780 Grandsire, 480 Plain Bob): Mrs. J. Harrison 1, Miss J. Groves 2, Miss P. A. Edwards 3, R. J. Harrison 4, P. W. Saltmarsh (cond.) 5. A birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.—On May 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Wendy R. Austin 1, Fredericka R. Underhill (first quarter 'inside') 2, J. Grensted 3, J. Davey (first of Triples) 4, G. Eastman 5, G. A. Naylor (cond.) 6, S. B. Dobbie 7, G. Kenward 8. For Matins at which His Grace the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury gave the address.

SOUTH MARSTON, WILTS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (10 callings): Miss M. R. Whiting (first quarter) 1, H. Pope 2, E. C. Anger 3, T. Stone 4, P. Anger (cond.) 5, L. Woodwards 6.

STANWELL, MIDDX.—On April 17th, 1,272 Spliced Doubles (10 methods): J. Pickett (13, first quarter) 1, C. Fynes (cond.) 2 and 3, K. Young (12) 4, D. Pickett 5, D. Evans 6. To welcome back J. Pickett. Also on April 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Boyd 1, C. Fynes (cond.) 2 and 3, D. Pickett 4, D. Morgan 5, M. Lane 6. To welcome the new curate. Also on May 22nd, 720 Cambridge Surprise, 540 Plain Bob: D. Pickett 1, C. Fynes (cond.) 2 and 3, K. Young 4, C. Burgess 5, M. Lane 6. For Evensong. Also on May 28th, 1,260 Cambridge Surprise: D. Pickett 1, Mrs. Blagrove 2, M. Lane 3, K. Young 4, C. Fynes 5, F. Blagrove (cond.) 6.

WIVELISCOMBE, SOMERSET.—On May 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Gale 1, S. Bristow 2, H. V. Young 3, C. Tarr 4, G. Sparkes (cond.) 5, W. J. Nurcome 6, F. Casley 7, W. Baker 8. Rung on 70th anniversary of founding of Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, by members of four towers, Wiveliscombe, Milverton, Ashbrittle and Chipstable.

WOODFORD, NORTHANTS.—On May 6th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Groom 1, Miss M. Kibble 2, Miss A. Hales 3, A. Sansom 4, V. A. Headland (cond.) 5, M. Bosworth 6.

LETTERS

MISLAID LETTER

Dear Sir,—Some time ago our new vicar, at Tonbridge, received a letter from an outing organiser in Glamorgan—we think. This letter has been mislaid and I would be grateful if you could publish a short note in 'The Ringing World' asking the writer to contact me at the address below, if Tonbridge bells are still required for his outing.—Yours sincerely,

W. H. DOBBIE.

13, Baltic Road,
Tonbridge.

CONGRATULATIONS

Dear Sir,—I would like to congratulate Mr. Roy D. Tomlin on calling his first peal, Holt's Original. Seldom to my knowledge has such a feat been performed, and in these days when peals of Triples are scarce, such a peal comes as a welcome change.

W. SHEPHERD.

Addlestone.

INGENUITY AT ACCRINGTON

Dear Sir,—Our ringing room at St. James', Accrington, is not large and when the bells were made into eight in 1953, we found that there was no point at which a straight stair could come up behind the rope circle without having a trap-door on which a ringer would have to stand.

Eventually we built a wooden circular staircase (about 12 feet high) in the centre of the rope circle. It is covered by a hatchway, about three feet high, which, when closed, acts as a table. There are many other towers where this would appear to be the best means of access. The cost was about £10 and no special joinery work is involved, although we made many experimental plans and even a quarter scale model! We also built a 'lantern' roof and have installed new floors in the clock and ringing rooms.—Yours truly,

R. LEIGH.

Hindley, Wigan.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Two close peal ringing friends, on the Central Council, decided to stay at the headquarters hotel and their respective wives at another hotel. On the first evening they took their respective wives to the headquarters hotel to dinner. After the meal when the ladies had retired the waiter whispered: 'You two have not taken a lot of time in getting a couple of friends!'

Mr. Alan R. Bridges has taken the post of head cook and catering officer at the British Legion Hospital, Nayland, Colchester.

'A get well quickly' message was sent from the Central Council members to Mrs. Marshall, who is still laid up with a broken leg.

On his way to the Central Council meeting, Mr. Peter Bond was involved in a car accident. He was able to be present at the afternoon session.

Who is the young lady who decided to paint her toe nails orange for her hospitalisation? At any rate we send our good wishes for her tonsillatomy operation on June 20th.

Christopher Rogers, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rogers, of Isleworth, has been awarded a senior scholarship at St. Paul's School. He is a member of the British contingent going to Greece in July to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the Boy Scout movement in that country.

Masters of Ceremonies at the social at headquarters following the Central Council meeting, at Folkestone, were two parsons—the Revs. K. W. H. Felstead and the Rev. John Scott. When one was exhausted the other maintained the fun. Round singing followed handbell stunts. We did not know that the Exercise had so many fine basses. We hope to publish the verses of Mr. Scott in an early issue.

A correspondent points out that recently the band of St. Paul's, Bedford, has provided Master for the Cambridge University Guild, the Oxford University Society, and Durham University Society. Secretaries have been provided for Cambridge, Oxford, Reading and Southampton University Guilds or Societies, the Ladies' Guild and two district secretaries of the Bedfordshire Association.

GOSSIP

Some 23 Masonic brethren had an enjoyable meeting in London recently. The ringing included a good half course of Cambridge Royal at St. Clement Danes' and also visits to St. Giles-in-the-Fields and St. Olave's, Hart Street. The next meeting will be on June 3rd, 1961, in Birmingham.

We are sorry to learn that Mr. A. E. Lock, of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, is in hospital. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Mr. E. Orland, of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, has been accepted for training for the Ministry at Lichfield Theological College.

A pair of kestrel hawks are rearing a family of four on the window sill of the belfry in Tawstock, Devon. Not even the ringing of bells disturbs them.

Ringing in a touch of Grandsire Triples at Lympne during the Whitsun visit were a grandmother, mother and daughter, a father, mother and son and a husband and wife. Who were they?

Mr. Henry C. Lewis, of Fitzwilliam House, Cambridge, who rang his first peal at Meldreth on June 4th, had his first lesson in 'hunting' at Great St. Andrew's Church, Cambridge, in February.

We are asked to state that when a new method is rung, the method and the composition of the peal should be sent to the convener of the Records Committee (Mrs. Fletcher), The White House, Caister-on-Sea, Norfolk.

Latest news from Sydney, N.S.W., is that they are practising Yorkshire Surprise Major and hope to score a quarter peal within a mouth. By the way, Yorkshire was the most popular method for Surprise peals in 1959, there being 120 against 100 of Cambridge.

Fellow ringers in a Midland tower have taken compassion on one young lady member of 18 who sighs that she has not a boy friend. They have asked the Editor to help her to find a 'canoodling campanologist.' Although the Editor has many extraneous duties to perform he feels that this is outside the functions he can assist in.

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CENTRAL COUNCIL AT FOLKESTONE

A GREAT WELCOME FOR RECORD ATTENDANCE — AFFILIATION ACCEPTED — DEVON ASSOCIATION WOULD BE WELCOME — COLOSSAL BUSINESS IN PUBLICATIONS — 'THE RINGING WORLD' IMPROVEMENTS APPRECIATED — EXTOLLING RINGING IN OUTSIDE PUBLICATIONS

FOLKESTONE looked its best on Whit Tuesday for the 63rd annual meeting of the Central Council held in the Town Hall, when there was a record attendance of 144 members. In addition there were many interested spectators of the proceedings in the gallery above the conference chamber.

Proceedings actually started with a celebration of the Holy Communion for the Council at Folkestone Parish Church at which the celebrant was the Bishop of Tonbridge (the Rt. Rev. G. Russell White), assisted by the Vicar (Canon Hough).

The proceedings at the Council meeting started with an official welcome by the Mayor (Ald. F. W. Archer), who was accompanied by the Bishop of Tonbridge and Canon Hough.

In his good wishes for a successful and happy conference the Mayor said he had been associated with Church work all his life, having been a chorister for 23 years, and it was a pleasure, within 10 days of assuming his year of office, to welcome them. He had read some of their literature about their work and he was amazed at the amount of organisation behind their Council, and the various suggestions made to diocesan bodies that their work could be carried out to the best advantage of the Church.

He noticed that in ringing for service that the church bells were rung to proclaim that Christ lives and to call his people to worship. He thought it was a wonderful way of expressing their work. He was personally very grateful to Canon Hough for the prayers he and the congregation offered for his recovery from illness, which enabled him to hold the office of Mayor.

He noticed that in the recruitment of ringers it was suggested that they should contact choirboys between the ages of 14 and 15. Knowing choirboys he wondered why. As a boy chorister it used to be his duty to toll a single bell five minutes before the service to announce that all seats were free. In those days it was his greatest delight to stop the bell suddenly and see people rush for their seats and after a pause to start ringing again. He did not think choirboys were the best recruits!

The Bishop of Tonbridge followed with a welcome to the conference on behalf of the Diocese of Rochester and Canterbury. He recalled that when he was Vicar of Twickenham he made an appeal for bells—unfortunately they were a carillon. One of the first donations, and a handsome one, was from a Roman Catholic, who lived near the church. He gave his gift because with the bells his dog had stopped barking. (Laughter.)

When he went to Tonbridge they embarked on a scheme of church restoration. The bells were taken down, recast and rehung, and on one of these bells his name was inscribed. Some 18 months ago he left Tonbridge and the local band of ringers then asked him to become their president. The strength of their organisation was the strength of each individual band and with each individual band strong, they would keep their art alive in this country.

Canon Hough proudly proclaimed that he had produced a family of change ringers, and he, alas, was the only 'black sheep.' When on holiday, instead of reading his thriller in his hotel, he was taken out to visit local towers, to find local ringers and ring the bells. There were only two churches in Folkestone where change ringing was practised and he was delighted that his was one of them. 'I feel that what you do is part of England—like our churches and Shakespeare—and our Christian culture is bound up with such a craft and art as bell ringing and one hopes that England may be made really Christian.'

The Central Council was welcomed on behalf of the Kent County Association by Mr. John Willis. He said it was a great honour to them that they were paying their third visit. Mr. Willis said he could not speak of the first visit of the Central Council to Kent, but he remembered the visit on June 7th, 1897, when Canon Helmore was secretary of the K.C.A. At the meeting, at Canterbury, he was not present, but his friend, Bert Luck, told him he remembered ringing a plain course of Grandsire Cinques with George and Edith Fletcher at 1.30 a.m. One of the great things about change ringing was continuity and it was a pleasure to him to see George and Edith Fletcher with them.

The president (Mr. Frederick Sharpe) replied to the welcome and said it was a great pleasure to him to know that the Kent County Association celebrated its 80th birthday on Whit-Monday, and they congratulated the Association on its progress. When the Association was formed there was very little change ringing, now it was the rule rather than the exception as it was then. Kent was now one of the strongholds, as in the past in the days of James Barham in the 18th century, and it was noted for its ringing families.

This year had been an eventful one for the Central Council. There had been a tremendous amount of committee work. Since the end of the last war there had been a growing interest in the Church and now there were more young people taking part in the art than ever before. There were, moreover, ringing courses and as was said they were growing by evolution. In change ringing there were still new fields to be conquered.

THE ATTENDANCE

Ancient Society of College Youths: Messrs. J. E. Chilcott, J. F. Smallwood, C. G. J. Watts and W. Williams.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association: Messrs. A. H. Reed, G. Salmon and H. J. Sanger.

Bedfordshire Association: Mr. S. Foskett and Mr. A. E. Rushton.

Cambridge University Guild: Dr. C. M. P. Johnson and Mr. B. D. Threlfall.

Chester Diocesan Guild: Mr. A. R. Elkins and Mr. J. Worth.

Coventry Diocesan Guild: Mrs. D. E. Beamish and Mr. J. L. Garner-Hayward.

Cumberland and North Westmorland Association: Mr. G. McKay.

Derbyshire Association: Mr. G. A. Halls and Mr. A. Moulds.

Devon Guild: Miss B. M. Boyle, Mr. J. L. S. Glanvill and the Rev. J. G. M. Scott.

Durham and Newcastle Association: Mr. K. Arthur and Mr. D. A. Bayles.

East Grinstead and District Guild: Mr. E. J. Ladd.

Ely Diocesan Guild: Messrs. D. E. R. Knights, E. H. Mastin and H. S. Peacock.

Essex Association: Messrs. J. H. Crampion, P. J. Eves and F. B. Lufkin.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association: Messrs. A. L. Barry, R. G. Hooper, W. B. Kynaston and C. A. Wratten.

Guildford Diocesan Guild: Messrs. C. W. Denyer, H. N. Pitstow and W. H. Viggers.

Hertford County Association: Messrs. W. Ayre, R. G. Bell, G. W. Critchley and C. Dodds.

Irish Association: Mr. F. E. Dukes and Mr. J. T. Dunwoody.

Kent County Association: Messrs. J. R. Cooper, P. A. Corby, T. Cullingworth and I. H. Oram.

Ladies' Guild: Miss D. E. Colegate, Mrs. A. Richardson, Mrs. P. J. Staniforth.

Lancashire Association: Mr. P. Crook, Mr. F. Dunkerley and the Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith.

Leicester Diocesan Guild: Messrs. S. Burton, E. Morris, P. J. Staniforth and B. G. Warwick.

Lincoln Diocesan Guild: Messrs. J. Bray, G. E. Feirn, J. Freeman and J. L. Millhouse.

Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Guild: Mrs. D. J. King and Mr. T. M. Roderick.

London County Association: Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Rogers, Mr. W. G. Wilson.

Middlesex County Association: Messrs. F. T. Blagrove, T. J. Lock and J. R. Mayne.

Midland Counties Guild: Mr. J. W. Cotton.

New South Wales Association: Mr. P. M. J. Gray.

North Staffordshire Association: Mr. R. S. Anderson.

Norwich Diocesan Association: Messrs. H. W. Barrett, N. V. Harding and the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow.

Oxford Diocesan Guild: Messrs. A. D. Barker, D. Smith and P. Walker.

Oxford Society: Mr. F. A. H. Wilkins.

Oxford University Society: Dr. J. E. Spice.

Peterborough Diocesan Guild: Messrs. B. Austin, P. I. Chapman, G. W. Jeffs and E. G. Orland.

St. Martin's Guild, Diocese of Birmingham: Mr. F. E. Haynes.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild: Messrs. J. T. Barrett, G. H. Harding, G. S. Morris and W. C. West.

Sheffield and District Society: Mr. N. Chaddock.

Shropshire Association: Mr. H. Poyner.

Society of Royal Cumberland Youths: Messrs. D. Beresford, P. N. Bond, F. J. Cullum and F. E. Hawthorne.

Southwell Diocesan Guild: Mr. B. M. Buswell and Mr. J. D. Clarke.

Stafford Archdeaconry Society: Mr. G. W. Hughes and Mr. B. G. Key.

Suffolk Guild: Mr. J. W. Blythe, Mr. C. W. Pipe and Miss R. J. Seabrook.

Surrey Association: Messrs. A. P. Cannon, F. E. Collins and W. F. Oatway.

Sussex County Association: Messrs. R. Overy, R. B. Percy and H. Stalham.

Truro Diocesan Guild: Messrs. W. C. Boucher, D. Burnett and H. Miles.

Universities Association: Miss M. R. Cross.

University of London Society: Dr. D. N. Layton.

Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild: Mr. A. V. Davis, the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead and Mr. F. W. Rogers.

Worcestershire and Districts Association: Messrs. B. C. Ashford, D. Beacham and W. B. Cartwright.

Yorkshire Association: Messrs. G. Benfield, V. Bottomley, W. E. Critchley and L. W. G. Morris.

University of Bristol Society: Mr. T. P. Edwards.

Honorary members: Mrs. E. A. Barnett, Messrs. J. P. Fidler, F. I. Hairs, A. A. Hughes, D. Hughes, C. K. Lewis, W. A. Osborn, H. L. Roper, E. C. Shepherd, R. F. B. Speed, L. Stilwell, P. L. Taylor, T. W. White and J. Willis.

Life members: Messrs. F. Sharpe, E. A. Barnett, F. W. Perrens, E. H. Lewis, G. W. Fletcher, Mrs. Fletcher.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from the Misses N. G. Williams, H. G. Snowden, M. E. L. Beamish, M. E. Snowdon, Mrs. J. Jeffrey, Mrs. C. C. Marshall. Messrs. H. O. Baker, J. W. Clarke, T. G. Myers, H. J. Shuck, B. A. Sollis, J. G. Gipson, A. C. Hazelden, Rev. E. G. Benson, T. H. Taffender, F. W. Goodfellow, E. C. Birkett, E. H. Edge, F. N. Golden, D. H. B. Millward, A. E. Lock, G. E. Fearn, R. St. C. Wilson, D. H. Rooke, L. G. Brett, R. G. Blackman, C. I. Lewis, Rev. A. S. Roberts, A. J. Pitman, C. W. Roberts and A. Walker.

ATTENDANCE SUMMARY

Summary:—	Members		
	Assoc.	Present	Absent
Fully represented	29	70	—
Partly represented	21	54	22
Not represented	7	—	11
Life members		6	1
Honorary members		14	7
		144	41

REPORT AS TO MEMBERSHIP

The honorary secretary reported that 57 Associations were affiliated to the Council with 156 members. The rules provided for 24 honorary members and there were seven life members, making a total membership of 187. There were two vacancies among representative members and three among honorary. All subscriptions had been paid.

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CENTRAL COUNCIL—Cont.

APPLICATION TO AFFILIATE

An application was received from the University of Bristol Society to affiliate. The Standing Committee recommended that the application be agreed to. It was proposed by Mr. P. M. J. Gray, and seconded by Mr. W. Williams, that the Society be elected a member and this was agreed to.

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS

The following were presented to the president: Messrs. J. E. Chilcott, C. G. J. Watts (Ancient Society of College Youths); A. H. Reed and G. Salmon (Bath and Wells); A. E. Rushton (Bedfordshire); Dr. C. M. P. Johnson (Cambridge University); A. R. Elkins, J. Worth (Chester); J. L. Garner-Hayward (Coventry); G. A. Halls (Derbyshire); Miss B. M. Boyle (Devon); Messrs K. Arthur, D. A. Bayles (Durham and Newcastle); E. J. Ladd (East Grinstead); D. E. R. Knights, E. H. Mastin (Ely); P. J. Eves (Essex); R. G. Hooper, C. A. Wratten (Gloucester and Bristol); C. W. Denyer (Guildford); G. Dodds (Hertford); P. A. Corby, I. H. Oram (Kent); E. Morris, B. G. Warwick (Leicester); J. L. Millhouse (Lincoln); D. Smith, P. Walker (Oxford Diocesan); D. J. E. Spice (Oxford University); B. Austin (Peterborough); J. T. Barrett (Salisbury); H. Poyner (Shropshire); D. Beresford (Cumberland Youths); Miss R. J. Seabrook (Suffolk); Messrs. R. B. Percy (Sussex); A. V. Davis (Winchester and Portsmouth); V. Bottomley (Yorkshire); T. P. Edwards (Bristol University); H. L. Roper (honorary).

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

With the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow in the chair nominations were called for the office of president.

Mr. E. H. Lewis proposed Mr. Frederick H. Sharpe. 'We appreciate very much what he has done in the last three years,' he said, 'and we should stick to him.'

Mr. A. A. Hughes seconded, and the resolution was carried unanimously and with acclamation.

Taking the chair, Mr. Sharpe returned thanks and said, 'I can assure you that I have the interest of bells and ringing at heart and will do my utmost for the work of the Council during the coming years.'

OTHER OFFICERS

Mr. R. S. Anderson proposed, and Mr. F. I. Hairs seconded, the re-election of the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow as vice-president.

Mr. J. F. Smallwood proposed, and Mr. A. A. Hughes seconded, the re-election of Mr. E. A. Barnett as honorary secretary and treasurer.

Mr. F. I. Hairs proposed, and Mr. J. F. Smallwood seconded, the re-election of Mr. F. W. Perrens as honorary librarian.

ELECTION OF HONORARY MEMBERS

The Standing Committee recommended the re-election of the following honorary members: the Earl of Shaftesbury, Messrs. J. T. Dyke, J. P. Fidler, A. A. Hughes, D. Hughes, Mrs. C. C. Marshall, Messrs. E. C. Shepherd, R. F. B. Speed, L. Stilwell, P. L. Taylor, A. Walker, T. W. White and J. Willie and not the re-election of Mr. C. W. Roberts. Also the addition of Mr. W. F. Moreton.

This was proposed by Mr. J. F. Smallwood, and seconded by Mr. N. Chaddock, and agreed to. This left three vacancies.

The honorary secretary announced that arising from the election of the honorary members he gave notice under Rule 6 (d) that the committee would propose, next year, the election as life member of Mr. Albert Walker and Mr. Joseph T. Dyke.

HONORARY AUDITORS

It was proposed by Mr. Anderson, and seconded by Mr. Hairs that Messrs. A. A. Hughes and H. N. Pitstow be re-elected honorary auditors.—Agreed.

VOTE OF THANKS

Mr. H. W. Rogers moved a vote of thanks to Mrs. Barnett for her continued help to her husband in his work for the Council.—Carried with acclamation.

LOSSES BY DEATH

The Council stood while the death of the following members since the last meeting were remembered: Mr. A. H. Pulling, Winchester Guild 1914-1927, Guildford Guild 1928-1956, honorary 1957-59, attended 30 meetings; Mr. R S. F. Murphy, Irish Association 1930-1947, attended one meeting; Mr. Cecil J. Matthews, Society of Royal Cumberland Youths 1934; Mr. A. W. Searle, Devon Guild 1904-1931, attended seven meetings.

The following deaths had become known to the Council during the year: Messrs. R. E. Chichester, Devon Guild; H. C. Chandler, Middlesex County Association; John Clark, Hereford Diocesan Guild; R. B. Blanchard, Surrey Association; A. H. Cocks, Oxford Diocesan Guild and A. N. Hardy, Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.

TRIBUTES

Mr. F. W. Rogers paid a tribute to the memory of Mr. A. H. Pulling and recalled that he conducted the record peal of Stedman Caters of 19,708 changes in 1912.

Mr. C. K. Lewis mentioned that Mr. Pulling called the first peal of Spliced Surprise Major, an action which in those days required courage as the great men of the Exercise were then saying that it was not quite the right thing to do.

Mr. Harry Miles said he first met Mr. Pulling in 1900 when he was engaged on work in a small village in the Cotswolds. He stayed with the foreman ringer in that village. Conditions were primitive and when he retired to bed he took with him a candle, a box of matches and a cigar. If he could not sleep he would light his cigar and learn Holt's Original, a peal which he conducted afterwards on very many occasions.

Mr. C. W. Denyer mentioned the great help Mr. Pulling had been to him when he was a young ringer. The Guildford Guild would like them all to do something for him in his memory. They proposed to provide a bell for the new Cathedral at Guildford, to his memory from the ringers of the country. To start with the bell would be rung with an electric gadget but afterwards when the tower was built it would be one of the ring of bells. They wanted between £700 and £800 for the bell.

The Rev. John G. M. Scott said Mr. Arthur Searle was a real champion of change ringing in the West Country and rang at St. David's, Exeter. He was an outstanding man and had rung in every tower in Devon.

Mr. F. E. Dukes speaking of Mr. R. S. F. Murphy said he did a tremendous amount of work for change ringing in Ireland. In 1933 he presented a cup with a view to improving the standard of striking and since that day there had been a great improvement.

Tributes to Mr. A. H Cox were given by Mr. A. D. Barker and the president. Mr. Sharpe said Mr. Cox did more research into the history of past bell founders than any other man. His monumental work. 'The Bells of Buckinghamshire,' was published in 1897.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The honorary secretary reported that the minutes had been circulated. Omitted from those minutes was that the report of the Literature and Press Committee was adopted on the proposition of Mr. E. C. Shepherd and seconded by Mr. F. E. Dukes. Also that the alteration of Rules was seconded by Mr. A. D. Barker and that under Motion (c) the last two were in reverse order. With these amendments he moved the minutes be adopted. This was seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs and carried.

REPORT OF THE HONORARY SECRETARY

Offer To Devon Association

Although in retrospect I can recall comparatively little of an unusual nature which took place during 1959, I find that 721 letters or receipts were sent out during the year, which shows that the 'secretarial staff' have not been entirely idle.

One rather interesting event, however, was a letter from the Devon Association of Ringers asking for information about the Council's aims and objects, a copy of the Rules and whether we would be prepared to consider the representation of the Association on the Council. On the last point I replied that as the full Council meets only once a year, I could only express an opinion which was that we **would** consider the Devon Association being represented, particularly if, as I understood to be the case, the Guild of Devonshire Ringers did not object; and that in fact most members would be pleased to welcome the Association to our ranks. I hope members will endorse that opinion. So far no further correspondence has taken place but members may think that some official expression of the Council's views should be conveyed to the Devon Association.

Information about ringing was given to, among others, a German author for a boys' year-book, an incumbent in Newfoundland and a Special Correspondent of 'The Times.' The last helped towards what was, as might be expected, a most accurate and balanced article entitled 'Bell Ringing as a Popular Art.' which appeared on August 22nd, 1959, and which seems to have attracted surprisingly little attention in the Exercise. It could well have been reprinted in 'The Ringing World.'

A letter from myself on the Council's behalf criticising the decision of the Chancellor of the Diocese of Bristol to overrule the Diocesan Advisory Committee's advice not to allow the installation of an electronic apparatus in a Bristol church and referring to the Church Assembly's motion of February 8th, 1954, which deprecated the introduction of such devices into churches, appeared also in 'The Times' of November 21st.

At the time of writing information shows that the following have now ceased to be members of the Council, and we offer our thanks to them for their past services: A. B. Peck, A.S.C.Y., 1933-59; Wg. Cdr. J. S. Mason, A.S.C.Y., 1957-59; R. O. Fry, Bath and Wells, 1954-58; D. Hoare, Bath and Wells, 1959; B. F. Sims, Bedfordshire, 1955-59; Dr. P A. F. Chalk, C.U.G. 1954-59; Rev. J. Kingdon, Chester, 1949-59; W. Allman, Chester, 1957-59; A. J. Martin, Chester, 1957-59; H. Windsor, Coventry, 1959; W. L. Robinson, Derbyshire, 1954-59; A. L. Bennett, Devon, 1957-59; F. Ainsley, Durham and Newcastle, 1948-59; W. N. Park, Durham and Newcastle, 1948-59; C. A. Bassett, East Grinstead, 1951-59; P. Border, Ely, 1954-59; F. W. Lack, Ely, 1951-59; L. S. Woods, Essex, 1958-59; T. Boreham, Gloucester and Bristol, 1954-59; F. Skidmore, Gloucester and Bristol, 1948-59; G. S. Joyce, Guildford, 1957-59; E. Edmondson, Hertford, 1954-59; Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kent, 1954-59; T. E. Sone, Kent, 1933-59; A. E. Rowley, Leicester, 1946-59; J. A. Freeman, Lincoln, 1945-59; Mrs. A. D. Barker, Oxford, 1948-59; W. Butler, Oxford, 1957-59; R. B. Meadows, Oxford University, 1951-59; Dr. D. H. Niblett, Oxford University, 1957-59; E. Nobles, Peterborough, 1954-59; C. H. Hawkins, St. David's, 1957-59; J. I. P. Davis, Salisbury, 1957-59; F. H. Bennett, Shropshire, 1957-59; G. H. Cross, S.R.C.Y., 1938-59; J. Segar, Southwell, 1953-59; K. G. Brown, Suffolk, 1957-59; F. H. Dallaway, Sussex, 1938-59; C. H. Kippin, Winchester and Portsmouth, 1949-59; G. Pullinger, Winchester and Portsmouth, 1933-59

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CENTRAL COUNCIL—Cont.

For the eighth time I must record my thanks to Mr. W. G. Wilson and Miss C. L. Groves for typing and duplicating these papers, and for the third and unfortunately the last time to Mr. W. N. Park for preparing the accounts of 'The Ringing World.' My thanks are also due to all who have kindly sent copies of reports and other publications, and to the Conveners of most Committees for the way in which they have abided by the new rule that reports must be in by March 31st. I trust they will keep it up and perhaps encourage the others (and certain Association secretaries and treasurers!) by their example.—E. A. Barnett.

Moving the adoption of the report the honorary secretary said with reference to the Devon Association if the Devon Guild had no objection would the secretary of that Guild write to the Association and tell them.

Mr. F. E. Dukes seconded the adoption.

The Rev. John Scott said as far as he knew ringers in the Devon Guild would be delighted. There was a good deal of excitement among the Guild that the Devon Association had applied for membership. At the moment their constitution was a little fluid, but by application to the Council they hoped that they could get their house in order.

The honorary secretary: I would like to make it clear that they have not applied but asked to be considered.

The President: I think the answer from the chair would be that we would be delighted to welcome the Devon Association. Thanks were also due to the secretary for his work.

The report was adopted.

REPORT OF THE HONORARY LIBRARIAN

6,139 Publications Sold

The outstanding feature of this year is the colossal record figures for the number of publications sold, the total being 6,139 compared with the average for the past eight years of 1,278. This tremendous increase is due entirely to the issue early in the year of the 'Beginners' Handbook' and the sale of over five thousand of these surely augurs well for the future.

Although perhaps not quite so big as last year's, there is still a considerable demand for a collection of Minor Methods, which I believe has now been out of print since 1954, and an early issue of this book is most desirable.

The stock of 'On Conducting' is now rather low and as there has been a steady sale of this book during the past few years, a reprint will be necessary in 1960.

The borrowing of books of reference during the year has been about normal but as books are sometimes kept for very long periods, I would ask borrowers to return books as soon as they have finished with them.

We record our thanks to the people concerned for the following additions to the library: 'Steeple, Bells and Clocks of Shankill Parish, Lurgan' and the 'Irish Bell News,' per Mr. F. E. Dukes; six of J. J. Parker's note books, per Mr. A. D. Baker; MSS. by Col. M. D. Bell on 'Training of Tune Ringers on Handbells,' together with tunes for 8 and 12 bells, per Mr. T. W. White; old peal books and reports of the Midland Counties Association, per Mr. Paul Taylor; 'Facts and Figures about the Church of England,' per Mr. E. A. Barnett; 'The Church and Other Bells of Aberdeenshire,' by the late F. C. Eeles, O.B.E., D.Litt., F.S.A.Scot., and Ranald W. M. Clouston, B.Sc.Eng., F.S.A.Scot., presented by the authors.

It now remains for me to attempt an almost impossible task—to express adequately the thanks due to Mr. R. F. B. Speed for the enormous amount of work he has done for the Council during this year. I am as much at a loss for words to do this as I am to estimate the number of hours he must have spent in despatching over six thousand books. We are indeed very fortunate to have the sales section of the library in such capable and willing hands and we tender most sincere and hearty thanks to Mr. Speed and to his wife, who I feel certain has borne some of the burden.—Frank W. Perrens.

Moving the adoption of the report Mr. Perrens reiterated his great debt to Mr. and Mrs. Speed. Mr. J. H. Crampion seconded, and the report was adopted.

SALES AND STOCK

Method sheets: Cambridge, 17; D.N.C.B., 19; Bristol, 12; Stedman and Grandsire, 40; Preservation of Bells, 79, Four way Minor Table, 50, Handbell Ringing, 139, Major Compositions, 37, Collection of Peals, Sect. III, 13, Report of Conference, S.P.A.B. 4, Doubles Methods, 100, Model Rules, 22, Village Bells, 135, Card of Instruction 28, Plain Major Methods, 61, Methods Committee Report, 13, On Conducting, 119, Handbook, 59, Electrical Switchgear Card, 9, Grandsire Caters, 80, Beginners' Handbook, 5,103; total 6,139.

The stock at cost at the end of the year was £451 19s. 2d.

THE ACCOUNTS

BALANCE SHEET

(The figures in parentheses are the corresponding amounts in the previous year's accounts.)

Sundry Creditors, £566 10s. 9d. (£76); Received in advance, £2,075 7s. 9d. (£1,040); Clement Glenn Fund, £807 0s. 2d. (£785); Provision for Income Tax and Audit Fee £82 1s. 9d. (£40); Capital Accounts—'The Ringing World,' £5,109 12s.; General Fund, £584 6s. 2d.; £5,693 18s. 2d. (£5,091). Total £9,224 18s. 7d. (£7,032).

Goodwill and Blocks 'The Ringing World' £200 (£200); Library, £10 (£10); Office and Library Equipment, £28 5s. 11d. (£33); Stock of Publications, £451 19s. 2d. (£351); Debtors and Payments in Advance, £863 9s. 2d. (£581); Investments at cost, £4,362 18s. 4d. (£4,362); Cash at Bank or in hand, £3,308 6s. (£1,494). Total £9,224 18s. 7d. (£7,032).

GENERAL FUND

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

Expenses—Biography Committee, £6 (£5); Sunday Service Committee, £16 3s. 5d. (£19); Standing Committee, £3 17s. 4d.; Honorary Secretary, £10 (£10); Stationery and Printing, £23 3s. 2d. (£15); Telephone/Telegrams, £2 6s. 10d. (£2); Office and Library Equipment written off, £6 (£6); Insurances Library and Roll of Honour, £1 16s. (£2); Wreath—A. H. Pulling, £2 2s. 6d. (£2); Typing, £2 2s. (£2); Cheque Book, 8s. 4d.; Sundry Expenses, £1 4s. 9d. (£1); Excess of Income over Expenditure, £15 10s. 9d. (£6). Total £101 14s. (£89).

Affiliation Fees, £77 10s. (£76 10s.); Balance Publications Account £24 4s. (£13). Total £101 14s. (£89).

PUBLICATIONS ACCOUNT

Stock, January 1st, 1959, £350 15s. 3d. (£331); Purchases: Beginners' Handbook, 10,027, £340 18s.; Postages, Stationery and Sundries, £36 9s. 8d. (£11 10s.); Trade Discount, £2 16s. (£2 10s.); Advertisements 'The Ringing World,' £20 (£20); Balance (profit) to General Fund, £24 4s. (£13). Total £775 2s. 11d. (£445).

Sale of Publications £302 4s. 11d. (£94); Sale of Surplus Books, £19 18s.; Sundry receipts £1 0s. 10d.; Stock, December 31st, 1959, £451 19s. 2d. (£351). Total £775 2s. 11d. (£445).

The Clement Glenn Bequest showed investments at cost, £762 18s. 4d.; Cash at bank, £44 1s. 10d. Total £807 0s. 2d. (£785). The market value of the investment on December 21st, 1959, was £834 15s.

The honorary secretary and treasurer moved the adoption of the accounts, subject to audit. In regard to the Publications Account, the outstanding item had been the success of 'The Beginners' Handbook.' Had it not been for the sale of surplus books and sundry receipts the profit would have been only £3. It was a small profit and it showed they were continuing their policy of publishing at as low a price as possible. The item of cost for the Standing Committee was due to the extraordinary meeting held to consider the price of 'The Ringing World.'

Regarding £3,308 cash in hand, Mr. Barnett said he hoped that nobody would think it was spare money. Over £2,000 was for sums in advance for postal subscriptions to 'The Ringing World,' and the remainder was the balance of the Clement Glenn Fund.

Mr. V. Bottomley suggested that the surplus cash be put to a profitable use. At the present time banks were giving three per cent on deposit and only required seven days notice of withdrawal.

The honorary treasurer replied that a further £1,000 was invested this year.

Mr. P. I. Chapman inquired re £19 18s. sale of surplus books. The president replied that with books printed after 1850 where there were more than two copies the librarian had power to sell.

Mr. G. W. Fletcher suggested that this did not form part of the library account and with this the president agreed.

The accounts were adopted, subject to audit, and thanks were expressed to the honorary treasurer for his work.

REPORT ON THE TRUSTEES OF THE CARTER RINGING MACHINE

On July 18th, an open day was held and two parties saw the machine which successfully rang touches or plain courses of Cambridge Maximus, London Major, Stedman Cinques, Bob Minor and Grandsire Doubles. Only those who have their 'Ringing World' through the post knew of these demonstrations because of the printing dispute, so the total attendance of 20 for the day was rather disappointing.

On September 26th, a demonstration was given for the Leicester Diocesan Guild ringers, who saw and heard the conclusion of a quarter peal of Cambridge Maximus, which had been started before their arrival, also a plain course of Bristol Major (first time on the machine) and a bob course of Stedman Cinques. The attendance on this occasion was 30.

Mr. V. K. Chew, of the Science Museum staff, has made a tape recording of the machine ringing a bob course of Stedman Cinques. This is for the benefit of those ringers who call to ask to see the machine at times other than appointed demonstration times, and Mr. Chew felt that as they could not see it actually work, a tape recording would be of some advantage.—A. A. Hughes and A. Walker (Trustees).

The Standing Committee recommended that the report be adopted and this was done on the proposition of Mr. A. A. Hughes, seconded by Mr. R. S. Anderson. The latter expressed thanks to Mr. Douglas Hughes and the secretary mentioned the services and interest of Mr. Chew.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE

The honorary secretary reported that at an extraordinary meeting on November 7th, 1959, the Standing Committee considered various proposals for meeting the increased cost of producing 'The Ringing World' and decided to increase rate of advertisements by 15 per cent.

The report was adopted.

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'THE RINGING WORLD' COMMITTEE AND INCREASED PRICE

Since its inception in 1911, states the committee's report, the story of 'The Ringing World' has been one of struggle punctuated by periods of crisis. This struggle has not particularly been in respect of lack of copy, for despite the lukewarm support of the Exercise, sufficient news has always been forthcoming to fill its pages. The difficulties have always been encountered on the financial side. We make no apologies for again emphasising to the Council that were all subscribers to take their copies direct by post many of the financial problems would be resolved.

However, your Committee are, of course, compelled to deal with the position as it is and not on a hypothetical basis and early in 1959 it was evident that some revision would be needed if the liquid position was to be preserved. The situation rapidly became acute on the threat of a strike in the printing industry and the certainty of increased costs through their wages to the operatives. As you are aware, the Editor was able, in spite of many difficulties, to print an emergency paper at fortnightly intervals and this was overwhelmingly applauded by the Exercise. There were some grumbles but these your Committee now accept as inevitable.

Several long meetings of the Committee were held when the opportunity was taken to make a thorough examination of the whole position. From previous accounts members of the Council would appreciate operating costs were very low and the salaries of the paid staff bore little relation to the volume of work. It was felt that their remuneration should be more nearly equated to the work done and certain increases were agreed. Even the present figures, however, are still low in comparison to what could legitimately be demanded. Following the award made to and accepted by the printers and the probability of a further increase in two years time, the Committee felt that no other course was open to them but to increase the price of 'The Ringing World' to 8d. or 9d. per copy.

NO DRASTIC DROP IN SALES

They also considered that before putting any increase into effect the whole matter be placed before your Standing Committee, who at a special meeting in November endorsed your Committee's report and a recommendation that from January 1st, 1960 the price be 8d.

Although, as was to be expected, the increase was not unanimously applauded, your Committee are pleased to observe that fears of a drastic reduction in circulation have not been realised and in fact it was not until the week of March 11th that a drop in copies sold was shown. In that issue the figures were 5,570 for 1960 against 5,586 for 1959. It is earnestly hoped that numbers will not fall further and that new readers can be obtained to replace those lost. The Council cannot have failed to observe the increase in size of 'The Ringing World' and it may possibly be this factor which has persuaded some readers to continue their support.

Council requirements now stipulate that committee reports be with the secretary by March 31st. At this date the annual accounts of 'The Ringing World' were only in draft form and showed a small profit for 1959. An examination of the Profit and Loss Account, however, will quickly reveal that this surplus was only possible through the generosity of readers who voluntarily subscribed £336 19s. 1d. Merely to say 'thank you' for this magnificent gesture seems very inadequate but your Committee are certainly most grateful for these contributions and feel their thanks should be supported by the whole Council.

Your Committee, in conclusion, once more express their appreciation to all who in any way have contributed to 'The Ringing World' from those supplying front page articles, to the many sending in short news items and paragraphs of interest. Also to the compiler of the index, Mr. H. L. Roper. To mention even by initials only a few would fill more pages but our thanks are, nevertheless, sincere and our hopes are for a continuance of this help and interest.

Thought must also be given to the Editor and his staff and to Mr. Jeater and we ask the Council and the Exercise to join in thanks to them for their work and to our many advertisers for their support.

In announcing the increase in price of 'The Ringing World' to 8d. per copy from January 1st, your Committee offered to supply at the current price all who renewed their subscriptions before December 31st, 1959. As will be seen from the balance sheet there was a substantial response as shown in the figures for advance payments. Your Committee feel encouraged by this response although it will, of course, preclude the full benefit of the increased price being achieved before 1961.

Your Committee once more renew their appeal to readers in general and to members of the Council in particular for continued and sustained efforts at all times to seek new readers and to supply attractive copy. 'The Ringing World' is YOUR paper and as such its success or failure is YOUR responsibility. —J. Frank Smallwood (Convener).

'A LITTLE MORE OPTIMISTIC'

Moving the adoption of the report Mr. Smallwood said they had had an anxious year which they had got through better than he expected. At the moment they were feeling a little more optimistic than they had found themselves for several years—but they had no grounds for complacency. They had been told that generally there had been an improvement in 'The Ringing World' since the first issue in January. They had received many encouraging letters from all parts of the country and abroad.

In regard to the increase in price, he expected a dismal setback in sales but that had not materalised to any great extent. One thing he would stress was the importance of postal subscribers. At the present time for two postal subscribers there were three through the newsagents. There had been some improvements in the paper and it might be asked why were not some of these improvements introduced before. It was, however, generally known that they had been travelling in a vicious circle for nine or ten years. They had now taken the 'bit between the teeth,' increased the price and gone out for a better paper.

They would have noticed that the page size had been increased and credit for that must go to Tom White, as it was his suggestion. The Woodbridge Press had installed a new machine. The paper previously wasted in cutting was printed on and this gave the equivalent of a page and a half extra an issue. In addition they had some 24 page issues. He hoped they would not finish in the red this year, as they would not reap the full benefit of the increased price. The committee would like to express their thanks to the Standing Committee for backing up the proposals as to the increased price.

Mr. R. S. Anderson seconded the adoption of the report.

PEAL LEVY

The Rev. John Scott said the Devon Guild last year were very disappointed that a peal levy was not introduced, and at their meeting passed a motion instituting a levy on all peals rung for the Guild, of which 6d. per rope would go to 'The Ringing World.' If other Guilds followed this course it would result in a great increase in revenue.

Mr. B. Austin asked if there could be of a better packing of 'The Ringing World.'

Mr. John Mayne said the main reason why young people took the paper through the newsagent was because they found it difficult to pay a lump sum down and also because it went on the family's paper bill. Another reason given by an older ringer was that he preferred it to come not covered with mud.

Mr. W. C. West said at the annual meeting of the Salisbury meeting on May 14th, a motion was carried deprecating that a peal levy was not charged on all peals published in 'The Ringing World.' They had from four to six pages of peals and he felt they should be paid for.

Mr. J. W. Crampion said the question of price had been discussed by the Essex Association and they came to the conclusion that there was no other alternative than to increase the price. They wholeheartedly supported the committee in their action. They also felt that thanks were due to the Editor and apprentices in producing copies during the strike.

Mr. S. Foskett gave the view of the Bedfordshire Association that 'The Ringing World' should not be a charitable production, but placed on a basis that any loss should be met by the territorial Associations.

Mr. John Willis said there were a few members of the Central Council who did not take 'The Ringing World' by post. Had 'The Ringing World Committee any knowledge that every member took the journal?

Mr. H. Miles said 95 per cent of the ringers in Cornwall were not method ringers, If they were not method ringers what was there of interest to them in 'The Ringing World'? Could a page be devoted to those who were not method ringers?

Mr. H. Sanger: We in the Bath and Wells Association have decided to introduce a peal levy on all peals rung for the Association. We feel that until the circulation is improved all Associations should pass such a resolution.

Mr. Cecil Pipe remarked that now that 'The Ringing World' had taken the 'bit between their teeth' they had increased their income by 33⅓ per cent, which was an extra £2,500 a year.

Mr. R. S. Anderson said it must be remembered that it was a 33⅓ per cent gross. They had to remember that the price of newsprint did not remain stationary and there would be a further increase of wages in the near future. The committee was hoping that the increase in price already made would cover that. The surplus of £587 included £356 voluntary donations. They were also hoping to write off the £200 for goodwill and blocks.

So far as the peal levy was concerned it had been argued that peals were news and no publication paid for news. There was nothing to prevent an Association imposing a peal levy and so increasing the small amount of voluntary donations for peals. Quarter peal ringers had been very generous; peals ringers did not subscribe so generously. As to a reader getting a dirty copy they could not control the postal authorities. As far as Cornwall was concerned if the call change ringers would let them have the copy nobody would be more delighted than the committee.

The Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith said the committee had made out their case and it was up to them to give it a fair trial.

The president said their thanks were due to the committee for their work. He had had a letter from the American Guild of Handbell Ringers saying how much they appreciated 'The Ringing World' with its additional items.

The report was adopted.

'THE RINGING WORLD' ACCOUNTS BALANCE SHEET

Sundry Creditors—Woodbridge Press Ltd., £552 10s. 6d., Editor, £12 12s. 9d.—£565 3s. 3d. (£74); Amounts received in advance—Postal Subscriptions, £2,027 11s. 6d., Notices, £44 16s. 3d —£2.072 7s. 9d. (£1.040); Provision for income tax and audit fee, £82 1s. 9d. (£40); Capital Account Balance at December 21st, 1958, £4.522 4s. 7d., Profit for year, £587 7s. 5d.—£5,109 12s. (£4.522). Total £7,829 4s. 9d. (£5.676).

Goodwill and Blocks £200 (£200); Sundry debtors—Rolls Publishing Co. Ltd., £600 14s. 11d.; Advertisements, £137 4s. 9d.; Notices, £119 12s. 3d.; Postal Subscribers 3s. 7d.; Williams Brothers, £3 12s. 8d.—£861 8s. 2d. (£580); Investments at cost £3.600 (£3.600); Cash: at Bank, £3.111 10s. 7d., in hands of agent, £1 18s. 6d.—£3.113 9s. 1d. (£1.261); Amount due from Central Council £54 7s. 6d. (£35). Total £7.829 4s. 9d. (£5.676).

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

Woodbridge Press Ltd. printing, £3.951 15s., blocks, £37 8s. 6d.= £3,989 4s. 3d. (£4.019); Editorial Office Expenses: Editor's fees and expenses, £400 9s. 3d; Clerical assistance £158; Postage and Sundries £24 9s. 11d.= £582 19s. 2d. (£603); Postal Subscribers: Postage, £822 12s.; Addressing and wrappers, £236 3s. 5d.= £1,058 15s. 5d. (£1,090); Accounts

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Department: Clerical assistance, £156; Postage, £24 19s. 4d.; Stationery and sundries, £38 7s. 9d.= £219 7s. 1d. (£202); Miscellaneous Expenses £32 16s 6d. (£23); Audit and Accountancy Fees, £47 5s. (£37); Provision for Income Tax, £62 11s. (£46); Balance being profit carried to balance sheet, £587 7s. 5d. (£437). Total £6,580 5s. 10d. (£6,457).

Sales to Publishers, £2,251 2s. 1d. (£2,296); Sales to Postal Subscribers, £2,806 6s. 8d. (£2.762); Advertisements £424 9s. 8d. (£435); Notices, £546 19s. 1d. (£538); Donations, £356 19s. 1d. (£275); Sundry Receipts, £38 1s. 3d. (£45); Interest on Investments, £157 3s. 10d. (£106). Total £6.580 5s. 10d. (£6,457).

The honorary treasurer presented the accounts and said they were subject to audit as the auditor had been taken ill. He moved their adoption.

Mr. F. I. Hairs seconded.

Mr. Norman Chaddock asked for a breakdown of the voluntary subscription—peals, quarter peals and block grants like the Oxford Guild.

The honorary treasurer replied that it could be done but it was very complicated. They were extremely grateful to the Oxford Guild for their donation of £20.

The accounts were adopted.

THE NEW COMMITTEE

The Standing Committee recommended that the committee be re-elected with the exception of Mr. W. N. Park, who was not now a member of the Council.

Mr. Wilfred G. Wilson and Mr. Patrick I. Chapman were nominated. Mr. Wilson was elected to the committee and the recommendation of the Standing Committee was adopted.

THE PEAL BOARDS COMMITTEE

The task of recording details of Peal Boards from 1825 to the early part of the present century has been somewhat simplified by the fact that records of a large number of these interesting boards were published in 'Church Bells.' The details are being copied prior to their being arranged and typed on a uniform pattern, but as there are well over 500 the work will obviously take some time to complete.

The typing, however, is another problem and the committee would welcome offers of assistance from typists. For those who feel able to help a specimen lay-out will be provided and in cases where some special setting out is necessary, details will be explained. Only with such help can this valuable record of ringing history be completed in a reasonable time.—J. W. Clarke (Convener).

In the absence of the convener, Mr. Walter Ayre moved the adoption of the report.

Seconding, Mr. J. P. Fidler said they had written details from over 5,000 peal boards. It was rather a big task getting them written out in standard form. The typing was now a big problem. Quite a number of these boards were destroyed in the blitz. There were others that were deteriorating rapidly and they asked ringers to have them restored. There were quite a number of boards up and down the country not recorded.

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead asked ringers to check details of boards that had appeared in 'Church Bells.' Errors had been found.

The report was adopted.

The Standing Committee recommended that Messrs. J. W. Clarke, W. Ayre and J. P. Fidler be re-elected to the committee. This was agreed to.

THE PEALS COLLECTION COMMITTEE

The collection of Stedman Caters and Cinques is now complete in manuscript form and, allowing time for checking, should be in print within the next few mouths.—W. E. Critchley (Convener), G. E. Feirn, A. J. Pitman.

Moving the adoption of the report, Mr. Critchley said he hoped to start typing in the near future. He would like to thank all the people who had provided peals.

Mr. G. E. Feirn seconded.

The President: We should thank the committee for the commendable speed with which they had got the collection together.

The Standing Committee recommended that the committee be re-elected with the omission of Mr. C. W. Roberts and the addition of Mr. R. F. W. Speed. This was agreed to.

Literature & Press Committee Tell of Highlights of 1959

Once again some notable full-scale articles have come our way. Most of these are by non-ringers, but it is clear that the material has been carefully collected and discreetly presented. 'Ringers' Rhymes,' by C. V. Hancock, published in the 'Birmingham Post and Gazette,' is very pleasant reading, and gives the author opportunity to remark: 'The ancient art of bell ringing, thank Heaven, has not been killed by modernity.' Eric Potter in 'The British and Commonwealth Review' (August, 1958) and F. E. Corfield in 'Venture' both present straightforward accounts of bells and ringing. The former stresses the importance of ringing as church work, whilst the latter includes mention of the Central Council and 'The Ringing World.' In 'Readers' Digest' (April), Anne Deveson and Barbara Wace write of a visit to St. Paul's. Their description of the ringer in action is slightly distorted but the general substance and tone of the article justify the title 'The Joyous Ringing of Bells.'

'The Times,' of August 22nd, printed 'Bell Ringing as Popular Art,' by a Special Correspondent, an outstanding piece of work, distinguished by its matter, its arrangement and its writing. It provides an excellent survey of the Exercise and its organisation, and refers to 'The Ancient Society of College Youths' and the rules and customs of that body. The précis of the work of the Central Council is a little masterpiece of compression.

A well illustrated article on the activities of the teenagers, maintaining the 'Old Tradition' at Woolton Church, appeared in the 'Liverpool Evening Echo' just before Christmas. It showed the enthusiastic youngsters ringing both tower- and handbells. The same paper in May published an article by Arthur Turner entitled 'Who Will Ring Those Bats Out of the Belfry?' It gives an interesting account of bell usages throughout the centuries.

The local press, generally, has given good coverage to dedications. Great Yarmouth, Carbis Bay and Farnham were particularly well reported.

RINGING IN WORSHIP

Amongst church periodicals we have noted from: 'The Liverpool Diocesan Leaflet' for May the friendly appreciation of the work of ringers, written as a special message by the Bishop of Liverpool. The importance of ringing in worship and the beauty of the fellowship among ringers were the main themes. The 'Harpenden Parish Magazine,' published a series of articles by J. D. Painter and Mrs. Coburn. These essays on the history of bells and the development of change ringing have been devised and written for the edification and instruction of the parishioners. Finally, 'Cromlyn' (who, by the way, is, I understand, a clerical ringer), in his weekly column PANORAMA, in the 'Church of Ireland Gazette,' devoted considerable space in the issue dated December 8th, to the Central Council's leaflet 'The Ringing of Church Bells for Sunday Services,' which was distributed throughout all Dioceses in United Kingdom and Ireland. A touch of humour prevails throughout the article, but on a serious note he says 'Bell ringers need, deserve and should be given a great deal more high level clerical support... It is no reflection on the Holy Order of Deacons to say that an interest in a parish team and attendance at annual regional meetings should not be regarded as the unimportant preserve of the junior curate... would seem to be just the kind of an occasion when a visitation from an x, a y, or a z (meaning anything in gaiters) would do a lot of good.'

From Ireland, too, comes the well written pamphlet by the local tower secretary, Mr. John P. Irwin, giving the history of 'The Steeple, Bells and Clocks of Shankill Parish' in Lurgan, Co. Armagh. The work is the result of much research and it reveals some very interesting facts.

Miss Jean Sanderson has written a well-illustrated booklet on St. Nicholas' Parish Church, Norton, Herts, in which she devotes quite a lot of attention to the bells.

Contributions from the American Continent have been rather small and undistinguished. In a Canadian paper, the name and date of which are missing, we find an article on Mrs. Alice Sullivan (nee White) and her remarkable collection of bells. Unfortunately, what might have been a readable and informative account of this notable lady and her early ringing career was spoilt by inaccuracy and slovenly writing. 'The Ocean Press,' published on board the 'S.S. America,' outlines a prospective enterprise by a certain Louis Lamoureux, who proposes to establish a chain of bell shrines on Burke Mountain, Vermont. Since April no further news of this somewhat fantastic project has reached us. 'Bell-making Brisk since World War II' in the 'Oakville Record Star' has some straightforward lines on bells and bell-founding, but the article cannot be held to be in any way distinctive. On July 16th, 'The Hatchettstown Gazette' dealt with the history of the five bells of St. James' Church, Hachettstown, New Jersey. These bells are tolled or chimed, and photographs show two of the bells and the chiming console.

Articles in the technical press have been few. Perhaps the one which concerns us most is the reference in 'B.T.H. Productions' to 'Church Bell Reproduction,' an unusual and interesting application of the Hi-Fi equipment made recently at the Church of St. Andrew, Cheadle, Hulme, Cheshire. Here B.T.H. equipment has enabled the sound of the Parish Church bells, previously recorded on tape at the Church of St. Mary, Cheadle, to be broadcast with great fidelity and realism from the daughter church tower. A photograph of the church, with its small turret, makes the whole venture seem unrealistic. More realistic, however, is the description of the electrical equipment used in connection with the striking and chiming of the bells of St. Clement Danes' in the Strand, London. This article appeared in the 'Electrical Review' in February. The 'Foundry Trade Journey' dealt with the Bilbie family in two feature articles by Ronald Bailey. They were entitled 'Eccentric Bell Founders of the Mendips.'

'THE ARCHERS' CHURCH

The cover of the 'Radio Times' of December 25th was decorated with a drawing of the inside of a ringing chamber, depicting ringers at the ropes. The 'Borchester Echo,' on the other hand, provided photographs of the tower at Hanbury, Worcestershire, showing some of the well-known male characters of the daily programme 'The Archers' preparing to ring up the bells. Thus we have an intriguing antithesis; the depiction of an imaginary belfry in a real paper and the portrayal of a real belfry in a fictitious newspaper.

During the year correspondence in the Press has, on several occasions, been directed against ringers and ringing, and amongst these was a notable complaint concerning a peal at Worcester Cathedral. While we cannot ignore these danger signals, we are left with the assurance that provided reasonable restraint is shown, the people of this land are wholeheartedly on the side of the bells and the ringers. The 'Burnham (Bucks) Parish Magazine' in its editorial pleads for public tolerance if the bells are to be rung at all, and the complaint by Sir Percy Sillitoe in the 'Daily Telegraph' was admirably answered by M. W. Lewis, of Newark, Canon Carew Cox and Margaret Wells-Garner. We are of the opinion that a campaign in the Press on the lines of the broadcast from the Northern Ireland Region of the B.B.C. on Christmas Eve, when half an hour was devoted to bell ringing and ringers for the information of the listening public, should do much to interest the public and provide understanding of the ringers' point of view. Such a campaign in the form of well-written articles by members of the various Guilds and Associations, or 'Open days' like the one organised at Rotherham, should do much to win the goodwill of the public. The 'Open day' at Rotherham, which was given good publicity in the 'South Yorkshire Times,' included photographs of teams of handbell ringers from the High School. Over one thousand people visited the tower, whilst many more stopped to listen to the handbell ringers and to hear the ringing from the tower.

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It is discouraging to note that the Chancellor of the Diocese of Bristol has overruled the recommendation of its Advisory Committee in regard to electronic bells proposed to be introduced into the Diocese. The secretary of the Central Council followed up this matter with a letter to 'The Times' saying that other Diocesan Chancellors had refused faculties for the 'blatantly false' bells.

Bell ringing publications continue to appear.

In March, the long awaited 'Elementary Handbook for Beginners' was published by the Central Council. The popularity of this useful book can be judged by the fact that the first edition of 5,000 copies was quickly sold. Ernest Morris, of Leicester, continues to find something to write about. In September a further valuable book was added to the indispensable list of books already published by him. 'Tintinnabula,' his latest book, deals mainly with small bells and gives an interesting insight into the customs of various nations. In November, the publication of the Maidstone District of the Kent County Association, 'The Belfry,' celebrated its tenth year of production. As usual, the journal contains interesting material both from an historical and a change ringing point of view. 'The Ringers' Magazine,' 'Irish Bell News' and 'Ringing Towers' continue in their own lively ways which meet the needs of rural and local ringers, in particular, and also have an interest far beyond their own boundaries. The Ringers' Diary remains a most valuable asset to peal ringers, in particular, and all ringers in general. We cannot now imagine the Exercise without its own diary.

We, finally, desire to express our thanks to all who have sent us articles and newspaper cuttings, which are of the greatest assistance to us in formulating our reports.—Edgar C. Shepherd and Fred E. Dukes.

Proposing the adoption of the report, Mr. Shepherd said they could do with more people sending them cuttings.

Mr. F. E. Dukes seconded.

CHURCH PRESS

Mr. P. A. Corby congratulated the committee on a comprehensive report. He did not see any mention of ringing items in 'The Church Times.'

Mr. Philip Gray said he understood a report of their meeting would appear in 'The Church Times.' They needed a little more active evangelism. There was a great deal of bad correspondence about bells. They must see that the right thing was put in the right place.

The honorary secretary said notice of the meeting was sent to 'The Church Times' and 'The Church of England Newspaper.'

The Rev. John Scott said he circulated to Church newspapers details of the Sunday service survey. He got no response from 'The Church of England Newspaper' and 'The Church Illustrated' did not think it was 'up their street.' 'The Church Times' wrote a most cordial letter and published a report.

Miss M. E. Cross said particulars of the Oxford Guild's ringing course were published in 'The Church Times' and also a report.

The report was adopted.

The Standing Committee recommended the reappointment of Messrs. Shepherd and Dukes and this was agreed to on the proposal of Mr. A. A. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Anderson.

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GIPSON.—On Thursday, June 9th, 1960, to Joan and John Gipson, of Meldreth, Cambs.—a sister for Catherine and Christine. 6135

DEATH

DAVIS.—On June 11th, 1960, Stella Davis, of Bucklebury, Berkshire. 'Each loving life a Psalm of Gratitude.' 6134

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of Peter Crook, 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton, Lancs, will be c/o Paine, 280B, Harvey Avenue, Kelowna, B.C., Canada, from June 28th until October 23rd, 1960. Back home about end of November. 6117

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Practice meeting at St. Andrew's, Clevedon (8), on June 18th. Bells available 5 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 5931

DEVON GUILD.—Annual festival, Exeter, June 18th. Service St. Mark's 4 p.m., address by the Bishop of Exeter. Tea and meeting in St. Mark's Parish Hall. Numbers for tea to Rev. C. G. Poulton, 36, Polsloe Road, Exeter. Ringing arrangements: St. Thomas' 1.30-3 p.m., Heavitree 1.30-3, St. Mark's 3-4, Cathedral 6-8.30 p.m. 5985

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Stanground, Saturday, June 18th. Bells (6) 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing after tea: Woodston (6) 6-7.15 p.m. Fletton (5) 6-8.30 p.m.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 6093

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Tewin (6 bells), 3 p.m., Saturday, June 18th. Tea 5 p.m.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 6133

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—Ringing anniversary, Saturday, June 18th. Bells available 3 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Tea shop near church. Everyone welcome.—M. T. Symonds. 6107

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—S. & W. District.—Meeting, Saturday, June 18th. Arrangements: Stanwell 2.30-3.30 p.m., Staines (St. Mary) 3-4.30, followed by service. Tea 5 p.m. St. Peter's, Staines 6-8 p.m.—E. R. G. 6089

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, All Saints', Pontefract, on Saturday, June 18th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please provide own food, cups of tea only available.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 6130

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD OF RINGERS.—A meeting will be held at Downham (6) (near Wickford), on Saturday, June 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Cups of tea 5 p.m. 6105

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Hurstpierpoint (8), Saturday, June 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. 6085

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD (Andover District) and OXFORD GUILD (Newbury District).—Joint meeting, Highclere, June 18th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea in the Armoury, Thatcham (8) 6.30. Newbury (10) 7.45 to 9 p.m. 6080

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Meeting at Alvechurch (8), Saturday, June 18th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Coach will leave Bell Hotel, Stourbridge at 2.30 p.m. sharp.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., 17, Ham Lane, Pedmore, Stourbridge. 6038

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the 'Rising Sun,' Carter Lane, E.C., Saturday, June 25th, 6 p.m. Ringing St. Clement Danes', Strand, 3.30 p.m. Practices: June 21st, Southwark Cathedral, 6.45 p.m.; June 28th, St. Paul's Cathedral, 6.30; July 5th, St. Lawrence's, Jewry, 6.30; July 12th, St. Giles', Cripplegate, 6.45 p.m. Will members visiting London please note that weekly practices are held on the continuous rota shown above.—John Chilcott, Hon. Sec. 6124

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—Practice meeting, Banwell, June 25th, Bells (8) 5 p.m.—David H. White. 6098

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Bidston, Saturday, June 25th, Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea provided free for those notifying by Wednesday previous.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 6131

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby and Ilkeston District.—Monthly meeting, Belper (8), Saturday, June 25th, 3.30-5 p.m. and 6-7.30 p.m. Cafes nearby.—W. A. Morley, Dis. Sec. 6121

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Thrybergh, June 25th, Bells (6) 3 p.m. Running buffet.—R. J. Sanderson. 6123

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Chipping Campden (8), June 25th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by June 21st.—Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Cheltenham. 6122

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Chippenham Branch. — Meeting, Colerne, June 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea essential by June 23rd. to H. G. Sheppard, 38, High Street, Colerne, Wilts. 6110

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting at Olveston (8), June 25th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service, tea and meeting to follow.—F. Hussey, 39, Gordon Avenue, Whitehall, Bristol 5. 6118

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chertsey District.—Meeting at Send and Ockham, Saturday, June 25th. Bells 3 p.m., and service 4.30, at Send. Tea 5 p.m.—Red Cross Hut, Send. Ockham and Send bells in evening. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, to Mr. Strudwick, 'Eskholm,' Potters Lane, Send. 6106

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Willesborough, Saturday, June 25th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Thursday, to Mr. R. J. Carlton, 10, Hunter Road, Willesborough.—C. T. H. 6108

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Blackrod, Saturday, June 25th. Bells (6) at 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. No business.—Thornley, Hon. Sec. 6099

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Woodlesford, Saturday, June 25th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided, bring own food.—D. Thorp. 6129

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Hinckley District.—Meeting, Cosby, June 25th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Names please, by the Wednesday previous, to Mr. John Bennett, 28, Warwick Road, Littlethorpe, Narborough, Leics.—M. Vernon, Dis. Sec. 6103

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Edenham, Saturday, June 25th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea by June 20th, to Mr. W. Holmes, Edenham, Bourne, Lincs.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 6090

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Monthly meeting at Stoke Poges, on Saturday, June 25th. Ringing 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. 6109

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—The summer meeting will be held at Hurst, on June 25th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea in Village Hall. Names for tea by June 21st, to Mrs. B. C. Castle, 'The Briars,' Westfield Road, Winnersh, Wokingham. 6101

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Meeting at Courteenhall, Saturday, June 25th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. - 7.15 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Collingtree (5) available 6.30-7.45 p.m. Social (1s.) 7.45-11.15 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous. Social tickets (C.W.O.) from E. Billings, 61, Melville Street, Northampton. 6097

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Litchborough, June 25th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names by Tuesday previous.—W. A. Yates, 4, Bannerlands, Dadford, Buckingham. 6116

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Meeting at Colston Bassett, Saturday, June 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea at Manvers Arms, at 5 p.m., not later than the 21st, to Mr. G. Payne, Colston Bassett, Notts. 6096

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North East District.—A practice meeting at Theberton (bells 2.30 p.m.), and Yoxford (bells 6.30 p.m.), Saturday, June 25th. Tea at Theberton 5 p.m.—A. R. Bridges, Dis. Sec. 6095

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting at Heathfield (afternoon) and Warbleton (evening), on June 25th. Tea at Heathfield at 5 p.m. Please notify F. Beency (sec.), Hillbrae, Carters Corner Road, Hailsham. 6111

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Annual festival, St. Mary's, Swansea, Saturday, June 25th. Bells (8) available 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business to follow. Names for tea by June 18th, to J. A. Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Fforestfach, Swansea. 6056

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch. — Second quarterly meeting, Gawsworth (8), Saturday, July 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by June 28th. please, to H. C. Lonyon, 8, Cardigan Close, Macclesfield. Frequent buses Macclesfield-Congleton route. 6100

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Quarterly meeting, Ingrave, July 2nd. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Brentwood (8) will also be available from 7 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss N. Jeffery, 45, Brentwood Road, Ingrave. 6126

LADIES' GUILD.—Annual general meeting at Bath, on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells available: St. Michael with St. Paul, Broad Street, 10-11 a.m.; Twerton 11-12 noon; St. Mark's 2-3 p.m.; Abbey 2.30-3.30; St. Mary, Bathwick 7-7.30; All Saints, Weston 7.30-8.30; Corston from 7 p.m. Committee meeting 1 p.m., St. Mary's Church Hall. Service, Bath Abbey, 3.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting, St. Mary's Church Hall, 4.15 p.m. Names for tea (3s. 6d.) by June 29th, to Mrs. Norton, Gout House Farm, Kingston Seymour, Clevedon, Somerset. 6018

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION. — Llandaff Branch. — Meeting, Aberavon, **July 2nd.** Not June 25th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—R. E. Coles, Branch Sec. 6115

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Meeting at Attleborough, Saturday, July 2nd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by June 29th. Special methods: Beverley Surprise and College Exercise.—C. F. W. Phillippo, 1, Council Houses, Bunwell, Norwich, NOR 01X. 6127

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — The annual festival will be held at Oxford, on Saturday, July 2nd. Service at Christ Church 11 a.m. Annual meeting in the Chapter House 12 noon. Lunch in Christ Church dining hall 1.30 p.m. Luncheon tickets 6s. Application for tickets, accompanied by remittance, must reach Mr. A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Church Lane, Wexham, Slough, Bucks, not later than Tuesday, June 28th. Ringing arrangements as on agenda.—M. R. Cross, Hon. Gen. Sec. 6091

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY (Est. 1623).—The 337th Anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (12) available from 11 a.m. Service 6 p.m. 12 bell ringing guaranteed. Lunch and tea for those who notify me by 23rd.—L. E. Pitstow, 4, Highfields, ('Phone 2074). 6082

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Dorchester Branch.—Summer quarterly meeting, Bere Regis, on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, June 22nd, to Mr. H. Pitfield, Rose Cottage, Butt Lane, Bere Regis, Dorchester, Dorset.—R. H. Duke, Hon. Sec. 6079

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Nottingham District.—Meeting on July 2nd, at Cotgrave. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Names for tea by June 29th, to S. Adams, 54, Wilford Road, Ruddington. 6132

SUFFOLK GUILD.—S.W. District.—Meeting at Stratford St. Mary (6), Saturday, July 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. Bailey, Squirrels Hall Cottage, Stratford St. Mary, Colchester, Essex. Higham (6) available after tea.—R. J. Seabrook. 6119

SUFFOLK GUILD.—West Central District.—Meeting at Cotton (8), July 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea by June 29th.—H. Mitson, Dis. Sec., Buxhall, Stowmarket. 6120

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly District meeting at Walton-on-Thames, July 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Names for tea by Thursday previous, to Mrs. V. Lathbury, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames. Oatlands bells in evening.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 6102

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting, July 2nd, at Whitchurch, Hants. Meeting 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. in Church Hall. Numbers for tea to Mr. E. W. Dance, Bere Hill Farm, Whitchurch, Hants. 19 towers open during the day—details later.—R. R. Savory, Hon. Gen. Sec. 6070

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.—Diocesan festival at Werrington, on Saturday, July 9th, beginning 2.30 p.m. Service at Werrington at 4.15 p.m., followed by tea. 2s. Bells: Werrington (8), St. Stephen, Launceston (8), St. Thomas' (6), Lawhitton (6), Lezant (6), South Petherwin (6), also after tea St. Mary Magdalen, Launceston (8). Replies by Tuesday, June 28th, to Rev. H. Trewhella, Penhevla, Crantock, Newquay. 6112

MISS STELLA DAVIS KILLED

We regret to announce that Miss Stella Davis, of Bucklebury, a vice-president of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, met her death last Saturday while on an outing. She was crossing the road when she was knocked over by a motor-cyclist and died shortly afterwards.

Miss Davis was captain of the Bucklebury band and a past secretary of the Newbury Branch.

FASTEST ON NASH BELLS

Dear Sir,—The claim by Mr. Hartley for the fastest peal on Nash bells is four years too late and six minutes too slow.

On Thursday, January 26th, 1956, a peal of Plain Bob Minor was rung on these bells in 2 hours and 23 minutes, conducted by me.—Yours faithfully,

DAVID J. KING.

Chepstow, Mon.

FIRST OF MINOR AT BRILL

Dear Sir,—Mr. Alan R. Pink claims that the peal of Minor he conducted at Brill, Bucks, on May 14th, was the first peal of Minor on the bells. This is incorrect since I took part in a peal of seven Minor methods, conducted by my father, Tony Price, on July 9th, 1949, in 2 hours and 40 minutes. This peal was believed to have been the first of Minor on the bells.—Yours faithfully,

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A summer school on 'The English Cathedral and Abbey' will be held at St. John's College Hostel, Heworth Green, York, from August 20th to 27th. The fee will be 12 guineas (non-residents 6 guineas). Application to the Institute of Advanced Architectural Studies, Micklegate, York.

BRISTOL.—At St. Mary Redcliffe, on June 5th, 1,363 Grandsire Cinques: F. G. Leaker 1, A. M. Tyler 2, Marian Hancock (first of Cinques 'inside') 3, Beryl Abbott (first of Grandsire Cinques 4, J. Baldwin (first of Grandsire Cinques) 5, Jane Cook 6, W. Abrahams (first of Cinques) 7, R. Blackler 8, F. C. Mogford 9, E. F. Hancock (cond.) 10, F. Hansford 11, S. Gillet 12. Rung after Evensong.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Whit Sunday, June 5th, 1,440 Minor (720 each St. Clement's and Plain Bob): Hermione Hockey 1, W. A. Hughes 2, A. S. Richards 3, J. Faircloth 4, D. Holland 5, A. MacVe (cond.) 6.

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SAWLEY, DERBYS.—On May 29th, 1,320 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Miss C. Webb (first quarter) 1, O. Cripps 2, W. Simpson 3, J. Harvey 4, D. Marshall (cond.) 5, R. Newsum 6.

SPALDWICK, HUNTINGDON.—On May 7th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. W. Allen 1, H. S. Peacock 2, Lucy Allen 3, P. E. Wells 4, E. J. Whiting 5, R. F. Baker (cond.) 6. In honour of the wedding of H.R.H. Princess Margaret and Mr. Antony Armstrong-Jones.

SPONDON, DERBYS.—On May 11th, 1,272 Minor (Kent and Oxford T.B.): E. H. Willows 1, Miss C. Collier 2, D. K. Walklate (cond.) 3, Miss R. Bull 4, D. Parkin 5, J. Murfin 6.

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QUEX PARK

THE joy of new discovery should be always with us, for without it we grow old indeed. And since, as Kipling tells us, 'God gave all men all earth to love,' there is no lack of beauty or joy of discovery so long as we have eyes to see, ears to hear, and power to move. Thus it was in a mood of expectancy that we came to Kent, known and loved by many, but a strange land to us; and from the glories of Folkestone Leas, from the vast, stony desert of Dungeness and the monotonous moan of sirens in the sea mist, through the loveliness of Elham and Barham, we came at length to Birchington and the bell tower in Quex Park.

According to Lewis Carroll, it was a golden key that opened the little door and showed Alice the enchanting garden beyond. Ours was a mundane, very ordinary key, hung aslant the notice 'To the Bell Tower'; but it beckoned, and we followed into a land so quiet, so seemingly remote, that Birchington and the dreary chain of traffic on the Canterbury road a mile behind might well have been in another world. At the wicket gate our vehicle could go no further, and amid the dripping bushes we gazed across the meadow to a heavy grove of trees, and someone said: 'The tower is in there.'

And so we came to this strange monument, hidden in its fastness, its four turrets rising among the trees that brushed its sides, and the cast-iron spire that imitates Faversham pointing higher to the storm clouds streaming from the west. In a bush close by a blackbird's tiny brood twittered excitedly, and near at hand the powdered upthrow from a badger's earth betrayed the opening from which the shy gentleman would doubtless emerge when dusk had come and we had gone.

Here was a unique memorial to an extraordinary man, John Powell, probably the wealthiest of all the patrons of the art of ringing. According to Trollope, he may have learnt to ring at Fulham, but when he inherited Quex Park he became a wealthy man and was able to indulge his passion for ringing without any restraint save that imposed by his own limitations. And to this end he erected a tower and furnished it with a ring of 12 bells cast at the Whitechapel Foundry; he recruited a band, chiefly from the men on his estate, and he lured William Shipway from London into Kent to act as instructor. With Shipway's aid, he studied composition fervidly and plunged into the problems of Stedman Triples with great perseverance. His results were negligible, but his support of Shipway's work and the incidental benefit to East Kent ringing arising from Shipway's sojourn at Birchington make Powell's contributions of some importance to the study of change-ringing. And his tower rings with the echoes of the great army of notable ringers visiting and revisiting Quex Park during a period of more than a hundred years.

To us, therefore, it was a privilege to walk where so many famous ringers have walked, from Shipway to our own day; to ring where so many great exponents of the art have stood beneath these bells; to recall the many comings and goings of notable personalities in this sylvan fastness; to chuckle again at the refreshing recollection of John Cheeseman and Armiger Trollope getting down to sleep on this bare floor amid the whisperings from the tall shafts on the night they could find no resting place in Birchington.

The first impact of the 12 bells was stupefying. It was as the sound of a thousand musical boxes punctuated by a hundred chiming clocks, and even the roll-ups of three leads of Treble Twelve came but confusedly to our inexperienced ears. As time went on, this dazzling stream of sound began to resolve itself into familiar patterns, so that by the time that two courses of Stedman Cinques had been rung the primal difficulties had vanished. Outside the tower it is found that the overtones are not so dominant and the changes rung are clearly heard.

We walked back across the meadow as the back eight turned to an excellent course of London, and from the wicket one heard with perfect clearness, and indeed sweetness, every blow of this piece of competent ringing.

The storm clouds were drifting overhead and rain was falling upon the dripping leaves as we gathered ourselves together and departed from this place back to the world of other things, and the copse and the tower were left to their own musings. Alice, alas, despite the golden key, was too big to get through the door to the magic garden; we, more fortunate, have squeezed through, and have for a short time found an enchanted land. When next we come, it may be that the glory will have departed; but there can be no doubt that on this day there has been enchantment at Quex Park.

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TEN BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., May 23, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5009 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

*BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Treble*	JOSEPH W. COTTON	6
†RICHARD J. CLIFTON	2	G. RONALD EDWARDS	7
JOHN M. JELLEY	3	†A. JAMES POYNOR	8
*ERNEST MORRIS	4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS	9
MRS. G. A. HALLS	5	ALAN E. HARTLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by SHIRLEY BURTON (No. 2).
Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* 250th peal together. † First of Caters.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 6, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 32 cwt. 20 lb. in C sharp.

CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	*Treble*	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	6
*ROSEMARY J. SEABROOK	2	JOHN W. BLYTHE	7
JOHN FREEMAN	3	NORMAN CHADDOCK	8
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	9
CYRIL A. WRATTEN	5	CECIL W. PIPE	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
* First peal of Surprise Royal.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 11, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3 version. Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

JOHN E. CHILCOTT	*Treble*	ALAN F. THIRST	6
JOAN BERESFORD	2	ALAN ROGERS	7
FRANK C. PRICE	3	FRANK E. DARBY	8
MICHAEL P. MORETON	4	STEWART F. KIMBER	9
DAVID E. PARSONS	5	MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. KIPPIN. Conducted by STEWART F. KIMBER.
First peal as conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

COLEMAN'S HATCH, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 28, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in G.

W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	*Treble*	COLIN A. TESTER	5
OLIVE D. COUCHMAN	2	HERBERT W. WOOLVEN	6
EVELYN M. HICKS	3	FRANK H. HICKS	7
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	4	JOHN A. HOWARD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JOHN A. HOWARD.
First peal as conductor.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 28, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.

*KEITH BODICOAT	*Treble*	G. HARRY BRAY	5
BRIAN G. WARWICK	2	†A. JAMES POYNOR	6
ERNEST MORRIS	3	‡BRIAN M. SMITH	7
JOHN A. ACRES	4	ALBERT J. COOKE	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal. † First of Plain Bob Triples. ‡ 25th peal.
A compliment to Patricia A. Wardle and Russell S. Morris (both of Aylestone) on their engagement.

AYLESTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., May 31, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 6 qr. 3 lb.

*MARIE DAVENPORT	*Treble*	CHRISTINE WAKEFIELD	5
PATRICIA A. WARDLE	2	TERRY I. ROPER	6
†SANDRA CHESTERTON	3	†PAUL MARTIN	7
A. JAMES POYNOR	4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by RUSSELL S. MORRIS.
* First peal. † First of Major 'inside.'
Rung by the Sunday service band as a 21st birthday compliment to Patricia A. Wardle, and to mark her engagement to the conductor.

BURGHILL, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 4, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Transposition of Bruerton's Twelve-Part. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

FRANK REED	*Treble*	†RONALD I. THOMAS	5
ROSEMARY JARRETT	2	GEORGE DAVIS	6
WILLIAM F. SCUDAMORE	3	AUSTIN T. WINGATE	7
*THOMAS E. WOOD	4	‡MICHAEL MUNN	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM F. SCUDAMORE.
* First peal 'inside.' † First of Triples. ‡ First peal.

DUNMOW, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 4, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21¼ cwt.

*JOHN NEWMAN	*Treble*	H. WALTER SMITH	5
†GEORGE SAUNDERS	2	ANDREW T. BECKWITH	6
ROBERT C. HEAZEL	3	JOHN A. WARNER	7
ALFRED H. LITTLE	4	HARRY J. MILLATT	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by HARRY J. MILLATT.
* First peal on eight bells. † Has now 'circled the tower.'
Rung for the wedding this day of Patricia Little (niece of the fourth ringer) and Stanley Clarke.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 4, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

RONALD W. R. PICTON	*Treble*	D. JOSEPH GOODMAN	5
*KEITH D. WAPLES	2	WALTER AYRE	6
†GILLIAN E. GRANEY	3	RODERICK V. WALLIS	7
‡ROBERT J. PICTON	4	BRIAN M. BARKER	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN COX. Conducted by BRIAN M. BARKER.
* First peal 'inside.' † First on eight bells. ‡ First of Major. First as conductor.
Rung as a thanksgiving for the return to the parish of the Vicar, the Rev. R. L. Parkin, M.A., following a serious operation.

SUTTERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 4, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-BLESSED-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt. in F.

ALAN G. PAYNE	*Treble*	WILLIAM E. CLARKE	5
FREDA P. GREAVES	2	HAROLD BARSLEY	6
FRANK TAYLOR	3	C. HAROLD WHITTON	7
JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM	4	J. MARTIN THORLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Whit Monday, June 6, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21¼ cwt.

LESLIE G. BRETT	*Treble*	JAMES BENNETT, JUN.	5
*ERNEST G. PEARCE	2	WALTER RUFFLES	6
*GILBERT R. GOODSHIP	3	*LESLIE N. MELTON	7
FRANK RUFFLES	4	WILLIAM J. BUTTON	*Tenor*

Composed by THOMAS DAY. Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.
* First peal of Oxford. The tenor ringer has now 'circled the tower' three times.
Rung to commemorate the 16,608 Oxford rung in this tower on Whit Monday, June 6th, 1892, in 10 hours and 32 minutes.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., June 7, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 ST. CLEMENT'S BOB TRIPLES
Holt's Ten-Part Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM A. SMITH	*Treble*	ERNEST J. BLOWER	5
ALFRED J. HOUSE	2	MARK F. HATCH	6
GERALD D. J. SANDWELL	3	MICHAEL J. HALLETT	7
ROY D. TOMLIN	4	WILLIAM F. WARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALFRED J. HOUSE.
First peal of Triples in the method by all the band, and for the Association.
Rung as a compliment to the ringer of the fifth, to mark his 50 years of loyal service in this tower.

LYDD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 8, 1960, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

MAISIE VANTOM	*Treble*	ROBERT SWIFT	5
JOHN R. COOPER	2	CYRIL A. WRATTEN	6
JOAN BERESFORD	3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	7
CRAWFORD T. HILLIS	4	DENNIS A. CHAPMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by E. W. TIPLER (No. 1).
Conducted by DENNIS A. CHAPMAN.

First peal of Surprise as conductor. First in the method on the bells. A 16th birthday compliment to Janet Batchelor, a member of the local band.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., June 9, 1960, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Groves' variation of Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

CLIVE HOLLAWAY	*Treble*	BERTRAM J. COGGINS	5
*EDWARD VENN	2	FRANCIS A. WHITE	6
BERNARD COGGINS	3	BRIAN R. WHITE	7
DENNIS LESLIE	4	CHARLES COLES	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN R. WHITE.

* First peal of Triples. First as conductor.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., June 10, 1960, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5120 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

JOAN BERESFORD	*Treble*	ALAN E. BAGWORTH	5
DENNIS BERESFORD	2	IAN H. ORAM	6
*REV. PETER T. ROBBINS	3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	7
FREDERICK J. CULLUM	4	PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by M. HODGSON. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

* First peal in the method.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., June 10, 1960, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET-OF-ANTIOCH,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

*MICHAEL J. STANLEY	*Treble*	*RONALD A. WRIGHT	5
*A. TERENCE COLLINS	2	*ERIC SUTTON	6
VICTOR GRIFFIN	3	*CHARLES G. JONES	7
*ANTHONY R. PEAKE	4	BRIAN BLADON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by VICTOR GRIFFIN.

* First peal in the method. First of Surprise Major as conductor. Believed to be the first of Surprise Major on the bells.

Rung to mark the birthday of Prince Philip and the official birthday of H.M. the Queen.

CURRY RIVEL, SOMERSET
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 11, 1960, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's (second observation). Tenor 19¼ cwt.

WALTER H. POOLE	*Treble*	HARRY J. GAYLARD	5
ARTHUR H. REED	2	ALBERT W. DYER	6
RAYMOND P. SELWAY	3	PHILIP N. TUBBS	7
*FREDERICK WELCH	4	*REGINALD HEBDITCH	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR H. REED.

* First peal of Stedman.

Rung as a birthday compliment to H.M. the Queen.

DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 11, 1960, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 30¼ cwt.

EDWIN G. BUCK	*Treble*	PATRICIA M. BOURNE	5
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	2	COLIN A. S. HARWOOD	6
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	3	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE	7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	4	JACK S. DEAR	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
NON-ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

MICHAEL READ	*Treble*	ALFRED BROUGHTON	4
R. MATTHEWS	2	GEORGE BROUGHTON	5
JAMES WOODWARD	3	MICHAEL WHITE	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE BROUGHTON.

Rung by the local band as a farewell to the Rector, Rev. C. B. Richardson.

ITCHINGFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., May 15, 1960, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED DOUBLES
In 35 methods, viz.: Stedman, Grandsire, Rev. Union, Rev. St. Faith, Rev. St. Julian, Bedfont S.C., Boveney S.C., Eton S.C., Westminster II Bob, Blackburn, St. Hilary, Chesham S.C., Broughton S.C., Ockham S.C., New Bob, Huntspill, St. Vedast, Itchingfield S.C., Oakley S.C., Chipstead S.C., St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place Bob, St. Remigius', Longford S.C., Thornborough S.C., Hascombe S.C., St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Osmund's, Rugby S.C., Clapton S.C., Merton S.C., All Saints', Rev. Canterbury, Plain Bob; 203 changes of method.
Tenor 6¼ cwt.

*GEOFFREY C. RIX	*Treble*	*BERNARD E. MATTHEWS	3
BRYAN C. BURROUGH	2	GEORGE FRANCIS	4
W. LESLIE WELLER	*Tenor*		

Conducted by GEORGE FRANCIS.

* First peal of Doubles.

Rung in honour of the wedding of H.R.H. Princess Margaret to Mr. Antony Armstrong-Jones.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., May 24, 1960, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

*GEOFFREY BROMFIELD	*Treble*	*ROBERT HARRISON	4
VERNON HEPWORTH	2	SEPTIMUS NEAVE	5
STEPHEN BROMFIELD	3	A. W. HOODLESS	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. W. HOODLESS.

* First peal.

Rung in memoriam Arthur Harold Eastoe, ringer and churchwarden, May 24th, 1957.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., May 29, 1960, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*RUTH BLACKSHAW	*Treble*	*MAURICE HARRISON	4
DOREEN ARMSTRONG	2	*ALEC LARKIN	5
FRANK BRADLEY	3	*BRIAN MILLS	*Tenor*

Conducted by DOREEN ARMSTRONG.

* First peal in the method.

Rung by the Sunday service band for the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. Larkin.

EAST BUDLEIGH, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Fri., June 3, 1960, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Cambridge, Kent and Oxford, and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

ELISABETH A. G. BOWDEN	*Treble*	RICHARD J. BOWDEN	4
LESLEY J. BLADON	2	D. JOHN HUNT	5
*MICHAEL J. BOARD	3	BRIAN BLADON	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN BLADON.

* First peal in four Minor methods.

Rung by the Society of Friends of the Exercise on assembling for their eighth Whitsun tour.

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DONHEAD ST. MARY, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Whit Monday, June 6, 1960, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 Kent, two 720's Cambridge, two 720's Oxford Bob and two 720's Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 13 cwt.

ERIC NAYLOR	*Treble*	VICTOR ROBERTS	4
DAVID HOARE	2	EDWARD J. CHIVERS	5
ERIC C. WADMAN	3	RONALD G. BECK	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID HOARE.

GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 4, 1960, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*KATHARINE BURCHNALL	*Treble*	*RICHARD HOBBS	4
†VALERIE WATERFIELD	2	JOHN COATES	5
*GRACE BURCHNALL	3	†HAROLD DENMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD DENMAN.
* 25th peal together. † 25th peal together. 100th peal on the bells.

NEWINGTON-NEXT-HYTHE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 4, 1960, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise and Oxford Treble Bob, and one extent each of Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's College Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

ARTHUR G. MASON	*Treble*	FREDERICK E. DUKES	4
*VIOLET I. E. RELF	2	CRAWFORD T. HILLIS	5
JOHN R. COOPER	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal in five methods.

NORTHMOOR, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., June 6, 1960, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Tenor 11 cwt.

F. TRINDER	*Treble*	V. CLIFTON	4
D. FLOYD	2	D. LESLIE	5
N. LESLIE	3	A. CANTWELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by D. LESLIE.
Rung to celebrate the birthday of Mr. T. Florey, who has been churchwarden of this church for 43 years.

PULVERBATCH, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 6, 1960, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDITH,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Oxford and Kent T.B. Combined, two each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 5 cwt. 20 lb. in B.

*RICHARD E. MORRIS	*Treble*	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	4
CLAIRE D'LLAMORE	2	PHILIP J. EVANS	5
MARY C. POYNER	3	F. HECTOR BENNETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by F. HECTOR BENNETT.
* First peal in three methods.
Rung for the Festival of Whitsuntide.

BOBBING, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., June 7, 1960, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.

MRS. FRANCIS J. CHEAL	*Treble*	*JOHN W. COLEMAN	4
FRANCIS J. CHEAL	2	†WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT	5
GEORGE KENWARD	3	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.
* First peal. † 150th peal.
Rung as a birthday compliment to H.R.H. Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh; also 25th anniversary of the conductor's first peal at Milverton, June 8th, 1935. Claud Tarr and Walter H. Poole are the only ones left of the band.

CAWTHORNE, BARNSLEY.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Barnsley and District Society.)
On Thurs., June 7, 1960, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being an extent each of Trinity Sunday, Felkirk, College Exercise, Duke of Norfolk, Norbury, College Pleasure and Woodbine.
Tenor 9 cwt.

DOUGLAS N. STABLES	*Treble*	TREVOR TARBATT	4
CYRIL RUSBY	2	HERMAN RUSBY	5
FRED COWLING	3	NOEL F. MOXON	*Tenor*

Conducted by NOEL F. MOXON.
Rung to commemorate 50 years' service by Mr. H. Rusby as chorister at Cawthorne Church.

FULMER, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., June 8, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 ALDBOURNE DELIGHT MINOR

Being seven different extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout.
Tenor 7¼ cwt. in B.

HAROLD N. TEMBEY	*Treble*	H. GEORGE HART	4
PHYLLIS M. MAYNE	2	FRANK C. PRICE	5
ELSIE K. HART	3	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
First peal in the method.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., June 8, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being four extents Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, eight Plain Bob, six April Day, nine Reverse St. Bartholomew, 11 extents and one each of Morris' and Pitman's 240 Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

JAMES H. MUSSON	*Treble*	FREDERICK DERRY	4
*MICHAEL E. STRACEY	2	FREDERICK W. PINCHBECK	5
J. EDWARD BROWN	3	†TERENCE NEEDHAM	*Tenor*

Conducted by MICHAEL E. STRACEY.
* First peal of Doubles. † First peal at first attempt. First as conductor.
Rung as a compliment to Miss Jean Hoy and Mr. Brian Buswell on their engagement.

GREAT DODDINGTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., June 9, 1960, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 ST. COLUMBA DOUBLES
Being 42 extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb. in B.

RICHARD J. DANBY	*Treble*	GEORGE F. ROOME	3
TIMOTHY A. WOODING	2	PERCY AMOS	4
ALLAN R. JONES	*Tenor*		

Conducted by ALLAN R. JONES.
First peal in the method.
Rung on the Festival of St. Columba.

COTTESBROOKE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., June 10, 1960, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob and five of Plain Bob.
Tenor 14 cwt. 21 lb. in F.

C. WILLIAM BROWN	*Treble*	DEREK E. GRIFFIN	4
RICHARD J. SEATON	2	ARTHUR J. MILLARD	5
STANLEY E. BROWN	3	ERNEST G. ORLAND	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST G. ORLAND.
Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

LEIGH, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., June 10, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDBURGA,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents, using singles only. Tenor 17¼ cwt. in E.

R. GEORGE MORRIS	*Treble*	JOHN J. STANIER	4
*ANNE BULLARD	2	THOMAS W. LEWIS	5
*JOHN C. SLATER	3	GEORGE E. EVENDEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. EVENDEN.
* First peal on six bells.

LITTLE HOUGHTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., June 10, 1960, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 CHACE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb. in F.

VICTOR A. PERRY	*Treble*	TIMOTHY A. WOODING	3
ALLAN R. JONES	2	PERCY AMOS	4
GEORGE F. ROOME	*Tenor*		

Conducted by ALLAN R. JONES.
First peal in the method for the band, and for the Guild.

STEEPLE CLAYDON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., June 10, 1960, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of Durham, York, London, Wells, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge. Tenor 13 cwt.

*BARRY DAVIES	*Treble*	GEORGE W. HOLLAND	4
†JO MORETON	2	WILLIAM A. YATES	5
†JAMES LINNELL	3	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* First attempt for a peal. † First in seven Surprise methods 'inside.' First in seven methods on the bells.

ALDERBOURNE DELIGHT MINOR
34—34.6—12—123—12—3
2nds place lead.

ALDEBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., June 11, 1960, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 1,440 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and 720 of Plain Bob. Tenor 12¼ cwt. in F.

C. JACK GIBSON	*Treble*	ALAN S. PIPE	4
JAMES E. BAILEY	2	PETER S. BEDFORD	5
RAYMOND PECK	3	JOHN W. BLYTHE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

Rung to mark the opening of the 13th Aldeburgh Festival of Music and Arts; also birthday compliments to Mr. J. G. Rumsey and Mrs. D. Hall.

HOAR CROSS, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., June 11, 1960, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods, viz.: (1) Double Court Bob, (2) Single Oxford Bob, (3) St. Clement's Bob, (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) Oxford Treble Bob, (6) Kent Treble Bob and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 28 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

JOSEPH W. COTTON	*Treble*	JOHN K. SMITH	4
KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	2	ALAN E. HARTLEY	5
JOHN M. JELLEY	3	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

MARBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 11, 1960, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten extents of Stedman, six each of Grandsire, St. Simon's and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, four each of St. Martin's and Plain Bob, three each of April Day and Reverse St. Bartholomew. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

HERBERT SUTTON	*Treble*	FREDERICK S. SUTTON	4
*JOHN E. BROUGH	2	IVOR R. NICHOLS	5
FRANK R. MORTON	3	THOMAS P. BARLOW	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN E. BROUGH.

* 100th peal. 50th peal as conductor for the Guild.

Rung by officials of the Crewe Branch as a welcome to Rev. A. Beaumont, who was inducted on June 7th.

NEW MILLS, DERBYSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 11, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE-THE-MARTYR,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. in G sharp.

EDWARD SHUTTLEWORTH	*Treble*	PETER DALE	4
E. MICHAEL QUINN	2	BERNARD GROVES	5
GORDON RUMNEY	3	JOHN ROBINSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by BERNARD GROVES.

First peal in the method by all the band except the conductor. First in the method as conductor. The conductor has now 'circled the tower.'

QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 11, 1960, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*ROBERT DOWDESWELL	*Treble*	†NOEL R. WAITE	4
ANTHONY W. GIBBS	2	GEOFFREY P. GREEN	5
IVOR GOULTER	3	PETER T. HURCOMBE	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER T. HURCOMBE.

* First peal of Minor. † First 'inside.'

Rung as a compliment to N. R. Waite on obtaining a Bachelor of Arts degree at Cambridge University.

RIPPINGALE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 11, 1960, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Single Oxford and two each of Kent Treble Bob, Single Court and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

WILLIAM R. MARSH	*Treble*	*EDGAR A. COLE	4
RONALD G. RUSSELL	2	*FREDERICK DERRY	5
PERCY D. BALDOCK	3	JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First peal in four Minor methods.

A compliment to Miss June Booth (Rippingale), the conductor's niece, on her 21st birthday; also a birthday compliment to Mr. Ronald G. Russell.

ROTHLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 11, 1960, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb.

GEOFFREY M. BREWIN	*Treble*	DAVID MANSHIP	4
*JUDY A. M. COX	2	ROBERT B. SMITH	5
R. KINGSLEY MASON	3	PHILIP G. K. DAVIES	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY M. BREWIN.

* First peal.

WENTWORTH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 11, 1960, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 10 lb.

*DENNIS HOLLAND	*Treble*	†JAMES S. DUNN	4
*A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS	2	*LESLIE E. SMITH	5
†MICHAEL MEADOWS	3	BARRY HOLLAND	*Tenor*

Conducted by BARRY HOLLAND.

* First peal of Kent Minor. † First in the method. The treble and second ringers have now rung Kent from Minor to Maximus.

HANDBELL PEAL

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., May 31, 1960, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT 3, HONINGTON CRESCENT,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED MAJOR

In 50 methods: Tiverton, Hastings, Wymondham, Debenham, Gonville, Trinity, Loughborough, Cambridge Court, Marlborough, Highbury, Montgomery, Ellesmere, Single Oxford, Single Norwich, Longney, Winchester, Shipway's, Edmonton, Lavenham, Chesterfield, Maidstone, Ashbourne, Spalding, Richmond, New London, Double, Reverse, Plain, Gainsborough, Wellington, Little Bob, Crayford Little Court, Bastow Little Court, Kent Little Court, Little Oxford, Victoria, Colville, Romsey, Cheltenham, Leamington, Pulford, Avalon, Painswick, Kidlington, Double Oxford, Pershore, Hereward, Double Norwich, St. Clement's and Crayford College; 347 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

*A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL	1—2	GEORGE E. FEIRN	5—6
*JOHN FREEMAN	3—4	†JACK L. MILLHOUSE	7—8

Arranged and Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

* First peal in 50 methods † First in 50 methods 'in hand.'

SHREWSBURY, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 13, 1960, in 1 Hour and 58 Minutes,
AT 16, HAWTHORN ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

*COLIN SMITH	1—2	F. HECTOR BENNETT	3—4
		HARRY POYNER	5—6

Conducted by HARRY POYNER.

* First handbell peal.

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ALSAGER, STAFFS.—On June 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Corfield (first quarter) 1, D. R. Whalley (cond.) 2, Miss P. Robinson 3, E. Allman 4, G. Astbury 5, G. D. Whalley 6, L. Whalley 7, P. S. Whalley 8. Rung for a special civic service.

ASTON-ON-TRENT, DERBYS.—On June 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss J. Copeland (first quarter) 1, M. Fearn 2, R. S. Barker 3, F. W. Hinds (first quarter) 4, E. H. Williams (cond.) 5, J. Pincombe 6. In honour of the Queen's Birthday.

AYLESTONE, LEICESTER.—On June 5th, 1,280 Spliced Plain and Little Bob Major: S. Marie Davenport 1, Patricia A. Wardle 2, Sandra E. Chesterton 3, Christine Wakefield 4, P. Martin 5, T. I. Roper 6, R. S. Morris 7, A. J. Poynor (cond.) 8. First of Spliced by the band. For Evensong.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICS.—On June 12th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob, April Day and Grandsire): M. Barsby 1, B. S. Payne (cond.) 2, G. B. Lowe 3, R. Perkins 4, F. K. Thompson 5, M. Godwin 6. For Evensong on the Patronal Festival.

BEAMINSTER, DORSET.—On June 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Pannell 1, H. Arscott 2, F. Knight 3, Mrs. E. Pannell 4, C. Poole 5, D. Bishop 6, J. Barrett (cond.) 7, J. Davis (first of Triples) 8. Rung as a thanksgiving for Canon Cox's 50 years in the priesthood.

BICESTER, OXON.—On June 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Hatfield 1, Mrs. A. D. Sayer 2, A. D. Sayer 3, C. H. Kinch 4, W. Baggett 5, E. G. Jones 6, E. J. Smith (cond.) 7, C. East 8. For Confirmation service.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On June 12th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss M. Jennings (first of Caters) 1, Miss J. L. Lavender 2, E. L. Reece 3, A. Rogers 4, Miss E. A. Cooper 5, R. J. Cook 6, G. Jennings 7, F. D. Jennings 8, S. F. Kimber (cond.) 9, L. A. Reece 10. For Evensong.

BEXLEY, KENT.—On April 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Ford (first quarter) 1, Miss M. Ward 2, Miss J. Jones 3, Miss J. Cox 4, Miss M. Andrews 5, S. J. Woodcock (cond.) 6. For evening service.

BOLTON, LANCS.—On June 12th, at Holy Trinity Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. Wood 1, J. Kay 2, A. E. Sandiford 3, J. W. Kay, T. Bratby 5, P. Cook sen. (cond.) 6, J. W. Hamer 8. Rung as a farewell to the conductor, who is leaving for a holiday in Canada.

BRISTOL.—At the Cathedral, on June 12th, 1,264 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: M. J. Hobbs (first in method) 1, P. J. Bird (first in method as cond.) 2, D. G. Yeo 3, C. J. Richards (first of D.N.C.B.M.) 4, W. Kingcott 5, P. E. Parry 6, J. Brain 7, D. J. Hunt 8. Rung for the annual service of Bristol Cathedral School and Old Boys of the school, by 4 Old Boys, 2 present pupils, and 2 masters of the school. Also on June 13th, 1,344 Oxford T.B. Major: Miss G. M. Hussey 1, P. E. Parry 2, Mrs. E. A. G. Bowden 3, Miss M. Hall 4, D. C. Exell 5, P. J. Bird 6, R. J. Bowden 7, D. J. Hunt (cond.) 8. First in the method by all the band. Rung for the annnual service of the 'Friends of the Cathedral,' donors of the bells.

BUSHEY, HERTS.—On June 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. J. Clark 1, R. Rowley 2, T. Carless 3, N. Jenkins 4, S. E. Darmon 5, L. J. North 6, C. W. Woolley (cond.) 7, J. E. Rootes 8. For Evensong and a farewell to Canon J. H. Humphries, who is leaving, after 17 years as Rector of Bushey.

CAWTHORNE, BARNSLEY.—On June 12th, 1,260 Minor (720 Trinity Sunday, 540 Oxford, 36 Bob): W. Broadhead 1, C. Rusby 2, F. Cowling 3, D. N. Stables 4, H. Rusby and R. Padgen 5, N. F. Moxon (cond.) 6. To commemorate 50 years' service as a chorister at Cawthorne, by Mr. H. Rusby.

CLAVERLEY, SALOP.—On June 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Withers (first quarter) 1, W. Francis 2, V. Parton (first 'inside') 3, C. Jones (first as cond.) 4, G. Goodson 5, E. Drew 6, A. V. Pearson 7, A. Nurse 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mrs. Lucy Davies, wife of Mr. T. Davies, a Claverley ringer for many years.

COOKHAM, BERKS.—On June 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Smyth 1, J. R. A. Muller 2, A. Pugh 3, Janet Taylor 4, W. H. Jackson (cond.) 5, D. Kirkaldy 6, E. Eldridge 7, B. Lake 8. First of Triples for 1, 3 and 6.

COSSINGTON, SOMERSET: On June 4th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: E. Ford (first of Surprise) 1, Audrey Bailey 2, D. Miller 3, R. Short 4, C. Clarke (first of Surprise as cond.) 5, M. Stone 6.

EBBW VALE, MON.—On June 8th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Dunning 1, R. Stephens 2, Miss B. Stephens 3, Mrs. D. Bruten 4, T. Stephens 5, J. Alsop (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to Mrs. Rees, of this parish, 100 today.

QUARTER PEALS

ELLAND, YORKS.—On June 14th, 1,280 Kent T.B. Major: P. Birkett 1, Miss C. Linfoot 2, H. Armitage 3, C. F. Sutcliffe 4, F. Linfoot (cond) 5, D. Smith 6, A. W. Bond 7, R. Senior 8. Rung after the wedding of Miss Adrianne Patricia Drake to Mr. Richard Newby Fawcett.

EPSOM, SURREY.—At Christ Church, on Whit Sunday, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: I. Waterman 1, Carolyn D. Cockman 2, Sylvia Marsh 3, J. Munton (first 'inside') 4, W. Parrott 5, F. Oakshot (cond.) 6. Rung for Evensong and as a farewell to the Vicar, Rev. Canon A. E. Robins, who is moving to Fleet.

ESHER, SURREY.—On June 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss C. Sinclair (first quarter) 1, Miss C. Powell 2, J. F. M. Maybrey (cond.) 3, Rev. E. Bugden 4, Mrs. M. Powell 5, B. Powell 6.

HECKINGTON, LINCS.—On June 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: L. C. Asher 1, D. P. Brown 2, A. Dixon 3, R. Trevitt 4, E. A. Cole 5, C. R. Asher 6, A. R. Pocklington (cond.) 7, C. Brook (first quarter) 8. For Evensong and a farewell to C. Brook, now living in Sleaford, and also to Anne Stanyon and John Ward married the following day and to reside at Hove.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—On June 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. E. Cruttenden 1, D. Parsons 2, E. R. Rapley 3, F. Godsmark 4, F. W. Parsons 5, C. R. Longhurst 6, B. W. White (cond.) 7, R. Langridge 8. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Doreen Packham (younger daughter of E. F. Packham, local ringer), to Mr. A. Rolf.

THE WEEK TO JOIN

The new quarter starts with our next issue. New postal subscribers will be welcome. Remittances to Mr. J. E. Jeater, Greystones, Cusgarne, Truro, Cornwall. Rates: 12 months £1 15s., six months 18s., three months 9s. 6d.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Union Triples: J. Martin 1, Pam Bird 2, Joan A. Smith 3, Gwen May 4, H. Colcombe 5, C. N. Chinnery 6, J. King (cond.) 7, D. George 8. First quarter in the method by all. For Evensong.

HIGH HAM, SOMERSET.—On June 11th, 1,260 Bob and Grandsire Doubles: C. Gratton 1, F. G. Sparks 2, Mrs. L. Crocker 3, F. J. White (cond.) 4, A. Brown 5. Rung in honour of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. White.

HOLT, WILTS.—On May 7th, 1,260 Doubles in 3 methods: F. Box 1, D. Barnett 2, P. Gaisford 3, R. Purnell (cond.) 4, W. Slocombe 5, J. Lucas 6. A wedding compliment to Miss V. Drewett. Also on May 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Veronica D. Sheet 1, J. Lucas 2, T. Proffit 3, P. Gaisford 4, R. Purnell (cond.) 5, R. Drewett 6.

HONITON, DEVON.—On June 6th, 1,260 Grandside Doubles: Gladys D. Kitcher 1, Mavis P. Coffin 2, M. L. Northway (cond.) 3, M. D. G. Northway 4, C. M. White 5, R. Buckhanan 6. Rung by 4 Romsey Abbey and 2 Eling ringers. First quarter in Devon for all the band.

HORSELL, SURREY.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (240 Bob Doubles and 1,020 Grandsire Doubles): Miss J. Drury 1, Miss P. Drury 2, G. Oliver 3, J. Martin 4, B. Priestley (cond.) 5, C. Cobbett 6. Rung for Evensong.

LEWISHAM, LONDON.—On June 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. B. Crowder 1, N. S. Bagworth 2, Mrs. E. M. Bagworth 3, Miss E. J. Mead (first as cond.) 4, J. Dafters 5, A. Bagworth 6, F. P. Mead 7, R. Boyce 8. For Evensong and to celebrate conductor's 21st birthday.

LONDON.—At St. Giles-in-the-Fields, on May 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. K. Lock 1, Miss J. Beresford 2, Miss M. Prockson 3, R. F. Grisdale 4, G. Parsons 5, W. Prockson 6, J. Euston (cond.) 7, C. Simpson 8. For Rogation Sunday. Also on May 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Parsons 1, A. Lewry 2, Mrs. C. Harbot 3, M. Sinden 4, C. Simpson 5, H. Corfield 6, J. Euston (cond.) 7, M. Harbot 8. For the annual Civic service and for the Tercentenary of the Restoration of the Monarchy. Also at St. Clement Danes' on June 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Hilda E. Oatway 1, H. J. Eldred 2, Catherine Powell 3, S. Croft 4, C. H. Rogers 5, W. F. Oatway (cond.) 6, D. Burnett 7, D. A. Theedom 8.

MADRON, PENZANCE.—On June 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Foot 1, Mrs. R. E. White 2, A. Willis 3, G. W. Taysom (cond.) 4, H. B. Toms 5, A. M. Nicholls 6. First quarter 5 and 6. A first wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Barrie White, S. Rhodesia.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On June 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. M. Powell 1, Mrs. R. Quint 2, Mrs. D. Strong 3, L. Derrick (cond.) 4, Mary Powell 5, O. Quint 6.

OCKHAM, SURREY.—On May 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: V. Neil 1, Miss J. Drury 2, B. Priestley 3, Miss P. Drury 4, J. Martin (cond.) 5. For Evensong.

OXTON, CHESHIRE.—On May 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: J. Heron 1, Miss J. Eastwood 2, J. Williams 3, E. Britton 4, W. A. Boote 5, E. T. Carvell 6, A. J. Martin (cond.) 7, T. A. Morgan 8. First in method for 1 and 3. For Ascension Day and for the 65th anniversary of the opening of the bells. Also a tribute to Mr. J. W. Evans, who has now rung for 65 years at this church.

PAINSWICK, GLOS.—1,259 Grandsire Caters: F. Blowen 1, L. Hewitt 2, W. Jones 3, G. Goulding 4, P. Clarkson 5, L. Edwards 6, I. Whiting 7, P. Allen 8, L. Barry (cond.) 9, J. Whiting 10.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—At St. Mary's Church, on June 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Davis 1, Mrs. M. Parker 2, L. Brighton 3, J. Roffe 4, G. Cowlin 5, M. Parker (first of Minor as cond.) 6. First in method 1, 3 and 5. For Morning service.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On June 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Bull 1, L. Allen (first on 5) 2, B. Coatsworth 3, A. Clayton 4, C. Mew (cond.) 5. For Evensong and as a 20th birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

RIPPLE, WORCS.—On June 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire, Reverse St. Bartholomew): F. Lawrence 1, C. Haylings 2, D. Price 3, J. Firkins 4, M. Hawkes (cond.) 5, C. Hadley 6. Rung for the wedding, this day, of Miss Linda Bond, organist at this church, to Mr. David Curnock.

SEMPRINGHAM, LINCS.—On June 7th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: D. L. Garrill (first quarter) 1, D. P. Brown 2, R. Trevitt (first as cond.) 3, T. F. Carford 4, A. R. Pocklington 5, C. R. Asher 6.

SHEFFIELD.—On June 11th, at the Cathedral, 1,287 Stedman Caters: R. E. Price (cond.) 1, F. Ward 2, P. Knights 3, S. J. Philbrick 4, D. Holland 5, R. Long 6, D. Armstrong 7, B. Holland 8, H. O. Chaddock 9, R. Birch 10.

SPETCHLEY, WORCS.—On May 6th, 1,272 Spetchley Court Bob Minimus: J. E. Pullon 1, M. J. Fellows 2, M. D. Fellows 3, P. Cattermole 4. Non-conducted. First on the bells. For the Royal wedding.

SOUTHLEIGH, OXON.—On June 8th, 1,260 Doubles (All Saints', Reverse St. Bartholomew, Plain Bob, April Day and Grandsire): C. Bennett 1, H. Miles 2, Miss P. E. Hale 3, A. Hicks 4, H. Floyd (cond.) 5, A. Harris 6.

STITHIANS, CORNWALL.—On June 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. R. C. Williams 1, Mavis P. Coffin 2, M. D. G. Northway (cond.) 3, M. L. Northway 4, C. M. White 5, S. R. Curnow 6. Rung by 4 Romsey Abbey and 2 Redruth ringers.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. W. Sangwin 1, C. Sangwin 2, H. Stacey 3, H. Trewin 4, E. Langley 5, M. Sinden (cond.) 6, C. Taylor 7, O. Gittens 8. For the Whitsun festival and also for E. H. Langley, visitor from Thurloxton, and M. Sinden, of Wimbledon.

SUTTON-ON-HULL, E. YORKS.—On May 29th, 1,272 Kent and Oxford T.B. Minor: Miss M. Verity 1, Miss J. I. Porter 2, H. Rodmell 3, H. F. Gibson 4, C. R. Robinson 5, R. Ducker (cond.) 6. Rung for Evensong and as a farewell to I. Glenton, on his leaving the district.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On June 12th, 1,344 Grandsire Triples: F. C. Maynard 1, P. D. Chapman 2, J. Hales 3, C. A. Diggins 4, F. W. Sykes 5, B. Downes 6, D. Hewitt 7, F. Taylor 8. Rung on the 10th anniversary of the ordination of the Rev. J. H. Rumens, son of Mr. H. Rumens, secretary of St. Mary's Society, and for Evensong.

WARMLEY, GLOS.—On May 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Myra J. Wilkins 1, Sandra Lewis 2, H. Taysom 3, Gloria H. Newton 4, B. K. Lewis 5, A. W. Gibbs (cond.) 6. For Matins.

WENTWORTH, YORKS.—On June 4th, 1,440 Plain Bob Doubles: A. Beaumont 1, Rev. Canon A. King 2, M. King 3, E. King (first quarter) 4, M. Meadows (cond.) 5, R. West (first quarter) 6.

WILTON, WILTS.—On June 12th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: E. A. Haines 1, A. Trimby 2, A. F. Haines 3, H. D. Roper 4, R. O. Fry (cond.) 5, J. Kiddle 6. The first quarter of Stedman Doubles by all the band except the conductor.

OBITUARY

MR. F. A. BULLOCK

We regret to announce the death of Mr. F. A. Bullock, of Swineshead, Lincs, on May 26th, at the age of 75 years. A member of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, he had been a ringer at Swineshead, for over 30 years. A good chuchman, he had been a sidesman and a member of the P.C.C. for over 30 years.

The funeral took place at Swineshead on May 30th and in the evening his fellow ringers ran a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples with the bells half-muffled. M. E. C.

MR. WILLIAM S. LANGDON

With deep regret we record the passing to higher service of William S. Langdon at St. John's Hospital, Wandsworth, on April 13th. He was in his 84th year and was well known in London ringing circles.

For the past two years, Bill Langdon was in ailing health, but prior to this period he was most active. As tower keeper at St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, he used to tend the bells there with loving care, and such was the respect in which he was held that ringers from several towers used to rally on Sunday mornings at Kensington—although the time allowed for ringing was only about 15 minutes. Bill Langdon was one of four ringing brothers, sons of a ringing father, and Herbert Langdon is the sole survivor of that famous quartet. He had kept no record of his peal performances but they are estimated to be in the region of 800. During his lifetime he served as a principal ringer at Westminster Abbey, where the practice has been for many years to honour departed Abbey ringers by allowing them to rest in the Abbey for the night before burial.

Bill Langdon was a faultless and most reliable ringer, and in his last peal—Stedman Triples, at St. Lawrence Jewry—he rang and struck his bell perfectly, never making a single mistake although he was in his 81st year. He was a loyal College Youth and was loved and respected by all who knew him.

The funeral took place at Wandsworth Cemetery, Earlsfield, on April 20th. J. F. S.

MR. JOHN EALES

The St. Lawrence Long Buckby Society regret to record the death of one of their most respected members, Mr. John Eales. He was one of the few members of the pre-war band who gave active support and encouragement to the present band.

John Eales was one of those ringers whose good influence was far greater than his technical skill; he would never learn to ring an 'inside' bell, but was always happy to see a number of young recruits progress in ringing the variety of Doubles methods for which this band has gained a reputation. He rang three peals and 15 quarter peals before a serious illness four years ago ended his ringing activities, but his interest in the progress of the Society and of the work of the Guilsborough Branch, of which he was a loyal member, was maintained to the end.

The funeral, on June 4th, was attended by some of his oldest friends, and floral tributes were sent from members of the local company, and from the Guilsborough Branch. A half-muffled quarter peal was rung on the following Wednesday by A. Cooper 1, M. J. Bailey 2, J. E. Goddard 3, A. E. Gautrey 4, E. G. Orland (cond.) 5. E. G. O.

BARNSLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Five teams entered for the annual shield contest on June 11th, at Felkirk, with Mr. Harold Chant as judge, and Mr. Daniel Smith as marker. The draw for ringing was: 1 Warsop 10 penalties, 48 faults, 58 total; 2 Meltham —, 59, 59; 3 Friezland —, 82, 82; 4 Cawthorne 5, 51, 56; 5 Shelley —, 31, 31.

Shelly were declared the winners and the shield was received by their conductor, Mr. Trevor Turbatt, who said to win the shield had been his ambition. Mr. J. W. Buxton thanked the towers for their support.

THE LADIES' GUILD

A quarterly meeting of the Western District was held at Portishead, on June 11th, when there was a good attendance. Ringing was followed by a service which was conducted by the Rector, Preb. W. L. M. Coombes, and tea at the White Cot Cafe. At the business meeting two new members were elected—Mrs. Costella, Westbury-on-Trym, and Miss Jean Palmer, Warmley.

Special mention was made of the Ladies' Guild annual meeting on July 2nd, when it will be the turn of the Western District to act as host, and all members are looking forward to welcoming lady ringers from other Districts.

Arrangements are being made for the meeting on September 10th, to be in the form of a half-day outing, if possible in private cars, so will all members who would be willing to assist in this way, please contact the secretary. Further details to be announced later. B. J.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. George E. Feirn has now conducted a second peal of Spliced Surprise Major in 50 methods in hand with a new band. In his previous success in 1951 he had Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bray and Mr. Philip Barnes. This time on May 31st he had with him Messrs. A. Robin Heppenstall, John Freeman and Jack L. Millhouse. These are really great achievements and we should be interested to know if in such a great performance the mind works in two separate channels and whether there are any after affects.

On comparing notes after a peal of Bristol Surprise Major at Doncaster the 'half-brothers' Bill and Eric Critchley found that it was the 489th peal for each of them.'

The programmes of the Aldeburgh Festival includes a talk on campanology by Mr. Ranald Clouston, supported by handbell ringing by local ringers.

In connection with the visit of the Central Council to Kent, peals were rung at Chislehurst, Maidstone, Ashford, Newington-next-Hythe, Appledore and Lydd.

Was it one of the famous Clares whose skirt nearly descended during a touch of Stedman at St. Paul's, Bedford, causing great amusement to many though acute embarrassment to the only female present?

New subscription rates to operate from January 1st, 1961, in the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Guild are: performing members, 18 years old and over, 3s. 6d.; non-resident life members 10s. 6d.

The six bells of Tortworth, Gloucester, are being rehung by Taylors. Miss Edith Bryant is defraying the whole cost in memory of the 5th Earl of Ducie and her sisters Emma, Countess of Ducie, and Miss Ada Bryant. Miss E. Bryant now resides in Australia.

With sincere regret members of the Swansea and Brecon Giuld, particularly those at Sketty, have said goodbye to Mr. Derick Astridge on completing his three years at Swansea University. His enthusiasm brought about the formation of the University of Wales Guild of Bell Ringers, of which he was honorary secretary.

The 100th peal on the bells of Gamston, Notts, was rung on June 4th and in these Mr. H. Denman, the local captain, has rung in 91. Also in the company were the Misses K. and G. Burchnall, from Sutton-on-Trent, who rang in the first peal on the bells. These bells, which were augmented from five to six in 1924 have become a favourite venue for peal ringers from around North Notts. Of the 100 peals, 99 have been Minor and one Doubles.

The quarter peal rung at Stratton, Cornwall, on May 8th was a 70th birthday compliment to Mr. S. Stacey and not as stated.

The peal of Bob Major rung at Aylestone, Leics, by the youthful band, for the 21st birthday and engagement of their secretary to the Ringing Master, is a local stepping stone as it is only the 2nd peal ever to be rung on the bells by a Sunday service band. The last was rung in 1950 by a much older band.

Congratulations to Mr. Herman Rusby on completing 50 years as a chorister at All Saints' Church, Cawthorne, Barnsley, on Trinity Sunday. A peal in six Treble Bob Minor methods, including Trinity Sunday, was rung on Whit Tuesday. Herman started ringing in 1926 and is a most regular attender both at services and practices. He is auditor to the Barnsley and District Society.

Several young bellringers were among those who took part in the Lincoln Diocesan Youth Pilgrimage to Crowland Abbey, on June 4th. The Abbey bells made a pleasing sound at the end of a longish walk on a very warm day, and those pilgrims who joined in ringing before and after the service, appreciated the warm hospitality and friendliness of the local band.

Mr. John W. Evans was a member of the original band who opened Oxton, Cheshire, bells on Ascension Day, 1895, and has remained a member even since. Although he finds the 70 steps to the ringing chamber a trial he continues to attend for ringing when weather permits. He joined in the ringing on Ascension Day. Incidentally, these bells, which are hung on plain bearings, have not received any attention from bellringers and still 'go' very well after 65 years.

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ALPHABET FOR BEGINNERS

By T. J. LOCK

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LENGTHENING LEAD.—This term has same meaning as Extending Lead.

LINE DIAGRAMS.—The most usual and the easiest way to learn and memorise the work of any method in change ringing is by way of line diagrams. Apart from learning off pat the work contained in a plain course one can carry the 'line' in one's reflective mind. And the best and clearest diagrams, dual colour, are to be found in the current editions of 'Standard Methods,' in which Diagrams and Letterpress are complementary booklets.

LISTENING TO YOUR BELL STRIKING.—If you are at the early stages of learning to ring and you cannot yet hear your bell strike, please address yourself earnestly by saying 'I must and I will hear my own bell strike.' If you are as far advanced as being able to ring changes and cannot hear your bell strike say 'Phew! I have missed something, I must start all over again from rounds and call changes.' And when you can listen to your own bell striking you can automatically hear all the others, so that the ringing can then produce some decent rhythm in its striking.

It is really important that every ringer should hear all the bells being struck because there are, unhappily, few rings of bells without one or more of the bells being 'false struck.' To produce rhythmic ringing a bell that strikes false has to be pulled at sally or at rope's end quicker or slower than would otherwise be necessary, and this you will never determine unless you can listen to your bell striking.

LITTLE METHOD.—A Little Method is one which conforms to all the requirements of the class to which it belongs except that the hunt or hunts do not proceed to the same number of places as there are bells employed. Thus in Little Plain Bob the treble is restricted to hunting to fourth's place and back again, and in Little Grandsire Caters the hunts of the two trebles proceed as far as fifth's place and then return to lead. A Little Surprise Major method must have a treble bob hunt which, however, may be restricted to the first four or the first six places.

A Little method cannot produce the extent of the rows by itself.

LONG COURSE.—To all intents and purposes a Long Course is one which contains more changes and consequently more lead ends than the plain course of the method concerned. The best example that can be given is undoubtedly the very well known touch of Plain Bob Major, thus—

2345678	W	B	M	H
2357486	—			
3728564				
7836245				
7864352		—		
7845623		—		
7852436		—		
8273564				
2386745				
2364857			—	
2345678				—

This touch, the calling of which is Wrong, three times Before, Middle and Home, has 160 changes with 10 lead ends (compared with 112 changes and seven lead ends in a plain course) but you will see that there is only one course end, i.e., only one occasion when the tenor has returned to its home or starting off position.

My inconclusive opening statement is due to lengethening lead methods, such as Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Bristol Surprise, etc., where a touch may finish with two bobs at Home. Illustrating by figures, the last four lead ends would appear as—

	M	B	W	H
.....				
.....				
2547386				
4235678				
3425678				—
2345678				—

Here is a case where a course end actually comes up two leads before the bells are brought into rounds, but for the purposes of composition it is counted as a long course and the principle thus adopted is to use the figures of the last lead end prior to the tenor becoming an intermediate place bell. If you look in your Ringers' Notebook and Diary (or, perhaps just a little shyly, someone else's!) you will see under Kent Treble Bob Major a long course touch extending to 480 changes. This touch has more than twice as many changes as a plain course.

LOWERING.—You may know that when a bell is ready for ringing the mouth of the bell is set upwards and is retained in position by two pieces of selected and shaped timber, a slide and a stay. As it is quite often not safe to leave the bells set up between sessions of ringing they are swung down or lowered so that they all hang freely with their mouths downwards. When all the bells are lowered together so that they continuously strike in rounds on their way down, this is said to be 'lowering in peal,' and to some degree is an aid to bell control.

SERVANTS OF THE EXERCISE – No. 26



MR. NORMAN CHADDOCK,
Yorkshire Association & Sheffield Dist. Society. Convener, C.C. Sunday Service Ringing Survey Committee.

Mr. Norman Chaddock, of Rotherham, is, if ever there was one, the right man in the right place. He has a flair for teaching, and is never happier than when giving instruction to learners. Since the war, he has trained over 50 pupils from handling a rope up to ringing their first 720, thus qualifying them for membership of the Yorkshire Association. 29 of them have rung peals in Major methods, including Surprise. He has conducted peals where all taking part with him were his own pupils, including one with seven ladies. In addition he has trained handbell tune ringing teams at two local schools. These have appeared on television and sound radio, and have raised substantial sums of money for Rotherham Parish Church, and at scores of charity concerts.

Norman Chaddock was born in Rotherham, in 1914. He is a schoolmaster by profession. His wife, Elsie, is an accomplished ringer, as also are their two children, John and Susan. John is at St. John's College, York, and Susan is studying for G.E.C., advanced level. Elsie Chaddock has materially assisted her husband in his many activities, especially with the 'paper work.'

Norman is Ringing Master and steeplekeeper at Rotherham Parish Church, and under his direction the bells are rung regularly twice on Sundays. He is a member of the Parochial Church Council. For 23 years he has been an officer of the Sheffield and District Society, serving as secretary, Ringing Master, vice-president, C.C. representative. In all these activities he has been actively supported by those two Sheffield stalwarts, H. O. Chaddock and John J. L. Gilbert—a happy trio these!

The Central Council recognised Norman's talents and he was appointed Convener of the Sunday Service Ringing Survey Committee, whose task is a really colossal one. The job is in good and capable hands, and all who know Norman are confident that he will make a great success of it. He is also involved in the organisation of ringers' schools, one of which was so successful at Ripon recently. He has vigorously tackled ringing in all its aspects, taking in composition and conducting. His peals total, by March, 1960, was 290, of which he has conducted 148: 254 have been for the Yorkshire Association. He aims at variety, and has conducted all varieties of methods on all numbers, odd and even, from 5 to 12 bells. He turned in Rotherham tenor, 34¼ cwts., to Pitman's 4 Spliced Surprise Major, with all the work, and also took part in the Spliced Surprise Major record peal (53 methods), conducted by W. E. Critchley. Norman is certainly a live wire and there is no doubt he will leave his mark on the Exercise.

Another Course

By arrangement with the Gloucestershire Educational Committee a week-end course in bell ringing will be held by the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association at Hartpury College, near Gloucester, from Friday evening, September 16th to Sunday afternoon, September 18th. Fee (covering residence and all meals) £2 2s., plus 5s. tuition fee. The course is limited to 30 and applications should be made to P. M. J. Gray, Orana, Eastmead Lane, Stoke Bishop, Bristol 9.

PREPARED FOR A NAP AT C.C. MEETING

A small blanket in the shape of a sleeping bag was left in the Town Hall, Folkestone, after the Central Council meeting. Will the owner please apply to Mrs. Barnett, 26, Iron Mill Lane, Crayford, Kent.

SWANSEA & BRECON GUILD'S RINGING SHIELD GOES TO PORTHCAWL

After 10 years the Guild's ringing competition has been revived, and this year on June 11th five bands met at the Church of St. David, Brecon, one band being unable to compete through speech making at Christ College.

The competition was a great success in every way. The good striking throughout, the keen interest, and the competitive spirit, proved it so. It is now very certain that the competition will be held each year.

After tea the general secretary called on the adjudicator, Mr. A. J. Pitman, to give the final results, but before he did so, he said the standard of ringing by all the competitors was extremely good, and he was very pleased to state this. Continuing he then gave the results.

The winner of the shield, with 242 points, was Porthcawl, Cadoxton came second with 239 points, Sketty, 238 points, Talgarth, 233 points and Brecon 190 points.

Mr. A. J. Pitman was thanked for coming from Leamington Spa to adjudicate, and in reply he said, he was always willing to oblige on these occasions.

J. A. H.

Hints For Beginners—26

If you must speak during ringing, do so very clearly and distinctly. Nothing distracts the rest of the band more than to be wondering what has been said.

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NEXT CHRISTMAS DAY BROADCAST

REPORT OF THE BROADCASTING AND TELEVISION COMMITTEE

The broadcasting of bells can be divided into two categories—ringing for Divine Service and Feature Ringing, the latter would include the Christmas Round-up of Bells.

In the first there is nothing we can do in the selection of towers used. The service is obviously the important thing, the bells being merely incidental. The one thing the committee have again attempted is to get an increase in the time allowed. In Northern Ireland the time has been steadily cut, but after strong protest there has, of late, been some improvement. In England, however, the B.B.C. are adamant in their decision to keep the time allowance at one minute, so that the obvious thing for ringers to do is to see that the maximum co-operation takes place between them, the clergy and the B.B.C. engineers and to ensure that the full minute is put to good use. We feel very strongly that only the best band available should be allowed to broadcast and that what is rung should be well within the capabilities of the ringers, bearing in mind that good rounds are much to be preferred to poor change ringing. An admirable article by the Rev. Preb. Martin Willson, of the B.B.C. West Region, appeared in 'The Ringing World' in April last, and any ringers involved in broadcasting would do well to study it and follow his advice.

In the second group we have enjoyed a very pleasant co-operation with Mr. Willson, and a number of his programmes in the 'Faith' series have included bells. Each programme has featured three or four towers and although only a short period was allowed to each, some very good efforts were recorded. In all cases we were consulted regarding the selection of towers.

Efforts have been made to get something of a similar nature done in the North Regional Programme 'Calendar,' but this has not been possible to date. The B.B.C. have, however, suggested the idea of featuring several types of event such as the restoration of historical rings, or the hanging of new bells. We have promised to keep them informed of anything of the kind.

In the Midlands, Mr. Edgar Shepherd, the Master of the St. Martin's Guild, took part in a radio programme and gave a brief description of ringing and some of the towers within the Diocese of Birmingham.

In the London Region members of the London County Association took part in the annual Oranges and Lemons service, and were featured in 'In Town Tonight.' The item was also reproduced in the Overseas Programme.

In an interview Mr. A. D. Barker discussed ringing in general and change ringing on handbells was also included.

In Northern Ireland an excellent programme, entitled 'Treble Bob Major,' was broadcast on Christmas Eve. Taking part were Mr. Dunwoody and Mr. Harry Brown, assisted by Mr. W. Pratt and Miss Jean Stewart. Recordings of all the bells available in the region were heard and the standard of the ringing was extremely good. This broadcast, which was principally for the listener in general, has produced much favourable comment and efforts are being made to persuade the B.B.C. to do a television broadcast on ringing.

Radio Eireann has broadcast bells on a number of occasions and, in particular, Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin, bells were on the air for fifteen minutes, ringing out the Old Year.

The Christmas Broadcast has again been the subject of considerable criticism, not only of the ringing but of the way in which it was presented by the B.B.C. The committee have noted all the points and wish to make the following observations: Dealing with the B.B.C. first, after the many expressions of regret at the very short time allowed each tower in last year's broadcast, the B.B.C. this year increased the time allowance to a full two minutes for each. So far as care in the presentation of the programme was concerned, we have received a copy of the script from the producer and there can be no doubt that every possible care was taken, a clear uninterrupted period of two minutes ensured from each tower, with an interesting mention of each prior to the bells. The trip over Wareham was a technical hitch over which the producer had no control. With regard to the selection of towers, we have on a number of occasions offered assistance to the B.B.C. in this direction and at their request we have submitted lists of towers suitable for broadcasting in the various Regions, but our services, except in Northern Ireland, have never been directly solicited for this programme.

In fairness to the B.B.C. we should point out that to a very great extent the availability of equipment is the main deciding factor in the choice of these towers, and in this respect the church selected for the morning service on Christmas Day in each Region, takes precedence for inclusion in the Round-up of Bells. As far as this year's selection of towers was concerned the following information is relevant:—

Blackburn Cathedral: One of a group previously recommended by the Lancashire Association ringing secretary and passed to the B.B.C. by the committee.

Wareham: Morning service from here, so bells automatically used. Tower on list of recommendations by committee.

Elkstone: Morning service.

Beaconsfield: Watch night service from here. Bells automatically included in Round-up.

St. Andrew's: Bells selected by head of Scottish Region.

Talgarth: Bells selected by head of Welsh Region.

Belfast: Bells recommended by the committee.

From this it will be seen that three of the towers were involved in service ringing as well as the Round-up. Two were recommended by the committee and the remaining two were selected by the heads of the regions concerned. Following the broadcast the committee had further correspondence with the B.B.C. and the final result is that Mr. Henry Riddell, the producer, has very kindly agreed to a plan whereby he will request each regional head to consult the member of the committee in his area, with regard to the towers selected for the next Christmas broadcast. We hope this arrangement will prove successful and meet with general approval.—H. J. Sanger (Convener). A. A. Hughes, J. T. Dunwoody, G. E. Fearn, N. Chaddock, A. G. G. Thurlow.

Mr. Sanger moved and Mr. Dunwoody seconded the adoption of the report.

The honorary secretary said he had had a comment by post that morning from the representative of the Scottish Association, regarding the last paragraph. So far as he knew there was no representative in the area covered by the Scottish B.B.C.

Mr. Sanger replied that there were one or two members in the North who could be helpful regarding Scotland. The same remark applied to Wales.

The Standing Committee recommended that the committee be reappointed with the exception of Mr. A. A. Hughes and that Mr. Harold Pitstow be appointed in his place. This was agreed to.

PROGRESS REPORTED BY BIOGRAPHIES COMMITTEE

We now have in our books the names of 786 persons who, at various times, have been elected to membership of the Council. Of this total 374 are known to be deceased, 294 are completed and either already in the Albums here exhibited or are following. We have with regret included a few without photographs, in cases where the prospect of obtaining them is remote.

There are some records, otherwise complete, needing only a photograph known or believed to exist, and we list the names in the hope that members who know of photographs may be able to assist us. These are: T. G. Bartlett, Rev. H. C. Courtney, A. Craven, A. Coppock, A. E. Coles, F. E. Dawe, H. Dew, Rev. C. W. H. Griffiths, R. C. Knowles, G. Longden, W. Walmsley.

We still have some (mostly Council members before the Biographies Committee was functioning) who are to us little more than names, but who performed useful work and whose memory we would wish to perpetuate if possible. One example of this type must suffice. Mr. H. J. Bradley was elected a member of the Council in 1920 and although he never attended a meeting, he did give good service to the Exercise by publishing (1914) a well-written History of Shoreditch Church. He was steeplekeeper at St. Leonard's and his book contains a full story of the extensive restoration of Shoreditch bells in 1913. He died about April, 1925. This is a typical case of a man who fully deserves a worthy place in our records and your committee would welcome the required information which must be in existence at Shoreditch.

In the period under review 30 biography records have been completed and handed over for inclusion in our albums. This number, set against the deaths reported in the 1959-60 period, shows that we are slowly gaining on the accumulated arrears which we inherited after the standstill period of the 1939-45 War.

Your committee again wish to acknowledge with gratitude help freely given by many, both of the Council and outside it. Outstanding among these are the efforts of Mr. Poole, whose careful research at Marlow resulted in the completion of an excellent record of the late Alfred Heneage Cocks, M.A., Mr. J. W. Cotton and Mr. R. H. Dove, who together helped us regarding Joseph Griffin, confirming the date of his first peal, his total number of peals, and a very fine photograph. Mr. J. J. Webb by obtaining a photograph for us has completed our record of the late J. P. Hyett.

The most interesting example is perhaps that of the late John Clark, who was the most unknown of our 'unknown' class, but Mr. William Poston, of Bridstow, very shortly before his own death, supplied some notes which enabled us to complete Mr. Clark's record, excepting a photograph. Mr. F. W. Goodfellow also helped by obtaining photographs of old Middlesex representatives.—A. C. Hazelden (Convener).

The report was moved by Mr. John Willis, who asked 'the new boys and girls' of the Council to fill in the forms supplied by the Biographies Committee and provide a photograph.

Mr. W. H. Viggers seconded and said a postcard size photograph was most useful.

The report was adopted and the recommendation of the Standing Committee that Messrs. A. C. Hazelden, John Willis and W. H. Viggers be re-elected to the committee was carried.

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PEALS OF MINIMUS RECOGNISED

REPORT OF THE PEALS ANALYSIS COMMITTEE

In submitting their report for 1959 the committee have to announce a decrease in the totals of peals rung during the year on both tower- and handbells.

The grand total of peals accepted to date is 2,410, against 2,512 in 1958, with 2,283 on tower bells (2,372) and 127 on handbells (140) —a total loss of 102. The analysis breaks down as follows:—

	Tower		Handbells	
	1959	1958	1959	1958
Maximus	33	24	2	1
Cinques	26	31	—	1
Royal	125	133	14	6
Caters	77	81	3	5
Major	930	894	49	32
Triples	192	218	4	11
Minor	717	689	38	40
Doubles	183	302	17	44
	2,283	2,372	127	140

Peals of Cinques are down; Royal are the same; Major up by 53; Triples down by 33; Minor plus 26, but Doubles slumped badly. The number of persons shown as recording their first peal is 345. Those shown as obtaining their first peal as conductor—70.

Once again we find the premier position is held by the Leicester Diocesan Guild, with 188 peals; the Lincoln Diocesan Guild has jumped to second place, with the Yorkshire Association close behind, while the Oxford Diocesan Guild has dropped from second to seventh place.

The first seven places are as follows:—

Leicester D.G.	188
Lincoln D.G.	132
Yorkshire Assoc.	131
Chester Guild	110
Lancashire Assoc.	109
Kent County Assoc.	106
Oxford D.G.	102

The committee would like to draw the attention of the Council to the rise in peals of Surprise Major on tower bells, there being 581 in contrast to 349 in all other Major methods.

One peal of Minor, with tenor covering, rung for the Lancashire Association, has not been accepted. The committee ask for guidance regarding a peal of Minor in 10 methods, rung for the Essex Association in which, the ringers of 3/4 changed places for the last 720, as reported in Belfry Gossip.

OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCES

13,280 Cambridge Surprise Major by Kent County Association.

92 Methods Spliced Doubles, in which conductor rang 2/3.

54 Minor methods in hand by Yorkshire Association.

May we again urge conductors of peals to ensure reports are sent to 'The Ringing World' **immediately they are rung**—and not sent in twice. The first portion is particularly important. This year we had 1959 peals published in the middle of February.—W. Ayre, K. W. H. Felstead, H. Miles, H. L. Roper.

Moving the adoption of the report Mr. W. Ayre said he had taken some figures out of the analysis, which he felt might be useful to the committee. Methods having had 10 or more peals rung in them during the year were:

Maximus—Cambridge 15.

Cinques—Stedman 22.

Royal—Cambridge 27, London 13, Yorkshire 24, Plain Bob 22.

Caters—Grandsire 32, Stedman 39.

Major—Bristol 49, Cambridge 100, New Cambridge 12, Lincolnshire 28, London 58, Pudsey 12, Rutland 22, Superlative 36, Yorkshire 120, Spliced Surprise: 6 methods 12, 4 methods 23; Double Norwich 67, Kent T.B. 45, Kent and Oxford T.B. 11, Plain Bob 177, Little Bob 20.

Triples—Grandsire 114, Stedman 53.

Minor—Seven methods and plus 188.

Doubles—Seven methods and plus 33.

All these figures were for tower bells and it would be noted that Yorkshire had apparently become more popular than Cambridge.

There were a few extra peals which the Committee think worthy of special mention, being above the usual class of peals: 42 and 31 methods of Doubles, Ely Diocesan; 60 and 51 methods of Minor, Essex Association; 100, 51 and 42 methods of Doubles, Gloucester and Bristol; 100 methods Doubles, Middlesex County; 60 methods Doubles, Oxford University; 36 methods, Doubles, Sussex County; 40 methods Minor, Truro Guild; Spliced Surprise Major, 4 methods silent, Yorkshire Association.

Handbells.—Cambridge Surprise Major, Leicester Diocesan Guild; Cambridge Surprise and Yorkshire Surprise Major, Middlesex County; Grandsire Triples, New South Wales Association.

In 'The Ringing World' two miscellaneous performances —a peal on nine bells and a peal on four bells in five methods—were not included in the analysis. There were also two peals of Kent Major, rung by the Lancashire Association last November and published in 'The Ringing World' in March. They were not included. They could not keep their records up to date when peals were sent in so late. There was a peal where two ringers changed bells, which was mentioned in Belfry Gossip. If they wanted a thing kept secret it should not be published in Belfry Gossip. That peal had not been included.

Mr. H. Miles seconded the adoption of the report.

The Standing Committee recommended that the report be adopted, but the peal of Minimus be included and the peal of 10 Minor methods, where the ringers changed over, should not be included because it did not ocmply with conditions. Since they had a condition that each bell or bells should be rung by the same person the committee had no option but to exclude it. The committee also asked Mr. Cartwright to make the wording more clear.

Mr. F. B. Lufkin said the Essex Association had no qualms about accepting the peal. The rhythm was broken by two rows. While the Essex Association felt that the practice of changing bells should not be encouraged, they should like the peal to be accepted because of the enthusiasm of the young people. This peal was rung by one set of persons. They should not apply a damp squib to these people.

Mr. Harry Miles: What is the exact wording?

The honorary secretary: Each bell or bells shall be rung by the same person or persons.

Mr. Lufkin: The reason for the change over was that the bell was running dry. The person on the fourth was getting white in the face and the ringer next to him took over for the last 720. This is not the first time it has been done. I think it has been done from Annable to Cannon.

Mr. F. W. Perrens: Although everybody has sympathy with what Mr. Lufkin has put forward we should keep to our rules.

Mr. T. J. Lock supported this view. 'I can see no other interpretation,' he added.

Mr. G. McKay: I do suggest that the words do create a patent ambiguity.

The peal was not accepted and the report was adopted.

The Standing Committee recommended that the committee be re-elected as follows: Mr. W. Ayre, Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, Messrs. H. Miles and H. L. Roper. This was agreed to.

RECORDS COMMITTEE STRENGTHENED

The Report

The committee beg to report the following new methods and progressive lengths rung during the year ended December 31st, 1959:—

TOWER BELLS

Date.	Changes.	Method and Association
Jan. 13.	5,184	Chislehurst S.M., Kent;
Feb. 7.	5,056	Cotswold S.M., Oxford Dio.;
,, 7.	5,056	Bentley Bob Maj., Essex;
,, 23.	5,088	Hackington Imp. Bob Maj., Midland Counties;
,, 24.	5,088	Adderbury S.M., Oxford Uni.;
Mar. 5.	5,024	Cardiff S.M., Middlesex;
,, 10.	5,088	Wittenham S.M., Oxford Uni.;
Apr. 4.	5,056	Holborn S.M., Middlesex;
,, 18.	5,040	Ilkeston S. Royal, Southwell;
,, 23.	5,024	Alperton S.M., Middlesex;
,, 27.	5,040	Braunstone S. Royal, Leicester;
May 2.	5,088	Cheswardine Imp. Maj., Shropshire;
,, 9.	5,088	Ewell Surprise Major, Surrey;
,, 11.	5,040	Biddenden S. Royal, Leicester;
,, 14.	5,056	Oxford Imp. Bob Maj., Oxford Dio.;
,, 23.	5,184	Gainsborough Bob Royal, London County;
,, 30.	5,024	Gilmorton S.M., Hertford;
June 6.	5,152	Ercall Imp. B.M., Shropshire;
,, 11.	5,120	Yeading S.M., Middlesex;
,, 13.	5,088	Hampton S.M., Middlesex;
July 18.	5,040	Swindon Surprise Royal, Gloucester and Bristol;
Aug. 27.	5,056	Tottenham S.M., Middlesex;
Sept. 8.	5,088	Louth S.M., Irish;
,, 12.	5,056	Kinnerton Imp. Maj., Chester;
,, 30.	5,088	Highbury C.B Maj., Norwich;
Oct. 3.	5,040	Rickmansworth S. Royal, Hertford;
,, 7.	5,184	Snettisham Imp. C.B. Maj., Norwich;
,, 15.	5,024	Huddersfield S.M., Middlesex;
,, 24.	5,088	Overleigh Imp. Bob Maj., Chester;
,, 29.	5,184	Finsbury S.M., Middlesex;
,, 31.	5,088	St. Francis Imp. Maj., North Wales;
Nov. 12.	5,120	Lichfield S.M., Middlesex;
,, 14.	5,056	Barkway S.M., Hertford;
,, 14.	5,088	Monaghan S.M., Midland;
,, 19.	5,280	Birmingham S. Maximus, St. Martin's Guild;
,, 21.	5,088	Littleton Imp. Maj., Chester;
Dec. 10.	5,024	Romford S.M., Middlesex;
,, 12.	5,280	Londinium S. Maximus, Lancashire;
,, 26.	5,088	Royston S.M., Hertford;
,, 31.	5,040	Lansdowne Lit. Imp. Bob Maj., Derbyshire.

PROGRESSIVE LENGTHS

June 13. 9,568 Spliced S.M. (10 methods), Chester;

,, 28. 13,280 Cambridge S.M., Kent.

The committee asks for direction regarding the following peals, as to whether they shall be included in the records under their present names:—

Oct. 19. 5,040 Whitwick S. Royal, Leicester;
Nov. 9. 5,040 Lyme S. Royal, Leicester.

(Sgd.) E. K. Fletcher and L. K. Marshall.

Mrs. Fletcher, in moving the report, asked for the deletion of Lakeham Imperial College Bob Triples (rung by Norwich Diocesan Association), as it was previously rung as St. Stephen's Triples by the Norwich Diocesan Association in 1957, and Marden Little Surprise Major (by Kent County Association), as it was previously rung as Northrepps Major by the Norwich Diocesan Association in 1939. She also asked for the addition of a handbell peal of Little Bob Maximus, rung by the Lincoln Diocesan Guild last June.

Mr. F. I. Hairs seconded the adoption of the report.

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BUSY YEAR BY SUNDAY SERVICE SURVEY COMMITTEE

This committee has been very active since the Council met and in addition to much work by correspondence it was possible for five members to meet for nearly a whole day in Birmingham last January.

The greatest, and what has proved to be the most fruitful and rewarding task, was the preparation and distribution of the leaflet, summarising the results of the survey done last year. The object was not just to set out mere facts but to present them in an attractive and interesting way. We also took the liberty of including a little information about the Council and its work as so many of our clergy know little or nothing about the Council and this seemed an excellent opportunity to present them with a few facts. 1,250 leaflets were printed and the main batch of 1,049 leaflets were despatched last year, copies being sent to:—

England.—Rural Deans, Archdeaconries, Diocesan and Cathedral offices.

Wales.—Archdeaconries, Diocesan and Cathedral offices.

Scotland.—Diocesan and Cathedral offices, and also every incumbent of a Church possessing a ring of bells.

Ireland.—The chief officer of each Representative Body, every Cathedral office and Bishop, and every incumbent of a Church possessing a ring of bells.

Copies were also sent to every Theological College and the various Regional Directors of religious broadcasting.

BETTER UNDERSTANDING

Undoubtedly the leaflet has done much good with regard to public relations and understanding with the clergy. A suitable covering letter was sent out with each leaflet and the convener received many encouraging letters from clergy, including Bishops, promising sympathetic co-operation. It has been brought to our notice that extracts and comments on the leaflet have appeared in many diocesan, deanery and parish magazines. Several important newspapers, including the London 'Times' and 'The East Anglian Times' have referred in considerable detail to the contents of the leaflet.

The booklet on belfry organisation, recruitment, relations within the parishes, etc., which the committee was asked to draft, has been prepared and copies of the draft have been circulated so that the Council may consider and make a decision about printing it. The cost of 1,000 copies will be about £25 (6d. each) or, if eight line drawings to illustrate it are included, £30 (about 7d. each). These figures are the lower of two quotations which have been obtained. We suggest that the booklet would be of tremendous value to a band, an incumbent, or even the individual ringer.

Efforts to get information about the contents of the leaflet on the survey into church publications have been less successful, little progress being made with 'The Church of England Newspaper,' 'Church Illustrated' and 'Home Notes.'

It is gratifying to see that so many Associations devote quite a lot of space in their annual reports to their own surveys and, in some cases, they indicate measures which are being planned to improve Sunday service ringing and to inspire greater activity in their areas.

In response to one request from a local education authority, a syllabus for a further education course in campanology (an evening school class) was prepared, and the convener has sent copies to a number of people who have requested them. A number of such evening classes in bell ringing have taken place in recent years, including several organised by the convener.

BELL RINGING COURSES

The recent course in bell ringing at Grantley Hall has provided very useful information regarding the running of such courses. This course was successful beyond expectations and it is almost certain that another similar course will be held next year. The knowledge gained therefrom will be gladly passed on to any association or person interested. Though not the first course in bell ringing provided by a local authority, the establishment of such courses is in its infancy. There are some 20 to 30 such adult courses throughout the country and since there is a free dissemination of information between these colleges it is important that any courses in bell ringing, which may be organised, should be successful if continuity is to be maintained. Whatever arrangements are made it is advantageous for one person to be responsible for the detailed organisation of the course in conjunction with the warden or principal of the adult college. Apart from the instruction offered, the course at Grantley Hall provided excellent opportunities for friendship between all classes of ringers and between ringers and non-ringers on other courses. Students who attended this course were mainly drawn from the County of Yorkshire. They included Surprise ringers, Round ringers, and some who had never handled a bell before. The establishment of more courses of this type can do much for the Exercise both socially and in its technical aspects.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild has recently held a successful week-end course—on its own initiative. At this course the president of the Central Council said that 'courses in bell ringing were growing by evolution, which was perhaps the best way to grow.' The policy of this committee has been, in fact, to feel our way rather than to rush headlong, and is to encourage the gradual introduction of courses similar to those mentioned in consultation with local Associations. A course is to be held in Gloucestershire on September 16th, 17th and 18th, and we have been in touch with the Shropshire Association, the North Staffordshire Association and the Peterborough Diocesan Guild. With the agreement of the last mentioned Guild, a week-end course has been arranged for the spring of 1961 at Knuston Hall, in Northants.

We feel that a committee of seven is too large and if it is decided to continue the work of this committee its numbers should be reduced to about three or four. It is felt that in addition to completing the tasks already undertaken by the committee, its main function should be to develop the idea of courses in bell ringing and to maintain contact with the Theological colleges.—(Sgd.) N. Chaddock (convener), P. Gray, W. F. Moreton, F. B. Lufkin, D. N. Layton, J. Scott, A. G. G. Thurlow.

Mr. Norman Chaddock, in moving the adoption of the report, said the two members who did not seek re-election were Mr. Philip Gray and the Rev. John Scott. They owed a vote of thanks to Mrs. Gray and Mrs. Scott, who did a lot of the typing.

Seconding, Mr. Philip Gray said the booklet on the ringing survey had a considerable amount of criticism. If any member had any constructive criticism would he send it to him.

Mr. D. Bayles said he would like to suggest that a recent development might be included on page 16. During the last week or two Mr. Chaddock had published a pamphlet which was very good but he had not seen the film strip. He felt that a film strip might be profitably used especially at a time when the number of projectors was increasing.

The President: I have seen the film and it is an exceedingly good one.

Mr. J. P. Fidler said there was one little item that might be included. That was if a young ringer left his own parish he would invariably find friends among ringers in other parts of the country.

Mr. Chaddock agreed that this point might be incorporated. The report was then adopted, and the president expressed thanks to the committee for their work.

The Standing Committee recommended the re-election of Mr. N. Chaddock, Dr. D. N. Layton, Messrs. F. B. Lufkin, W. F. Moreton and the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, and this was agreed to.

The Council also gave approval to the printing of the pamphlet mentioned in the report, with line drawings.

(To be continued)

RECORDS COMMITTEE—Cont.

Mr. R. F. B. Speed said there was a lot of correspondence in 'The Ringing World' over the naming of peals. He suggested that the committee should provide the answers when asked for.

Mr. Shirley Burton said the Leicester Guild suggested that Whitwick Surprise Royal should be called Gracedieu Surprise Royal and Lyme Surprise Royal, Charmouth Surprise Royal.

Mr. F. T. Blagrove said regarding Marsden Little Surprise Royal, he would like the conductor to acknowledge that the figures published in 'The Ringing World' were correct.

The report, as amended, was adopted.

The Standing Committee recommended that the committee be reappointed with the addition of Mr. F. T. Blagrove.

Mr. J. R. Cooper moved that Mr. John Mayne be also appointed to the committee.

Mrs. Fletcher said she would be pleased to have Mr. Mayne on the committee. This was agreed to with the recommendation of the Standing Committee.



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The monthly meeting for May was held on the 21st. The six bells of St. Mary's, Harmondsworth, were rung from 3 o'clock until 4.15 p.m., during which time we were pleased to entertain many of our out-county friends.

Ringing on the light eight of SS. Peter and Paul, Harlington, commenced at 4 o'clock and continued until tea, an hour later. The ringing ranged from 'rounds' to Yorkshire Surprise Major.

After a most adequate tea, for which thanks were due to Mrs. Grice and her willing team of young ladies from the Harlington band, the District chairman expressed thanks on behalf of the gathering to the Vicar of Harmondsworth (Rev. V. G. Sutcliffe), and the Rector of Harlington (Rev. A. T. Morgan) for the use of their bells, to Mr. Grice for making the arrangements at Harlington, to the ladies who prepared the tea and to all who had contributed towards the success of the meeting.

It was encouraging to note the increased attendance, and also the representation of many towers in the district. We hope to see this trend continue during the coming months.

E. R. G.

LETTERS

SUFFOLK DIALECTS

Dear Sir,—On reading Bor Dearvud's bit, brings to mind a short poem where our good old Suffolk speech is fairly well rendered. It concerns the gleaning bell when a church bell was used to tell the villagers when they could go into the fields to glean after harvest.

(Morning)

Why! listen yow be quiet, bo'—the bell is tolling eight
Why don't yow mind what you're about? We're allers kind o' late!
Now Mary, get that mawther dressed—oh dear! how slow yow fare
There comes a lot o' gleaners now. Maw, don't stand gawkin' there!

(Evening)

Dear me! there goo the bell again—'tis seven I declare
And we don't fare to have got none:—the gleaning now don't fare
To be worth nothin'; but I think—as far as I can tell
We'll try a coomb somehow to scratch, if we be live and well.

The lines are quoted from 'Suffolk Largess' 1865, the author a policeman stationed at Theberton, using the pseudonym of 'Quill.'—Yours faithfully,

ALAN R. BRIDGES.
Suffolk Guild of Ringers,
N.E. District.

'I WAS A STRANGER . . .'

Dear Sir,—I wish to bring to the attention of ringers in general and the Worcester Association in particular, an incident that took place at a tower, which shall remain nameless, in the Droitwich area. Two friends and myself called at this tower after returning from a tower grab in South Worcestershire. On entering the ringing chamber we were wished, 'Good Evening,' by one person only, a lady. The Ringing Master inquired if we were ringers and where we came from. We replied that we came from the Northern Branch of Worcestershire. Then one ringer connected us with the name of Mr Paul Cattermole, who is held in very low esteem by this band of ringers. This put the cap on it, we were compeltely ignored, and we were not even asked to take a seat.

While we were there they tried to ring a method that was completely beyond them and in consequence the striking was absolutely appalling.

Is this unpleasant attitude to the younger generation to be tolerated? It is this selfish and self-sufficient attitude that is going to cause the Exercise to die an extremely hard death in the years to come. I should like to hear other ringers' views on this subject.—Yours in disgust,

PETER J. BROWN.
Norton, Worcs.

ANOTHER QUAKER RINGER

Dear Sir,—Miss Mary Maddison is not alone, for I am also a Quaker and a ringer; perhaps there are more of us. At one time I did as Miss Maddison does; I rang for morning service, and then attended meeting for worship at the Meeting House, which was opposite the church. Where I live now, we have a meeting, but the Parish Church, I regret, has a gramophone record, and my ringing is perforce confied to attendance at practice night in a neighbouring village, and at Guild meetings. I see no incompatibility. There is one instance—I believe it was referred to in 'The Ringing World' recently—where one of the bells in the Parish Church was presented by the local Methodists. I regard it as a good thing that members of different denominations should find common ground in as many ways as possible; it is no disloyalty to one's particular persuasion to consider the most important thing is that one is a **Christian**—of whatever label—and to join gladly with fellow Christians whenever opportunity occurs. I hope that no staunch churchman will be offended by these sentiments.—Yours sincerely,

A. ROBERT PARGETER.
New Milton, Hants.

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MISS MARGARET BEAMISH MARRIED



MR. THOMAS CHAPMAN, only son of Mrs. D. E. M. Chapman, of 68, Edward Avenue, Bishopstoke, Hampshire, and the late Mr. C. H. Chapman, was married on June 4th to Miss Margaret E. L. Beamish, the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Beamish, of 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton. The ceremony took place at All Saints' Church, Chilvers Cotton, and was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. R. R. P. Rigby. Mr. F. R. Jukes was the organist. The church was beautifully decorated with blue and white irises, poppies, sweet williams and pyrethrums.

The bride was given away by her father and wore a full-length gown of white flocked nylon with a very full skirt and a short veil with a pearl and nylon headdress. She carried a bouquet of deep red rosebuds, lilies of the valley and white miniature gladioli. The two attendants, Miss Valerie Chapman (sister of the bridegroom) and Mrs. Margaret Haswell (friend of the bride) were attired in short blue flocked nylon dresses with blue floral headdresses. They wore silver bangles (gifts of the bridegroom) and carried bouquets.

The best man was Mr. R. C. Kippin (Southampton and the duties of ushers were carried out by Mr. J. A. Beamish and Mr. W. A. Harding (cousins of the bride).

The reception was held at the Newdegate Arms Hotel, Nuneaton, 115 guests attending.

The square three tiered cake had a church tower in white icing as its ornament. The guests were entertained by tune and change ringing and a musical programme.

Bride and bridegroom left later for a motor tour of the Lake District, the bride travelling in a royal blue and white dress with matching duster coat, white feathered hat and white accessories. Over 100 gifts were received, the bride and bridegroom giving each other fibreglass luggage.

The newly married are well known members of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild, the bride being honorary treasurer and also a Central Council representative. She is a founder member of the Southampton University Society and honorary secretary of the St. Mary's, Bishopstoke, tower, where her husband is captain. They first met as participants in a peal of London Surprise Royal at St. Michael's, Southampton, conducted by C. H. Kippin, in December, 1958.

The bells were rung at Chilvers Coton church before and after the service and a quarter peal was rung in the evening.

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THE KIRBY-LE-SOKEN RECORD

Dear Sir.—Regarding the record length of Plain Bob Major at Kirby-le-Soken and the Loughborough comment (page 371). at the outset let me state that I am not what one would term a brilliant ringer. my only claim to fame is that I am a regular Sunday service ringer and try to bear in mind always that I am ringing to 'The Glory of God.'

The fact that others ring peals of various lengths and in innumerable methods does not worry me in the least. although. at the same time I am interested. I felt. however. that I could not let the comment. referred to above. go by without a few observations. one of which is. Sir. that such correspondence deserves to be treated with contempt or taken for what it is worth, which, it would appear, is not much.

In my travels during service with the army I had the good fortune to meet Mr. Lufkin. whom I found most unassuming and very definitely not given to '**preaching.**' I also found that he was all for encouraging and helping his less gifted brethren and would go miles to help a struggling band or ringer to obtain a little more proficiency. He would stand in with the humblest or ring with the mighty. it made no difference to him. although I think he was more for encouraging the underdog.

Now. who is Stephen Ivin? When we have established that. let us ask ourselves. does not his letter give the impression that he is trying to belittle a marvellous feat. or. is it because he was not one of the band? I imagine that if the boot had been on the other foot the tone would have been different. or. perhaps he seeks sympathy after his abortive attempts to attain the 'summit.' At least Mr. Lufkin and his band did just what was advertised, no more. no less.

In a report published in 'The Ringing World.' dated February 21st. 1958 (page 125). we read of an attempt where cigarettes were smoked and beer consumed. and. as one reads further. it appears that more than one person tried to take charge. 'Another took it upon himself to rebuke him.' we read. and 'During the sharp exchange of words that followed' the Everest party fell. I would imagine that such goings on will not produce many record lengths.

However. in the report published in 'The Ringing World' (dated December 4th. 1959, page 725). we read of a slight improvement. although it seems that the conductor had not learned the composition properly. It would also appear that he lost his grip of the proceedings again around the 28.000 odd mark. as we read of one of the ringers being given incorrect instructions as to what he should have been doing. This. the report says. 'Led to some confusion.' It would appear that the confusion was bad enough to end the attempt.

One might also be tempted to ask. 'Was it a combination of confusion and monotony.' If monotony is one of the bogies of long lengths. let us read what Mr. George Gilbert says in his letter ('R.W.' May 13th. 1960. page 331). 'Lack of discipline is the cause of most bad striking and no real ringer finds any method monotonous as he is all the time listening to the beat.' These are truly the words of a master. Thank you Mr. Gilbert.

In conclusion I would suggest to Mr. Ivin that he gets himself a band together. thoroughly learn Bob Major and a composition of it. and also how to control a band. then get permission to ring on a peal of **church bells** and try to emulate the Essex band and their performance. NOT tell a man twice his age and with more experience. who was ringing Bristol before. I will venture to say. he knew handstroke from backstroke. to learn the method. If he can do that we might have something to congratulate him upon.

'SUNDAY SERVICE RINGER'

Kent.

(Name and address supplied).

Dear Sir.—I think Steven Ivin's remarks concerning the 22.400 Bob Major at Kirby-le-Soken would have sounded better had they come from a different pen. as judging by the letters in the 'R.W.' June 5th. a number of ringers now consider Mr. Ivin as quite a horrible person! I'm not prepared to say whether he's horrible or not because I've never met him but his remarks about the long peal of Bob Major are **not** so silly after all.

Now a peal 22.400 changes wants a lot of ringing. even though it's only Bob Major. and Mr. Lufkin's band deserve full credit for their performance: however. the peal is nothing to shout about when compared with 21.600 Bristol Surprise Major. as any ringer capable of ringing Bristol will agree—in Bob Major all the ringers can sit back and have a jolly good sleep except the conductor. who has to keep wide awake. but you can't go to sleep in Bristol Surprise. no sir!

Should there be any doubt about this among the non-Bristol ringers just compare the two diagrams and I'm sure you'll see what I mean.

Anyway. until some band or other rings a longer peal in a method equal to Bristol. I. for one. will continue to regard the 21.600 as by far the finest performance yet.

Another point worthy of note is the fact that the Loughborough band did. in fact. ring over 28.000 changes before they broke down. roughly 6.000 changes **more** than the recent record length. Even though it can't be classed as a peal. it must surely be classed as the better performance. I feel as Mr. Ivin does that any band wishing to walk off with the record for Bob Major must endeavour to pass the 28.000 mark.

Perhaps there will now be a race between Frank Lufkin and Steven Ivin to see who can ring the extent of Plain Bob first and while we're all awaiting the result. maybe a highclass band from out of the blue will shake us to our very foundations with 40.320 Spliced Surprise Major in about 100 methods (and Spliced at the half leads just to prove there's no trickery!).—Yours sincerely.

WILFRED W. RING.

Bethersden. Kent.

P.S.—Mr. Ivin will please note that Mr. Lufkin won't have to learn Bristol—he can already ring it. and I do mean ring it.

W. W. R.

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the 'Rising Sun.' Carter Lane. E.C.. Saturday. June 25th. 6 p.m. Ringing St. Clement Danes'. Strand. 3.30 p.m. Practices: June 21st. Southwark Cathedral, 6.45 p.m.; June 28th, St. Paul's Cathedral. 6.30: July 5th. St. Lawrence's. Jewry. 6.30; July 12th. St. Giles'. Cripplegate. 6.45 p.m. Will members visiting London please note that weekly practices are held on the continuous rota shown above.—John Chilcott. Hon. Sec. 6124

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby and Ilkeston District.—Monthly meeting. Belper (8). Saturday. June 25th. 3.30-5 p.m. and 6-7.30 p.m. Cafes nearby.—W. A. Morley. Dis. Sec 6121

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chertsey District.—Meeting at Send and Ockham. Saturday, June 25th. Bells 3 p.m., and service 4.30, at Send. Tea 5 p.m.—Red Cross Hut. Send. Ockham and Send bells in evening. 6106

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Willesborough, Saturday, June 25th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 6108

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Monthly meeting at Stoke Poges. on Saturday, June 25th. Ringing 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. 6109

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—The summer meeting will be held at Hurst. on June 25th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea in Village Hall. 6101

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Meeting at Colston Bassett. Saturday, June 25th. Bells 3 p.m. 6096

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North East District.—A practice meeting at Theberton (bells 2.30 p.m.). and Yoxford (bells 6.30 p.m.). Saturday. June 25th. Tea at Theberton 5 p.m.—A. R. Bridges. Dis. Sec. 6095

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division. —Practice meeting at Heathfield (afternoon) and Warbleton (evening). on June 25th. Tea at Heathfield at 5 p.m. Please notify F. Beeney (sec.). Hillbrae. Carters Corner Road. Hailsham. 6111

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch. — Second quarterly meeting. Gawsworth (8). Saturday. July 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by June 28th. please. to H. C. Lonyon. 8. Cardigan Close. Macclesfield. Frequent buses Macclesfield-Congleton route. 6100

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly general meeting. Fairfield (8), Saturday, July 2nd. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Committee 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Chelmorton (a new ring of 5 available in the evening). Names for tea by June 28th, to B. P. Morris, Hon. Sec., Gable End, Greenway, Ashbourne, Derbyshire. 6137

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (Southern District) and YORKSHIRE (Northern District).—Joint meeting July 2nd, 3 p.m., Barnard Castle. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Ringing at Cotherstone after tea. (Rare opportunity.) Names for tea, please, by June 29th, to E. P. Rock, Rosegarth, Eaglescliffe. 'Phone Eaglescliffe 2451. 6165

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—An evening meeting will be held at Melbourne, on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells (6) from 6 p.m.—E. W. Bullman. 6166

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting, Stebbing, Saturday, July 2nd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. A. Little, Cowlands Farm Cottage, Stebbing. 6128

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District—Quarterly meeting, Ingrave, July 2nd. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Brentwood (8) will also be available from 7 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss N. Jeffery, 45, Brentwood Road, Ingrave. 6126

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HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Elstree (6), July 2nd, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names essential by June 29th, to G. W. Seaman, 181, North Approach, Watford, Herts.—G. W. S., Hon. Dis. Sec. 6156

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting at Knebworth, Saturday, July 2nd, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names by June 30th, to B. Marks, 'Wayside,' Swangleys Lane, Knebworth. 6144

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Flamstead, Saturday, July 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, July 5th, to Mr. E. Smith, Rose Cottage, Flamstead.—J. Good, Dis Sec. 6145

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Meeting on Saturday, July 2nd, at Hawkhurst. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea (2s. 6d.) 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, June 29th, with cash please, to Mr. A. H. Kemp, 1 Lillesden Cottages, Hawkhurst. 6141

LADIES' GUILD.—Annual general meeting at Bath, on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells available: St. Michael with St. Paul, Broad Street, 10-11 a.m.; Twerton 11-12 noon; St. Mark's 2-3 p.m.; Abbey 2.30-3.30; St. Mary, Bathwick 7-7.30; All Saints, Weston 7.30-8.30; Corston from 7 p.m. Committee meeting 1 p.m., St. Mary's Church Hall. Service, Bath Abbey, 3.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting, St. Mary's Church Hall, 4.15 p.m. Names for tea (3s. 6d.) by June 29th, to Mrs. Norton, Gout House Farm, Kingston Seymour, Clevedon, Somerset. 6018

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—A meeting will be held at Christ Church, Aughton, on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. W. Lunt, 36, Colinmander Gardens, Ormskirk. 6167

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Monthly meeting at Heversham, on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. P. Handley, Heversham Hall, Milnthorpe, Westmorland. 6168

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—Meeting at Singleton Parish Church, on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea provided. Meeting afterwards.—John F. Turner. 6154

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Accrington, on July 2nd. (Note change of rota.) Bells (8) 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m. Special method: Stedman.—John Pilkington, Sec. 6140

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Meeting at Attleborough, Saturday, July 2nd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by June 29th. Special methods: Beverley Surprise and College Exercise.—C. F. W. Phillippo, 1, Council Houses, Bunwell, Norwich, NOR 01X. 6127

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at Oxford, on Saturday, July 2nd. Service at Christ Church 11 a.m. Annual meeting in the Chapter House 12 noon. Lunch in Christ Church dining hall 1.30 p.m. Luncheon tickets 6s. Application for tickets, accompanied by remittance, must reath Mr. A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Church Lane, Wexham, Slough, Bucks, not later than Tuesday, June 28th. Ringing arrangements as on agenda.—M. R. Cross, Hon. Gen. Sec. 6091

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting, Shirley (8), July 2nd. Bells 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Please notify for tea by June 29th.—G. E. Fearn, (Spr 1025), 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. 6157

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY (Est. 1623).—The 337th Anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (12) available from 11 a.m. Service 6 p.m. 12 bell ringing guaranteed. 6082

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Urchfont, Saturday, July 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to E. J. Hitchins, 136, Bradley Road, Trowbridge, Wilts. 6028

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting at South Anston, on Saturday, July 2nd, at 3 p.m. **Important:** Names for tea by Thursday, June 30th, to Mr. H. Turner, 10, Hight Street, South Anston, near Sheffield. 6139

SOUTH WALES NOMADS.—Ringing festival, July 2nd, opening the Panteg Restoration Fund. Mathern 10 a.m. Penhow 11, Nash 12 noon, Llanfrechfa 2 p.m., Panteg 3, (service 4, refreshments), Llangibby 5.30, Caerleon 6.30 p.m. Everyone welcome. 6064

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting on July 2nd, at Cotgrave. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Names for tea by June 29th, to S. Adams, 54, Wilford Road, Ruddington. 6132

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Saturday, July 2nd. Lower Beeding (8) 3 p.m. Tea ONLY to those who notify by Wednesday, June 29th, Mr. A. G. Chilmaid, 14, Church Close, Lower Beeding. 6148

SUFFOLK GUILD.—S.W. District.—Meeting at Stratford St. Mary (6), Saturday, July 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. Bailey, Squirrels Hall Cottage, Stratford St. Mary, Colchester, Essex. Higham (6) available after tea.—R. J. Seabrook. 6119

SUFFOLK GUILD.—West Central District.—Meeting at Cotton (8), July 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea by June 29th.—H. Mitson, Dis. Sec., Buxhall, Stowmarket. 6120

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly District meeting at Walton-on-Thames, July 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Names for tea by Thursday previous, to Mrs. V. Lathbury, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames. Oatlands bells in evening.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 6102

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Annual general meeting, July 2nd, Whitchurch, Hants. Meeting 2.30 p.m. in Church Hall. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Numbers for tea by June 28th, **at latest**, to Mr. E. W. Dance, Bere Hill Farm, Whitchurch. Bells available: East Woodhay 8.30-9.30 a.m., Woolton Hill 9-10, Burghclere 9.30-10.30, Highclere 10-11, Tangley 10.30-11.30, Andover, Basingstoke (St. Michael) and Wonston, all 11-12 noon, Abbots Ann 11.30-12.30 p.m., Barton Stacey, Basingstoke (All Saints) and Goodworth Clatford, all 12-1, Longparish 12.30-1, St. Marybourne, Hurstbourne Priors and Overton, all 1-2, Whitchurch 11 a.m.-2 p.m. and 6-9, Laverstoke 6-7, Overton 6.30-7.30, Deane 6-7, Kingsclere 7.30-9 p.m.—Roger Savory, Hon. Gen. Sec. 6136

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Cobham and Stoke D'Abernon, on Saturday, July 9th. Bells (both towers) from 3 p.m. until 9 p.m. Service 4.30 at Cobham. Tea 5.15 p.m. in Church Room. Numbers for tea by July 6th, to Mrs. Thornton, 59, Hogsmill Lane, Cobham. 6162

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting at West Malling, July 9th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. P. Carter, 'The Ringers,' West Malling. 6159

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly general meeting at Market Harborough, July 9th. Bells available: Market Harborough (8) 3-4.30 p.m., Lubenham (5), Great Oxendon (5) and Great Bowden (6) 6.30-7.30. Service Market Harborough 4.30, followed by tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Names for tea by July 6th, to Mr. F. Wallington, 118, St. Mary's Road, Market Harborough, Leics. General Committee meet, Wednesday, June 29th, in the vestry of St. John-the-Divine, Leicester, at 7.45 p.m.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec. 6153

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Lindsey Branch.—Meeting at Bigby (6), July 9th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by July 6th, to Canon H. Thackray, Bigby Rectory, Barnetby, Lincs. 6164

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting, Happisburgh, July 9th. Bells (6) 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, July 6th, please, to Mr. G. Larter, 2 School Common Road, Lower Happisburgh, Norwich. 6150

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting at East Bridgford, Saturday, July 9th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea must be forwarded by Tuesday previous, to Mr. J. Higgs, Cherryholt Lane, East Bridgford, Nottingham.—W. L. Exton. 6125

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Practice meeting at Brandon (6), June 9th. Bells 6.30 to 9 p.m.—A. F. Ballam, Dis. Sec. 6152

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.—Diocesan festival at Werrington, on Saturday, July 9th, beginning 2.30 p.m. Service at Werrington at 4.15 p.m., followed by tea, 2s. Bells: Werrington (8), St. Stephen, Launceston (8), St. Thomas' (6), Lawhitton (6), Lezant (6), South Petherwin (6), also after tea St. Mary Magdalen, Launceston (8). Replies by Tuesday, June 28th, to Rev. H. Trewhella, Penhevla, Crantock, Newquay. 6112

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Meeting, Leight, Saturday, July 9th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Practice method: London Surprise Minor. Names for tea by Tuesday, July 5th, to F. Hyde, 6, Winchester Avenue, St. John's, Worcester. 6151

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting and six bell prize contest, Hoylandswaine, July 16th. Entrance fee 10s., to A. Farrand, 12, Greenhill Cottages, Mossley, Manchester, by July 2nd, please. For teas please notify by July 9th, J. Whitehouse, Gyder Bottom Farm, Hoylandswaine.—A. Farrand, Sec. 6163

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Dover (8), on Saturday, July 16th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea: Parish Hall at 2s. per person. Names together with cash, please, to Mrs. H. George, 11, Farthingloe Road, Maxton, Dover. 6161

St. John's, Redhill, will next Sunday (June 26th) be on London I.T.V. for morning 11 a.m. service. The time the bells will be on the air is not known but they are ringing for service.

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54326			2	2
54263		—		1
23645	2	—	2	2
46325			2	2
35264	2	—	2	2
56342	2		2	
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BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.—On June 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Davies 1, Miss S. Hayward 2, R. G. Jones 3, E. Furbank 4, A. Pryke 5, H. Turner (cond.) 6, B. C. Hines 7, J. H. Sitch 8. Rung prior to the Choral Eucharist as a compliment to Rev. John Barwick Barnes, Curate of this church, who today was ordained to the priesthood, at Chelmsford Cathedral.

BURES, SUFFOLK.—On May 22nd, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: D. L. Mills (cond.) 1, Mrs. H. Millatt 2, Miss E. R. Cansdale 3, Mrs. L. Mills 4, A. W. Cansdale 5, E. C. Hynard 6, L. D. Mills 7, H. J. Millatt 8. For Rotgation Sunday.

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THE T.V. GUILD

WHILE the Boundaries Commission are battered this way and that by the rival claims of the Duchy of Cornwall and the County of Devon, and people with tidy minds but scanty local knowledge want to make the Tamar the county boundary throughout its length, the ringers of N.W. Devon and N.E. Cornwall decided back in 1889 that the Tamar and the county boundary didn't mean much up here anyway, and founded the Guild you never heard of—the Tamar Valley Guild of Ringers. Yes, of course that's what T.V. stands for: what else?

Oddly enough, the Tamar Valley Guild was in its inception probably the most far-sighted of all the ringers' societies in Devon. The Guild of Devonshire Ringers at its foundation never admitted the possibility that belfry reform and change-ringing could be separated: hence the missionary zeal with which, in the early days, the pioneers went out into the heathen call-change bush to spread the gospel of Service and Scientific. The call-changers, they thought, sunk in the mire of prize-ringing, could only be pulled out by the Blue Line. It was not long before the call-changers, stung into unity by the invasion, founded the Devon Association for the Promotion of Round Ringing, which is the ancestor of the present D.A.—wedded as it is to competitions (but not for money prizes) and to call-change ringing.

It remained for the remotest corner of the county to produce a ringers' guild which was not constitutionally tied either to method-ringing or to competitions. On November 16th, 1889, the Tamar Valley Guild of Ringers held its first meeting in St. Bridget's Church, Bridgerule, on a fine, dry day, under the leadership of the Rev. Frank Hawker Kingdon, who had been instituted to this, his first living, the previous year. The preacher was the Vicar's brother, Fr. Reggie Kingdon, of St. Peter's, London Docks.

Since that day, the T.V.G.R. has stood for good ringing and good churchmanship; at the festival people ring what they like, though it's almost always call-changes, and something over 100 ringers from 16 towers fill one of the churches for the service to sing a number of remarkable hymns, several of them composed by one or another of the Kingdon brothers. Although there are apparently no rules in existence, and although there is one business meeting and one festival only each year, the fact remains that in the area covered by the Tamar Valley Guild there is probably a higher proportion of church attendance among ringers than in any comparable area in England; there are very few unmanned towers, and almost every tower affiliated has its bells rung at least once a Sunday. A great deal of the credit for this record must surely be given to the same Fr. Frank Kingdon, who died—still Vicar of Bridgerule and a legend in the diocese—just 69 years and six days after the Guild's first festival. Nor is his record a solitary one: until this year the secretary for 27 years has been Mr. William Slee, of Pyworthy; and Mr. Slee has been a member for 67 years and is now a life member.

The Guild this year has 161 members—perhaps more. They are all genuine ringing members, and there are none unattached, and about 130 of them came to the Festival on May 14th—at Bridgerule, where the first was held and where the green mound above the mortal body of Frank Kingdon, priest, lies to remind us of the immortality of faithfulness and service and the love of God. After the service, a very brief meeting in the churchyard, and then the usual Tamar Valley tea in the Village Hall—splits and cream and saffron cake as much as a man can put away—and then it's the Guild's custom that every tower affiliated is open, and the bands criss-cross the district from Poughill to Bradford, Hartland to Ashwater, for the rest of the evening. Our Guild may not be very big, and it may have some odd aspects; but that's how we do it, and it seems to work. Indeed we feel that the Guild might well take for itself the bell motto—

Quamvis sum parva, tamen audior ampla per arva

or its English paraphrase—

By all I'll have it understood
That though I'm little, yet I'm good.

J. G. M. S.

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A DERBYSHIRE TOUR

ALL PEALS RUNG FOR THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

TIDESWELL, DERBYSHIRE.

On Mon., June 13, 1960, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 11 lb. in F sharp.

MARY ROAST	*Treble*	JOHN R. MAYNE	5
JOE E. G. ROAST	2	†DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	6
SHIRLEY M. PARSONS	3	‡HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	7
*GEOFFREY R. DREW	4	PETER J. EVES	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by PETER J. EVES.

* First peal in the method. † 200th peal. ‡ 150th peal. First in the method as conductor. First in the method on the bells.

SANDIACRE, DERBYSHIRE.

On Tues., June 14, 1960, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout.

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

GEOFFREY R. DREW	*Treble*	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	4
*SHIRLEY M. PARSONS	2	*‡HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	5
†‡JOE E. G. ROAST	3	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* First peal of London Surprise Minor. † 200th peal. ‡ 100th peal together. The conductor's 500th peal.

MATLOCK, DERBYSHIRE.

On Wed., June 15, 1960, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE TEMPLE HOTEL, MATLOCK BATH.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 14 in D.

SHIRLEY M. PARSONS	1—2	*HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	5—6
JOHN R. MAYNE	3—4	*DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	7—8

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* First peal of Major on handbells.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.

On Wed., June 15, 1960, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.

A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15¼ cwt. in F.

ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON	*Treble*	*PATRICK W. SALTMARSH	5
SHIRLEY M. PARSONS	2	JOE E. G. ROAST	6
HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	3	*DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	7
*PETER J. EVES	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.

* First peal of London Surprise Major. First in the method on the bells.

BRASSINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

On Thurs., June 16, 1960, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in 14 methods, as follows: (1) Lightfoot and Wearmouth. (2) Alnwick and Newcastle. (3) Chester and Munden. (4) London and Wells, (5) York and Durham. (6) Beverley and Surfleet. (7) Ipswich and Cambridge.

Tenor 8 cwt. 26 lb. in A.

DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	*Treble*	JOHN R. MAYNE	4
ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON	2	PETER J. EVES	5
PATRICK W. SALTMARSH	3	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.

CLAY CROSS, DERBYSHIRE.

On Fri., June 17, 1960, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MINOR

Being seven extents in 56 methods, as follows: (1) Plain, Reverse, Canterbury Pleasure, Double, Fulbeck, St. Clement's, Childwall, Thelwall, Double Oxford, Lytham and London Bob, College and Wavertree College, Frodsham, Windermere, Cumberland and Horsmonden Bob, and Ennerdale and Killarney; (2) College Bob IV, St. Albans, Willesden, Wragby, Old Oxford, Neasden, Newdigate, Charlwood, Marple, Braintree, Taxal, Humber, Elston and Clarence Delight, and Morning Star Treble Bob; (3) Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Rossendale, Stamford, Annable's London and Netherseale Surprise; (4) Beverley, Surfleet, Berwick, Hexham, York and Durham Surprise; (5) London and Wells Surprise; (6) Chester and Munden Surprise; (7) Cambridge, Primrose, Norfolk, Ipswich, Bourne and Hull Surprise.

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in A.

MARY ROAST	*Treble*	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	4
PATRICK W. SALTMARSH	2	JOE E. G. ROAST	5
*JOHN R. MAYNE	3	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

* First peal in 56 methods.

HOPE, DERBYSHIRE.

On Sat., June 18, 1960, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's transposition of Thurstans' Four-Part.

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

JOHN R. MAYNE	*Treble*	*HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	5
PETER J. EVES	2	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	6
*GEOFFREY R. DREW	3	JOE E. G. ROAST	7
PATRICK W. SALTMARSH	4	IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. First of Stedman Triples as conductor.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 11, 1960, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 25¼ cwt.

JOHN WORTH	*Treble*	‡DENNIS H. HENSHAW	7
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	FRANK OSBALDISTON	8
*ROBERT WARRILOW	3	EDWARD JENKINS	9
BASIL JONES	4	BRIAN HARRIS	10
†BERNARD F. L. GROVES	5	‡IAN HOLLAND	11
†HAROLD C. LONYON	6	PETER LAFLIN	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal on 12 bells. † First of Stedman and Cinques. ‡ First of Cinques.

Rung to mark the 50th anniversary of Mr. P. Laflin's first peal of Stedman Cinques, in which peal he also rang the tenor.

TEN BELL PEALS

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., May 28, 1960, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 29 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in D flat.

HAROLD C. LONYON	*Treble*	C. KENNETH LEWIS	6
BERNARD F. L. GROVES	2	WILLIAM DOWSE	7
BASIL JONES	3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	8
JOHN WORTH	4	ALAN A. POTTS	9
EDWARD JENKINS	5	BRIAN HARRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., June 14, 1960, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, MANCROFT,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 37 cwt. 99 lb. in C.

ARTHUR G. BASON	*Treble*	GEORGE ADAMS	6
WILLIAM B. DUNCAN	2	WILLIAM LOVE	7
CHARLES F. GOODMAN	3	BERT GOGLE	8
PETER ADCOCK	4	OLIVER BARNARD	9
STANLEY GALL	5	WILLIAM H. BARRETT	*Tenor*

Composed by W. E. BASON. Conducted by ARTHUR G. BASON.

Rung to welcome the Rev. F. Jarvis, who was instituted Vicar of this church on June 8th.

GRANTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 18, 1960, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WULFRAM.

A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 32 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in C sharp.

DAVID G. PAPWORTH	*Treble*	JOHN CHILCOTT	6
MRS. P. LEWINGTON	2	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	7
JAMES PHILLIPS	3	JOHN H. CRAMPION	8
RAYMOND G. BURTON	4	WILLIAM HIBBERT	9
JAMES H. PAILING	5	WILLIAM H. RAMPTON	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JOHN CHILCOTT.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

ALREWAS, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., May 28, 1960, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

J. DENNIS HOLDEN	*Treble*	ERIC E. SPEAKE	5
DAVID W. BRUNNING	2	EDMUND MALIN	6
*CHARLES A. S. WEBB	3	ROBERT B. SMITH	7
*EDWARD W. COLLEY	4	DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

* First peal in the method.

A 20th birthday compliment to John E. Dolman, of this tower.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., May 28, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN K. SMITH	*Treble*	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	5
ANN BARR	2	PAUL W. WEBB	*6
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	3	JOSEPH W. COTTON	7
J. EDWARD CAWSER	4	ROLAND BENISTON	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.

Rung for the fifth anniversary of the induction of the Vicar, the Rev. A. J. Day.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 4, 1960, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 12 methods, being 960 each of London and Rutland and 320 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Cray, Eastcote, Lincolnshire, New Gloucester, Pudsey, Superlative, Wembley and Yorkshire, with 139 changes of method.
Tenor 7¼ cwt. in B flat.

EDWARD JENKINS	*Treble*	BERNARD F. L. GROVES	5
JOHN WORTH	2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	6
ROBERT B. SMITH	3	PETER LAFLIN	7
BRIAN HARRIS	4	BASIL JONES	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN (rev.). Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

LISS, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 11, 1960, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb.

ALBERT DISERENS	*Treble*	FREDERICK W. ROGERS	5
BRIAN BLADON	2	FRANK W. LEWIS	6
REGINALD W. REX	3	RONALD F. DISERENS	7
ERNEST J. MUNDAY	4	NOEL J. DISERENS	*Tenor*

Composed by S. J. IVIN. Conducted by NOEL J. DISERENS.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
On Mon., June 13, 1960, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

*BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Treble*	JOSEPH W. COTTON	5
RICHARD J. CLIFTON	2	G. RONALD EDWARDS	6
A. JAMES POYNOR	3	*RUSSELL S. MORRIS	7
†SANDRA E. CHESTERTON	4	JOHN M. JELLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by E. W. TIPLER (No. B 70). Conducted by B. G. WARWICK.
* 100th peal together. † First of Yorkshire 'inside.'

ROTHBURY, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 11, 1960, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

*THOMAS O. PIERCY	*Treble*	GEORGE S. DEAS	5
*DENNIS ELLISDON	2	KENNETH ARTHUR	6
JOHN E. ANDERSON	3	ERIC N. HARRISON	7
MARION S. AINSWORTH	4	BRYAN PATTISON	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES S. WILDE. Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.
* First peal of Surprise.

RUNCORN, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 11, 1960, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.

*ROY FORSTER	*Treble*	FRED JACKSON	5
†ROGER KING	2	WILLIAM E. ALLMAN	6
WALTER ALLMAN	3	JOHN E. BIBBY	7
HAROLD WORRALL	4	DENIS MADDOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.
* First Surprise peal. † First in the method. First of London on the bells.

KIDLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., June 17, 1960, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 23¼ cwt.

WILLIAM JUDGE	*Treble*	NOEL J. DISERENS	5
J. HOWARD FREEBORN	2	EDGAR J. SMITH	6
ERNEST J. MUNDAY	3	PHILIP H. TOCOCK	7
*ROBERT A. REEVES	4	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Composed by DENNIS KNOX. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal in the method.

BERRINGTON, SHROPSHIRE
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 18, 1960, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb.

*ROSALINE A. FARLOW	*Treble*	ALFRED S. BAYLEY	5
JOSEPH L. STANIER	2	ALAN A. ELSMORE	6
DENNIS HOLDEN	3	HARRY EDGE	7
LEO EVANS	4	RODERICK J. LEES	*Tenor*

Composed by W. HARRISON. Conducted by RODERICK J. LEES.
* First peal of Major. First of Major on the bells.
Rung in memoriam Mrs. W. Downes and Mr. L. Challenor, benefactors of the bells.

HEPTONSTALL, YORKSHIRE
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Sat., June 18, 1960, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-A-BECKET,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

MARION ARCHER	*Treble*	NORMAN SMITH	5
B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD	2	JOHN H. FIELDEN	6
RITA M. JOWETT	3	CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE	7
PETER SCHOLFIELD	4	IAN M. HOLLAND	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by IAN M. HOLLAND.
First peal in the method by all except the conductor.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 18, 1960, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10½ cwt.

MRS. T. J. LOCK	*Treble*	WALTER AYRE	5
THOMAS J. LOCK	2	ALICK CUTLER	6
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	3	COLIN A. S. HARWOOD	7
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	4	JACK S. DEAR	*Tenor*

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

TARPORLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Sat., June 18, 1960, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

MARY C. POYNER	*Treble*	PHILIP J. EVANS	5
RICHARD E. MORRIS	2	JOHN R. THOMAS	6
*ROGER W. POWELL	3	ROBIN J. LEE	7
†TREVOR HOLMES	4	COLIN SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by COLIN SMITH.
* First peal of Major. † First peal. First of Major as conductor.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the fifth.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

ROCKWELL GREEN, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., May 25, 1960, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven 720's. Tenor 11¼ cwt. in G.

*CHARLES E. WEBBER	*Treble*	WALTER STEVENS	4
DAVID T. NORTH	2	GEOFFREY J. GAMMON	5
IVOR G. HUGHES	3	GORDON WALFORD	*Tenor*

Conducted by GORDON WALFORD.
* First peal of Minor.
Rung as a 65th birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

HIGH HALDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 28, 1960, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 13¼ cwt.

CRAWFORD T. HILLIS	*Treble*	ANDREW M. MACVE	4
RITA A. GOWER	2	RALPH BIRD	5
ROSEMARY E. GOWER	3	DENNIS A. CHAPMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

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RUCKINGE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 28, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In two methods, being 24 extents (ten callings) and three 240's (Morris' and Pitman's) of Grandsire, and 12 extents (four callings) of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

*MARGARET M. JONES ..	*Treble*	†ANDREW M. MACVE ..	3
†JOHN R. COOPER	2	†CRAWFORD T. HILLIS ..	4
RALPH BIRD	*Tenor*		

Conducted by JOHN R. COOPER.

* First peal of Doubles. † First on five bells.

ADDINGTON. SURREY.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 4, 1960, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Single Oxford, two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.

ANDREW M. MACVE ..	*Treble*	JOHN E. CANNELL	4
*JOHN D. FAIRCLOTH ..	2	COLIN F. McGILL	5
†JOHN C. PERRIN	3	RALPH BIRD..	*Tenor*

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

* First peal 'inside.' † First in five methods.

Rung for the marriage this day of Ronald Audus (of the local band) and Rosemary Margaret Watton. Also to mark the installation of Ald. G. J. Cole (churchwarden) as Mayor of Croydon.

BABWORTH. NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., June 6, 1960, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob, and one extent of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

JOHN COATES	*Treble*	DENNIS A. SMEDLEY.. ..	4
*GEOFFREY N. GOODALL ..	2	HAROLD DENMAN	5
MALCOLM P. PHIPPS ..	3	JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM.

* First peal in four methods.

Rung to mark the engagement of Mary Maddison to Roy Mills.

MEARS ASHBY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 11, 1960, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

*GEORGE F. ROOME	*Treble*	†TIMOTHY A. WOODING..	4
PERCY AMOS	2	†JOHN W. HALL	5
†VICTOR A. PERRY	3	*†ALLAN R. JONES	*Tenor*

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

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. R. Rutter as Vicar of this parish.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION .
On Sat., June 11, 1960, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven 720's in 12 methods: (1) Double Court, (2) Hereward Bob and Oxford Bob, (3) Thelwall and Childwall, (4) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (5) Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, (6) Cambridge Surprise, (7) Double Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

MARGARET M. JONES ..	*Treble*	RALPH BIRD	4
CRAWFORD T. HILLIS.. ..	2	IAN H. ORAM	5
RAYMOND J. CARLTON ..	3	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

The conductor's 150th peal for the K.C.A. (conducted 76).

INGESTRE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., June 11, 1960, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 9 lb.

FREDERICK E. WILSHAW ..	*Treble*	RICHARD J. WARRILOW ..	4
FREDERICK R. WIGGIN ..	2	ROY K. MOWFORTH	5
DAVID HARMAN	3	DAVID W. FRIEND	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID W. FRIEND.

COWFOLD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Trinity Sunday, June 12, 1960, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Norwich and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, and two of Kent T. Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

CECIL R. LONGHURST ..	*Treble*	LEONARD STILWELL	4
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	2	GEORGE FRANCIS	5
BARWELL B. DIBBEN	3	BERNARD E. MATTHEWS ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by BARWELL B. DIBBEN.

Rung at the home church of Bernard G. Moore, who this day was ordained Deacon at York Minster.

TIBSHELF, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 13, 1960, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 2,880 changes of Kent Treble Bob and 2,160 changes of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

*CLIVE LONGDEN	*Treble*	MALCOLM P. PHIPPS	4
KENNETH R. GOODALL ..	2	GEORGE E. HANCOCK.. ..	5
GEOFFREY N. GOODALL ..	3	JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM.

* First peal at first attempt.

GNOSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Tues., June 14, 1960, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (15 callings). Tenor 17 cwt.

*JUNE M. KEY	*Treble*	BARNABAS G. KEY	4
†DAVID N. FRIEND	2	HOWARD HOWELL	5
E. MARION KEY	3	‡JOHN W. DYKE..	*Tenor*

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

* First peal in the method. † First of Stedman Doubles. ‡ First peal.

A birthday peal for the ringers of 1 and 4, and Ian Friend, also of the local band. Also a 20th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Key.

BUCKFAST, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Wed., June 15, 1960, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE BENEDICTINE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12¼ cwt. in G.

E. MAURICE ATKINS ..	*Treble*	*MARY RUSSELL	4
*REV. P. ANGOLD	2	†REV. P. DOWLING	5
*REV. O. MOWAN	3	WILLIAM G. LAVERS ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.

* First peal. † First 'inside.'

Rung for the eve of the Feast of Corpus Christi.

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HASKETON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Wed., June 15, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720's as follows: (1) College Bob, (2) Oxford Bob, (3) Double Court, (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) St. Clement's Bob, (6) Double Oxford and Plain Bob, (7) Kent and Oxford T.B. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

GILBERT R. GOODSHIP ..	*Treble*	JAMES BENNETT	4
HUBERT A. MITSON	2	FRANK B. LUFKIN	5
RODERICK W. PIPE	3	RONALD W. STEWARD ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

STISTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., June 16, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

*JEAN HILTON	*Treble*	ANDREW BECKWITH	4
ALAN R. SYDER..	2	FRANK B. LUFKIN	5
URBAN W. WILDNEY ..	3	MAURICE E. DOWNS	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* First peal.

YATTENDON, BERKSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD
On Thurs., June 16, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In six methods, being one extent each of Surfleet, Beverley, London, Durham, York, and two of Cambridge. Tenor 12 cwt.

*ERIC WOOLGROVE	*Treble*	BRIAN MILLS	4
*HAZEL WHITE	2	*REGINALD F. CROOK ..	5
†REGINALD W. REX	3	†GEOFFREY K. DODD ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.

* First peal of Surprise Minor. † First of six Surprise Minor. First of Surprise as conductor, and 200th peal.

Rung to the memory of Stella Davis by ringing friends of the Andover and Newbury Branch.

COTTESMORE, RUTLAND.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., June 17, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 14 cwt.

JEAN HOY	*Treble*	RONALD HILL	4
*JUNE THOMAS	2	MICHAEL STRACEY	5
JOHN H. BLUFF..	3	JOHN MERREDITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.

* First peal. Rung on her birthday.

RADSTOCK, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., June 17, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Cambridge and three each of Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

*HAZEL YOUNG	*Treble*	EDWIN BROWN	4
†RODNEY THATCHER	2	JOHN HOLBROOK	5
DAVID HOARE	3	FREDERICK CARTER	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID HOARE.

* First peal. † First on tower bells.

WALLASEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 18, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HILARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Cambridge, Beverley, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb. in G.

JOHN MCCULLOCH	*Treble*	VIVIAN T. O. BOASE	4
MRS. C. B. PEMBERTON ..	2	EDWIN JONES	5
MARJORIE E. WEBSTER ..	3	CHARLES B. PEMBERTON ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWIN JONES.

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HALF PEAL

ATCHAM, SHROPSHIRE.—On June 18th, two 720's each of Oxford and Kent T.B. Minor: F. H. Bennett 1, E. Stitch 2, E. V. Rodenhurst 3, W. Davies 4, M. G. Turner (cond.) 5, H. Howell 6.

ALVASTON, DERBY.—On May 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Gosling (first quarter) 1, Mrs. B. A. Manning 2, E. Thomas 3, D. E. Roberts 4, B. R. Manning (cond.) 5, R. Laurence (first quarter) 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to treble ringer.

BRETFORTON, WORCS.—On May 21st, 1,344 Kent T.B. Major: M. J. Hobbs 1, F. Skidmore 2, Gillian M. Hussey 3, F. J. Sampson 4, S. G. Riches (first of Kent) 5, B. A. Shackleton 6, P. L. Pearce (first of Kent) 7, D. J. Hunt (cond.) 8. Rung as a welcome to the new incumbent.

BURSTWICK, E. YORKS.—On June 15th, 1,272 Minor (St. Clement's, Kent and Oxford T.B.): R. Ducker (cond.) 1, Miss B. Fisher 2, Mrs. R. Ducker 3, T. W. Thirkell 4, C. R. Robinson 5, D. Johnson 6.

BURNLEY, LANCS.—At St. Peter's, on June 12th, 1,260 Gransire and Plain Bob Doubles: Jennifer Whamond 1, Mary J. Smith 2, Sheila M. Smith (first quarter) 3, Pamela Blakeley 4, N. Smith (cond.) 5, K. Lawson 6. Rung during the annual Procession of Witness.

CANNINGTON, SOMERSET.—On June 6th, 600 Plain Bob Doubles and 660 Grandsire: A. Webber 1, L. Pople 2, F. Fackrell 3, W. Heyward 4, H. Pople (cond.) 5, R. Fowler 6. A wedding compliment to Miss Doreen J. Wimble and Mr. Eric A. Maile, married in this church this day.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—On June 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. J. Dixon (first quarter) 1, Miss E. N. Everest 2, Miss R. A. Stevens 3, G. Apps 4, R. V. Johnson 5, J. W. Jeffery 6, F. Godsmark (cond.) 7, E. J Brett 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of H. E. Lilley, ringing member of this church, interred at Cuckfield Church.

DEDDINGTON, OXON.—On June 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. E. Pearson 1, Christine V. Pullin 2, D. Bowen 3, C. C. Clarke 4, P. D. Warren 5, W. Ivings 6, W. N. Genna (cond.) 7, B. Sykes 8. First in method 6 and 8. A birthday tribute to H.R.H. Prince Philip.

DROITWICH-SPA, WORCS.—On June 8th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Cliffords Pleasure, Southrepps, Reverse Canterbury, April Day, Kennington, Plain Bob, Reverse St. Bartholomew and Grandsire): J. E. Pullon 1, Hether M. Pullon 2, M. J. Fellows 3, P. Cattermole (cond.) 4, M. D. Fellows 5, L. H. G. Gittins 6. Most methods in quarter by all except conductor.

DUNKERTON, SOMERSET.—On June 15th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 1, H. L. Parfrey 2, A. F. Lee 3, C. J. A. Brown 4, J. J. Jefferies (first of Stedman) 5, A. F. Butt 6. Rung as birthday compliments to the Rector and his wife (Rev. and Mrs. G. Evans).

EAST BUDLEIGH, DEVON.—On May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Luxton 1, L. G. Bolt 2, G. Ellett (first quarter) 3, G. West 4, M. J. Board (first as cond.) 5, F. Snow 6. Rung for the wedding of H.R.H. Princess Margaret and Mr. Antony Armstrong-Jones.

EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.—On May 1st, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: M. P. Howard 1, Evelyn M. Hicks 2, E. R. Rapley 3, F. J. Roberts 4, E. J. Ladd 5, B. V. Collison 6, J. A. Howard 7, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 8. First of Treble Bob 1 and 7. First of T.B. Major 2 and 4. For Evensong.

EASTON-IN-GORDANO, SOMERSET.—On June 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. V. Rockett 1, S. Delve 2, M. Horseman 3, H. Carlsson 4, F. Neale (cond.) 5, G. Watt 6. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Mrs. Ramsay, wife of the Rector, who was buried this day.

EDMONTON, MIDDX.—On June 19th, 1,320 Little Bob Minor: Iris George 1, D. Langdon 2, W. George 3, T. Bailey 4, J. Weeks (first of Little Bob) 5, T. Hawkins (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

ELING, HANTS.—On June 11th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, S. Bartholomew, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Gladys D. Kitcher 1, Mavis P. Coffin 2, M. D. G. Northway (cond.) 3, L. D. Smith 4, C. M. White 5, R. Buchanan 6. First in four methods for all the band and on the bells. Rung for the wedding this day of Miss Gwen Lee to Mr. Brian Mackrell, both ringing members of this tower.

ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.—On Whit Sunday, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: W. Paul (cond.) 1, Mrs. A. Peachey 2, Miss D. Reeve 3, H. Ivings 4, G. Miller 5, W. Ivings 6, J. E. Ivings 7, I. W. Paul 8. For morning service.

QUARTER PEALS

FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.—On Whit Sunday, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: P. Treble 1, P. Murgatroyd (cond.) 2, Miss M. A. Finch 3, G. S. Joyce 4, P. J. Joyce 5, R. E. Finch 6. For Evensong.

GRANTHAM, LINCS.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: C. Noakes 1, A. Frith 2, P. Hill 3, Mrs. Ketteringham 4, G. Ingleby 5, C. McCartney 6, F. Pinchbeck 7, K. Ketteringham 8, R. Stephenson 9, H. R. Woods (cond.) 10. In honour of Alderman Mrs. D. Stepman and Miss Clare Sansbury, recently elected Mayor and Mayoress of Grantham.

HOO, KENT.—On June 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. Alan Wrigley 1, W. A. J. Knight (cond.) 2, J. Sellens 3, A. Wrigley 4, C. T. J. Norris 5, A. Vidgion 6.

KIRTON-IN-HOLLAND, LINCS.—On May 16th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: B. Hunt 1, Miss J. Gilbert 2, J. Bailey 3, L. H. Taylor 4, J. R. Kemp 5, A. E. Flatters 6, D. Flatters 7, W. E. Clarke (cond.) 8. Rung in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. E. Flower.

LEICESTER.—At St. Mary De Castro, on June 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. J. E. Smith 1, K. B. Townsend 2, I. Fraser 3, P. J. Chilton 4, J. M. Jelley 5, S. Harrison 6, S. J. Poynor (cond.) 7, F. Crane 8. Rung for the annual Trinity Hospital service.

LONDON, E.C.—On March 20th, at St. James', Clerkenwell, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss M. Prockson 1, Miss J. A. Harding (first of Plain Bob Major) 2, R. J. Trebilcock 3, R. G. W. Robertson (first of Major) 4, G. A. Parsons 5, W. Prockson 6, D. E. Sibson (cond.) 7, J. Euston 8. For Matins. Also on March 20th, at St. Olave's, Hart Street, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Miss J. A. Harding 1, Miss E. J. Langton 2, J. M. Lakin 3, M. R. Rose 4, R. G. W. Robertson 5, G. Pratt 6, S. Brown 7, D. E. Sibson (cond.) 8. First of Cambridge S.M. for 2, 5 and 7.

MARSTON, OXFORD.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. S. Walker (most changes in one method) 1, C. Woodward 2, N. Deam (first as cond.) 3, A. Gammon 4, R. H. Jones 5. Rung as a welcome to the return of the Vicar, the Rev. P. Rimmer, after illness.

NORTHAMPTON.—On May 29th, at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. G. F. Roome 1, Miss J. A. Downing 2, G. F. Roome (cond.) 3, T. Jennings 4, J. C. Rainbow 5, Miss A. Shackshaft 6. A tribute to the Northamptonshire Regiment on their amalgamation with the Royal Lincolnshire Regiment on June 1st, 1960.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Stead 1, A. Tumber 2, J. Murphy 3, N. Hayes 4, Mrs. Alice Reed 5, C. Taylor 6, R. A. Reed (cond.) 7, A. Smith 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Miss Ivy Taylor in appreciation of her work for the church.

NUTFIELD, SURREY.—On May 7th, 1,260 Cambridge Surprise Minor: E. G. Coward 1, R. Bird 2, Miss J. L. Lavender 3, G. Oliver 4, F. E. Darby (cond.) 5, S. F. Kimber 6. Rung after a peal failure in honour of the marriage of H.R.H. Princess Margaret and Mr. Antony Armstrong-Jones.

NUTHALL, NOTTS.—On June 19th, 1,272 Cambridge Surprise Minor: G. King 1, E. Wilcot 2, H. Young 3, Tonie Poole 4, T. Harrison 5, E. Jenkinson (first as cond.) 6. First quarter 3 and 4. A 16th birthday compliment to Tonie Poole.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.—On June 15th, 1,280 Doubles (St. Simon's, Rugby, Braywood, St. Martin's, Slapton, Welford, St. Nicholas', Longford, Fundenhall, Winchenden, Thornborough, Haddiscoe, St. Remigius, Hascombe, Reverse Canterbury, Dorton, Plain Bob, Candlesby, Boxford): A. H. Bates 1, R. B. Wawman 2, W. Butler (cond.) 3, D. W. Stone 4, C. Watson 5. First quarter in 19 methods by all except conductor.

OXTON, CHESHIRE.—On June 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. M. E. Smith 1, L. N. S. Smith 3, E. T. Carnell (first in method as cond.) 4, A. J. Martin 6, P. S. Bennett 7, T. Morgan 8. First quarter at first attempt for 1 and 3. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. M. Pasterfield.

PORTBURY, SOMERSET.—On June 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: B. Goodliffe (first quarter) 1, J. Riley (first 'inside') 2, Mary Powell 3, Monica Horseman 4, M. Horseman (cond.) 5, R. Hashins 6.

RANDWICK, N.S.W., AUSTRALIA.—On June 12th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Plain Bob, Old, April Day, Kennington, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Southrepps P.B., Clifford's P., and St. Columb's P.): J. H. Fryer 1, W. M. Rowe 2, W. D. Watson (first as cond. on tower bells) 3, Audrey E. Peters 4, J. C. Sheehy 5, D. C. Hughes 6. Most methods to a quarter by all the band.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Whit Sunday, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: W. Ward 1, Miss E. Hatch 2, F. May 3, G. Blower 4, E. Blower 5, M. Hatch 6, D. Belcham 7, A. House 8. Rung for Evensong.

READING, BERKS.—On June 12th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Diserens (cond.) 1, Mrs. H. M. Diserens 2, R. K. Russ 3, Mrs. F. E. Diserens 4, A. R. Mann 5, J. N. Diserens 6, C. E. Lewington 7, F. W. Lewis 8. Specially arranged for A. R. Mann, of Newmarket, and rung for Trinity Sunday. Also at the Church of St. Giles, on June 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Clapp (first quarter) 1, Janet K. Secker 2, Mollie Tilbury 3, Patricia Heather 4, Jennifer M. Davies 5, P. M. Wilkinson 6, Lucy E. Allen (cond.) 7, F. J. Sage 8. Rung by members of the Reading University Society for Evensong.

ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK.—On June 5th, 1,260 Minor (Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob): June E. Wright 1, L. Wright 2, M. Rose 3, L. Nice 4, R. Rose (cond.) 5, E. Nice 6. Rung half-muffled for morning service and in memoriam Rev. Paul Greaves, former Rector, interred previous day at Hardington Mandeville, Somerset.

RUISHTON, SOMERSET.—On May 19th: J. D. Hagin (first fluarter 1, W. J. Lowman 2, Miss J. Lowman (cond. and first 'inside') 3, A. Williams 4, D. Baker 5, R. Cullen (first quarter) 6. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. Mr. Speakman on his leaving for Australia.

SHIRLEY, WORCS.—On May 30th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Margaret Bragg (first of Minor) 1, V. A. Hemming (cond.) 2, J. T. Clark 3, Judy Robinson 4, C. D. Baugh 5, E. T. Lloyd 6. For Confirmation.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On June 8th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Valerie Hoby 1, Pamela M. Jervis 2, Linda J. Kew 3, M. Hatchett 4, D. K. Walters 5, W. Birmingham 6, F. R. Scott 7, J. K. Ward (cond., first of Major) 8. For Confirmation service, conducted by the Bishop of Buckingham.

SOUTHAMPTON, BITTERNE PARK.—On May 29th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): D. Hawkins 1, Janice E. Williamson 2, D. E. House 3, Pamela A. Jones 4, M. J. Thomas (cond.) 5, Daphne Hymas 6, B. Harvey 7, J. Dann 8. Rung for Ascensiontide and as a compliment to the ringers of 6 and 8 on their engagement.

STAINES, MIDDX.—At St. Peter's, on June 2nd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss C. A. O'Kelly (first quarter) 1, J. D. Tomkinson 2, Miss J. E. Williams 3, G. Pickett 4, E. T. Skipsey (first as cond.) 5, P. Williams 6. For Confirmation service. Also on June 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss C. A. O'Kelly (first on Minor) 1, J. D. Tomkinson 2, R. I. Shepherd 3, D. S. Hawkins (cond.) 4, M. Bartlett (first of Minor) 5, E. T. Skipsey 6. For morning service.

STOKE GOLDINGTON, BUCKS.—On June 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Whiting 1, J. Geary 2, A. Armstrong 3, O. Warren 4, W. Mawby 5, P. D. Taylor (first as cond.) 6.

STORNINGTON, SUSSEX.—On May 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Chacksfield 1, Mrs. Chacksfield 2, J. R. Maple 3, Jean Horton 4, J. Newall (cond.) 5, K. Pritchard 6. For Ascension Day.

STRENSHAM, WORCS.—On June 6th, 1,320 Beverley Surprise Minor: M. Hawkes 1, Brenda Smith 2, Jacqueline Roberts 3, W. B. Pomeroy 4, G. C. Hemming (cond.) 5, G. J. Hemming 6. First of Beverley for 2 and 3. Also on June 10th, 1,260 Single Oxford Bob Minor: J. Firkins 1, C. Haylings (first in method 'inside') 2, M. Hawkes 3, D. Price (cond.) 4, F. Lawrence 5, E. W. Penn 6.

SWINESHEAD, LINCS.—On May 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Randall 1, J. P. Morris 2, Mrs. R. Reynods 3, W. E. Clarke 4, W. B. Dawson 5, P. Reynolds (cond.) 6, A. E. Bennett 7, C. Stubley 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of F. A. Bullock, for over 30 years a ringer and sidesman at this church.

THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.—On June 12th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: W. Downs 1, Mrs. P. W. Mills 2, Marian H. Mills 3, F. Harvey 4, P. W. Mills 5, P. Wood (cond.) 6. For morning service and as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On June 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. R. Bartholomew 1, Mary G. Bartholomew 2, R. D. Bell 3, B. B. Hullah (first 'inside') 4, R. G. Smith 5, D. Laud 6, R. G. Bell (cond.) 7, M. Howard 8. For Confirmation.

WALLINGFORD, BERKS.—On June 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Angela Ayres (14, first quarter) 1, G. McIlone (13, first of Triples) 2, E. Gerrard 3, F. Smith 4, F. Godden 5, W. Fulker (first Triples 'inside') 6, R. Blond (cond.) 7, W. Tame 8.

WEST RETFORD, NOTTS.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Hobbs (cond.) 1, Jill Easom 2, Valerie Waterfield 3, Margaret Womack 4, C. Scott 5, D. McNeil 6. For morning service.

QUARTER PEALS

ALVERSTOKE, HANTS.—On May 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Delia F. Leslie (first quarter) 1, W. A. K. Gray 2, Sheila Beale (first 'inside') 3, Marion Nobes 4, H. A. Nobes (cond.) 5, S. Kathleen Knight 6, F. G. Barron 7, M. R. Walker 8. Rung for the engagement of Marion Nobes to Andrew McDowall.

CHELSFIELD, KENT.—On May 31st, 1,260 Doubles (720 Grandsire, 540 Plain Bob): Eileen Moore 1, Julian Oathwaite 2, D. Manger (cond.) 3, M. Legg 4, J. Parker 5, Ann Buncombe 6. For Confirmation service. Also on Whit Sunday, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, Grandsire): Hillary Martin (first quarter) 1, D. Manger (cond.) 2, N. Martin 3, M. Legg 4, J. Parker 5, A. Smith 6. For Evensong and also as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Ann Buncombe.

CHURCH GRESLEY, DERBYS.—On May 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Joan Cotton 1, R. J. Clifton 2, D. Eames 3, D. P. Jones (cond.) 4, J. W. Cotton 5. A 15th birthday compliment to David Eames.

COSGROVE, NORTHANTS.—On June 4th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: D. Cadwell 1, J. Powell 2, J. Georg 3, C. Walker 4, R. Keeves 5, A. C. Cogens 6. First of Minor for 1, 2, 3.

ECKINGTON, WORCS.—On June 6th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: G. J. Hemming (cond.) 1, Jacqueline Roberts 2, Brenda Smith 3, W. B. Pomeroy 4, M. Hawkes 5, G. C. Hemming 6.

EVESHAM, WORCS.—On May 21st, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: R. W. Selby 1, Jacqueline Roberts (first 'inside') 2, M. G. Selby 3, F. P. R. Hartley 4, W. B. Pomeroy 5, M. Hawkes 6, G. J. Hemming 7, G. C. Hemming (cond.) 8. First Surprise Major for 1 and 4.

THE WEEK TO JOIN

The new quarter starts with this issue. New postal subscribers will be welcome. Remittances to Mr. J. E. Jeuter, Greystones, Cusgarne, Truro, Cornwall. Rates: 12 months £1 15s., six months 18s., three months 9s. 6d.

HIGHCLERE, HANTS.—On June 17th, 1,440 Plain Bob Major: R. W. Rex 1, Hazel White 2, Cherry White 3, B. Mills 4, R. C. Christopher 5, E. Woolgrove (first 'inside') 6, G. K. Dodd 7, R. F. Crook (cond.) 8. Rung after the induction service of the Rector, Rev. T. Lewis.

KINGS LANGLEY, HERTS.—On June 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss D. Medland (first quarter) 1, Miss M. Erik 2, B. M. Barker (cond.) 3, K. D. Waples 4, D. J. Goodman 5, R. V. Wallis 6. For Evensong.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.—On May 22nd, 1,274 Plain Bob Triples: P. Sloman 1, B. Saddler 2, Miss J. Rowe 3, A. G. Rose 4, D. Belcham 5, J. Belcham 6, W. Smith (cond.) 7, G. Bacon 8. For Evensong.

REDHILL, SURREY.—On June 18th, 1,280 Cambridge Major: G. West 1, G. Olliver 2, M. Fuller 3, F. E. Roberts 4, A. Streeter 5, E. G. L. Coward 6, A. J. Bull 7, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 8. Rung by a Southern District band.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.—On June 12th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of St. Simon's and Reverse Canterbury, 360 Plain Bob and 420 Grandsire): Marion Webb (first quarter) 1, Christine Lansley 2, V. Griffin (cond.) 3, C. G. Jones 4, A. R. Peake 5, A. Hatherall 6. For Trinity Sunday.

THAKEHAM, SUSSEX.—On Whit Sunday, 1,320 Stedman Doubles: R. P. Wood (cond.) 1, Miss M. Skinner 2, C. B. Skinner 3, M. Fromm 4, B. W. Farhall 5, W. Cherriman 6. For Evensong and a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. Hone, on the birth of a daughter.

TWYNING, GLOS.—On June 6th, 1,296 Surfleet Surprise Minor: G. J. Hemming 1, Jacqueline Roberts 2, Brenda Smith 3, W. B. Pomeroy 4, G. C. Hemming 5, M. Hawkes (cond.) 6. First of Surfleet for 2 and 3.

WARMLEY, GLOS.—On June 11th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: H. Jean Sutton 1, Rita M. Webb (first of Surprise) 2, C. G. Jones 3, A. F. Lee 4, E. Sutton 5, V. Griffin (cond.) 6. First quarter of Surprise on the bells. Rung, following the failure of a peal attempt, to mark the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Webb, also the Patronal Festival.

WESTHOUGHTON, LANCS.—On June 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Young 1, Miss C. Knight (first 'inside') 2, J. Cunliffe 3, A. Greenhalgh 4, J. Warby 5, G. Fothergill (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to Judith Anne, daughter of the 3rd ringer.



THE tower of St. Anta and All Saints, Carbis Bay, Cornwall, was completed last year. Previously it ended just above the termination of the buttresses, and there was a slate covered pyramid roof. An unusual feature is that there are no louvre openings. The sound of the bells escapes through a roof lantern which is completely concealed by the battlements, and in the roof of this there is a Perspex glass dome which floods the bell-chamber with light. The bells are particularly quiet near the church, but as one moves from the church they sound clear and distinct. This is the only ring of ten in Cornwall, outside Truro Cathedral—it is the youngest parish church. The tower is at the south east corner of the church.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The Biggleswade District's monthly meeting at Eaton Socon on June 11th was well supported by visitors from Huntingdonshire. In all, 25 towers were represented and about 40 ringers managed to squeeze into the room where tea had been prepared by a local ringer and his wife.

The Vicar (Rev. D. Jackson) conducted the service and welcomed the visitors to the church. He also presided at the business meeting, when five ringers from the Huntingdon District were made non-resident life members. Attention was drawn to the summer festival at Kempston on July 23rd and the next meeting on August 15th.

Members of the Ely Diocesan Association said how much they enjoyed ringing with their Bedfordshire friends, and Mr. A. Smith, the secretary, said that he had received a suggestion that a joint meeting should be held with the Huntingdon District later in the year.

Thanks to the Vicar and to those who had prepared the tea were expressed by Mr. B. Sims, who supervised the ringing during the afternoon. Ringing ranged from Plain Bob to Superlative, which was one of the special methods.

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Presentation To Mr. R. G. Howson

Civic recognition of ringers was forthcoming at the annual meeting of the North Bucks Branch at Buckingham on June 4th by the presence of the Mayor (Cllr. A. G. F. Marrcott), and at the request of the company he made the presentation of a wallet and cheque to Mr. Reg. H. Howson, of Newport Pagnell, in appreciation of his valued services to the Branch as hon. secretary and treasurer for over 20 years.

Tributes paid to Mr. Howson included one from his successor, Mr. Frank Vickers, who said he had done a wonderful job of work for bell-ringing in North Bucks and for the Guild in general. In his reply Mr. Howson said although he had relinquished the position of secretary he was sure that it was a true saying, 'Once a ringer, always a ringer.' He would continue his interest in the Branch.

The Mayor, in an appreciation of ringers, said they were a happy people, whose efforts at their respective churches brought pleasure and happiness to many people. At Buckingham they were indeed most fortunate in having a splendid and conscientious band, amongst whom was the new Vicar, who was fast becoming keen in the art of change-ringing.

Mr. H. L. Roper, Guild librarian, said that it was most important to encourage youngsters and bring them along to meetings, so that they could be inoculated with the good fellowship of ringers. He was struck that there were so few youngsters in the North Bucks Branch, which seemed a Branch of old men.

In his report, Mr. Vickers said the strength of the Branch was 134 ringing and four honorary members, slightly lower than the previous year. He regretted that Great Linford and North Crawley towers seemed to be 'fading away,' and suggested missionary work at these places.

Elections.—The Rev. A. Campbell (Bletchley), Branch chairman; Mr. Vickers, secretary and treasurer; Messrs. H. C. Edwards and J. E. Whitlock, Branch representatives.

The service in the Parish Church was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. J. H. B. Elkerton), and a collection for the Guild Restoration Fund amounted to £2 9s. 9d. Tea was provided by members of the Mothers' Union. Ringing was at Buckingham and Maids Moreton.

OUTING

ST. AMBROSE GUILD, BRISTOL

An enjoyable day's outing was spent by St. Ambrose Guild on May 21st in the villages of the Cotswolds. An early start was made at 8 o'clock and a run through some of the beauty spots of Gloucestershire, brought us to Northleach for morning coffee, for the party who numbered 41 (not all ringers). Although not ringing in this village, the church was visited, and found to be of exceptional interest with a long history. We then made our way to Blockley, which is the northernmost tower in Gloucestershire. Good use was made of this ring of eight for three quarters of an hour.

At Chipping Norton, Oxfordshire, a ring on the eight at St. Mary's preceded an excellent lunch at a local hotel.

Brailes, Warwickshire, was the highlight of the day for ringers. This glorious six was really enjoyed, the tenor, 33 cwt., was turned in on a touch of Plain Bob Minor. A run into Worcestershire, brought the party to Badsey, where the eight bells were sampled before proceeding to Evesham, for tea. A band then went to Bretforton, and rang a quarter peal of Kent as a welcome to the new rector, who was in residence, but had not then been inducted. The others enjoyed themselves boating at Evesham.

This concluded the ringing for the day and a drive through Gloucestershire brought us to Chipping Sodbury, where supper had been arranged and which was followed by a sing-song. Leaving here about 10.30 p.m. we were soon home, having had a most enjoyable day with no rain and some very good ringing.

F. R. H.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The peal at Buckfast Abbey on June 15th was the first peal on the bells in which any of the monks have taken part, and it marks another step forward in change-ringing here. It was the first peal of Minor on the bells and was rung on the back six of the front octave.

We are sorry to learn of the ill health of Mr. P. H. Marshall, the secretary of Yatton ringers, and wish him a speedy recovery to health and ringing.

An attempt for a peal of Little Bob Maximus on June 6th at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, came to grief after an hour's ringing. As there was not time for a second attempt a quarter of Plain Bob Royal was rung.

Mr. W. M. Rowe, chairman of the N.S.W. Association, and captain of St. Jude's, Randwick, has again entered the active ringing lists after being out of action for about four years due to ill-health. He rang a quarter peal on June 12th.

The University of Nottingham Society have elected the following officers for the session 1960–61: Hon. president, Mr. P. L. Taylor; chairman and Ringing Master, Bruce Grainger; hon. secretary, Martin Bishop; treasurer, Miss Barbara Marsh; committee, Miss Angela Bedwell and Christopher Morris.

With the peal of Surprise Minor rung at Yattendon in memory of Miss Stella Davis, Mr. G. K. Dodd has completed 200 peals plus a peal of Bob Caters rung at Basingstoke not recognised by the Central Council. Included in his total are two peals of Minor on previously unringable bells, and peals starting at 1.30 and 4 a.m., and the first of Minimus on tower bells.

Sincerest apologies are offered by Gloucestershire ringers to Thame ringers. Through their coach breaking down they were 1½ hours late and had to forgo ringing. Troubles did not end there. Standing outside Leighton Buzzard Church, congratulating themselves on being dead on time, the secretary suddenly realised that he was at the wrong church and should have been at Lynslade. They made it and had their first ring of the day.

Through the ball of the clapper of the tenor parting company with the shank, a peal of Minor in ten methods was lost at Cuddesdon on June 19th. The attempt was arranged to commemorate the consecration that day of a former Principal of Cuddesdon Theological College, the Rev. E. G. Knapp, as Bishop of Pretoria; and its loss, having regard to the object, was a disappointment to the band, which consisted of D. C. Woodward 1, E. Venn 2, D. C. Bowen 3, E. J. Munday 4, M. S. Cloke 5, A. R. Pink (conductor) 6.

Miss Elizabeth Rogers, of Little Chart, Ashford, Kent, is flying to Canada next week. She will be away for three months.

Next Saturday eight veterans of the Kent County Association, each with a continuous membership of 50 years and over, will attempt a peal of Holt's Original at Linton, near Maidstone.

Miss Pamela M. Jervis informs us that the drawing on the Christmas issue of 'The Radio Times' was not an imaginary belfry but taken from a photograph taken at Capel, Surrey. A copy of the photograph now hangs in Capel belfry.

After 2½ hours' ringing in a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major at Holy Trinity, Guildford, on June 18th, the tenor man (Mr. Philip Meyhew) found the sun beating through the window too much for him, and a halt was called by the conductor (Mr. Robin G. Leale). Another attempt is planned when the weather is more favourable. The ringing was favourably commented upon by listeners.

On Whit Monday, ringers from a quiet Gloucestershire town left for their annual outing. Some way out an elderly couple in the front seat began to look mystified, and one of them turned round, saying: 'Funny we have never been this way to ——' (a well-known resort). '. . . Madam!', spluttered the Ringing Master, 'This is a bellringers' outing to Bedford!' Poor dears, confused probably by the early hour of departure, they had boarded the wrong coach. Nobody had noticed them!

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REDEDICATION

COTTERSBROOK, NORTHANTS

In the year 1914, Messrs. John Taylor and Co. reported that the bell-frame at Cottersbrooke, Northamptonshire, had become unsafe and recommend that a new steel frame be installed. Not until 45 years later, was it possible for their recommendation to be adopted, when the six bells were rehung in a frame for eight, as part of the restoration to the whole of the fabric and ornaments of the church, at a total cost of £12,000. The bells are of particular interest, as they form one of the very few complete rings of six entirely from the 18th century, all being cast by Henry Bagley in 1702, probably at Ecton.

The original 13th century church was largely restored by the Langham family in the early 18th century, and transformed from its mediæval character into, what has been described as the prevailing desire for domestic comfort. This had remained almost unaltered until the present day. Now a further restoration has been carried out under the direction of Lord Mottistone and Mr. Paul Paget, assisted by Mr. Anthony New, and a careful arrangements of the furnishings has recovered the full beauty of the early 18th century parish church.

The Lord Bishop of Peterborough, who performed the rededication on May 28th, preached upon the text from Isaiah li, 1: 'Harken unto me, ye that follow after righteousness, ye that seek the Lord, look unto the rock whence you were hewn.' This, his Lordship said, had been done by the careful consideration given to preserving the work of former generations, but we were to remember our own contribution, as was seen by the position of the new oak reredos and altar, brought westwards towards the nave, reflecting the desire to bring priest and people together in worship.

The ringing, during the service and immediately after, was carried out by a band representing the Guildsborough Branch of the Diocesan Guild. As the Guild annual meeting was being held that day, there was not a large attendance of ringers, but sufficient were present to keep the bells going. Mr. Paul Taylor represented the bell founders, who are to be congratulated upon a fine restoration, the ring now having a tenor of 14-0-21 in F. The ringers are particularly grateful to Mr. Frank Lane, of Naseby, who made the final preparations in the tower.

After being out of action for so long, no band of ringers remains in the village, but knowing the spirit of friendship and co-operation that exists amongst the ringers in this districts, we know that help will be forthcoming from neighbouring towers.

E. G. O.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

Striking Contest

The fourth annual striking competition attracted four entries to Christ Church, Epsom, which included one new band which had not previously competed—the local band. Once again, the Association was fortunate enough to have Mr. C. H. Kippin as judge and Mrs. Parrott as his marker. Proceedings commenced with a service conducted by the Vicar (Rev. Canon A. E. Robins) to the Association's new form of service. The draw then took place and each band in turn rang a test piece of 252 changes. Supervising in the ringing chamber was Mr. N. Bagworth.

After an excellent tea in the Church Hall, prepared by the local ladies, the judge was asked to announce the results and make his comments. These proved as comprehensive and helpful as usual. The team with the fewest faults proved to be Beddington, followed very closely by St. John's, Croydon. In third place was the local band, but only by a very narrow margin. All the teams except Croydon, who rang Stedman, rang Grandsire Triples.

On this occasion the competition was thrown open to any Sunday service band in the county, so Beddington are entitled to call themselves Striking Champions of Surrey. They are too modest to do so; but if anyone cares to dispute the statement we shall look forward to them proving it at next year's competition. W. P.

SERVANTS OF THE EXERCISE – No. 27



MR. HAROLD N. PITSTOW, M.B.E.
Hon. Auditor to Central Council

Mr. Harold Pitstow comes from a famous ringing family, the Pitstows of Saffron Walden. He is the son of Ernest Pitstow, and his uncles were Nathan J. and Frederick Pitstow. It was once said that whenever a Pitstow was born, it was with a bell rope in one hand and a musical instrument in the other! Harold certainly comes up to this standard: he is distinguished in both fields, ringing and music.

Born at Saffron Walden in 1897, he learned to ring there, was educated at King Edward VI Grammar School, and on leaving school joined the staff of the local office of a London brewing company. He served in the infantry in World War I, was wounded in 1917 at Passchendale and later was commissioned in the R.G.A. In 1920 he was transferred to the London head office, where he rose to the position of cashier and manager of the cash office. Mr. Pitstow is married, and they have two sons and one daughter, all of whom, of course, can ring.

As secretary and conductor of the Westminster Abbey band, he has been responsible for the ringing on many important State occasions, and conducted the Coronation peal in 1937, the Victory peal, the Queen's wedding peal, and peals for the birth of Prince Charles, and the Coronation in 1953. For his services at the Abbey he was honoured by the award of the M.B.E.

Although not a prolific peal ringer—his total to date being 134, conducted 41—his performances have been notable, and he has taken part in peals at St. Paul's Cathedral, Southwark, Bow and Cripplegate. He was one of the College Youths' band when the Society rang its first peal of Spliced Surprise, and he took part in a peal of Cambridge Major on the back eight at Southwark with the late Bob Newton—prince of heavy-bell ringers—on the tenor.

In 1926 he moved to Banstead, Surrey, and at once formed a change-ringing band. Such is his determination and tenacity that today, Banstead can boast of a band that can ring Spliced Surprise for service. Mr. Pitstow is very active in the musical world.

He is an accomplished musician, being able to play a variety of instruments, including the organ, piano, flute and piccolo. As a boy he played in the local band under his father's baton. In 1932 he was appointed musical director of the Banstead Operatic Society, a post he still holds, and he has conducted all their shows, which have included the Gilbert and Sullivan series and 'Merrie England.' His other hobby is cricket. There is no doubt that whatever Harold takes up he puts everything he has into it. He has now retired from active business—and who knows? he may presently settle down to some steady peal ringing! JAFUS.

WORCESTERSHIRE DIAMOND WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Skelding, of Oldswinford, Worcs, celebrated their diamond wedding on June 10th. Mr. Skelding joined the Worcestershire and Districts Association in 1896 and was secretary for the Northern Branch for 11 years. In recognition of his services he was made a life member and Freeman of the Association some ten years ago. He has been actively associated with church work at St. Thomas', Stourbridge, and St. Mary's, Oldswinford, serving at both churches as a sidesman and also on the respective Parochial Church Councils.

St. Martin-in-the-Fields

The ceiling at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, London, has collapsed and at present the church services are being held in the crypt.

Ringing has been suspended for the time being.

SYNTHETIC BELLS OFFERED TO KIDDERMINSTER

To mark his 82nd birthday, Ald. Sir George Eddy has offered to give synthetic bells to St. John's Church, Kidderminster, similar to a set he presented to Franche Church, Kidderminster, in 1939. In his letter to the Vicar, Sir John wrote: 'Since I was a small boy at Kidderminster Grammar School 70 years ago, I have had reminders from time to time that St. John's Church has only had a single bell.'

The Parochial Church Council have accepted the offer, and have applied for a faculty to have a system of synthetic bells installed. They are awaiting authorisation.

Hints For Beginners—27

As an aid to good ringing in peals start fairly slowly and let the speed develop naturally.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Eastern District

A meeting was held at Cheshunt, on June 11th, when some 25 ringers took part in ringing ranging from Plain Bob and Grandsire to Stedman and Kent. One new member was elected at the business meeting, which followed tea. It was agreed to try to hold the next meeting at Benington on July 16th.

W. F.

ACCIDENT INSURANCE FOR BELLRINGERS

Many teams of bellringers are insured under the special policies issued by the Ecclesiastical Insurance Office, Ltd., 11, Norfolk Street, Strand, W.C.2. Particulars will be supplied on application. Those with old policies are recommended to consider increasing the scale of benefits provided.

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OLD BELLS AND RECASTING

REPORT OF THE TOWERS AND BELFRIES COMMITTEE

During the past year the work of the Towers and Belfries Committee has continued to increase. Requests for inspections and reports on bells, bell-gear and towers were received from 58 parishes. These 58 towers were situated in 16 different counties. The inspections and reports were dealt with by members of the committee as follows: Mr. J. W. Clarke, 11—all in Cheshire; Mr. F. E. Collins, 3—one each in Kent, Surrey and Sussex; Mr. J. Freeman, 1—in Lincolnshire; Mr. E. H. Lewis, 1—in Surrey; Mr. W. A. Osborn, 13—all in Somerset; Rev. J. G. M. Scott, 2—both in Devonshire; Mr. F. Sharpe, 27—10 in Northamptonshire, 4 in Buckinghamshire, 3 in Oxfordshire, 2 each in Berkshire and Cardiganshire, and 1 each in Breconshire, Hampshire, Huntingdonshire, Pembrokeshire, Surrey and Yorkshire.

An analysis of the reports reveals that advice on the rehanging of bells was given in 33 instances. In 5 towers advice was given on recasting. Twenty-three towers sought advice on repairs to bell-gear; 5 on sound control and improvement; and 2 on the augmentation of existing rings of bells. In one tower also advice was given on the restoration of a set of handbells.

No outstanding or unusual problems were reported by members of the committee, but Mr. J. W. Clarke found considerable damage being caused to bells and gear by faulty clock hammers. He suggests a special effort be made to urge church authorities, ringers and steeple keepers to carry out regular periodic inspections and adjustments of these fittitngs.

Besides carrying out inspections and issuing reports, Mr. W. A. Osborn rendered valuable practical assistance to a village church by lowering to safety himself the fourth bell at Closworth. He found this bell hanging in a precarious state in the parish in which was once situated the famous Purdue bell foundry. Mr. Osborn has been assisted during the year by Mr. R. H. Gardener, who succeeded him as adviser to the Bath and Wells Association.

The convener found an increasing number of towers in which considerable repairs were necessary because of complete neglect of routine maintenance work. To quote but one of many instances: in one tower no one had oiled the rope pulleys for 25 years and the oil wells of the brass bearings were rendered useless by being packed with stiff grease.

During the year Messrs. E. H. Lewis and F. Sharpe, as representatives of your committee, attended a joint meeting convened by the Dean of Gloucester, between representatives of the Central Council for the Care of Churches, the bell founders, and our Council's Towers and Belfries Committee. The object of this conference was to debate the Standing Orders of the Central Council for the Care of Churches in regard to bell restoration, and to make suggestions for their amendment and improvement. A copy of the revised draft of these Standing Orders is appended. They have been accepted in their revised form by the Central Council for the Care of Churches and we are asked if our Council would also accept them, and print them in any subsequent editions of our handbooks. They will be printed in the publications of the Central Council for the Care of Churches and issued to all Diocesan Advisory Committees and Diocesan Chancellors responsible for the granting of faculties for restoration work, and new installations.—Frederick Sharpe (convener), J. W. Clarke, F. E. Collins, J. Freeman, E. H. Lewis, W. A. Osborn, J. G. M. Scott.

APPENDIX

(Version agreed at joint meeting of the Central Council for the Care of Churches, the bell founders, and representatives of the Towers and Belfries Committee of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, November 12th, 1959. Circulated to all present; with minor amendments proposed by the Central Council for the Care of Churches at their meeting on November 19th, 1959, and subsequently circulated to those who attended the joint meeting.)

(a) Bells cast earlier than 1600 should not be recast. As such bells are of archaeological importance, they should be preserved intact. Sound bells of good tone should be used if possible, either incorporated in a ring or hung as single bells; failing which they should be preserved intact in the church or churchyard. If, in very special circumstances, permission is sought to recast a cracked bell, the petitioners must put forward adequate proposals for the mounting and display of the crown and inscription band in the church.

(b) Bells dated between 1600 and the middle of the 18th century should not be recast unless cracked. If it is desired, on special grounds, to recast a bell of this period, information should be sought from the Central Council for the Care of Churches as to the rarity and archaeological value of the bell. This application for advice should be accompanied by a statement of the opinion of the bell founder, as to the musical qualities of the bell. If such bell are allowed to be recast, their inscription should be recast in facsimile on the new bells with the date of recasting added.

(c) If a bell cast later than 1750 is permitted to be recast the old inscription should be reproduced in facsimile on the new bell with the date of recasting added.

(d) When estimating for major work on bells, the firms tendering should give the date and founder of each bell in the ring, and any points of special interest, including inscriptions, and the approximate age of the frame.

(e) No bells should be rehung, or frames altered, in ancient towers without consultation between the bell founder and an architect, skilled in handling such buildings; the application for a faculty should contain a note of the result of such consultation.

(f) When bells earlier than 1600 are rehung, the canons should be retained. If it is desired to remove the canons in a particular case, the position of the bells in the ring, the weight of the bells and the condition and decoration of the canons must be taken into account, and the proposal for their removal must be supported by this information.

(g) Mechanical or electrical imitations of bells are to be strongly condemned.

(h) Ancient wooden bell frames should be carefully preserved wherever possible if sound and fit for continued use. The decision as to the soundness of the frame for continued service should be based on the bell founder's advice, in conjunction with that of the architect in charge of the church.

A faculty is required for recasting or rehanging bells, for the addition of new bells to an existing ring, for the sale of bells and for major repairs to a bell frame. Minor works of repair to frames and quarter turning of bells may generally be covered by an Archdeacon's certificate. The Diocesan Advisory Committee must be informed of the proposals and can refer cases of difficulty to the Technical Panel of the Central Council for the Care of Churches.

The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, which has members in every diocese, is also prepared to give expert advice on all these matters through their Towers and Belfries Committee. Application for advice from the Towers and Belfries Committee should be made to Mr. Frederick Sharpe, F.S.A., 'Derwen,' Launton, Bicester, Oxon.

Moving the adoption of the report, Mr. E. H. Lewis said in the last paragraph of the report they would see that two members of the committee (the president and himself), together with the two bell founders, met the Committee of the Central Council for the Care of Churches to see if they could agree on a statement which would modify the statement the Central Council for the Care of Churches had circulated on the retention of old bells. They had a long meeting, and the suggestions of the Central Council for the Care of Churches which they were willing to permit were printed in the appendix to the report. They want the Council to agree to it and have it printed in their handbook. His committee and the Standing Committee did not feel happy about Section (a). They discussed it at some length and put forward the following slight alteration to see if it was acceptable to the C.C.C.C.

> 'Bells cast earlier than 1600 of archæological importance and if sound and of good tone should be preserved intact either incorporated in a ring or hung as single bells. Permission to recast cracked bells or bells of poor tone should be sought only if adequate for mounting and display of the crown and inscription band in the church.'

Mr. John Freeman seconded.

The Standing Committee recommended the adoption of the appendix with the substitution of the paragraph Mr. Lewis had read out.

The president said it so happened that the Central Council for the Care of Churches was the body which advised diocesan advisory bodies in the country. The Chancellor usually gets the opinion of his own advisory committee.

Mr. R. F. B. Speed: Why do we desire to alter their paragraph?

Mr. E. H. Lewis: We thought the paragraph shown here is not very clear, and also 'the Four C's' want all bells cast before 1600 preserved intact. We tried to get some concession on that point.

Mr. W. A. Osborn: If you put an old bell in a churchyard as they suggest, it is a short way to lose it.

The President: We did argue with the Dean of Gloucester and we pointed out that it was not always the best place to place an old, cracked bell in the church. In many churches there was not a place where it could be put, and the answer of 'the Four C's' was if there was not room in the church it should go in the churchyard.

Mr. F. B. Lufkin expressed thanks to the committee for their work. A museum was the best place for these old bells, he added.

Mr. F. E. Collins thought these old bells should be either in the tower or the melting pot.

Mr. Paul Taylor pointed out that if a bell was in a tower it had to be heard in relation to other bells.

Mr. A. A. Hughes: If you have a ring of five or six bells in a tower and one is a very bad bell, even if it is 1600, are you going to let all the other bells suffer by the presence of a very bad bell? I have a feeling that they will accept Mr. Lewis' amendment.

Mr. C. W. Pipe said it seemed to him that the Central Council for the Care of Churches was only interested in bells from the archæological point of view. The parishes were interested in them from the financial view, and to them it seemed a pity that a couple of thousand pounds of metal could not be used. He thought the time had come when the Central Council for the Care of Churches should buy these old bells or compensate the parishes for the value of the bells.

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CENTRAL COUNCIL—Cont.

The Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow pointed out that the last word on these old bells was with the Chancellor.

The Rev. John Scott suggested that all information about old bells should be stored. Sometimes it had not been preserved.

The President: Messrs. Taylor and Messrs. Mears and Stainbank keep information of all bells they recast. What you have not got is Gillett and Johnston's and other bell founders.

The Council agreed to adopt the report with the amendment of Mr. Lewis.

The Standing Committee recommended the re-election of the committee with the addition of Mr. Brian Austin and Mr. Brian Threlfall. This was agreed to.

The President said they felt it would be an advantage to have an architect, as since the death of Mr. Young they had not had an architect on the committee. Mr. Austin was an architect and Mr. Threlfall an A.M.I.C.E.

MINOR METHODS BOOK

METHODS COMMITTEE REPORT

The section of the Minor Methods book which has been holding up its completion is now finished, and so the final draft is, at long last, almost ready.

Our attention was drawn to the naming of certain Surprise Royal methods. As noted in 'The Ringing World' of February 19th, 1960, we found that the so-called Lyme, Whitwick and Gainsborough Surprise Royals were not extensions of the corresponding Major methods which conformed to the accepted Central Council rules for extension.

We ask the Council to confirm our decision that these Royal methods be renamed by the bands than rang them.—K. W. H. Felstead, F. Nolan Golden, C. H. Kippin, C. K. Lewis.

Moving the adoption of the report Mr. Felstead said that they hoped in two or three weeks that the manuscript of the Minor Book would be in the hands of the librarian. The hold-up had been in the spliced section. The second point about extension had already been answered.

Mr. C. K. Lewis seconded the adoption.

Mr. Brian Warwick said whilst he was not happy about renaming Lyme and Whitwick, as the Leicester Guild was a member of the Central Council they would be renamed. Why did these two methods not conform to rules?

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead: That is a difficult question to answer without notice. Those who know the Methods Committee report on extension will agree with us. The fact that the methods have been renamed solves the whole matter.

Mr. C. K. Lewis: If Mr. Warwick cares to write to me I will give him the answer.

Mr. John Mayne said the study of method extension was a complicated affair. It was up to the ringing fraternity either to understand the report or submit the extension to someone who did.

Mr. Mayne also advocated the selection of suitable names for new methods. There were a lot of unsuitable names now being used.

Mr. E. H. Lewis: What is the opinion of the Methods Committee on Major methods which have double changes and Royal methods with triple changes?

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead said there were two things he might say, and he thought a personal opinion came in rather than a mathematical reason. In the new Minor Book they were not including Minor methods where four bells were lying in a pair of rows. They would also not do it in the Major book.

Mr. C. K. Lewis said at Eastbourne he said he did not like it and he was rather shouted down. He still held that view. 'We don't want to make ourselves a straight-jacket of rules. The Exercise depends on the good taste of the people who ring. The people who ring these four methods will gradually realise what rubbish they were.'

The president asked what the position was in regard to Gainsborough Bob Royal.

The hon. secretary said when the committee considered this question and the Leicester Guild were prepared to rename Lyme and Whitwick it was decided to approach the band to rename the method. He suggested that it should be left to him to take such action.

The report was then adopted. The president in thanking the committee said it was stated last night that there were years of work ahead of them.

The Standing Committee recommended that the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead and Mr. C. K. Lewis be re-elected to the committee, and Mr. F. T. Blagrove in the place of Mr. C. H. Kippin who was not now a member of the Council. This was agreed to, together with the addition of Mr. John Mayne, who was proposed by Mr. P. A. Corby.

CONVENORS OF COMMITTEES

The committee elected the following convenors: 'Ringing World,' J. F. Smallwood; Literature and Press, C. E. Shepherd; Biographies, A. C. Hazelden; Peal Boards, J. W. Clarke; Broadcasting and Television, H. J. Sanger; Records, Mrs. G. W. Fletcher; Peals Analysis, W. Ayre; Peal Collection, W. E. Critchley; Sunday Service Survey, N. Chaddock; Towers and Belfries, F. Sharpe; Methods, Rev. K. W. H. Felstead.

The following were elected to the Standing Committee: Mrs. Staniforth, Miss M. R. Cross, Messrs. R. S. Anderson, W. B. Cartwright, P. A. Corby, F. E. Dukes, P. J. Staniforth, C. K. Lewis, J. Freeman, F. I. Hairs, T. J. Lock and J. T. Dyke.

ALTERATION OF RULES

Mr. R. S. Anderson moved the following amendment of rules.

To add the following new Rule 2 and renumber the existing Rules 2 to 18 at 3 to 19 respectively.

'2. The Council shall:—

(i) Use its best endeavours to guard the rights and generally promote the welfare of the Exercise both in its scientific aspect and as a branch of church work.

(ii) Encourage and assist the development of the Art in its scientific, mathematical and historical branches.

(iii) Arbitrate so far as may be deemed advisable in such matters of dispute or perplexity as shall be submitted to its judgment.'

Mr. Anderson said the Council should add to its rules a statement of aims and objects. These were the foundation of the Council, and whilst each affiliated Association was required to subscribe to the rules they were not asked to subscribe to what, in the opinion of his Association, was its aims and objects.

Mr. E. A. Barnett formally seconded.

Mr. Vernon Bottomley moved an amendment of the deletion of the words 'guard the rights.'

The Rev. John Scott seconded, and remarked that they should be a body for encouraging things. The amendment would read 'To use its best endeavours generally to promote the welfare of the Exercise.'

Mr. C. K. Lewis said he did not like to tamper with a thing that had stood the test of 70 years. These were the aims they had in 1890, and even if times had changed they should stand. They had certain rights as Church officers, and for historical reasons he would deplore any change. Let them keep something of Sir Arthur Heywood's original intention. He was very much against altering rules without considerable thought, and here they were interfering with one of the foundations of the Exercise.

The amendment was defeated and the motion was carried.

A QUESTION OF QUORUM

Mr. Anderson then moved a second alteration as follows: To amend Rule 14 (Procedure at Meetings) by inserting the words 'representing Territorial Society' between the words 'Twenty members' and 'shall.'

The rule to read:—

'At the meetings of the Council the president or vice-president shall take the chair, and in the event of their absence the members present shall elect a chairman for that meeting. The chairman shall have a casting vote. Twenty members representing Territorial Societies shall form a quorum . . . .'

Mr. Anderson said a quorum could consist of honorary and life members, as they had 24 honorary and seven life members. Until that morning they had eight non-territorial Associations, and now they had admitted another. These non-territorial Associations consist of members who were members of territorial Associations.

The hon. secretary formally seconded.

Mr. Brian Threlfall said the proposal was to create first class and second class members.

Mr. G. W. Fletcher said for 70 years they had worked well with representative members and honorary members, and recently they had had life members, but they were all members of the Council. He was against the alteration.

Mr. D. Beresford asked what would happen about territorial representation regarding London County and the Middlesex or the Sheffield and District and the Yorkshire.

Dr. Layton said he did not think ringing was something associated exclusively with territorial Associations.

The alteration to rules was not accepted.

PEALS FOR ASSOCIATIONS

Mr. D. A. Bayles moved the following motion.

'This Council reaffirms the principle that a peal may not be credited to more than one affiliated Society. It accordingly instructs the Editor of "The Ringing World" and affiliated Societies to keep their records in line with the Council's Peals Analysis, adopting the procedure laid down in the Council's Handbook of 1956.'

Mr. Bayles said the motion was not to solve the vexed question of when a peal was rung by a non-resident band. It was only that it should be credited to one Association. In cricket and football a player at the time could only represent one team. This principle had been recognised by the Central Council for many years, and it was in the rules and decisions of 1893. It was desirable when a band of ringers meet to ring a peal that they should decide to which Society it should be credited and that in future no peal should be under more than one Association. That principle was also set out in the Handbook of 1956.

In 1947 there were two peals, both in the reports of the Durham and Newcastle and the Yorkshire, although they were published in 'The Ringing World' as only for the Durham and Newcastle. 'The Ringing World' was under the direction of the Central Council and instructions could be given to the Editor; instructions could not be given to the late Mr. J. S. Goldsmith.

Mr. W. Ayre formally seconded.

The Standing Committee considered the motion and decided to make no recommendation.

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Mr. W. Ayre said their practice had been where two Associations were named to take the first name.

Mr. W. L. Critchley considered Mr. Bayles was making rather 'a storm in a teacup.' It did not matter in the slightest degree what appeared in the two reports so long as the Peals Analysis Committee counted the peal as one. He also strongly objected to the suggestion that the Council instructed the Associations what they included in their reports.

Mr. F. B. Lufkin objected to an instruction to the Editor. He thought 'The Ringing World' should be run by the committee.

Mr. G. W. Fletcher suggested the word 'invites' instead of 'instructs.'

Mr. P. A. Corby said since this did not involve any administrative difficulty either to 'The Ringing World' or the Peals Analysis Committee he could see no particular purpose in the motion. He moved that the matter be left on the table.

Mr. John Freeman seconded, and this was agreed to by the Council.

THE NEXT MEETING

The hon. secretary reported that the Council had received an invitation to visit Stoke-on-Trent next year, and also one for Great Yarmouth. The Standing Committee unanimously decided to recommend Stoke-on-Trent.

Mr. R. S. Anderson, on behalf of the North Staffordshire Association, extended to the Council a warm welcome to visit Stoke-on-Trent in its jubilee year. Whilst they could not give them sea bathing or a seat on the beach, they could offer them some very charming country.

The Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow said the invitation to Yarmouth came not from Yarmouth but from the Norwich Diocesan Association.

Mr. E. H. Lewis seconded the resolution in favour of Stoke-on-Trent, which was accepted by the Council.

RECORD LENGTH ATTEMPTS

The hon. secretary drew attention that in record length attempts notice should be given to the Association holding the record length. That had not been done in two recent successes.

The president expressed the hope that this should be borne in mind.

ADDRESS OF LIBRARIAN

The Rev. John Scott asked that the name and address of the Librarian should appear in 'The Ringing World.'

The Librarian asked members and others who had books out on loan to notify him.

A vote of thanks to the president for presiding was proposed by Mr. H. Rogers.

VOTES OF THANKS

The president moved a vote of thanks to the Mayor of Folkestone for his welcome; to the Bishop of Tonbridge for his welcome and being the celebrant at the Corporate Communion; to Canon Hough for the use of his church; to Messrs. A. Berry, J. R. Cooper, C. T. Hillis and Phillimore for the fine local arrangements and for peal attempts; to incumbents and tower keepers for churches visited.

The resolution was carried with acclamation.

Mr. John Willis thanked the Council for the vote of thanks.

THE RECEPTION

A civic reception was held in the sun lounge of Leas Cliffe Hall, when the members of the Council and their ladies were received by the Mayor of Folkestone (Ald. F. W. Archer) and hospitably entertained by the Corporation.

The Mayor in his welcome expressed his pleasure that the Council meeting had gone extremely well. He understood that one of the things ringers were famous for was their 'underground grape-vine.' He hoped by that means they would tell their friends what a wonderful place Folkestone was. [Applause.]

'A real hearty thank you' was expressed to the Mayor and the Corporation by the president.

The usual social evening concluded the day at the headquarters, the Princes Hotel.

His many friends will be sorry to know that Mr. Fred Burnett, tower captain of Portsmouth Cathedral has had to enter hospital for an operation. We all hope he will be ringing again shortly. letters will be forwarded from c/o 20, Haslar Road, Gosport.

A TRAGIC BALLAD

Dedicated
with deepest respect
to
Two Societies,
the one Ancient and the other Royal.
Tune: 'Vilikins and his Dinah.'

It is of an old gent that I'll have you to know
Who rang at St. Paul's and at Cornhill also.
He lived all alone with young William his son
Who was promising well, though not yet forty-one,
Singing toorali-oorali-oorali-ay.

One evening the father admonished young Will,
'You must come down to practice tonight at Cornhill,
For afore you reach seventy, if no ill befalls,
I believe I could get you a ring at St. Paul's.'
Singing, &c.

'O Father, dear Father,' young William replied,
'I can't tell you lies, though you know how I've tried,
I've promised tonight—and I mean to be there—
For to ring at St. Martin's in Trafflegar Square.'
Singing, &c.

'My son, do not darken the door of that tower,
You never shall ring with that horrible shower,
You'll change your mind quickly and avoid the disgrace
When I tell you it's Cumberlands ring in that place.'
Singing, &c.

Says William, 'A young lady ringer I've met.
And on her my affections most firmly are set;
Your rooted objections to me are no barrier,
For I love her, dear father, and I'm going to marry 'er.'
Singing, &c.

'Now William,' says Father, 'just listen to me,
If you must persist, then cut off you will be.
And when I pass out, and am laid in the dust,
I shall leave all my cash to the Barron Bell Trust.'
Singing, &c.

'I've rung all my life, and I still must insist
That what you're describing can't never exist:
I've heard people tell that there's women what ring,
But a lady—why no, boy, there ain't no such thing.'
Singing, &c.

Next month they was married, this couple so bold,
And the poor father's grief was a sight to behold;
His brain is quite gone, the psychiatrist thinks,
For he even goes wrong in three courses of Cinques.
Singing, &c.

Now Bill and his bride, I am glad to relate,
They could not escape from the vengeance of Fate;
By poverty pressed, their possessions they sell,
And to fly from their creditors in Devon they dwell.
Singing, &c.

And there they are forced to go up in the tower,
And ring rounds and call-changes hour by hour;
But even that fate ain't as bad as it sounds,
For they might live in Cornwall, and only ring rounds.
Singing, &c.

(First perpetrated before members of the Central Council, Folkestone, 1960. The person responsible forgot the seventh verse, and has here added it; but it is stoutly maintained that the verse was omitted through lapse of memory and not through fear of reprisals. Anyway, the author is not responsible for the views of William's father, now is he?)

The 50 methods Spliced rung in hand referred to in Belfry Gossip (page 432) were in Plain and Little methods and not Surprise as was inadvertently stated.

LETTERS

DEVON GUILD AND PEAL LEVY

Dear Sir,—In your report to the Central Council's debate on 'The Ringing World' Committee's report, you quote me as saying that the Devon Guild were very disappointed that a peal levy was not introduced. Either I failed to make myself clear or you misheard me.

What the Guild of Devonshire Ringers are disappointed about is this: Last year, at Southport, the subject of a peal levy was raised and received enough support to make many members feel it was worth continuing with. The Guild of Devonshire Ringers instituted such a levy of their own and hoped that the Central Council would adopt the idea for the Exercise as a whole. But 'The Ringing World' Committee and the Standing Committee, by raising the price of the paper, decided the matter in favour of a section of the Council of unknown numerical strength, although it was known that the matter was likely to be raised at Folkestone and a motion put before the Council.

Now that the paper is out of the financial wood for the time being, it is obvious that the matter will have to rest for the moment: but next time we hope that the Standing Committee will try to find out the Council's views by a vote before taking a step of this kind.—Yours,

JOHN G. M. SCOTT.

Clawton Vicarage,
Holdsworthy.

TWO CORRECTIONS

Dear Sir,—Your necessarily abbreviated account of the early part of the Council meeting in the issue of June 17th gives a slightly wrong impression in one or two places, and I should be glad if you would allow me to correct these.

On page 419, it was not the intention that the secretary of the Devon Guild should write to the Devon Association but that I should, and this has in fact been done. The Association has not asked to be considered for membership of the Council but merely inquired whether, if they should apply, they *would* be considered.

On the same page, only part of the cash in hand remaining after the postal subscriptions in advance represents the Clement Glenn Fund—about £800. The other £500 is from various different sources.

In the Standing Committee report it was stated that at the meeting on November 7th the committee also decided to increase the price of the paper, not only the advertisement rate.

While writing, may I ask the ringer who inquired of me about the Barron Bell Trust if he would write to me, as unfortunately I can't recall who he was—Yours faithfully,

E. A. BARNETT, Hon. Secretary.

Crayford, Kent.

MR. A. H. COCKS

Dear Sir,—With reference to the minutes of the Central Council's meeting at Folkestone as published in last Friday's issue of 'The Ringing World,' it appears that a case of mistaken identity has occurred.

The Mr. A. H. Cocks who wrote 'The Church Bells of Buckinghamshire' died in —Yours faithfully, D. G. WHEELER.

Aylesbury, Bucks.

FIRST PEAL OF MINOR AT BRILL

Dear Sir,—I have read Mr. R. E. Price's letter in your issue of June 17th, 1960, and I regret that I should have claimed (falsely) that my peal at Brill on May 14th was the first of Minor on the bells. I hope that he and the rest of the band who rang a 7-method peal of Minor there on July 9th, 1949, will accept my apologies. I did make careful inquiries before putting forward my claim, and I was informed that the recent peal of Doubles in the same tower was the first peal there.

For those who keep records, may I now amend the footnote to the May 14th, 1960, peal to read 'First peal of Minor in more than seven methods on the bells.'—Yours faithfully,

Oxford. ALAN R. PINK.

We are pleased to learn that Mr. F. Nolan Golden is making satisfactory progress after his operation and hopes to leave hospital very soon.

REDEDICATION

HANNEY, OXON

Saturday, June 18th, was a most important day in the life of the twin villages of East and West Hanney, lying in the Vale of the White Horse, just to the west of the Wantage-Oxford main road. On this day the tower and rehung bells were rededicated by the Right. Rev. E. H. Knell, Bishop of Reading.

The Church of St. James the Great, at West Hanney, is probably, by reason of its situation in a village 1½ miles from a main road, not as well known as it deserves to be. It is a fine cruciform structure of stone, mainly of early English (13th century) character, although the chancel is late perpendicular (early 16th century). The north transept is entered from the nave through a transitional Norman (circa 1170) arch (now blocked), and this transept forms the base of the tower and provides a roomy cool and lofty ringing chamber. One wonders how many churches can boast a ringing chamber with a 14th century piscina, indicating its former use as a chapel.

The perpendicular upper portion of the embattled tower became unsafe (possibly accentuated by the battering it received from a moving bell frame!) earlier in the present century and had to be taken down, and a temporary corrugated iron roof was placed over the bells, which also became unringable. This roof in turn became dilapidated and the villages made a determined effort to renovate the tower and rehang the bells.

The work has cost several thousands of pounds and a large debt still remains to be discharged but the bells are ringing again after a silence it is said of 27 years. The upper structure of the tower, though still temporary, has a slate roof, and this work was in the hands of the Diocesan architect, Mr. G. W. Judd, A.R.I.B.A. Messrs. John Taylor and Co. were responsible for the new frame and the rehanging of the bells which go perfectly. A piece of the old bell frame, worm-eaten and bearing the date 1605 together with other inscriptions can be seen in the north porch.

A large congregation turned up to welcome the Bishop. The service was simple in character and when the time arrived for the dedication ceremony, the clergy in procession were followed out in the sunny churchyard there to hear the dedication prayers read by the Bishop. As the clergy and congregation returned to the church the bells were rung in rounds by a band which included two local ringers and also Miss M. R. Cross, general secretary of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. At the conclusion of the service, and while the Bishop and clergy and congregation walked across to the Manor House there to enjoy light refreshments served on the lawn (a special tea of larger proportions was available for ringers in the spacious Manor House kitchen), a picked band rang three courses of Bob Minor to show off the fine sonorous qualities of these bells with their 17 cwt. tenor.

Ringers were present from Oxford, Radley, Wantage, Blewbury, East Ilsley, Reading, Hinton, Waldrist, etc., and good use was made of the bells. A new local band will have to be taught, but there is plenty of interest. The bells are rather too noisy at present, but the architect (himself a ringer) is aware of the necessity for providing sound deadening material.

Another tower has been rescued from decay: long may the bells continue to send out their message Sunday by Sunday.

A. R. P.

LYMINGE NOT LYMPE

Dear Sir,—Unless Lympe have had two more bells added to their six, I think the touch of Grandsire Triples (Belfry Gossip, June 17th) took place at Lyminge. The ringers were Mr. and Mrs. Staniforth, Mr. and Mrs. Corby and Andrew Corby, my grandmother, Mrs. F. I. Hairs, my mother and myself.—Yours faithfully,

JEAN F. BARNETT.

Crayford, Kent.

The name of Mr. F. J. Cullum (Society of Royal Cumberland Youths) should be added to the list of new members presented to the president at the Central Council meeting.

OBITUARY

MISS EDITH LOMAS

Miss E. Lomas, of the Devonshire Guild, passed away on June 2nd after a long illness (some nine years). During this time she had many operations but still kept ringing whenever well enough until approximately two years ago when she had to give up because of her health.

She began ringing in 1924 at Whimple, where she was a ringer for 20 years, many of them as leader (at one time it was an all ladies' band there). She was also secretary of the Exeter Branch of the Devonshire Guild for a time.

In 1944 she joined the Clyst Honiton band of ringers and it was here that she rang her only two peals, both of Grandsire Triples, by the local Sunday service band. Last year she was made an hon. life member of the Devonshire Guild, and in 1958 an honorary member of the Ladies' Guild. She was for over 30 years secretary at Hele School, Exeter.

The funeral took place at St. Mary's Church, Whimple, on June 4th, conducted by Preb. E. V. Cox (president of the Devonshire Guild of Ringers), assisted by the Rev. H. T. Robins, Rector of Whimple. The bearers were Messrs. J. Salway, D. Callard, E. E. Retter and G. E. Retter, all fellow members of Clyst Honiton band. Included in the large congregation were the Rev. H. V. Christie (vicar of Clyst Honiton and chairman of the Aylesbeare Deanery branch of the Devonshire Guild), Miss A. Christie and Mrs. G. E. Retter (Clyst Honiton ringers), Mr. J. L. S. Glanville (Ringing Master, Aylesbeare Deanery Branch), and also Mr. and Mrs. W. Panter, representing Sowton ringers.

In the evening a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Clyst Honiton, by her fellow ringers: Miss A. Christie 1, J. Salway 2, Mrs. G. E. Retter 3, D. Callard 4, E. E. Retter 5, Mrs. G. E. Retter (cond.) 6, A. Holway 7, E. R. Retter 8.

MR. R. J. GARD

While driving his employer's van on June 14th Mr. Reginald John Gard (45), of Yatton, collapsed and died in a nearby house. His sudden death caused a profound shock in the parish.

He had been a member of the church all his life—first as a choir boy and for over 30 years as a ringer. His rule was when he rang for service to attend before returning home—an example many could follow. Sympathy is extended to his widow, son and daughter.

The funeral took place at Yatton on June 18th, the service being conducted by Preb. G. A. Buckley, Vicar, assisted by Mr. H. A. Price, lay reader and captain of the ringers, in the presence of a large congregation.

Following the internment in the churchyard, 1,260 Grandsire Triples was rung half-muffled by T. A. Price 1, H. W. Knight 2, M. O. Davis 3, R. H. Brice 4, E. A. Price 5, D. E. Vowles 6, H. A. Price (cond.) 7, J. K. Baker 8.

H. A. P.

MR. W. S. LANGDON

The funeral service for Mr. W. S. Langdon, whose death was reported on page 431, took place on June 20th at Wandsworth Cemetery. On the Friday previous the coffin was received at Westminster Abbey by the Dean, who conducted it to St. George's Chapel, where prayers were said. It was left there for the night covered by the Abbey pall.

At the funeral service ringers present were Messrs. H. Langdon, T. H. Taffender, H. Belcher, D. Randall, F. Udall, J. G. A. Prior (representing the Ancient Society), W. Rawlings, R. Mackrill and H. N. Pitstow. The whole pull and stand and a course of Grandsire Triples were rung at the graveside by Messrs. H. Langdon, T. H. Taffender, H. N. Pitstow and J. G. A. Prior.

MR. N. D. SMITH

We regret to announce the death of Mr. N. D. Smith, of Great Staughton, Hunts, at the County Hospital on June 12th, after an operation. A ringer at Great Staughton for over 50 years, he was also for many years a member of the P.C.C. While not a peal ringer, he would occasionally take part in a quarter peal. Until prevented by failing health, he was a very regular service ringer. In his younger days Ned was a regular attendant at meetings and was well known in the surrounding districts.

The funeral service was held in Great Staughton on June 16th, before cremation at Bedford. On the following Tuesday 1,260 Grandsire Doubles was rung half-muffled by J. S. Spicer 1, F. W. Lack (cond.) 2, Lucy Allen 3, H. S. Peacock 4, J. W. Allen 5, F. Reeve 6.

F. W. L.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION HALF-DAY OUT

We did not have to go out of the county to spend an enjoyable half-day's outing on May 28th. By car, van and motor bike we travelled first to High Ercall, a typically quiet Shropshire village. Ringing here was made more difficult by the long draught and the anti-clockwise circle. A touch of Stedman Triples came to an untimely end when the treble rope draped itself snake-like round its ringer's shoulder.

Tibberton, a little five-bell tower, provided much interest. Since the bells were reputed to be unringable and uncared for we were pleasantly surprised to find a clean and tidy belfry. Two main difficulties, though; the ropes were yards too long, and whoever rang the third had the choice of falling over backwards down the trap door, which had no door, or turning his back on the rest of the company. In addition, the second seemed to have no stay—the bell went straight over after we had pulled it up. Two on the rope brought it back again, and we rang Grandsire and Plain Bob fairly successfully.

More ringers joined us at Chetwynd, where we rang various Minor methods, did some canvassing for the Association, and sold a copy of the C.C.'s 'Learners' Handbook.' After a break for tea, on to Newport where a misunderstanding over time left us only twenty minutes on this pleasant eight. Here the Sheriff Hales' ringers turned out in force to see us ring, as did some Newport lads. 'Learners' Handbooks' sold like hot cakes.

Finally, Edgmond, a glorious ground-floor six that simply pleads for two more trebles. There is already a frame for eight. The Edgmond band is largely self-taught, and have made so much progress with change-ringing that they have already attempted two quarter peals. We stayed from seven until nine and rang most methods in the book, and some that aren't in the book.

Thanks are due to drivers who shared their cars and motor bikes for the occasion, to all 'locals' who met us, and to all incumbents who put up with us.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Good use was made of the fine ring of bells at Bridlington Priory at the annual meeting of the Eastern District, which was attended by over 30 ringers, representing 16 towers. Canon Lamb conducted the service and this was followed by tea.

The vice-president (Mr. A. E. Sellers) presided at the business meeting, when members stood in silence in memory of Mr. A. B. Cook. Two new members were elected—Mr. H. F. Gibson, of Sutton-on Hull, and Mr. T. E. Darley, of Hemingbrough. Elections for a period of three years were: Mr. A. E. Sellers, vice-president; Messrs. L. Rodmell, F. W. Dale and J. A. Parker, District committee; Mr. L. Rodmell, general committee. Next meeting: October 1st, York, subject to permission.

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BIRTH

LATCHFORD.—On June 22nd. 1960. to Pamela (née Martin), wife of Derek E. Latchford, of Bottisham, Cambs, a son, Mark Edward. 6228

RETURN THANKS

The family of the late William Wenban return sincere thanks for letters of sympathy and floral tributes received in their recent bereavement. 6218

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Will all ringing friends please note that Mr. Patrick J. Bird's home address is now 27, Moorland Road, Weston-Super-Mare, Somerset. 6199

John A. Underwood, 123, Church Lane, Whitwick, Leics, will be moving to 40, Deansway, Chesham, Bucks, on July 2nd, 1960. 6196

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MISCELLANEOUS

ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS.—No ringing until further notice owing to church repairs. 6200

TEIGNMOUTH, S. DEVON.—Sunday ringing at St. Michael's, on the sea-front, at 8.15 p.m. for the 9 p.m. holiday-makers' service, during the summer, in addition to the usual ringing at 9.30 a.m. and 5.45 p.m.

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MEETINGS

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch. — Second quarterly meeting, Gawsworth (8). Saturday, July 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by June 28th, please, to H. C. Lonyon, 8, Cardigan Close, Macclesfield. Frequent buses Macclesfield-Congleton route. 6100

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly general meeting, Fairfield (8), Saturday, July 2nd. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Committee 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Chelmorton (a new ring of 5 available in the evening). 6137

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—An evening meeting will be held at Melbourne, on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells (6) from 6 p.m.—E. W. Bullman. 6166

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting, Stebbing, Saturday, July 2nd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. A. Little, Cowlands Farm Cottage, Stebbing. 6128

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Quarterly meeting, Ingrave, July 2nd. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Brentwood (8) will also be available from 7 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss N. Jeffery, 45, Brentwood Road, Ingrave. 6126

GUILD OF MEDICAL RINGERS.—Meeting July 2nd: Henstridge (6) 11.30 a.m., Sherborne Abbey (8) 1.30 p.m., Shillingstone (6) 2.45, Blandford Forum (8) 3.30, Wareham (8) 5.15. Dinner Wareham 7.30 p.m. Names to Dr. C. T. Brown, 14A, North Street, Wareham.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting at Farnborough (6), Saturday, July 2nd, from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. (Note change from provisional programme.) 6149

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Elstree (6), July 2nd. 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 6156

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting at Knebworth, Saturday, July 2nd, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. 6144

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Flamstead, Saturday, July 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, July 5th, to Mr. E. Smith, Rose Cottage, Flamstead. —J. Good, Dis Sec. 6145

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Meeting on Saturday, July 2nd, at Hawkhurst. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea (2s. 6d.) 5 p.m. 6141

LADIES' GUILD.—Annual general meeting at Bath, on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells available: St. Michael with St. Paul, Broad Street, 10-11 a.m.; Twerton 11-12 noon; St. Mark's 2-3 p.m.; Abbey 2.30-3.30; St. Mary, Bathwick 7-7.30; All Saints, Weston 7.30-8.30; Corston from 7 p.m. Committee meeting 1 p.m., St. Mary's Church Hall. Service, Bath Abbey, 3.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting, St. Mary's Church Hall, 4.15 p.m. 6018

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — The annual festival will be held at Oxford, on Saturday, July 2nd. Service at Christ Church 11 a.m. Annual meeting in the Chapter House 12 noon. Lunch in Christ Church dining hall 1.30 p.m. Luncheon tickets 6s. Application for tickets, accompanied by remittance, must reach Mr. A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Church Lane, Wexham, Slough, Bucks, not later than Tuesday, June 28th Ringing arrangements as on agenda.—M. R. Cross, Hon. Gen. Sec. 6091

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting, Shirley (8), July 2nd. Bells 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. 6157

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting at South Anston, on Saturday, July 2nd, at 3 p.m. 6139

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting at **Windsor Parish Church, Saturday, July 2nd.** Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting in Parish Hall. Trains from Waterloo or Paddington. Green Line routes Nos. 704, 705, 718 and 725. 6201

SOUTH WALES NOMADS.—Ringing festival, July 2nd, opening the Panteg Restoration Fund. Mathern 10 a.m., Penhow 11, Nash 12 noon, Llanfrechfa 2 p.m., Panteg 3 (service 4, refreshments), Llangibby 5.30, Caerleon 6.30 p.m. Everyone welcome. 6064

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Saturday, July 2nd, Lower Beeding (8) 3 p.m. Tea ONLY to those who notify by Wednesday, June 29th, Mr. A. G. Chilmaid, 14, Church Close, Lower Beeding. 6148

SUFFOLK GUILD.—S.W. District.—Meeting at Stratford St. Mary (6), Saturday, July 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. Bailey, Squirrels Hall Cottage, Stratford St. Mary, Colchester, Essex. Higham (6) available after tea.—R. J. Seabrook. 6119

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Annual general meeting, July 2nd, Whitchurch, Hants. Meeting 2.30 p.m. in Church Hall. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Numbers for tea by June 28th, **at latest,** to Mr. E. W. Dance, Bere Hill Farm, Whitchurch. Bells available: East Woodhay 8.30-9.30 a.m., Woolton Hill 9-10, Burghclere 9.30-10.30, Highclere 10-11, Tangley 10.30-11.30, Andover, Basingstoke (St. Michael) and Wonston, all 11-12 noon, Abbots Ann 11.30-12.30 p.m., Barton Stacey, Basingstoke (All Saints) and Goodworth Clatford, all 12-1, Longparish 12.30-1, St. Marybourne, Hurstbourne Priors and Overton, all 1-2, Whitchurch 11 a.m.-2 p.m. and 6-9, Laverstoke 6-7, Overton 6.30-7.30, Deane 7-8, Kingsclere 7.30-9 p.m.—Roger Savory, Hon. Gen. Sec. 6136

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, July 4th, at 7 p.m. 6207

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Evening Practice, Elston, Thursday, July 7th. Bells 7.30 p.m. Methods: Kingston and Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge and Wells Surprise.—W. L. Exton, Hon. Sec. 6193

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Meeting, Darton, near Barnsley, Saturday, July 9th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Please bring food.—J. W. Buxton. 6174

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bathampton, July 9th—usual arrangements. Names for tea to F. Gooding, 2, Rose Cottages, Bathampton. —Alan Lee. 6160

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Chedzoy, July 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Please notify.—R. Short, Chilton Trinity. 6188

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Dulverton, July 9th. Tea for number notified by 6th.—A. R. Tudball, Hon. Sec. 6217

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Farmborough, Saturday, July 9th. Usual arrangements.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 6197

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Meeting, Malpas, Saturday, July 9th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea before Thursday, July 7th, please, to Mr Richard Harrison, Holly Cottage, Church Street, Malpas, Cheshire.—R. C. H. Sibley, Hon. Sec. 6222

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—A meeting will be held at Lymm on Saturday, July 9th. Bells (8) 3-5 p.m.—C. Raddon. 6214

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern District.—Meeting at Salford Priors (8), Saturday, July 9th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome, especially if you send your names for tea to P. A. Oram, 15, Henley Road, Leamington (phone 8388). 6215

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Dronfield, 3 p.m. to 8.30 p.m., July 9th. Names for tea by July 7th, to G. N. Goodall, 6, Elm Tree Crescent, Dronfield. 6225

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD. — Meeting at Penn, Saturday, July 9th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea followed by business meeting 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by July 6th, to Miss A. Croft, 7, Buttons Farm Road, Penn. 6205

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Jarrow (St. Peter), Saturday, July 9th, 3 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, July 6th, to Mr. E. Stenton, 34, Wansbeck Road, Jarrow. 6189

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Meeting at Mayfield, July 9th. Burgess Hill not available. Names for tea early, to W. Kitchenside, 3, South Street, Mayfield.—C. A. Bassett. 6208

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Meeting at Stretham, Saturday, July 9th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. —D. F. Murfet, Dis. Sec. 6190

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Meeting at Brinkworth (6), Saturday, July 9th. Names for tea to Rev. G. Wallis, Brinkworth, Chippenham, Wilts. 6192

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Cobham and Stoke D'Abernon, on Saturday, July 9th. Bells (both towers) from 3 p.m. until 9 p.m. Service 4.30 at Cobham. Tea 5.15 p.m. in Church Room. Numbers for tea by July 6th, to Mrs. Thornton, 59, Hogsmill Lane, Cobham. 6162

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting at West Malling, July 9th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. P. Carter, 'The Ringers,' West Malling. 6159

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Meeting at Derby, July 9th, **is cancelled.** 6229

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting Langdale, Holy Trinity, Saturday, July 9th, 2.30 p.m. Name to F. Birkett, Braegarth, Elterwater, near Ambleside, Westmorland.—N. M. Newby. 6195

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Broughton, Saturday, July 9th. Bring own food. A6 road. Buses 130, 140, 150, etc., also P2 from Preston town centre to Lightfoot Lane.—L. Walmsley. 6209

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting July 9th, at Todmorden Unitarian Church. NOTE CHANGE. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea available.—Hudson, Sec. 6221

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly general meeting at Market Harborough, July 9th. Bells available: Market Harborough (8) 3-4.30 p.m., Lubenham (5), Great Oxendon (5) and Great Bowden (6) 6.30-7.30. Service Market Harborough 4.30, followed by tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Names for tea by July 6th. to Mr. F. Wallington, 118, St. Mary's Road, Market Harborough, Leics.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec. 6153

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Lindsey Branch.—Meeting at Bigby (6), July 9th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by July 6th. to Canon H. Thackray, Bigby Rectory, Barnetby, Lincs. 6164

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Joint meeting with the HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION (St. Albans District) at St. Mary's, North Mymms, on Saturday, July 9th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. to 4.15 p.m. Tea in the Memorial Hall 4.30, followed by evening ringing. St. Etheldreda's, Hatfield, bells also available 2 p.m. until 3 p.m. Names for tea must be sent to Mrs. Lock, 57, Holloways Lane, North Mymms, Hatfield, Herts. (Hatfield 2866). 6171

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Ringing meeting, Saturday, July 9th, Dilhorne. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, July 6th, to the Rev. G. E. Weaver, Dilhorne Vicarage, Stoke-on-Trent. Eccleshall bells not available. 6210

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting, Happisburgh, July 9th. Bells (6) 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, July 6th, please, to Mr. G. Larter, 2 School Common Road, Lower Happisburgh, Norwich. 6150

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—Annual meeting at Banbury (10), Saturday, July 9th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea and business 4.45 p.m. Names for tea by July 5th. to H. L. Roper, Adderbury, Banbury. 6191

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting Willoughby, Saturday, July 9th. Names for tea by Monday previous. to Mr. G. Hancock, Brookside, Willoughby, Rugby.—F. W. Hancock. 6204

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Sudborough, July 9th. Usual arrangements. Names for teas by Tuesday previous. please.—L. Witten, 4, John Street, Thrapston, Kettering, Northants. 6213

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Tong (6), July 9th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, July 6th, to Rev. D. B. Skelding, The Vicarage, Tong, Shifnal. 6194

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting at East Bridgford, Saturday, July 9th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea must be forwarded by Tuesday previous. to Mr. J. Higgs, Cherryholt Lane, East Bridgford, Nottingham.—W. L. Exton. 6125

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting on July 9th, will be at **Westbourne** and not Easebourne as proposed. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to E. W. Keys, Greystones, Saltbell Road, Fishbourne, near Chichester. 6219

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Practice meeting at Brandon (6), June 9th. Bells 6.30 to 9 p.m.—A. F. Ballam, Dis. Sec. 6152

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—Quarterly meeting, July 9th, Alton (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Numbers for tea by 6th to C. E. Bassett, 'Sunnybrook,' Brook Lane, Warsash, Southampton. 6211

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting, Alverstoke, Saturday, July 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., Brodrick Hall. Names by Wednesday, July 6th, to Mr. H. A. Nobes, 26, Peel Road, Gosport.—A. Sturgess, Portsmouth Dis. Hon. Sec. 6212

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Twyford, on Saturday, July 9th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea at Phoenix Inn 5 p.m. at 2s. 6d. per head. Owslebury (6) available 7 p.m. till 9 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, July 5th, please, to P. Dickinson, Riverbank Cottage, Cheriton, near Alresford, Hants. 6227

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Meeting, Leight, Saturday, July 9th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Practice method: London Surprise Minor. Names for tea by Tuesday, July 5th, to F. Hyde, 6, Winchester Avenue, St. John's, Worcester. 6151

ASH, SURREY.—Surprise Minor practice, Monday, July 11th. Methods: Beverley, Bourne, Canterbury, Ipswich, London, Norwich, Primrose, Surfleet, Wells and York. 6203

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Hutton Cranswick, Saturday, **July 16th** (revised date). Bells (6) 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by July 14th. to Rev. G Storer, The Vicarage, Hutton Cranswick, Driffield. 6169

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. District.—Meeting at Southminster, Saturday, July 16th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury. 6170

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting and six bell prize contest, Hoylandswaine, July 16th. Entrance fee 10s., to A. Farrand, 12, Greenhill Cottages, Mossley, Manchester, by July 2nd, please. For teas please notify by July 9th, J. Whitehouse, Gyder Bottom Farm, Hoylandswaine.—A. Farrand, Sec. 6163

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Eastchurch (Meopham not available), on Saturday, July 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to Miss M. Wash, 106, High Street, Eastchurch, Sheerness. 6206

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Dover (8), on Saturday, July 16th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea: Parish Hall at 2s. per person. Names together with cash, please, to Mrs. H. George, 11, Farthingloe Road, Maxton, Dover. 6161

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Willoughby, near Alford, Saturday, July 16th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. No tea arranged, please bring own food.—W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec., 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. 6216

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Lindsey Branch.—Meeting Saxilby, July 16th. Bells afternoon and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify Mr. W. Cox, Trinity Cottage, Saxilby. 6216

MAIDSTONE GRAMMAR SCHOOLS' SOCIETY.—Meeting at Staplehurst, July 16th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. and after tea. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 2s. Names to Mr. R. Mitchell, 42, Church Green, Staplehurst.—Pamela J. Usborne, Sec. 6198

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting July 16th, Enford. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Netheravon and Fittleton also available in evening. Names before Tuesday, 12th, please.—Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 6172

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Section.—Practice meeting at Dorking, St. Martin's, July 16th, 3 p.m. Ranmore bells from 7 p.m. Names for tea by July 14th, to Miss Clear, 'Muree,' Lonsdale Road, Dorking.—G. A. West, Hon. Sec. 6202

SUFFOLK GUILD.—S.W. District.—Preliminary Notice. Supper and Social, at Lavenham, on Saturday, October 15th, 6.45 p.m. Lavenham (8) and Preston St. Mary (6) bells available in afternoon. Further details later.—R. J. Seabrook. 6177

OUTING

HARLOW, ESSEX

The weather was kind for the outing of Essex Association members, mainly from Harlow, into Kent, on May 28th. At Swanscombe, the first stop, some of the unexperienced members were unwilling to try these bells with their long draught and rather springy ropes, except the youngest learner who handled his rope with comparative ease. An enjoyable hour's ringing included Kent, Bob Major and Stedman. Next came Wrotham, which richly deserves its boast of 'one of the best rings in the county.' A very musical touch of Stedman was a highlight of the ringing here.

An excellent lunch at Maidstone was followed by a visit to the fine ten at the Parish Church. Kent Royal failed but there was a compensation by some good Stedman on the back eight. Harrietsham bells were found to be rather noisy inside, but all enjoyed the ringing especially the vicar, who happily rang some good rounds. Ringing here included Double Norwich and Grandsire. On then to Sittingbourne and tea and with the help of the local band some good ringing including Superlative. The final tower was a heavier ring at Chatham.

For the arrangements the company were indebted to the secretary, who found the call of his duty as local cricket captain too strong, and also the many who contributed to the enjoyment of the day.

BARKBY, LEICS

Barkby, Leics, ringers for their second annual outing visited five towers in Lincolnshire with Mr. J. H. Musson, of Silk Willoughby, as guide. Methods ranging from Doubles to Major were rung at Heydour, and at Mr. Musson's own tower a variety of Minor methods. After tea at Folkingham the ancient six bells were rung. A good touch of Grandsire was enjoyed on the light eight at Billingborough, and at the last tower, Horbling, the choir stalls had to be moved because the tower is in the centre of the church.

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63425	2		2
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45236	—		2
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(35426)	—	—	
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QUARTER PEALS

SANDRIDGE, HERTS.—On June 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. Hawkins (first quarter) 1, G. E. Graney 2, R. Hardy 3, C. E. Hayter 4, G. Penney (cond.) 5, S. Huckle 6.

SEAL CHART, KENT.—On June 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. A. N. Holland 1, A. Wenban 2, J. C. Parker 3, D. C. Manger 4, J. D. Faircloth (cond.) 5, A. M. Macve 6. For Matins.

SHREWSBURY, SALOP.—On June 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: E. F. Willcox 1, Clare Dillamore 2, H. Poyner 3, F. Cattell 4, T. Price 5, J. F. Butler 6, P. Evans 7, F. G. Beddow (cond.) 8, F. Price 9, A. Pritchard 10. Rung as a tribute to Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Willcox, upon the birth of a daughter (Hazel Dorne).

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THE COVENTRY GUILD

IT all started when Mr. Adams came to Warwick; and that was in November, 1899. Of course, there was a band of ringers at St. Mary's before he came, but they did no method ringing. It would not be correct to say that they were just called-change ringers. Actually they were very good ringers with excellent striking and a very full average attendance. The full ten bells were rung for all the chief Sunday services, but it was Mr. Adams who introduced scientific change-ringing.

Mr. E. H. Adams was assistant verger at All Saints' Church, Fulham, until he came to Warwick. He came to Warwick as verger at St. Mary's, the Collegiate Church, when he was 25 years old. It was his intention to stay at Warwick for two years just to gain experience before moving on to a more important post; but somehow he never left the place, and can still be seen going along Northgate Street every morning shortly after ten o'clock; and he was verger for close on 60 years.

It was not only the ringers at St. Mary's who took up change-ringing at Mr. Adams' instigation. The ringers at All Saints', Emscote, and St. Nicholas', at Warwick, also became interested, and by 1902, under his tuition, they were ringing peals. The first attempt for a peal was on Saturday, November 15th, 1902, but it broke down after more than two hours' ringing. There was a Mr. Matthews in the band who was doing some work for Mears' in the locality, and he was going away on the Monday following, so a second attempt was made for Evensong at All Saints' Church the next day, with Mr. Matthews calling Holt's Original. This came round in 3 hours and 2 minutes, just in time to ring the bells down in time for service. Naturally, by virtue of his duties, Mr. Adams was not in the band that scored what should be termed his first peal in Warwickshire. But Mr. Adams did conduct the second peal which was rung on March 9th, 1903.

The first peals rung by Mr. Adams' pupils at Warwick were scored for the Warwick Society, which was a small group of ringers all included in the three towers mentioned above. This Society came into being about 1900, and little is known of its origin. It is possible that the only three surviving members of that Society are Mr. Adams, Mr. W. Collett and John Pinfold. Mr. Collett started to ring when he was eight years old, and holds the honour of ringing for the golden jubilee. He came to Warwick when he was 19 years old, and was in the St. Mary's band when Mr. Adams came. (Mr. Adams started ringing when he was 12 years old.) Collett called his first peal on January 7th, 1905, and that was at All Saints', as were most of the peals for the Society.

About the same time, ringers around Coventry were ringing peals for the Midland Counties Association. But in 1907, probably as a result of a proposition by John Pinfold, a meeting was held in the Temperance Hotel in the Old Market Square in Warwick, when the Coventry and other ringers got together with the Warwick Society members and formed the Warwickshire Guild. At this time the area was in the See of Worcester as the Coventry Diocese was not created until 1918. So far as the writer can gather, no peals on a higher number than eight bells were ever scored for the Warwick Society. But in 1910 a peal of Grandsire Caters was called by Mr. Adams at St. Mary's on Wednesday, May 11th. This was in memory of the late King Edward VII and was rung with the bells fully-muffled, except for the tenor which was open at back-stroke. Those who know the St. Mary's bells can imagine how impressive that would be. There are four founder members of the Warwickshire Guild still alive, for it was from Coventry that Mr. Frank Smallwood came into the picture, and all four were in that peal.

Although the Coventry Diocese was created in 1918, the name of the Guild was not altered until the late 1930's. It was probably due to the agitation of Mr. Burt, the present captain of the All Saints', Leamington, tower, who pointed out that much of Warwickshire was covered by the St. Martin's Guild and the Staffordshire Association, whilst the activities of the Warwickshire Guild were confined to the churches of the newly-created diocese. At first there was considerable opposition to any alteration of the title, but eventually the present name, 'The Coventry Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers,' came into being.

At the present time the activities of the Guild are greater than they have ever been, and ringing in the diocese is greatly on the increase. There are many alive and ringing who have been faithful Sunday service ringers for over 50 years. There are very many regular service ringers who still have fully 50 years of useful ringing ahead of them, and the seeds which Mr. Adams sowed in Warwick 60 years ago are still producing vigorous plants.

HENRY ALLEN.

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TWELVE BELL PEALS

READING, BERKSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 11, 1960, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,
AT THE MUNICIPAL CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,
A PEAL OF 5059 GRANDSIRE CINQUES
Tenor 23¼ cwt.

ALBERT M. TYLER	*Treble*	*D. JOHN HUNT	7
MARY HALL	2	PAT LEWINGTON	8
RAYMOND G. BURTON	3	PATRICK J. BIRD	9
ELISABETH R. G. BOWDEN	4	TUDOR P. EDWARDS	10
RICHARD J. BOWDEN	5	WILLIAM HIBBERT	11
ARTHUR G. MASON	6	†DONALD E. COBB	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by ALBERT M. TYLER.
* First peal of Grandsire Cinques. † First of Cinques.

BRISTOL.
THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.
On Sat., June 18, 1960, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, REDCLIFFE,
A PEAL OF 5037 GRANDSIRE CINQUES
Tenor 50 cwt. 2 lb.

*ANGELA GRAINGER	*Treble*	IVOR H. TRUEMAN	7
†JANE K. A. COOK	2	PATRICIA M. BOURN	8
DAVID HEIGHTON	3	PATRICK J. BIRD	9
ELIZABETH A. G. BOWDEN	4	BRIAN J. WYLDE	10
*‡ROYSTON BLACKLER	5	TUDOR P. EDWARDS	11
MICHAEL J. AUSTIN	6	FRANK D. MACK	*Tenor*

Composed by ALBERT M. TYLER. Conducted by TUDOR P. EDWARDS.
* 25th peal. † First of Grandsire Cinques. ‡ First of Cinques.

TEN BELL PEALS

BRISTOL.
THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.
On Wed., June 8, 1960, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,
A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

ANGELA GRAINGER	*Treble*	JANE K. A. COOK	6
*ELIZABETH M. JACKSON	2	ROYSTON BLACKLER	7
JOHN C. BALDWIN	3	ELIZABETH A. G. BOWDEN	8
†MICHAEL J. AUSTIN	4	PATRICK J. BIRD	9
†J. ANTHONY BENNETT	5	‡IAN C. MAYCOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by ALBERT M. TYLER (No. 1). Conducted by PATRICK J. BIRD.
* First peal 'inside.' † First of Grandsire Caters. ‡ First on ten bells.
Rung in celebration of the Society's affiliation to the Central Council.

CHRISTCHURCH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 18, 1960, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	*Treble*	FRANK L. HARRIS	6
DOROTHY T. GARDINER	2	COLIN CONWAY	7
HERBERT A. MITCHELL	3	PHILIP N. TUBBS	8
ERNEST MORRIS	4	MICHAEL J. BEST	9
JAMES E. DANIELS	5	LEWIS F. COBB	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 25, 1960, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT THE BELL TOWER,
A PEAL OF 5040 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 35 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in C sharp.

MARTYN HAWKES	*Treble*	MAURICE J. BUTLER	6
R. ROGER SAVORY	2	JOHN HARTLESS	7
ANN M. COX	3	GERALD C. HEMMING	8
M. ELIZABETH CHAPMAN	4	TOM CHAPMAN	9
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	5	ROBERT C. KIPPIN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by ROBERT C. KIPPIN.
First peal of New Cambridge Royal by all the band, and on the bells. First of Surprise Royal as conductor.

RICKMANSWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 25, 1960, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 ALDENHAM SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 20 cwt. 20 lb. in D.

MRS. T. J. LOCK	*Treble*	FRANK C. PRICE	6
JOAN BERESFORD	2	JOHN HILL	7
MICHAEL HATCHETT	3	THOMAS J. LOCK	8
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	4	DENNIS KNOX	9
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	5	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
First peal of Aldenham Surprise Royal by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.
Rung as a farewell to the Rev. K. H. Hart, of this parish, who is to become Vicar of Pontefract, and also to celebrate the 25th anniversary of his ordination. Also rung to mark the beginning of the Christian Stewardship Campaign on June 26th.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BIRCH-IN-RUSHOLME, MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 4, 1960, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13¾ cwt.

TREVOR TAYLOR	*Treble*	PETER WATSON	5
CAROL FERNLEY	2	SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN.	6
*E. DOROTHY FRANCE	3	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD	7
DEREK TAYLOR	4	GEOFF. D. FEARNEHOUGH	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.
* First peal in the method. 50th peal on the bells.

NEWCHURCH, WARRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 4, 1960, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

EILEEN M. FEARN	*Treble*	FREDERICK SHALLCROSS	5
SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN.	2	A. PETER WHITEHEAD	6
*CAROL FERNLEY	3	DEREK TAYLOR	7
IVOR JENKINS	4	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.
* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.
Rung to mark the laying of the foundation stone of the new Parish Hall.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Tues., June 7, 1960, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

DAVID J. PURNELL	*Treble*	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	5
RUTH M. BORDER	2	JOHN McDONALD	6
GEORGE E. FEARN	3	JOHN ANDERSON	7
RODERICK W. PIPE	4	*PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by S. J. IVIN. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* 50th peal of London Surprise Major.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., June 9, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

JOHN ANDERSON	*Treble*	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	5
MURIEL REAY	2	JOHN PINFOLD	6
R. GEORGE MORRIS	3	JOHN McDONALD	7
RODERICK W. PIPE	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

HANDSWORTH, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., June 11, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

MURIEL REAY	*Treble*	*JOHN PINFOLD	5
RUTH M. BORDER	2	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	6
JOHN ANDERSON	3	PETER BORDER	7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* 50th peal of London Major.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Norman J. Goodman.

WORCESTER.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 11, 1960, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 15½ cwt.

WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT	*Treble*	R. GEORGE MORRIS	5
GEORGE E. EVENDEN	2	*WILLIAM SIDWELL	6
SIDNEY T. HOLT	3	THOMAS W. LEWIS	7
SUSAN JACKSON	4	DAVID BEACHAM	*Tenor*

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.
* First peal of Surprise.

ALDERMASTON, BERKSHIRE
THE UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION.
(Reading Branch.)
On Wed., June 15, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in G.

*FELICITY WEBBER	*Treble*	MOLLIE TILBURY	5
PATRICIA HEATHER	2	PETER M. WILKINSON	6
JENNIFER M. DAVIES	3	MICHAEL H. JOHNSON	7
JANET K. SECKER	4	JAMES P. BLOND	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by JAMES P. BLOND.
* First peal at first attempt. First of Major for the Reading University Society.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 18, 1960, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in G.

OLIVE D. COUCHMAN	*Treble*	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	2	COLIN A. TESTER	6
JUNE M. CLEMENTS	3	FREDERICK PAGE	7
HERBERT W. WOOLVEN	4	FRANK H. HICKS	*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

WICKEN, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 18, 1960, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

GEORGE SHELLARD	*Treble*	FREDERICK C. CASE	5
WILLIAM J. CHESTER	2	THOMAS E. ROBERTS	6
WILLIAM A. YATES	3	*JAMES LINNELL	7
*CHARLES E. TRUMAN	4	GEORGE E. GREEN	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by WILLIAM A. YATES.
* First peal of Surprise Major. First of Surprise Major as conductor.
Rung in memoriam Bella Shakeshaft.

SHIPLAKE, OXON.
THE UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION.
(Reading Branch.)
On Tues., June 21, 1960, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in F sharp.

JENNIFER M. DAVIES	*Treble*	†BRIAN SHINGLER	5
PETER M. WILKINSON	2	MICHAEL H. JOHNSON	6
JANET K. SECKER	3	†FREDERICK J. SAGE	7
*FELICITY WEBBER	4	JAMES P. BLOND	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by JAMES P. BLOND.
* First peal 'inside.' † First peal at first attempt.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 22, 1960, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5056 BRAUNSTONE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt. in G.

NORMAN SMITH	*Treble*	JOHN P. PARTINGTON	5
J. BARRY PICKUP	2	GEOFFREY S. MILLS	6
MICHAEL D. FISHWICK	3	IAN M. HOLLAND	7
ROGER LEIGH	4	H. DAVID HOLLAND	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NORMAN SMITH.
First peal in the method for the Association, and by all the band.

CROSS STONE, TODMORDEN, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., June 23, 1960, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

PETER SCHOLFIELD	*Treble*	*JEFFREY KERSHAW	5
*S. BARRY SCHOFIELD	2	NORMAN SMITH	6
MRS. H. B. SCHOFIELD	3	HAROLD B. SCHOFIELD	7
†MICHAEL D. FISHWICK	4	JOHN H. FIELDEN	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NORMAN SMITH.
* First peal of Surprise. † 50th peal.

EPWORTH, LINCOLNSHIRE
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD
On Thurs., June 23, 1960, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
J. W. Washbrook's variation of Thurstans' Four-Part.
Tenor 17 cwt. 16 lb. in F.

JOHN WALDEN	*Treble*	A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL	5
NORAH M. RANDLES	2	*LOUIS WILLDERS	6
*DELIA SMITH	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	7
PETER A. SHARP	4	GEORGE H. RANDLES	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal of Stedman Triples.
In memoriam Ven. E. Lisle Marsden. M.A., Archdeacon of Lindsey, 1948–1960. R.I.P.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., June 23, 1960, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5056 LANGLEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.

FREDA CLAYTON	*Treble*	H. GEORGE HART	5
JOAN BERESFORD	2	ALICK CUTLER	6
ELSIE K. HART	3	ALFRED J. HOUSE	7
CELIA F. WHITFELD	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by HAROLD G. CASHMORE. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
First peal of Langley Surprise Major by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.
Rung in memory of William Wenban.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., June 24, 1960, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5120 NELSON BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt. in G.

JOHN P. PARTINGTON	*Treble*	CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE	5
PETER SCHOLFIELD	2	JOHN H. FIELDEN	6
ROGER LEIGH	3	NORMAN SMITH	7
J. BARRY PICKUP	4	WALTER E. WILKINSON	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by NORMAN SMITH.
First peal in the method (C.C.C. 132).

BURFORD, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 25, 1960, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. in E.

ERIC WOOLGROVE	*Treble*	CYRIL J. HIBBERT	5
*JOHN T. HIBBERT	2	BRIAN A. CRACKNELL	6
REGINALD W. REX	3	GEOFFREY K. DODD	7
BRIAN MILLS	4	ARTHUR SAYERS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.
* First peal of Bob Major on an 'inside' bell.
Rung to the memory of Stella Davis, a vice-president of the Oxford Diocesan Guild and past secretary of the Newbury Branch, by ringing associates.

EAST CROMPTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Rochdale Branch.)
On Sat., June 25, 1960, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.

MICHAEL D. FISHWICK	*Treble*	‡GORDON ROTHWELL	5
JOHN P. PARTINGTON	2	†IVAN KAY	6
*ROGER MAHER	3	§HAROLD HAMER	7
†GEOFFREY CHEETHAM	4	PHILIP J. H. HUDSON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. MIDDLETON. Conducted by PHILIP J. H. HUDSON.
* First peal of Surprise Major. † First of Surprise. ‡ First of Cambridge Surprise. § First of Surprise 'inside.' First of Surprise Major by conductor. First of Surprise by Rochdale bands.

GOLDHANGER, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 25, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8¾ cwt.

*ALISON M. MANN	*Treble*	ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON	5
MARY ROAST	2	PETER J. EVES	6
*HARRY R. APPLETON	3	JOE E. G. ROAST	7
RICHARD J. HARRISON	4	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.
* First peal of Yorkshire. First in the method on the bells.
A birthday compliment to Alison Mann and Harry Appleton.

PENN, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD
On Sat., June 25, 1960, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 10½ cwt.

HOWARD HOWELL	*Treble*	HARRY GRIFFITHS	5
*CHARLES W. EYRE	2	DAVID W. FRIEND	6
HARRY BOSWELL	3	BARNABAS G. KEY	7
DEREK J. TRANTER	4	FREDERICK G. HANDLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.
* First peal of Stedman 'inside.'
Rung as an appreciation to the Vicar (Rev. M. O. Boulton, M.A.) for the interest he takes in the affairs and activities of the above Society.

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STONE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 25, 1960, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Bruerton's Twelve-Part. Tenor 12 cwt.

COLIN M. DOBSON	*Treble*	G. ARNOLD MOORE	5
GLENDA ROWLEY	2	HARRY HODSON	6
SHEILA HODSON	3	ERIC YOUNG	7
WILLIS BUCKLEY	4	ALBERT E. PURSLOW	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. ARNOLD MOORE.

Rung for the wedding of Doreen Ann Young and Brian Herbert Bowen.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

DEAN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 18, 1960, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,
A PEAL OF 5040 ST. ALBANS DOUBLES

Comprising 42 six-scores. Tenor 9 cwt 3 qr. 20 lb.

JOHN W. HALL	*Treble*	PERCY AMOS	3
VICTOR A. PERRY	2	TIMOTHY A. WOODING	4
GEORGE F. ROOME	*Tenor*		

Conducted by GEORGE F. ROOME.

First peal in the method for the Guild, and believed the first ever. Rung for the Festival of St. Alban.

SWYNNERTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 18, 1960, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

*MERYL PURSLOW	*Treble*	†DAVID MIDGELEY	4
*CHARLES A. S. WEBB	2	G. ARNOLD MOORE	5
*GEOFFREY DAVIES	3	WILLIAM WATKIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. ARNOLD MOORE.

* First peal in the method. † First peal.

Rung for the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. L. Harrison.

WADDINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 18, 1960, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in G.

WALTER J. BLACK	*Treble*	*ALAN WATKINS	4
*COLIN D. BRIGGS	2	*GERARD H. HALLAM	5
GEOFFREY R. PARKER	3	G. LEONARD THOMPSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. LEONARD THOMPSON.

* First peal and first attempt. First as conductor.

WELLINGORE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 18, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of (1) Double Oxford, (2) St. Clement's, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Kent T.B., (5) Oxford T.B., (6) Single Court and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. in G.

*PHILLIP C. PITCHFORD	*Treble*	LOUIS WILLDERS	4
*CLAIRE DILLAMORE	2	WALTER TOMLINSON	5
*JOHN M. BURTON	3	†PETER A. SHARP	*Tenor*

Conducted by LOUIS WILLDERS.

* First peal in seven methods. † 50th peal.

WENHASTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., June 18, 1960, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 12 cwt. 6 lb.

PETER S. BEDFORD	*Treble*	C. JACK GIBSON	4
REGINALD C. PEARCE	2	JOHN W. BLYTHE	5
ERNEST G. PEARCE	3	RONALD W. STEWARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Lester, of Needham Market.

ASHBOCKING, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Wed., June 22, 1960, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being nine methods in seven extents: (1) College Bob, (2) Oxford Bob, (3) Double Court, (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) St. Clement's and Double Oxford, (6) Kent and Oxford T.B., (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

JAMES BENNETT	*Treble*	GEORGE E. SYMONDS	4
*CHARLES J. SEDGLEY	2	FRANK B. LUFKIN	5
GILBERT R. GOODSHIP	3	RONALD W. STEWARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* Most methods to a peal.

MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.
THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Thurs., June 23, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT BROOKFIELD UNITARIAN CHURCH, GORTON,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 12 lb.

BARRIE HENDRY	*Treble*	JOHN H. SOANES	4
RONALD J. JOHNSTON	2	ROBERT J. WARRILOW	5
DONALD A. FRASER	3	TREVOR TAYLOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by BARRIE HENDRY and TREVOR TAYLOR (alternate extents).

A 21st birthday compliment to Barrie Hendry and David W. James; also a farewell to Derek Taylor.

NEWTON HALL, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs, June 23, 1960, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Single Oxford and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

J. ALAN AINSWORTH	*Treble*	NORMAN ERRINGTON	4
CHRISTOPHER T. LAMB	2	GEORGE S. DEAS	5
STEPHEN THOMPSON	3	ERIC N. HARRISON	*Tenor*

The first two extents were conducted by G. S. DEAS, the second two by E. N. HARRISON and the last three by J. A. AINSWORTH.

ALGARKIRK, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 25, 1960, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven methods in seven extents: (1) Thelwall and Childwall, (2) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (3) Oxford Treble Bob, (4) Kent Treble Bob, (5), (6) and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

FREDA P. GREAVES	*Treble*	HAROLD BARSLEY	4
ALAN G. PAYNE	2	FRANK TAYLOR	5
WILLIAM E. CLARKE	3	J. MARTIN THORLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

DAVENHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 25, 1960, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in five methods: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) and (3) Kent T.B., (4) and (5) Oxford T.B., (6) St. Clement's, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

*JOHN RYDER	*Treble*	ROGER KING	4
HENRY PARKER	2	HAROLD WORRALL	5
HARRY W. HOWARD	3	*DENIS MADDOCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENIS MADDOCK.

* First peal in five methods.

GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 25, 1960, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Oxford Bob and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

SIDNEY CARNALL	*Treble*	KATHERINE BURCHNALL	4
GRACE BURCHNALL	2	JOHN COATES	5
ELEANOR ROSE	3	HAROLD DENMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD DENMAN.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. W. D. Willatt as Rector of Gamston, whose induction took place on June 17th.

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HARSTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 25, 1960, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

*WILLIAM HEDGER	*Treble*	DONALD F. MURFET	4
CHARLES W. COOK	2	GEORGE E. CRISP	5
GEOFFREY A. LUCAS	3	MANSFIELD GINN	*Tenor*

Conducted by MANSFIELD GINN.

* First peal at first attempt.

A welcome to Hilary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Gipson.

WEST HANNEY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 25, 1960, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 17 cwt. in E.

*HAROLD W. DUNSDEN	*Treble*	*ALEX R. WOODLEY	4
*†KENNETH LEACH	2	JAMES P. BLOND	5
FRANK E. GODDEN	3	ROBERT B. BLOND	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT B. BLOND.

* First peal of Minor. † First in the method. First peal on the bells, which have been rehung after being silent for 33 years.

COLTISHALL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., June 26, 1960, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's each of Plain Bob, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and one 720 of St Clement's. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

P.G. ARTHUR C. WELLS, Loyal 'Marquis of Lothian' Lodge .. *Treble*
Bro. JOHN R. SMITH, Loyal 'D'Albini' Lodge .. 2
P.P.G.M. N. J. A. PUMPHREY, Loyal 'Marquis of Lothian' Lodge 3
Bro. TONY OWEN, Loyal 'Rock of Hope' Lodge .. 4
P.P.G.M. GEORGE A. COOKE, Loyal 'Friend in Need' Lodge .. 5
Bro. DEREK W. PARDON, Loyal 'Marquis of Lothian' Lodge .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Bro. JOHN R. SMITH.

Rung by members of the Manchester Unity Independent Order of Odd Fellows Friendly Society to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the foundation of the Society.

BURSTWICK, EAST YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Beverley and District Society.)
On Sun., June 26, 1960, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods, being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., St. Clement's and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

BARBARA J. FISHER	*Treble*	THOMAS W. THIRKELL	4
JANET I. PORTER	2	CLEMENT R. ROBINSON	5
DAVID JOHNSON	3	RONALD DUCKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by RONALD DUCKER.

A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Powell, of Burstwick.

NEWBURN-ON-TYNE, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 27, 1960, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

NORMAN ERRINGTON	*Treble*	FREDERICK ROSS	4
ROBIN G. TURNER	2	ERIC N. HARRISON	5
GEORGE S. DEAS	3	J. ALAN AINSWORTH	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

HANDBELL PEALS

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., June 14, 1960, in 1 Hour and 49 Minutes,
IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF ALL SAINTS' CHURCH.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

KENNETH B. SISSONS	1—2	ALAN SHEPPARD	3—4
		JOHN POTTS	5—6

Conducted by JOHN POTTS.

CLEATHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., June 27, 1960, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes.
AT CLEATHAM HOUSE FARM.
A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. F. I. HAIRS	1—2	JOHN FREEMAN	5—6
GEORGE E. FEIRN	3—4	FRANK I. HAIRS	7—8

Composed by J. HUNT. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

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LOUGHBOROUGH

The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On June 26th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: R. Castledine (cond.) 1, J. I. Dear 2, L. Scoot 3, P. Flack (first in the method) 4, J. Dear 5, D. Sutcliffe 6, E. Buck 7, C. Harwood 8.

BATH.—At the Church of St. Saviour's, Walcot, on June 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Burt 1, R. O. Fry (cond.) 2, T. J. Milsom 3, C. J. A. Brown 4, J. R. Hobbs 5, H. L. Parfrey 6, A. F. Lee 7, J. J. Jefferies 8.

BIDFORD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.—On June 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Reed 1, P. A. Oram 2, W. H. Male (cond.) 3, A. Shorey 4, G. Ingram 5, R. W. Selby 6, F. C. Lyne 7, F. Kinchin 8.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.—At the Waterloo Tower, Quex Park, on June 25th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: M. E. Miles 1, Mary S. Taylor 2, Pauline Fennell 3, H. J. Webb 4, M. Cubitt (cond.) 5.

BOCKING, ESSEX.—1,340 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Mrs. M. Moore 1, Rev. J. Burslem 2, A. Little 3, H. Moore 4, R. Suckling (cond.) 5, J. Warner 6, P. Wood 7, A. Syder 8. First in method for 2 and 4.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTS.—At Holy Trinity, on June 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. C. V. Edwards 1, F. W. Box 2, P. S. Gaisford 3, G. Parsons 4, R. J. Purnell (cond.) 5, R. Drewett 6. For Trinity Sunday. Also at Christ Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Veronica Sheet 1, P. Gaisford 2, R. Purnell (cond.) 3, G. Parsons 4, J. Lucas 5, B. Drewett 6. Rung as a compliment to Mr. David Knight, on his recent engagement, and as an 8th birthday compliment to Philip Lucas.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.—On June 25th, 1,440 Minor (720 each Cambridge and London): Pamela Gough 1, Shelagh Collins 2, Mikaela Erik 3, A. Spreadbury 4, G. Pratt 5, M. Lakin (cond.) 6.

BURITON, HANTS.—On May 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: B. Ketcher 1, D. Hughes 2, K. Sansom (first as cond.) 3, K. Tipper 4, B. S. Gambrill 5, R. Walker 6. A compliment to Miss Joy Martin on her 21st birthday.

CHURCH GRESLEY, DERBYS.—On June 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Joan Cotton 1, J. W. Cotton 2, D. Eames (first touch in method 'inside', age 15) 3, D. P. Jones (cond.) 4, J. K. Smith 5. A birthday compliment to Mrs. V. Eames, mother of David Eames.

CLERKENWELL, LONDON.—On June 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. C. Harbott 1, Miss J. Langton 2, Miss S. Jacobs 3, R. Lumley 4, W. Prockson 5, D. Sibson 6, J. Euston (cond.) 7, M. Harbott 8. For morning service.

CORSTON, SOMERSET.—On June 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss B. Jewell (first of Minor) 1, Mrs. M. J. De Jong 2, Miss M. Tait (first of Minor) 3, L. R. G. Taylor 4, C. J. Brown (first extent as cond.) 5, H. L. Parfrey 6. The conducting was shared by H. Parfrey (540) and C. J. Brown (720). Rung as a farewell to the ringer of the 3rd, who comes from Bengeo (Herts), who has just completed 2 years at Newton Park Teachers' Training College.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—On June 19th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. E. Bibby 1, L. S. Woods (cond.) 2, J. Carrott 3, S. Penfold 4, F. G. Richardson 5, J. Fowler 6, F. V. Gant 7, A. J. Salisbury 8. Rung for the annual civic service.

EALING, W.—At St. Stephen's, on June 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Overington 1, D. E. Fowles 2, A. Bagworth 3, D. R. Randall 4, J. Phillips 5, W. T. Cook (cond.) 6. For Confirmation service.

EAST HARLING, NORFOLK.—On June 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. J. King 1, C. E. Banham 2, L. W. King 3, W. G. Saunders 4, H. Fuller 5, P. Newing (cond.) 6. Rung as a tribute to Mr. W. Eagling, a ringer at East Harling for 50 years, who was 82 on June 11th and still enjoys ringing.

ELSTREE, HERTS.—On June 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss S. M. White 1, R. E. Hardy (cond.) 2, Miss R. Hawks 3, R. D. Bell 4, A. J. Leeming 5, R. A. Hyde 6. First quarter 1 and 6. First in method 2 and 5. Rung for Evensong and to welcome home Princess Margaret and Mr. Armstrong-Jones.

ELVEDON, SUFFOLK.—On June 19th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Ivings 1, M. Rose (first 'inside') 2, Mrs. H. Ivings (first 'inside') 3, Miss D. A. Reeve 4, R. Rose 5, H. Ivings 6, H. Fuller 7, J. Paul (cond.) 8.

EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.—On June 24th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Marion March 1, D. Hill 2, Bridget Sanger 3, Gwilym Sanger 4, H. J. Sanger 5, P. Wright (composer and cond.) 6, D. Lee 7, A. Fry 8, V. Roberts 9, A. White 10. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Preb. Martin Willson, director of religious broadcasting, Western Region, interred this day at Winford.

QUARTER PEALS

EVERSHOT, DORSET.—On June 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Samways 1, H. D. W. Bishop (cond.) 2, H. Smith 3, Mrs. H. Smith 4, H. C. R. Vine 5, K. Knight 6. For Evensong, also a farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Smith, who are leaving the district, on retirement after 30 years' faithful service.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On June 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. F. Cox 1, H. L. Bishop 2, H. K. White 3, W. Gilks 4, G. W. Bishop 5, A. H. Webb (cond.) 6, W. Corderoy 7, D. R. Bosley 8. Rung as a tribute to the memory of Miss Stella Davis, of Bucklebury.

HALSALL, LANCS.—On June 27th, 1,440 Single Oxford Bob Minor: D. Lawson (cond.) 1, Mrs. R. Sefton 2, Miss J. Moir 3, Mrs. E. Parker 4, S. Walmsley 5, I. Holmes 6. Rung to mark the appointment of the Rt. Rev. Charles Claxton, former Rector of Halsall, as Bishop of Blackburn.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.—On June 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. P. M. Mayne 1, Mrs. H. G. Hart 2, Miss F. Clayton 3, Miss C. White 4, H. G. Hart 5, C. W. Woolley 6, J. R. Mayne (cond.) 7, J. E. Rootes 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of William Wenban.

HIGHCLERE, HANTS.—On June 22nd, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: E. Woolgrove 1, Hazel White 2, Cherry White 3, R. W. Rex 4, B. Mills 5, R. C. Christopher 6, R. F. Crook 7, G. K. Dodd (cond.) 8. First of Surprise Major for 1, 2, 3 and 6. Specially for the wedding of Terry Tarrant (captain of the Andover tower) and Jane Goodyear, also a ringer at this tower, who were married this day at Andover.

HINTON WALDRIST, BERKS.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Moland 1, M. Edney 2, R. Hayden 3, D. Leslie (cond.) 4, N. Leslie 5, A. O'Shaughnessy 6.

LEYLAND, LANCS.—On June 4th, at St. James', 1,440 Kent T.B. Minor: S. Walmsley (cond.) 1, Miss D. Crook 2, H. Hunter 3, J. Humble 4, J. Sumner 5, J. H. Owens 6. First in method for 3, 4 and 5. Rung to mark the golden wedding anniversary of the parents of the ringer of the fifth.

LITTLE HORKESLEY, ESSEX.—On June 17th, 1,260 Doubles (180 Stedman, 360 St. Simon's, 360 Plain Bob, 360 Grandsire): Evelyn R. M. Cansdale 1, A. E. Leggett 2, D. Culham 3, A. W. Cansdale 4, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 5. Rung after the institution by the Bishop of Colchester of the Rev. H. L. Bowen, M.C., as Vicar.

LONDON.—On June 20th, at St. Mary Abbots, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: R. Overington 1, R. Mackrill 2, J. Rock 3, D. Randell 4, W. Cook 5, W. Rawlings 6, J. H. Lott 7, C. W. Ottley 8, J. Phillips (cond.) 9, C. T. Bartlett 10. Rung half-muffled in memory of William S. Langdon, on the day of his funeral. Also at St. John's, Waterloo Road, on May 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. H. Taffender 1, Miss M. E. Powell 3, P. J. Hutchings 4, C. W. Ottley 5, L. W. Bullock 6, C. M. Meyer 7, W. D. Grainger (cond.) 8. Also on May 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. E. Powell 1, T. H. Taffender 2, J. A. Hales 3, P. J. Hutchings 4, C. W. Ottley 5, C. M. Meyer 6, W. D. Grainger (cond.) 7, L. W. Batley 8.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICS.—At All Saints', on June 26th, 1,270 Stedman Caters: M. Stevens 1, C. Harrison (cond.) 2, E. Weaver 3, Christine Morris 4, Cecelia Cowley 5, J. Saddington 6, L. J. Hall 7, L. W. Stevens 8, G. Harrison 9, H. M. Marson 10. For Evensong and as a 60th birthday comliment to the 6th ringer.

MAPLEDURHAM, OXON.—On June 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Rosalind Hicks 1, A. K. Fortin 2, W. D. Ward 3, W. Birmingham 4, F. R. Scott 5, J. K. Ward (cond.) 6.

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA.—On June 12th, 1,280 Kent T.B. Major: Diana M. Pipe 1, W. B. Pitcher 2, G. W. Pipe (cond.) 3, Enid Lloyd-Roberts 4, A. H. Fisher 5, C. H. Bagot 6, B. R. Cox 7, J. J. F. Roper 8. First attempt for 2, 6 and 7. Rung by four Adelaide and four Melbourne ringers, for ordination.

NETTLEBED, OXON.—On June 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jennifer M. Davies 1, Felicity Webber 2, B. Shingler 3, Mollie Tilbury 4, F. J. Sage (first as cond.) 5, J. W. Blackwood 6. Rung by members of the Reading University Society.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.—On June 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (ten different callings): Valerie Colegrove 1, T. G. Pickering 2, J. R. Haycock 3, W. C. Budd 4, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 5, Joan Cheney 6. Rung for Evensong for the Patronal Festival (St. Botolph) and Newbold Wakes Sunday.

NORTH RAUCEBY, LINCS.—On June 11th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: L. C. Asher 1, C. R. Asher (first as cond.) 2, R. Trevitt 3, W. Weston 4, A. R. Pocklington 5.

OLD HEADINGTON, OXFORD.—On June 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Bruce 1, Cherry Withell 2, Margaret Bock first 'inside') 3, H. Badger 4, T. Smith (cond.) 5, Gill Masters 6. Rung following the ordination of the Rev. G. D. Staff, at Christ Church Cathedral at 10 a.m.

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalen, on June 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jean Addicott 1, Rachel Corner 2, Hilary Mason 3, J. A. M. Salter 4, N. J. Martin 5, J. G. Pusey (cond.) 6. Rung by members of the O.U.S.C.R., for morning service.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On June 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Martin (first of Triples) 1, B. Coatsworth 2, S. Rymer 3, L. Allen 4, A. Clayton 5, G. Goodman 6, C. Mew (first of Triples as cond.) 7, B. Bull 8. For Matins, also a compliment to Ray Daw, on leaving London after completing his studies.

QUEENBOROUGH, KENT.—On June 11th, 1,260 Doubles (360 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 420 Grandsire, 480 Plain Bob): Mrs. F. E. Fagg 1, W. A. Wood 2, F. E. Fagg 3, G. A. Naylor (cond.) 4, G. Kenward 5, Mrs. M. S. Croall 6. Rung on the eve of the Feast of the Holy Trinity, also as a wedding compliment to Bernard J. Fagg and Ann Browning, who were married at Milton Regis, earlier this day.

REDHILL, SURREY.—At St. John's Church, on June 18th, 1,260 Cambridge Surprise Major: G. A. West 1, G. Olliver 2, M. Fuller 3, F. C. Roberts 4, A. Streeter 5, E. G. L. Coward 6, A. J. Bull 7, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 8.

ROMSEY, HANTS.—On June 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: Miss C. White 1, Miss P. Gouly 2, Miss A. J. Knight 3, M. D. G. Northway 4, H. J. Page 5, A. W. Fry 6, C. M. White 7, L. Cobb (cond.) 8. For morning service.

SCARBOROUGH, YORKS.—On June 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. G. Murray (aged 12, first quarter) 1, D. S. Lockwood (Ossett) 2, J. A. Robertshaw 3, W. Hudson 4, W. Fay 5, W. Carter (Swindon) 6, B. Sutton (cond.) 7, R. Wyatt 8. A compliment to Peter F. Windley, married the previous Saturday at St. Luke's, Scarborough.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On June 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. T. Lister 1, D. K. Walters 2, Pamela M. Jervis 3, F. R. Scott 4, Linda J. Kew (cond.) 5, J. K. Ward 6, W. Birmingham 7, W. D. Ward 8. Rung as a thanksgiving for, and in grateful remembrance of, the life and service of Stella Davis (Bucklebury, Berks), vice-president of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On June 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. J. Bodycote (first of Minor) 1, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 2, M. G. Wood (first 'inside') 3, G. H. Bray 4, A. E. Bodycote 5, B. M. Smith 6. For Evensong on Thanksgiving Sunday, to welcome Rev. J. E. Southgate (a former curate), who preached. Also on June 26th, 1,260 Doubles in 3 methods (St. Simon's, Plain Bob and Grandsire): K. Bodycote (first of Doubles) 1, Mrs. B. G. Warwick 2, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 3, G. H. Bray 4, B. M. Smith 5, D. W. Stenson (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

STAMFORD, LINCS.—On June 24th, at All Saints' Church, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: E. Tyers 1, J. R. Nichols 2, C. W. Matthews 3, F. Boyall 4, R. H. Knight 5, J. H. Bluff (cond.) 6. Rung to welcome Princess Margaret on her arrival at Stamford, to open the new Church of England school.

TODMORDEN, YORKS.—At the Unitarian Church, on June 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. R. Milthorp 1, H. B. Schofield 2, J. C. Ashworth 3, J. H. Fielden 4, P. Whitham 5, G. Cheetham 6, F. A. Munday (cond.) 7, P. Schofield 8. First of Stedman for 1 5, and 6. For afternoon service.

WAREHAM, DORSET.—On June 23rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: C. A. Bull (first of Major) 1, M. J. Soper 2, Rev. R. P. Farrow 3, L. J. Lockyer 4, L. H. Pink 5, A. G. Rose 6, C. G. Cherrett (first of Major) 7, C. T. Brown (cond.) 8. Rung as a farewell to the Vicar of Lulworth (ringer of the third) on his retirement.

WITNEY, OXON.—On May 21st, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Judith Coggins 1, E. J. Hill 2, Marilyn Bird 3, L. T. Oliffe 4, D. J. Smith 5, B. J. Coggins 6, D. Kay Adkins (cond.) 7, A. R. Cornish 8. Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss A. Kitto, a local ringer, and Mr. Peter Finch, on the occasion of their marriage at this church this day.

WOOTTON, BEDS.—On June 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. C. D. Mann 1, Kathleen A. Rivett 2, Eric Sharpe 3, C. D. Mann 4, C. M. Payne (cond.) 5, K. C. Fleming 6. Rung for the birthday of Miss Evelyn Steel, ex-president of Beds Association.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Memorial Unveiled To Late General Secretary

THE 81st annual festival of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, held at Exeter on June 18th, was a great success, more than 120 members attending.

During the afternoon a peal-board memorial to the late general secretary, Mr. Ernest G. Taylor, was unveiled, in Heavitree belfry, by his widow and dedicated by the Rev. C. G. Poulton. The peal, which was the 1,000th peal to be rung by the Guild, was rung by officers in 1955. It was his last peal, and his son, Stephen, joined the band for the subsequent touch.

The festival service which took place later, at St. Mark's Church, was also conducted by the Rev. C. G. Poulton (Vicar) and the president (Preb. E. V. Cox) read the lesson. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells before the sermon, which was preached by the Bishop of Exeter, Dr. R. C. Mortimer.

The Bishop took, as his text a verse from the 81st Psalm—'Make a joyful noise to the God of Jacob.' He said we must face it that some people found the sound of bells an ugly noise, but to us, who love the sound, especially across the fields, it was very beautiful. Thus ringing affords an almost perfect example of how one and the same action has different qualities. At practice and meetings ringing is for fun. During his journeys about the diocese he often came across teams of boys and girls who obviously find something in ringing which satisfies It is a good kind of recreation and it makes you feel that it is good.

But Sunday ringing cuts into our time, and has a different moral action, viz—calling to worship, and helping the sick, lonely and remote people, by reminding them that it is church time and letting them feel that they are part of the congregation. At a wedding, the great day for the bride, we ring to express the bride's happiness and her desire to give herself to God and to her husband, and at a funeral we ring a muffled peal or toll a bell. Ringing on both these occasions is an act of charity. But at Christmas and Easter what a wonderful thing it is to ring early and send out the message of love across the sky.

Thus ringing is sometimes for fun, sometimes for charity, and sometimes for love and worship and may be a mixture of all three. He hoped that young people would always come forward and that there would always be ringers ready to teach them.

The Bishop joined the members at tea in the Church Hall, but left before the business meeting at which the members stood in silence on being reminded of the deaths of Mr. Harry Myers, of Plymouth, a vice-president; Mr. Ted Biffin, of Exeter, a Central Council representative for 9 years and Ringing Master of the Exeter Branch for 34 years, and two honorary life members, Mr. C. F. Austin, of Paignton, and Miss Lomas, of Honiton Clyst.

The Rev. J. G. M. Scott gave an account of the Central Council meeting and said that already two other Guilds had followed the Devon Guild's example by instituting a compulsory peal levy for 'The Ringing World.' It was decided to hold the annual festival in 1961 again in Exeter, and a grant of £25 from the Bell Restoration Fund was made to Babbacombe.

The general secretary stated that several of the towers reported in the Sunday Service Survey as being silent were now being heard again on Sundays. He also reported that the general committee had confirmed Miss M. Goodman, of Topsham, and Mr. F. C. Smale, of Okehampton, a vice-president and general secretary, 1940-1950, as honorary life members. The officers elected were as follows: President, the Rev. Preb. E. V. Cox; general secretary, Mr. E. M. Atkins; general treasurer, Mr. H. W. Milford; librarian, the Rev. J. G. M. Scott; peal secretary, Mr. W. Simmonds.

TALGARTH, BRECONSHIRE.—1,260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Doubles (6 different callings): C. A. Lewis 1, D. H. Bennett (cond.) 2, P. F. T. Smith 3, M. M. Peterson 4, W. G. Smith 5, E. Pugh 6. A birthday compliment to M. M. Peterson.

RANG FOR PRINCESS MARGARET'S WEDDING



The young ringers of Thurcaston, Leicestershire, who rang on their own for the wedding of Princess Margaret and Mr. Antony Armstrong-Jones. Left to right, back row: D. Mauby (14), D. Flint (14), J. James (10), R. Illsley (12), G. Waite (12). Front row: V. Goddard (12), C. Adnett (8), M. Tipping (9), A. Beverley (10), G. Hart (12). Mr. F. Bindley writes: 'I think we have one of the youngest bands in the country. We practise on Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Western District Annual At Almondbury

About 40 members responded to the invitation of the local company to visit Almondbury, on June 18th, the occasion being the annual meeting of the Western District. One might reasonably have expected to find a larger proportion of the total district membership of 320 present, but nevertheless, the meeting was most successful, due to the very efficient arrangements made by the local company under Mr. R. Jobson and their helpers. Due acknowledgment of this was made at the business meeting.

The Vicar, Canon R. G. Clarke, responding to the vote of thanks, welcomed the Association and said what pleasure it gave him and his parishioners to hear their bells being rung. He also invited the visitors not to confine their attention to the tower but spare a few moments to look inside the lovely church.

For many people this was their first visit to Almondbury and the very tuneful ring of eight bells was used to full advantage during the afternoon and evening. The tendency to run dry after three or four hours' ringing was not confined to the bells on this hot, sunny day, and one suspects that several of the visitors who 'had to be going now' were not going very far for the moment!

The main business of the meeting was the election of officers, the vice-president and three committee members being due to retire. Mr. W. Barton was re-elected to the vice-presidency for a further term of three years. Messrs. H. Armitage and W. Dixon were re-elected to the District Committee for a similar period. Miss S. M. Schofield, having left the district, was no longer eligible for re-election, and bearing in mind that for several years now it has been the custom to have one lady committee member to represent the interests of her sex, Miss S. Mudd, of Batley, was elected to the vacant seat. Mr. H. Armitage was also re-elected to the General Committee of the Association. Twelve new members were elected.

THE LADIES' GUILD

North-Eastern District

The seventh annual meeting of the North Eastern District of the Ladies' Guild was held at St. Hilda's, South Shields, on June 18th. The bells were available from 3 p.m., and the Guild service was conducted by the Rev. J. Edgar. Tea, prepared by local members of the church and other willing helpers, was enjoyed by 34 ringers and friends.

A vote of thanks to the vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, to the Rev. J. Edgar for conducting the service, and to Miss Sim, who accompanied on the piano, was proposed by Mr. D. A. Bayles, and that to the many helpers for preparing the tea was proposed by Mr. W. Tyson.

Officers re-elected were: Vice-president, Miss D. M. Killingley; honorary secretary, Mrs. C. N. Lee; Central Committee, Mrs. K. Arthur, Mrs. K. Lawson; District Committee, Mrs. Bayles, Mrs. Ainsworth and Miss M. Jennings. Miss M. Bertie was elected to the District Committee vice Miss J. Robson, who had left the district. Miss J. Warwick was elected a ringing member and Mrs. E. Lee an honorary member. Ringing followed until 7.45 when tea and sandwiches were provided to help the ringers on the homeward way.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Tonbridge District

On Whit Saturday, the Tonbridge District held a by-meeting at East Peckham. During the afternoon most of the standard methods were rung and two old friends, Mr. Tom Saunders and Mr. Luther Honess, were welcomed. The Vicar (Rev. J. M. Sergeant) conducted the service. Members then made their way to Mr. Bishop's house, where a wonderful spread was provided by Mr. Saunders.

After tea a presentation was made by Mr. B. V. Collison on behalf of the members to Mr. Tom Saunders, who has completed 57 years as a member of the Kent County Association and 60 years as a ringer at East Peckham. Mr. Saunders thanked Mr. Collison and the members for their gift and recalled some of his ringing experiences.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

For the first time a band from Cirencester Grammar School rang the bells of Cirencester Parish Church for the school's Founders' Day service on June 8th. Six extents of Plain Bob Doubles were rung on the middle six bells. The ringers were Bruce, Peter and Roland T. Wakefield, Peter J. Lewis, Bernard Stone, Gordon Land, Sheila Giles and Ann Legg. The standard of ringing was very good, and they were complimented by Mr. F. J. Lewis, sen., the captain of the local band.

A newcomer to the band of St. Paul's, Burwood, N.S.W., is Mr. Frank Battishill, who learned to ring as a boy at Thorverton, Devon, and Exeter Cathedral.

Although the peal of Stedman Caters at Grantham was arranged many months ago, five of the band rang it with thoughts of deep affection for Miss Stella Davis, of Bucklebury.

We are asked to state that the late Mr. A. H. Pulling did not conduct the first peal of Spliced Surprise Major, but the first of four Spliced Surprise Major (see page 418). The first peal of Spliced Surprise Major (Cambridge and Superlative) was rung at Whitley Bay on May 14th, 1924, composed by Mr. J. W. Parker, and conducted by Mr. J. A. Gofton.

The bells of Bigbury, South Devon, cast in the 1780's, have been sent to Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, for retuning. Attention is also being given to the frame which has rotted in one corner. The cost is £1,300 and the parish has raised £962. Excellent pictures of the removal of the bells appear in 'The South Devon Journal,' of June 22nd.

As part of Leeds University Rag Week proceedings three members—Keith Williamson, Michael Swift and Russell Reed—successfully kept six handbells ringing continuously for 12 hours. (Manchester students, please refrain from sarcasm.)

The University of Bristol Society celebrated its affiliation to the Central Council with a peal of Grandsire Caters at St. Stephen's, Bristol, on June 8th. This was closely followed 10 days later by a peal of Grandsire Cinques at St. Mary Redcliffe. Many non-resident members returned for this occasion and a very enjoyable evening was spent in 'The Ship,' with many old friends among the City ringers. The handbells were frequently used and many a peal (and lost attempt!) remembered. Both compositions were by Albert Tyler, to whom the Society is most grateful for all the help and encouragement he has given to members in ringing on higher numbers.

Roger Trevitt (12) and Roger Asher (13), both of St. Andrew's, Heckington, Lincs, have called a quarter peal of Plain Bob Doubles.

Congratulations to Felicity Webber, Fred Sage and Brian Shingler, all members of the Reading University Society, who have recently rung their first peal at first attempt.

Mr. Peter Scholfield reminds us that Todmorden has been in Yorkshire since 1888. He adds, 'It would be interesting to hear George Bolland's views on the latest peal at Tong, Bradford—Plain Bob Doubles in 2 hours 34 minutes.

St. Mark's, Darley Point, Sydney, is protesting against a proposal to erect a nine-storey building between the church and the rectory. If this comes about Sydney ringers will be particularly disappointed as the bells are hard enough to get now without this building next door.

Miss J. Armstrong, of Morpeth, was surprised when she went to ring the 8 p.m. curfew at the Watch Tower, on June 20th, to hear the bells ringing in peal. She waited, the bells were ringing after 9 p.m. She is now patiently waiting for the 'R. W.' report of the peal as to where the band came from.

The peal rung at Rippingale (page 429), was the 150th together for Ronald Russell and Percy D. Baldock.

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ALPHABET FOR BEGINNERS

By T. J. LOCK

"M"

METHODS — CLASSIFICATION OF.—Methods in change ringing require identification not only as regards name and type but number of bells as well. The following table gives classification acceptable to the Exercise:

Changes on	4	bells ..	Singles or Minimus
,, ,,	5	,, ..	Doubles
,, ,,	6	,, ..	Minor
,, ,,	7	,, ..	Triples
,, ,,	8	,, ..	Major
,, ,,	9	,, ..	Caters
,, ,,	10	,, ..	Royal
,, ,,	11	,, ..	Cinques
,, ,,	12	,, ..	Maximus
,, ,,	13	,, ..	Sextuples
,, ,,	14	,, ..	Fourteen In.

METHODS—EXTENSION OF.—A tricky subject, and if you would like to assist the Editor in filling his correspondence columns write to him your views on method extension—it will be certain somebody will disagree with you!

Everyone with a little inside knowledge would be able to extend Plain Bob from Minor to Maximus, also Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. But on what principle would the extension be done? In the case of Plain Bob all that can happen is that every bell plain hunts until the treble leads, when one bell makes seconds place and the other bells above seconds dodge in pairs. Similarly, in Kent and Oxford every bell treble bob hunts until the treble is on the front dodging before leading, leading and dodging after leading when the bells in seconds, thirds and fourths are making places and the other bells above fourths are dodging in pairs. So far, however, the principle of extending has been inflexible and the essential condition of maintaining the natural coursing order has been compiled with, i.e., the fourth will still be coursing the second, the sixth coursing the fourth, the eighth, the sixth, and so on.

When study is given to the extension of any other than the 'straightforward' methods the trouble often starts. Cambridge Surprise is one method which extends from Minor to Maximus with everyone satisfied, merely because coursing order is maintained and also the various working bells can be made to do similar work in relation to the position of the treble as it hunts to and from lead. Because Norwich Surprise Minor will not extend there is no Norwich Surprise Major, and because Rutland Surprise Major will not extend there is no Rutland Surprise Royal; but perhaps someone would like to know, as there is Yorkshire Surprise Major, Royal and Maximus, why there is no Yorkshire Surprise Minor.

MIDDLE.—Middle is the label given to a call (Bob or Single) when the observation bell is one coursing position or two striking positions away from and in front of the Home position. Again, I would rather clarify by examples. In Major 14263857 with the tenor as observation bell striking in sixth position at the lead end; in Royal 1426385079 with the tenor as observation bell striking in eighth position at the lead end; and in Maximus 142638507T9E with the tenor as observation bell striking in tenth position at the lead end; these are all Middles. Such examples in Grandsire Triples would be 1253746 with the seventh as observation bell striking in fifth position, and Grandsire Caters 125374968 with the ninth as observation bell striking in seventh position, at the lead ends.

One point of interest is that in all the even bells methods it is the same three bells (4, 2, 6, in the coursing order and as shown above) which work around the treble at the call at Middle. Six bell ringers will soon know there is no call at Middle in Minor, the reason being that a bell which is in one coursing position or two striking positions below the Home position would be one of those which would work around the treble, in other words it would run in to lead at a Bob or take thirds place at a Single.

The effect of a call at Middle and the correct time to call it depends, as was also pointed out under 'Home,' upon the method being rung.

(Letter 'M' to be continued)

SERVANTS OF THE EXERCISE – No. 28



MR. FRED DUNKERLEY
Secretary, Lancashire Association

Mr. Fred Dunkerley, the popular secretary of the Lancashire Association, is an exceedingly busy man, but nevertheless he finds the time to enjoy the great pleasures our art offers. He is a man of high standing in the cotton industry, as well as other fields, but is modest and unassuming. He is greatly respected by his fellow members of the Lancashire Association, and his services as secretary are much appreciated.

Born in Shaw, in 1905, he first went to an ordinary Council school and afterwards took a technological course at the Manchester School of Technology. He became a mill manager in 1927, and afterwards moved to The Standard Mill, Rochdale, in 1932, as mill manager. He now holds the position of chairman of this company.

He learned to ring at Moorside, Oldham, and rang his first peal (Kent T.B. Major) in 1922. By the beginning of April, 1960, he had rung 431 peals, conducting 61. These have been rung for 21 different Associations and Guilds. He is proud to have taken part in those two difficult peals—Carter's Odd Bob one part and J. O. Lancashire's Odd Bob and Single. He also rang in the record lengths of 21,600 Major; 9,568 Spliced Surprise Major (10 methods); and 15,480 Cambridge Surprise Royal. In 1948 he was appointed ringing secretary of the Lancashire Association, and on the death of W. H. Shuker, in 1951, was appointed general secretary, in which office he has served with distinction.

His other hobby is air racing, and he won, in 1949, the first race he entered, an international event. He has won most of the national and international races, but his greatest achievement was to win the King's Cup Air Race, in 1957, in a Sparrowjet, the first time a jet had won the race.

Mr. Dunkerley is senior vice-president of the Federation of Master Cotton Spinners' Associations Ltd.; and vice president of the Yarn Spinners' Association. He serves on several committees connected with these two associations and the Cotton Trade. He is also a member of the International Federation of Cotton and Allied Textile Industries Management Committee.

Whether it be in the field of ringing, flying or in industry, Fred Dunkerley tackles everything in a whole-hearted fashion, and members of the Central Council will not easily forget the way he arranged and organised for their comfort when they visited Lancashire last year. Nothing was too much trouble for him, and he made it an occasion which will long be remembered.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The June meeting of the South and West District was held on the 18th, at Stanwell and Staines, in brilliant sunshine. A short service was conducted at St. Mary's, Stanwell, by the Rev. C. D. R. Sharpe (Vicar), who also delivered a short but very pertinent observation on our calling.

After tea, ringing continued at St. Peter's, where some of the company were reluctant to exchange the charm, and comparative cool, of the river bank for a rather warm belfry! Nevertheless, ringing during the evening ranged up to Cambridge Surprise Major.

Although it was pleasing to see the continued interest, and note the encouraging progress of some of the younger element, the attendance left much to be desired.

E. R. G.

St. WENDREDA'S, MARCH

Accompanied by relatives and friends, St. Wendreda's, March, ringers had an enjoyable outing into Norfolk on June 11th. The first ringing of the day was at Gaywood. From here the coast road was followed to Holkham, where St. Withiburga's Church, on a hill, is surrounded by thousands of acres of woodlands and overlooks the lake, marshes and sea. The bells were much enjoyed.

Lunch was taken at Wells-on-Sea, where the tourists delighted many by their handbell ringing. Nearly two hours were spent in Cromer, an hour of which was devoted to ringing at Norfolk's highest church tower (160 feet). Appetites were appeased at Fakenham after which the eight bells were rung at the 600-year-old church. There was ringing later at Castle Acre and Shouldham. Sincere thanks to clergy and those who met the tourists.

Hints For Beginners—No. 28

Do not exaggerate your open hand-stroke lead on the higher numbers. The required interval on 12 is much less than on eight.

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY FESTIVAL AT MELBOURNE

Almost 40 ringers took part in the Queen's birthday week-end (June 11th-13th) ringing festival at Melbourne, including nine from Adelaide and six from Bendigo.

Ringing commenced before lunch on Saturday until about 9.30 p.m. with the usual informal breaks for meals. Everybody rang to their fill and many courses 'first in the method' were scored.

Sunday morning saw the fulfilment of a quarter peal of Kent T.B. Major, with four South Australians taking part. Three of these—Messrs. Bagot, Pitcher and Cox—had only rung a plain course in the method previously. During the quarter others 'enjoyed' themselves at St. Patrick's Cathedral. There was more ringing after lunch, and a most convivial evening at Barbara Beeson's flat brought Sunday to a close all too quickly.

An uninterrupted day's ringing was Monday's programme and by the afternoon no less than 13 ringers were able to ring Double Norwich C.B. Major. Enthusiasm was the keynote, and everyone felt if these happy gatherings could be maintained and spread farther afield Australian ringing would reach far greater heights.

Methods rung were: Doubles.—Plain, Stedman, Grandsire and St. Simon's. Minor.—Plain, Little, Kent, and Oxford. Triples.—Plain, Stedman and Grandsire. Major.—Plain, Little, Oxford, Kent, Double Norwich and Spliced. Caters.—Plain, Stedman and Grandsire. Royal.—Plain and Little Bob. Cinques.—Grandsire.

G. W. P.

THE WEST COUNTRYMEN'S TOUR

FOR the fifth year in succession, a rather smaller but no less able company of nine ringers left their homes in the Bournemouth area and Somerset on May 14th to enjoy a leisurely tour of East Anglia which, for the first time, was 'under new management.'

Following an uneventful journey, the members met at Luton Parish Church. All was in readiness and so, escorted by the tower captain, they ascended the tower and rang a very good 5,007 of Stedman Caters. The bells, which are a modern product of the Loughborough foundry, were delightful, both in tone and 'go,' and much enjoyed by all.

Headquarters for the first night were to be at Whittlesford Bridge, near Cambridge, where fortified by juicy steaks and suitable refreshment the nine attempted to sleep but were not very successful due to British Railways! However, by 9.30 on Sunday all were well awake and looking forward to a ring upon the twelve at St. Mary-the-Great, Cambridge, for the Family Eucharist. The local ringers extended a very warm welcome and during the short period available, Stedman Cinques, Erin Cinques and Cambridge Royal were rung. Afterwards several went to St. Andrew-the-Great, some to Trumpington, while others attended divine service.

TOUR OF COLLEGES

It was a great experience later in the day to be given such a comprehensive tour of the colleges by Dermot Roaf. However, those with his party were disappointed that they did not meet the remainder who had hired a punt, for no doubt they would have offered some advice in the art from the safety of the river bank! At last the brief but happy visit to Cambridge drew to its close and the 70 mile journey to Beccles was completed in good time to ring the noble ten at the detached bell tower for Evensong. The King's Head Hotel proved to be an excellent centre for the first part of the week.

On Monday morning the main programme commenced, and the party were beginning to ring as a team. Despite their difficult 'go,' Diss bells went well to Stedman and Yorkshire. Mildenhall was to be the day's peal attempt and here, with the kind help of a Cambridge ringer who cycled 22 miles to complete the band, Cambridge Royal was scored with little trouble. Unfortunately, builders were at work on the church roof and tower and as time progressed, the noise of their work increased until the ringers expected at any moment to see a head appear at the window. Nevertheless, when the peal was finished, it was discovered that the workmen had packed their tools and left in disgust!

The third and final church visited on Monday was Elveden, where eight bells are hung for ringing in a memorial tower connected to the main body of the church by a covered way resembling cloisters.

CINQUES AT YARMOUTH

Tuesday started in a very leisurely manner with a ring at St. Margaret's, Lowestoft. Bristol and four-spliced sounded very well and the ringers were greeted by the local captain who told them of the very active company which he had. From Lowestoft the party drove to Great Yarmouth, famous both for its ringing clergy and for its newly-hung twelve. Here the Rev. Giles Galley, Mr. Bert Gogle and a local ringer made a band for Stedman Cinques. With a long touch, a good beat was found and the bells heard at their best. The ringers left feeling that all credit should be given to Mears and Stainbank for a wonderful job. The company was afterwards met by the Rev. Gilbert Thurlow and Mr. George Fletcher, both of whom conveyed their best wishes for the peal attempt to be made in the evening at St. Peter Mancroft. Erin Cinques was started there almost an hour late, due to the unavoidable late arrival of a Norwich friend. However, despite this, the ringing settled almost immediately, and it was a great disappointment that after two hours two bells changed course. Nevertheless, the ringing was greatly enjoyed by all and a good tape recording made. It was suggested by one member of the party that the two defaulters should be made to wear hair vests for the rest of the week as a penance!

After a last look at Beccles on Wednesday, Stonham Aspal was reached at 11 a.m., where an hour's ringing took place. The peal attempt on this day was to be Bristol at Debenham—a mellow eight easily rung. A steady pace was set but two courses from the end a shift was detected and so stand had to be called. Members then drove through flat, but delightful, countryside to Bury St. Edmunds, where in the evening they rang at the Cathedral and later made their headquarters for the remainder of the week at the Angel Hotel.

MUSICAL 'CLOCKING'

So as to bring out the tone of the bells better than by the carillon keyboard, Chicago has experimented by eight students by pulling ropes moving the clappers of the 16 largest bells. The ringers have to control their 'clocking' to the beat given by the conductor, synchronising their notes with higher bells played on the carillon keyboard.

The programme included 'Jesu, joy of man's desiring' (Bach) and Prelude in C Sharp Minor by Rachmaninov.

After the tower bell ringing it was an unexpected pleasure for them to join the local ringers in their tavern, where a ring of handbells is kept. As the result of a little effort and much to the surprise of all, a course of Grandsire Cinques was accomplished!

The next morning was free but everyone decided they they would like to take the opportunity of seeing the famous bell-cage at East Bergholt, which was some 35 miles distant. Permission to enter for a closer inspection unfortunately could not be obtained. In the afternoon, Yorkshire Major was the order of the day at famous Lavenham and after three and a half hours, the bells came into rounds without incident. It was a pleasure to be met by Mr. Stedman Symonds who offered his congratulations upon the ringing and for some while told many tales of his, and his family's, achievements. Long Melford was the second tower on Thursday. The church has been described as 'one of the finest and the most symmetrical in the whole of East Anglia,' and this is no idle boast.

TWO PEALS IN A DAY

Thursday morning saw the company following the estuary of the River Deben to Woodbridge where, while the tower key was being located, the modern and well balanced woodwork of the sanctuary was admired. The new Taylor eight were well enjoyed, both five-spliced and Bristol being rung. The ringers must have looked a queer sight this day for as they walked the streets of the town and ate their lunch, everyone was learning Yorkshire Royal and mumbling the blue line! However, not in vain, for at Grundisburgh, joined by Mr. Charles Sedgley, who made the ten, a fine peal was scored in three hours within the critical earshot of Mr. Cecil Pipe, who afterwards joined the ringers for the remainder of the day. Grundisburgh bells are really outstanding for their weight and surprisingly easy to handle and hear.

The evening was spent ringing upon the twelve at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich. Mr. George Symonds was very proud to show the company the two peal books of the St. Mary's Society in which were beautifully written the many peals rung in the 1930's, when Surprise bands were few and far between. Later in the evening, some visitors from Australia were welcomed and had their first view of change ringing.

And so the last full day of the tour arrived all too soon. Miss Hilda Snowden had all in readiness at Halstead and extended a very warm welcome, so typical of the East. An hour was pleasantly spent upon these fine new bells and all agreed that one could find none better for their weight. Saffron Walden was to be the last peal attempt and so, strengthened by two other Hampshire ringers who had driven to Essex specially, Stedman Cinques was started with the kind help of Mr. E. Pye, who rang the tenor. Once more, a shift course prevailed and after an hour and a half, the ringing had to be stopped, but like the other lost peals the ringing had been enjoyable, which was a great compensation.

At the hotel in the evening, members presented their organiser, Mr. Michael Best, with a camera tripod as a small token of appreciation of all the work he had done and the masterful way in which he had carried through the whole tour. All agreed that it was one of the best ever, and through the medium of this article, they would like to express their very great thanks to all incumbents, tower captains and the ringers who enabled them to participate in ten and twelve bell ringing.

D. H.

OUTINGS

CRAYFORD, KENT

With the help of numerous friends and admirers from various other towers, nine 'under twenties' and three others, who shall be ageless, from St. Paulinus' visited five sixes and two eights in the Seal Chart, Tonbridge and West Malling area on June 11th. The towers were new to most of us and record sheets were much in evidence. Although the weather could have been kinder a very enjoyable day was spent, ending with a convivial evening at 26, Iron Mill Lane, which included some serious and some not-so-serious handbell ringing, with Walter Dobbie as an admirable M.C. Our thanks are due to all who helped and to those who so kindly allowed us to ring at their towers, and our congratulations are offered to the local band at East Farleigh whose ringing for a wedding there was a joy to listen to.

E. A. B.

OAKHAM, RUTLAND

On May 21st 16 ringers from Oakham and district toured parts of Northamptonshire, during a delightful if rather tiring tour. Towers visited, all containing rings of eight bells, were: Northampton (St. Edmund), Wellingborough, Irchester, Rushden, Higham Ferrers, Irthlingborough, Finedon and Burton Latimer. These towers provided both light rings (Burton Latimer, 10 0 13) and heavy (Wellingborough, 28 1 19).

Methods rung during the day included Stedman, Grandsire, Erin, and St. Clement's Bob Triples, Plain and Little Bob, Kent, Oxford and Granta Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich Court Bob, Cambridge and Yorkshire Surprise Major.

Thanks are extended to all incumbents and to local ringers for meeting us at each tower.

M. E. S.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

WELCOME TO NEXT CENTRAL COUNCIL

Dear Sir,—I am very pleased to learn that the Central Council has decided to visit our Association for the annual meeting next year.

I have not the slightest doubt that our visitors will be very pleasantly surprised at the beauty of North Staffordshire, despite 'the industrial conglomeration of towns at Stoke-on-Trent' referred to on the front page of 'The Ringing World' of June 17th.

Many of the towers which it is proposed to make available are in some of the finest scenery of its kind in the country, and we are within a stone's throw of Dovedale, which is acknowledged to be one of the beauty spots of England, and is, in fact, in North Staffordshire.

I look forward to a record attendance at next year's meeting.—Yours faithfully,

G. W. BIDDULPH,
Chairman,
North Staffordshire Association.

ALL PREVIOUS PEALS MUFFLED

Dear Sir,—Re the peal of Bob Major rung at All Saints' Church, Maldon, on June 8th, conducted by H. Egglestone.

I have searched diligently through all the Essex Association reports since they were first published. All previous peals on these bells were muffled peals.

Since the bells were augmented from 6 to 8 in 1922, only one previous attempt was made for an 'open' peal and that was way back in the early 1930's.

This peal will, I hope, be the first of many.—Yours truly,

A. HUBBLE.

Maldon, Essex.

DECODING GAVE HIM A SURPRISE

Dear Sir,—I suppose the number of our readers who take the trouble to decipher the new Surprise methods which are printed in 'The Ringing World' from time to time is comparatively small. I imagine that not many Plain Bob or Grandsire men ever bother to make the effort. There are others possibly who, when they read the mysterious code like -36-14-12 etc., say to themselves, 'Ah, when I get time I will work that lot out,' and of course, procrastination being the thief of time, it never gets done.

Well now, I find that if one wants to keep abreast of the times and even if one's opportunities seldom run to Surprise methods it is always worth while to unravel these codes (I suppose they are quite properly Corrigan Codes) to see what they reveal.

I set to work recently on John R. Mayne's Flamstead Surprise Minor ('R.W.' April 29th) and to my surprise I found it to be a method with a bell in the slow just like Kent or Oxford T.B. Minor. This was quite a revelation to me and a method which was worth adding to my repertoire.

I am rather mystified, however, in the classification. If Kent and Oxford with a bell in the slow are T.B. Minor methods, how is it that Flamstead, also with a bell in the slow, is accorded the status of a Surprise Minor method?. Perhaps Mr. Mayne or some reader will elucidate this for me.

Also, Mr. Editor, I wonder if you could prevail on one of our contributors, a man say like Mr. Wilfred G. Wilson, to deal with this abbreviated style of method writing for us. Make it the subject of an explanatory article so that all our readers can follow it. I am not sure that all can at present.

JAMES E. BURLES.

Barrow-in-Furness.

DISCIPLINE AND PEALS

Dear Sir,—I should like to thank Mr. Wilfred Ring for saying so much more clearly what I attempted to say—in great haste—in my previous letter on the subject of the Kirby-le-Soken record. It is nice to find one person who will write up and say he agrees with me!

First, let me say that such ideas of discipline and control in the belfry expressed by your correspondents in many letters on this vexed subject are highly repugnant to most of us today, who hate the bluff and hypocrisy which characterised many of the 'great' conductors of the past—and possibly a few are left at the present time. To see the sort of thing I mean, let the reader turn back some years to the excellent articles on Belfrymanship, by Rodney Meadows, which are a grand example of how to speak a true word in jest! To the conductor of today the rest of the band are his friends, not puppets whose feelings are of no account at all.

Most of your correspondents missed the point which was that at Loughborough we were attempting to ring 40,000 changes—the extent on eight. Had such a length of a more notable method (I don't count Double Norwich) been available, then we would have been in a position to consider ringing that instead. Speaking personally, I found much more concentration was needed when **calling** Plain Bob—the warning of the treble dodging on the lead is my instinctive reminder that it is time for a bob. More to the point—I am still convinced that far more than outmoded ideas on discipline (degrading to conductor and ringers alike) is necessary to enable eight men to ring with each other for such a length of time.

The point of difference between an attempt for 40,000 and one for 20,000 odd is the immense effort of ringing the second 10,000, when at the end of it (in the case of the extent) it is still but half way. Even if we ring no further than we have done on several occasions, into the 20,000's the mental strain and effort is still taking place. I'd happily go for 22,000 as part of the day's work, but 40,000 needs a bit more nerve, believe me.

To the 'Sunday Service Ringer' from Kent (I too can claim that distinction!), may I say that the 'incorrect instruction' he refers to which caused confusion as we neared 29,000 was **not** given by me. Nor was the confusion bad enough to end the attempt. My reason for being so scrupulous (please note, Mr. Dodd) was the fact that until that point the ringing had been unblemished. We had by then set our hearts on the **best** and second best was not good enough. Had Mr. Dodd been in it, I doubt if the situation would have arisen. I think possibly he could manage a peal in that class, but not five in a row.

Finally, since I have been accused of bad taste, may I reiterate that the way the reports of Frank Lufkin's effort emphasised the weak points in our ventures, compared with the success of his own, seemed very like the proverbial kicking of a dog when he's down. However unassuming Mr. Lufkin may be, his article was quite unforgivable in its naive and moral tone. In addition, I had imagined Norman Harding to be a better friend to me than his remarks prove him to be. I am not in the least jealous but an attitude of smug success is guaranteed to make me see red, with the hypocrisy it so often involves. No one minds a failure being advertised, but success shouldn't need any.—Yours etc.,

STEPHEN IVIN.

Houghton Conquest, Bedford.

'LISTEN TO THE STRIKING'

Dear Sir,—Your correspondent, Mr. W. Ring ('R.W.' June 24th), seems to be one of those ringers who help to turn the minds of the public against the sound of church bells. I refer to his statement—'in Bob Major all the ringers can sit back and have a jolly good sleep.' No Mr. Ring! Keep awake, listen to the striking. The passers-by don't know what is being rung, but they **can** tell whether it's good or bad.—Yours sincerely,

DAVID E. HOUSE.

Southampton.

DEVON GUILD AND PEAL LEVY

Dear Sir,—A new rule was brought into force by the Guild of Devonshire Ringers last year relating to a voluntary levy, on all peals rung, of a shilling per rope, sixpence of which should be subscribed to 'The Ringing World.'

For one or two peals for which I was responsible I collected a shilling per man and sent half to 'The Ringing World.' In due course the peals were published and the voluntary subscription acknowledged in the columns of the paper.

In future the conductor of any peal rung for our Guild must **pay to the Guild 1s. a rope**; and at the end of the year, in addition to knowing the number of peals rung, the treasurer will know how much must be paid to 'The Ringing World' without having to refer to 'Gratefully Acknowledged' to see who has, or has not, paid.—Yours truly,

T. G. MYERS.

Plymouth.

The new quarter started with the last issue. New postal subscribers will be welcome. Remittances to Mr. J. E. Jeater, Greystones, Cusgarne, Truro, Cornwall. Rates: 12 months £1 15s., six months 18s., three months 9s. 6d.

BELFRY MANNERS

Dear Sir,—Whilst we appreciate the ringing merits of certain members of the Central Council, we feel that their belfry manners are singularly lacking. We are led to this unhappy conclusion by an episode during a ringing outing by young members of the Kent County Association on Whit Monday in the Romney Marsh area.

During an attempt to ring a course of Grandsire Triples at the second of two eight bell towers of the day, we were invaded by six people, who, it later transpired, were ancient members of the ringing fraternity.

We were due to depart from this particular tower within ten minutes of these individuals appearing. Without any introductions whatsoever, the visitors proceeded to take hold of six ropes to lower, leaving two for the touring band.

If it had not been for one gentleman waiting at the churchyard gate to introduce himself and tell me who the others were, we would still be wondering who these strangers were.

If one of the invaders had thought to mention who they were in the first place the Vicar, who was in the church, could have been approached and possibly another ten minutes' ringing obtained in order to give these extra ringers a better ring. After all we weren't to know that they could even handle a bell properly, and it would have been our responsibility had anything gone wrong.

We are glad this is not typical of the example we are to expect from the Central Council.

DAVID C. MANGER.

Chelsfield, Kent.

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DEATH OF MISS STELLA DAVIS

It was with a sense of personal grief and loss that the members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild learned of the tragic death of its only woman vice-president, Miss Stella Davis, of the Old Post Office, Bucklebury, Berkshire, on June 11th. She was 73 years of age.

Miss Davis joined the Guild during the second decade of the present century, having learned to ring at Bucklebury, her home tower. She continued to serve that tower and church faithfully until her death, first as a member of the band and during the past 16 years as the captain.

A member of the Guild Committee for many years and since 1951 a vice-president, she served the Guild with the same quiet devotion to duty. Always present at Guild meetings and festivals unless ill-health or domestic duties prevented her, she was wise in her counsels and a well beloved figure.

During the immediate post-war years Miss Davis was the secretary of the Newbury Branch and it is due to her unfailing service that the Branch today is as strong as it is.

Never a prolific peal ringer she must have rung a number of peals over the years, some of them in new methods when the East Berks band was breaking new ground in the 1930's. During recent years her energies had been devoted to teaching ringing in her own area and such peals as she had rung had been those for beginners. Her last peal was rung at Thatcham, in February.

Miss Stella Davis will always be remembered by those who knew her for her quiet Christian gaiety, her quiet devotion to duty in whatever form it came to her—as a school teacher, a daughter, a member of the church and her parish, and as a ringer, and her deep humility. It was not for her the headlines and the bright lights, yet her influence has been felt and will continue to spread, as a stone dropped into a deep lake. Always willing to encourage others to go ahead and with a youthful outlook and spirit, her influence over all the young ringers who came within her orbit was much greater than she ever realised, for they recognised in her that greatest of all Christian gifts, 'Charity.' Of her may it be said with truth. 'Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up; Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.'

M. R. C.

THE FUNERAL

The funeral service at Bucklebury Church, on June 16th, was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. D. B. Ashburner. In his address he said, 'She was the most faithful of Christian souls and was well prepared, spiritually, for death, whenever it might come.'

'Here, so many of her energies were devoted to the work of the church. She had been organist since 1941 and foreman of the ringers since 1946, having had the distinction of being the first woman to be allowed to ring in St. Paul's Cathedral. We shall miss her leading of us in praise and in calling us to worship, and there are many ringers in towers near and far who have lost a good friend.

'Stella Davis was also a faithful associate member of the Mothers' Union and played for the services and meetings, and made our Mothers' Union banner. She cleaned the church brasses, arranged the altar flowers most beautifully and decorated the pulpit for festivals. She washed the Communion linen, and distributed magazines, and only recently she repaired the white superfrontal for the altar and the white cushion cover at the litany desk. All this and more she did in her quiet way, for she hated any fuss, and few people knew just how much she did and how much we relied on her.'

Among the ringers present were Mr. Frederick Sharp (president of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, also representing officers of the Oxford Diocesan Guild), Rev. R. R. Woodfield (chairman), Mr. H. P. Reed (Ringing Master) and Mr. H. Lawrenson (secretary, Newbury Branch), Mr. L. G. Haines, Mr. J. Tibbits, Mr. W. Irving and Mr. J. Knapper (representing Goring tower), Mrs. P. Lewington and Mr W. Hibbert (St. Laurence tower, Reading), Mr. F. Tuffley (Chieveley tower), Mr. A. Webb, Mr. Frank White, Mr. W. White, Mr. Frederick White, Mr. C. G. White, Mr. L. Cox.

Mrs. Barrett, Mrs. Lock (also representing Mr. A. C. Lock), Mr. and Mrs. A. Hawkins, E. Hagbourne.

APPRECIATIONS

MISS DAVIS OF BUCKLEBURY

How many times in the last half century has the above phrase been heard. She was christened (quite rightly) Stella, but very, very few outside her family, even some of her most intimate and oldest friends, called her anything but Miss Davis.

She was undoubtedly a personality, especially in the Oxford Guild, and in her heyday was one of 'the' lady ringers of the country, equal to any of her own sex, and better than a lot of males.

Younger ringers, who have heard the name and of her exploits, may have gained the impression she was very austere, but such was not the case. In her own words, she was always circumspect, but she was full of fun, and even on March 4th this year at Appleton, she was as young in heart as anyone present, and to see her standing on the stool in the 'Thatched Tavern,' singing the choruses of the various songs, was a tonic.

Two very charming incidents will stay in the memory of the writer. One: Some years ago we were coming back from an O.D.G. meeting and the driver of the car was expounding at some length that lady ringers were quite good in the tower, but rather apt to be expensive when having refreshment, quoting that the average male was content with his beer, but that lady ringers were rather prone to gin and tonic or whisky mac.

When nearing the journey's end the driver suggested a drink before the parting of the ways. 'What will you have, Miss Davis?' Without a twitch of the facial muscles, but with a wicked twinkle in her eye came the reply. 'Lemon and port, thank you, ——,' giving the gentleman his full title.

The other was a peal of Stedman Triples she was calling in her own beloved tower of Bucklebury, when she called the half way Single a whole pull too soon. The writer said, 'Not now, dear, Single now.' After the peal Miss Davis came across the tower and without preamble, 'Thank you very much for your help at the half way, which would have been much more appreciated without the term of endearment.'

When ringing was getting into its stride after the 1914-1918 War, Miss Davis took up an appointment at a Maidenhead School, and came under the wing of the late Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn and R. T. Hibbert, who fought hard to break down the prejudice of the old Caversham ringers against lady ringers, but it was not long before her ability was recognised and she rang quite a number of peals with the 'old 'uns.'

Her handling of a bell was very graceful, her striking most accurate and her concentration wonderful, and those who rang with her must be proud of the fact, and have happy memories.

A little Christian lady and a great ringer.

R I P.

To meet Stella Davis, more than anyone else, was to sense the real purpose for church bell ringing. She might well have been number one in your series 'Servants of the Exercise.'

We ring for her in grief and in tribute to a life of loyal devotion.

G. W. BISHOP.

PREB. MARTIN WILLSON

By the passing, at the early age of 53, of Preb. Martin Willson, ringers throughout the West Country have lost a great friend. He had been director of religious broadcasting in the Western Region of the B.B.C. since 1946 and in that time had taken a lively interest in ringers and ringing. A regular reader of 'The Ringing World,' he often discussed with the writer points raised in the correspondence columns and only last year contributed an excellent leading article on the problems of broadcasting.

Nothing was too much trouble for him in his aim to achieve perfection and coupled with this was his great sincerity and appreciation of the work of others. He had the greatest respect for the more humble country ringers and gave them every encouragement, they were very much in his mind when, some two years ago, he started his series of programmes dealing with the 'Faith' in various areas of the West Country. In fact, the 'Faith in the Mendips' was in process of being prepared during his last days and was to have included some very well known towers. One of his greatest joys was the arrangement for the recordings of Evercreech bells and he was very happy in the result.

Since the formation of the Television and Broadcasting Committee by the Central Council he had been one of our most loyal helpers, not only in the West but by his contacts in other regions. Having been privileged to enjoy a place in his life makes it all the harder to find words adequate to describe all those fine qualities that made up the man that was Martin Willson. All who knew him are the poorer for his passing but remain vastly richer by the experience of his friendship.

H. J. S.

HIS CAREER

Born at Bemerton, Salisbury, Preb. Willson was educated at Wimborne Grammar School, Sherborne School and Oriel College, Oxford, and following curacies at Warminster, Cowley and Parkstone, he served as a chaplain during the war in South Wales, Palestine, Cyprus, Normandy, Italy and North Africa. On first joining the B.B.C. he was religious broadcasting assistant for the Midlands and West Region jointly. In 1957 he was appointed a Prebendary of Wells Cathedral.

He will be best remembered for his radio series 'The Faith in the West,' a religious magazine programme which was the first of its kind. Deeply sincere in his religion, Martin Willson was at the same time markedly tolerant of other people's beliefs and views. He leaves a widow, a son and two daughters.

BEDFORDSHIRE RINGERS' TOUR

Whit Monday saw ringers from all parts of Bedfordshire join together for an outing into Norfolk and Suffolk.

St. Mary's, Newmarket, was the first stop of the day, at the early hour of 9 a.m. At St. Peter's, Brandon-Ferry, the ladies did justice to a well struck touch of Bob Minor. The round tower of St. Mary's, Watton, was of particular interest to the visitors.

After lunch, ringing at St. Nicholas', East Dereham, was a pleasant experience: indeed the best ringing of the day was on these bells. From East Dereham we went to the abbey church of SS. Mary and Thomas, Wymondham, where the greater part of the ringing time was spent in the spiral staircase waiting for the key to be passed up. The remainder of the party took this opportunity of looking around the very interesting church. St. Mary's, Attleborough, was the last stop of the day. After the conquest of the ascent into the ringing chamber it was good to hear well struck changes.

Ringing during the day was of a generally high standard, methods including rounds, Plain Bob, Grandsire, Stedman and Double Court. Thanks are due to the local incumbents, and to those who kindly met us. Also to Keith for his excellent arrangements.

K. A. R.

TOWERS OF THE FENLAND

By. T. A. BEVIS

(Continued from page 405)

SS. PETER AND PAUL, WISBECH

The historic borough of Wisbech is attractively situated amidst acres of profitable orchards, reminding one to a large extent of the Vale of Evesham. Wisbech is, in fact, a port, and ships travel 13 miles inland to discharge their cargoes alongside the borough's ancient wharves.

The town radiates considerable influence to the many picturesque villages in the neighbourhood, most of which are graced with magnificent churches. A ringer once said, 'Towers come ten-a-penny here!' It is a true statement and the majority of these stately marshland churches possess rings of bells.

SS. Peter and Paul, Wisbech, is the only church in the Isle of Ely with 10 bells. The tower itself is well worth a visit for it has many points of interest and is attached to a church which is almost as wide as it is long, with three arcades from the 12th, 14th and 15th centuries. The tower—overlooking colourful gardens—is regarded as being one of the finest of its kind in Cambridgeshire—perhaps the finest. It consists of four stages, rising to richly-carved, pierced battlements, terminating in pleasing displays of pinnacles.

The outer walls are adorned with emblems, among which can be seeen that of St. Thomas of Canterbury—a 'T' surmounted by a crown; the episcopal arms of Goodrick, Bishop of Ely, 1534-54, is also displayed, and there is a unique carving of a monstrance, a receptacle in which the Host was borne in processions.

Climbing a wide newel stair one enters a commodious ringing chamber and this affords an unimpeded view of a perfect 'circle.' The bells are of good tonal quality, eight of them having been recast and augmented with the addition of two new trebles by William Dobson of Downham Market.

One of the original bells bore the date 1566, and two others were first cast in 1608 and 1640. The present ring (rehung by Mears and Stainbank in 1936) were opened on Friday, December 19th, 1823, by a party of ringers who are reputed to have walked 25 miles from Soham, Cambs (another ten of similar weight), for that occasion.

Every bell is inscribed and two testify that they were given by Abraham Jobson, S.T.P., Vicar, 1823. One intones 'Prosperity to the Town of Wisbech St. Peter' and its toast is most appropriate! Another speaks of its many duties: 'I praise the Lord; the people call; convoke the priests; the dead deplore; plagues drive away; and gladden feasts.' .One bell has been chosen to convey the bells' good wishes to newly-weds: 'In wedlocks bands all ye who join, with hands your hearts unite; so shall our tuneful tongues combine to laud the nuptial rite.' The tenor (21 cwt. 2 qrs. 15 lbs. in E flat), like a great many other tenor bells, bids folk to church, and also warns them of the grave.

The first peal in the tower was rung on June 24th, 1771, by a team of eight ringers from Norwich. It consisted of 5,040 changes of Plain Bob Major, and those who participated were: John Chamberlain, John Keepus, John Nixon, James Watling, Simon Watling, John Dye, John Trowse and James Vines. John Chamberlain was the conductor.

Since then a number of peals have been rung on the bells, among them compositions of Kent, Stedman and Cambridge, but none has given greater sense of achievement than that of 5,039 charges of Grandsire Caters, on Tuesday, December 9th, 1947, it being the first in the method on the bells by an entirely local Sunday service band of ringers, and was the conductor's (Mr. F. Wigmore) 100th peal.

TERRINGTON ST. CLEMENT

Situated not more than four miles from the Wash the great church of St. Clement, Terrington, is affectionately known as the 'Cathedral of the Marshes,' and worthy it is of this title. Built mostly during the notable period of church architecture this 14th century edifice has an amazing display of pinnacles and spirelets which, together with the beautiful windows (over 80), lend the effect that the whole of this glorious apparition will float away.



CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL, WISBECH

The tower—detached from the church by a mere 12 inches—has served in bygone years as a refuge to those Terrington residents who on numerous occasions were mercilessly ejected from their homes by raging torrents which periodically broke through the sea barrier. In 1607 boats toiled over the flooded area between Terrington and King's Lynn with supplies and comforts for those unfortunate people who had been obliged to seek refuge in this massive place.

There are eight bells (tenor 11 cwt. 0 qrs. 7 lbs in F sharp) and one, the sixth, dated 1595 is inscribed 'NVNC CLEMENTS EGO CANTO VOBIS ORE JVCVNDO' (Now I, Clement, sing to you with a joyful voice). The treble was given by the last surviving member of the Upwood family in 1925, together with the second which was supplied by public subscription. Both are by Mears and Stainbank. Thomas Lester originally cast the third but this bell was taken to the melting pot in 1934 after a neighbouring bell had divorced its headstock and caused considerable damage.

The fourth bell dates from 1711 but was recast in 1925; it and number three share identical weight: 5 cwt. 0 qrs. 10 lbs. Dobson cast the fifth in 1816, and the seventh (recast 1925) was originally created by Thomas Newman, in 1731. The tenor is by Arnold and Dobson, Downham Market, 1778.

An inventory made in the reign of Edward VI states that in that period St. Clement's Church possessed six bells weighing 2, 11, 13, 16, 18 and 20 cwts. From 1716 to 1746 the tower contained five bells and these were later augmented to six. They were further augmented to eight in 1925, when G. Day, of Eye, Suffolk, rehung the complete ring in a new teak frame. Another overhaul was carried out in 1956.

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Farmborough, Saturday, July 9th. Usual arrangements.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 6197

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Dronfield, 3 p.m. to 8.30 p.m., July 9th. Names for tea to G. N. Goodall, 6, Elm Tree Crescent, Dronfield. 6225

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Penn, Saturday, July 9th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Miss A. Frost, 9, Buttons Farm Road, Penn. 6233

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Meeting at Mayfield, July 9th. Burgess Hill not available. Names for tea early, to W. Kitchenside, 3, South Street, Mayfield.—C. A. Bassett. 6208

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting at Stretham, Saturday, July 9th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. F. Murfet, Dis. Sec. 6190

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Cobham and Stoke D'Abernon, on Saturday, July 9th. Bells (both towers) from 3 p.m. until 9 p.m. Service 4.30 at Cobham. Tea 5.15 p.m. in Church Room. Numbers for tea to Mrs. Thornton, 59, Hogsmill Lane, Cobham. 6162

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting at West Malling, July 9th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. P. Carter, 'The Ringers,' West Malling. 6159

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Next meeting at St. Nicholas', Halewood, Saturday, July 9th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea (price 2s.) to be sent to Mr. J. Robinson, Field Cottage, Church Road, Halewood.—T. E. Radcliffe, Sec. 6232

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Joint meeting with the HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION (St. Albans District) at St. Mary's, North Mymms, on Saturday, July 9th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. to 4.15 p.m. Tea in the Memorial Hall 4.30, followed by evening ringing. St. Etheldreda's, Hatfield, bells also available 2 p.m. until 3 p.m. Names for tea must be sent to Mrs. Lock, 57, Holloways Lane, North Mymms, Hatfield, Herts. (Hatfield 2866). 6171

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—Annual meeting at Banbury (10), Saturday, July 9th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea and business 4.45 p.m. 6191

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Theale (6), Saturday, July 9th. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Englefield (6) after tea. 6236

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting at East Bridgford, Saturday, July 9th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 6125

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting on July 9th, will be at **Westbourne** and not Easebourne as proposed. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to E. W. Keys, Greystones, Saltbell Road, Fishbourne, near Chichester. 6219

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting, Alverstoke, Saturday, July 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., Brodrick Hall.—A. Sturgess, Portsmouth Dis. Hon. Sec. 6212

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Twyford, on Saturday, July 9th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea at Phoenix Inn 5 p.m. at 2s. 6d. per head. Owslebury (6) available 7 p.m. till 9 p.m. 6227

ST. MARY, WOTTON-UNDER-EDGE.—Rededication of bells by the Lord Bishop of Gloucester, at 11 o'clock service on July 10th. Ringing after the service, from 12.15 until 1 p.m. All ringers welcome. 6262

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Quarterly meeting at Barrow Gurney (8), July 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea to me by July 15th, please.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec., 'Estune,' Brockway, Nailsea. 5932

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Pitminster (6), July 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please.—A. H. Reed, 'Mimosa,' George Street, Taunton. 6234

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, July 16th, at Monks Kirby. Ringing 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Names for tea, please, to J. L. Garner-Hayward, 8, Orchard Crescent, Coventry. 6239

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Annual cricket match and ringing day, Tanfield, July 16th, starting at 2.30 p.m. All ringers cordially invited. Names for tea, please, to K. Cheeseman, Church House, Tanfield, Tantobie, Co. Durham. 6245

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Warboys, on Saturday, July 16th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 6249

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—South Forest Branch.—Meeting, Awre, Saturday, July 16th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Coombe, Oaklands Farm, Newnham, Glos. 6248

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Eldersfield (6), on Saturday, July 16th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Meeting 6 p.m. Numbers for tea by July 14th, to Mr. R. Lodge, Hill-Top Farm, Eldersfield, Gloucester.—Nadine Price, Branch Sec. 6263

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham and Cirencester Branches.—Joint meeting, Kemble, July 16th. Bells (6) 2-4 p.m. Service, Tetbury, 4.30. Tea. Bells (8) 6-8 p.m. Names essential by July 14th to H. Heath, 89, London Road, Chippenham, Wilts. 6264

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting and six bell prize contest, Hoylandswaine, July 16th. Entrance fee 10s., to A. Farrand, 12, Greenhill Cottages, Mossley, Manchester, by July 2nd, please. For teas please notify by July 9th, J. Whitehouse, Gyder Bottom Farm, Hoylandswaine.—A. Farrand, Sec. 6163

HAWKHURST GUILD.—Meeting, Saturday, July 16th, All Saints', Hastings.—E. A. Fellows, Hon. Sec. 6256

HEREFORD GUILD.—Bromyard District.—Quarterly meeting, Stoke Lacy, 3 p.m. July 16th. Service 4.30. Tea at School 5 p.m. Reservations to R. L. Price, 18, New Road, Bromyard. 6230

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—July meeting at Benington, on 16th (not 9th), at 3 p.m. Names for tea to Miss F. Welch, Holmes Farm, Walkern, Stevenage, Herts. 6173

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Eastchurch (Meopham not available), on Saturday, July 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to Miss M. Wash, 106, High Street, Eastchurch, Sheerness. 6206

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Dover (8), on Saturday, July 16th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea: Parish Hall at 2s. per person. Names together with cash, please, to Mrs. H. George, 11, Farthingloe Road, Maxton, Dover. 6161

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Half-yearly meeting at Worsley, on Saturday, July 16th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Tea 5. Business 6 p.m. Names for tea by July 13th, to Mr. M. Lomax, 69, Normanby Road, Walkden.—G. D. Fearnehough, Sec. 6246

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Breedon-on-the-Hill, Saturday, July 16th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Holly Cottage. Names by Tuesday, July 12th, to Mrs. Hodgson, Holly Cottage, Breedon-on-the-Hill, Derby.—C. W. Hall. 6224

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Annual striking competition, Ratby, Saturday, July 16th, 3 p.m. General ringing in the evening. All ringers welcome. Names for tea by Wednesday, July 13th, please, to Mr. H. Spencer, 9, Stamford Street, Ratby, Leicester. 6223

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting at Barkby, on Saturday, July 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea in Vicarage 5 p.m. Names by the previous Wednesday, please, to Mr. R. D. Flowers, Queen Street. 6242

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Willoughby, near Alford, Saturday, July 16th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. No tea arranged, please bring own food.—W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec., 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. 6216

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Lindsey Branch.—Meeting Saxilby, July 16th. Bells afternoon and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify Mr. W. Cox. Trinity Cottage. Saxilby. 6216

MAIDSTONE GRAMMAR SCHOOLS' SOCIETY.—Meeting at Staplehurst, July 16th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. and after tea. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 2s. Names to Mr. R. Mitchell, 42, Church Green, Staplehurst.—Pamela J. Usborne. Sec. 6198

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION—S. and W. District.—Meeting, Saturday, July 16th. Arrangements: ringing at Sunbury 3-4.30 p.m., followed by service. Tea at 5. Business meeting 5.30. Further ringing at Hampton 6.45-8.15 p.m. Names for tea by 12th, to D. Brock, 7, Loudwater Road, Sunbury. 6257

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, July 16th, at Aldermaston. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, July 13th, to R. M. Payne, 10, Church Road, Aldermaston, Reading. 6252

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Finchampstead, on July 16th, at 6 p.m. Special method for practice: Beverley Surprise.—B. C. Castle. 6267

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD—Kettering Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Thorpe Malsor (6), on Saturday, July 16th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea, please, by Tuesday previous, to Mr. B. Austin, Kettering Road, Thorpe Malsor. 6235

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Kings Cliffe, Saturday, July 16th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Bring food, tea provided. All ringers welcome. 6237

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Easton Maudit, Saturday, July 16th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to Rev. W. C. Knight, St. Mary's Vicarage, Bozeat, Wellingborough. 6261

SALISBURY GUILD.—Calne Branch.—Meeting Lyneham (6), July 16th, usual arrangements. Names for tea, please, to F. F. Godwin, 83, Lyneham, Chippenham.—W. Hacker. 6258

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting at Hawkchurch, July 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Chardstock tower also open. Numbers for tea, please.—Barrett, 120, Gerrards Green, Beaminster. 6231

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting July 16th, Enford. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Netheravon and Fittleton also available in evening. Names before Tuesday, 12th, please.—Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 6172

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Mansfield District.—Meeting at Mansfield Woodhouse, Saturday, July 16th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by meeting. Names for tea by Wednesday, July 13th, to A. J. Brown, 4, Ferguson Avenue, Mansfield Woodhouse, Mansfield, Notts.—D. H. Rooke, Hon. Sec. 6260

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Section.—Practice meeting at Dorking, St. Martin's, July 16th, 3 p.m. Ranmore bells from 7 p.m. Names for tea by July 14th, to Miss Clear, 'Muree,' Lonsdale Road, Dorking.—G. A. West, Hon. Sec. 6202

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting Barcombe (6), Saturday, July 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify numbers for tea by Tuesday, July 12th.—George North, 11, Richmond Terrace, Brighton. 6259

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.—Saturday, July 16th. Bells 2.30 p.m., and in evening. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in Vicarage Room. All welcome. Please send names or numbers by July 13th, to H. Tooke, 11, Long Row, The Lizard, Wymondham. 6241

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Summer festival, July 23rd, Kempston (8). Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., with address by Rev. P. B. Graham, Vicar of Eaton Bray. Local band arranging tea in Schoolroom 5 p.m. Please assist by sending names by July 21st, to Mr. P. Inskip, 8, Randalls Close, Bromham, Beds. 6253

DEVON GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bovey Tracey, Saturday, July 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, to Dr Roberts, 84, Westhill Road, Torquay. 6238

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting Harwich, Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Numbers for tea, please, by Wednesday July 20th, to Mr. W. Felgate, 25, Una Road, Parkeston, Harwich. 6251

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Clun District.—Calling all ringers to a quarterly meeting at Leintwardine, on July 23rd, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Inform T. Davies, 1, Church Street, Clun, Craven Arms, of numbers requiring tea by the 21st. 6268

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, July 23rd. **Note change of date.** Details of venue next week. Everyone welcome.—Bullock, Dis. Sec. 6269

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Quarterly meeting, St. Mary's, Downe, Saturday, July 23rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, 20th, to Miss M. R. Andrews, 43, Wansunt Road, Bexley. 6247

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Ashford District) and LADIES' GUILD.—Joint meeting at Cheriton, Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (8, tenor 7 cwt.) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Thursday, to Mr. W. C. Chandler, 2, Alma Road, Cheriton, Folkestone.—C. T. H. 6255

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire District.—Meeting at Scunthorpe, on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, July 20th, to Mrs. F. Lord, Campana, 107, Bushfield Road, Scunthorpe.—A. Richardson, Hon. Sec. 6250

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION—Northern Branch.—Meeting at Yaxham, Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by the Wednesday previous, please, to Mr. J. Hornigold, Station Road, Yaxham, Dereham.—C. Bird, Hon. Sec. 6220

SUFFOLK GUILD.—East Central District.—Quarterly meeting, July 23rd, at Stonham Aspal (10). Bells 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, 20th, to W. J. Button, Stonham Aspal, Stowmarket. 6265

SUFFOLK GUILD—North-East District.—Quarterly meeting, July 23rd, at Southwold (8). Bells 3-8.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by 21st, to Mr. R. S. Payne, Hotson Road, Southwold. 6226

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Preliminary notice.—The annual dinner will be held on Saturday, October 8th, at the **Queen Hotel**, Chester. Full details later.—Henry O. Baker, Gen. Sec. 6233

OUTINGS

EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX

Ringers from East Grinstead Parish Church, with friends from West Hoathly, held their first annual outing in the West Sussex-Hants border district on May 14th. Ringing was enjoyed at Slinfold, where the bells have just been overhauled. Milland, after great difficulty in finding the church. Liss, and what a lovely eight they are, Bosham, Lyminster, Findon, a new six, and Cowfold.

Methods ranged from rounds to Cambridge Surprise Minor and Bob Major.

We are very grateful indeed to Miss E. W. Keys for being so helpful, also the incumbents and ringers who met us and helped to make the day so successful.

F. H. H.

ANDOVER, HANTS

An outing organised by the Misses Hazel and Cherry White, in which ringers from St. Mary's, Reading, also participated, took place on Whit Monday. The area chosen was West Surrey, and ringing took place at Seale, St. Mary's and St. Nicolas', Guildford, Albury and Cranleigh (including three leads of Bristol). A splendid tea was provided by Mrs. White, at Dunsfold. In the evening there was further ringing at Witley and on the new eight at Farnham, where a course of London will be especially remembered.

OUTINGS—Continued.

BUCKINGHAM

The 15th annual outing of Buckingham church ringers went as far as Lincolnshire. By 9.30 a.m. the magnificent eight at Rothwell were ringing merrily. Then into Lincolnshire, the party dividing to ring at Market Deeping and West Deeping.

After lunch at the Greyhound, Spalding, the parish church was visited and a warm welcome received from Mr. and Mrs. R. Noon. The band surpassed themselves in the 10 bell tower of SS. Peter and Paul, Wisbech, and it was with regret that they left for tea at Godmanchester. The evening's ringing was at Godmanchester and Higham Ferrers. A good outing and grateful thanks to incumbents and local ringers. T. V.

ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK

A very pleasant day in North-East Essex was spent by members of St. Mary's, Rougham, and ringing friends from neighbouring towers, on June 11th. Ringing started at 8.30 a.m. at Mistley and towers visited were Harwich, Tendring, Thorpe-le-Soken, Kirby-le-Soken, Great Holland, St. Osyth, Thorington and finishing at Bentley, at 9.15 p.m. A big variety of Doubles and Minor methods were also rung as well as Triples and Major up to Double Norwich C.B. At tea time Mr. G. Miller thanked Mr. L. Wright, the organiser for his excellent arrangements and Mrs. Ivings and the ringers' wives, who supplied and served a delightful tea. To all incumbents and tower keepers, sincere thanks.

ST. LAURENCE'S, READING

An enjoyable day was spent in Bedfordshire, on Whit Monday, by members of the St. Laurence's, Reading, band accompanied by a few friends. Towers visited were Luton, Dunstable, Kempston, Bromham and St. Peter's and St. Paul's, Bedford.

The best ringing of the day was at St. Paul's, Bedford—two courses of Stedman Caters and three of Grandsire Caters. Thanks are due to Mr. Sid Foskett, who arranged the outing, and also to incumbents and ringers who met the party.

SHIPLAKE, OXON

The last ounce of enjoyment was obtained by Shiplake ringers on their outing on Whit Monday. Many of the band were learners and the experiences to them were novel and entertaining.

The first tower, Hurstbourne Priors, provided quite a feat in raising the heavy old creaking bells, during which several of the gentlemen were in danger of losing their trousers, and the treble bell was stayless. The oldest ringer of the party—William Wicks, who had been ringing 60 years climbed the spiral staircase to satisfy his honour. Here the inscription on the tenor bell marks a past vicar's sorrow at the loss of his life:

'Born to Die—Died to live.
The love Thou gavest I give to Thee.
With Thee I joy. Lord weep with me.'

The best ring of the day came at Upavon, after a picnic lunch. On the heavy six at Marlborough there was nice ringing, although the low tone-range of the bells seemed rather monotonous. Greatly refreshed by the 'tea-supper' a move was made to Ramsbury and finally the tiny belfry at Kintbury, approached by a ladder with a trapdoor between the tenor and treble bells. Very cosy, but we thought Kintbury ringers of old must have been dwarfs. B. W.

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STANDLAKE, OXON.—On May 20th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: B. J. Coggins 1, B. Coggins 2, E. J. Hill (first in method) 3, P. Beedie 4, D. Pearce 5, D. Kay Adkins (cond.) 6. Rung as a welcome home to Mr. G. Costar, after 52 years in New Zealand.

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THE PROFESSOR INVESTIGATES

The Success and Failure of Peals

NOT having heard from the Professor for some little time, I called on him the other day to see what he was up to. As usual I found him immersed in figures, charts and diagrams and making voluminous notes.

'May one inquire what you are interested in now?' I asked.

'One may,' he replied. 'I have been making a study of the causes of peal successes and failures.'

'And as usual, I suppose, you have now got everything docketed, pigeonholed and classified?' I said.

'On the contrary,' he muttered gloomily, 'it is one of the most difficult subjects I have yet tackled. One is constantly hampered by the lack of relevant information. If only "The Ringing World" would publish for 12 months not only the peals but the peal attempts, together with the attributed causes of failure, what interest would be created and valuable data released!'

'Still,' he went on, brightening up a bit, 'I have made some headway. Perhaps you would like to hear how far I have got?' And without waiting for an answer he plunged into his subject.

'Ignoring mechanical failures such as broken ropes or clappers, and leaving on one side for a future time complications set up by method difficulty, it can be seen that ultimate success depends upon the attitude and ability of the ringers taking part, of whom the most important is, I suppose, the conductor. But having made a separate study, as you know, of this latter phenomena, may I now confine my attention for the present to the capabilities of individual ringers?'

'You may.'

'Thank you! For this purpose I have graded ringers from 1 to 10 according to ability. Now it can be proved that this ability, which I call for the purpose of peal-ringing the Peal Potential (P), depends upon two factors:

(a) The ability not to make errors, or Error Avoidance (E).

(b) The ability to right oneself if an error is made, which I call Rectification Ability (R).

'Let me first deal with E. Some ringers are constantly making mistakes while others can be relied upon to ring peal after peal without a single (apparent) error.'

The Professor then produced a graph in the form of a rectangular hyperbola from which he had extracted the following equation:

$$T = \frac{11}{(E)} - 1 \quad \text{or transposed} \quad (E) = \frac{11}{T+1}$$

where T=time in hours of occurrence of errors, and
E=Error Avoidance (ability).

'With this equation,' continued Mr. Dodge, 'it is possible for a ringer to grade either himself or others for E. The scale varies from an (audible) mistake made on the average every 10 ringing hours (Grade 1) to a mistake made on the average every 6 minutes (Grade 10). A high grading denotes, of course, a low number of errors.'

I was still a bit hazy so I asked if he could give me an example of how this grading operated.

'Certainly,' said the ever-obliging Professor. 'Suppose a ringer finds by dint of self-observation that he makes, in peal ringing, about one mistake every peal he rings; that is one mistake about every 3 hours. Then

$$E = \frac{11}{3+1} - 1 \quad \therefore \quad E = 2.75$$

or, supposing a ringer is graded E=6 then

$$T = \frac{11}{6} - 1 \quad \text{from which} \quad T = \frac{5}{6}$$

or he will make on an average a mistake every 50 minutes.'

'Seems clear enough,' I commented.

'Clear as crystal.' replied the Professor. 'Now let us assume that a band is attempting a peal and the average E of the team is 3. This means that in a 3-hour peal there would be in a Minor peal six mistakes—each ringer contributing one error—and in a Major peal 8 mistakes.'

'Would you consider that a good or a bad peal?'

'Ah, that depends upon the extent to which the errors were allowed to grow, which in turn depends upon the Rectification Ability (R) of the ringers concerned.'

'Explain.'

'Well. Even you must have noticed that some ringers can right themselves more quickly than others; in fact "Old" Jack Brothwell used to insist that it was the ability to correct oneself quickly that was the hallmark of a first-class ringer. R (Rectification Ability) is difficult to assess, as the assessment can only be based on observation (or strict self-analysis) carried out over a long period of time. Most ringers enjoy a period of "coasting," (i.e. ringing instinctively without any conscious effort of thought or concentration). A good ringer suddenly realising that he doesn't know what he should be doing will continue "coasting" and by intuition or shrewd observation will once again find his path without a bad blow being struck or without anyone else knowing that he had, temporarily, been lost. Another ringer will say, "Sorry!" and put himself right without having to be corrected, whilst at the other end of the scale, given exactly the same set of circumstances, a third ringer will plough on for many changes before being forced back into the groove, and even then will accept the least excuse to wobble out of it for many changes more!'

Mr. Dodge then quoted the example of a ringer who was, at one time, constantly in demand as a peal-ringer and who had a very low R but a very high E. This ringer would ring peal after peal without making a single error but once he got wrong it was, in the words of one conductor, 'the devil's own job to get him right.' He had to be told every bell for many changes before he was again sure of himself.

Once his weakness was recognised, however, he presented no problem to the conductor (a very famous one) in whose peals he frequently appeared and who was, apparently prepared to accept this occasional lapse for 10 to 15 hours' faultless ringing.

'Now,' continued the Professor, 'if we accept the first example as Grade 1 (R) and the last as Grade 10 we shall be able to make suitable gradings between these two extremes. I have therefore prepared an empirical formula assuming it takes 2 changes for the first ringer to rectify himself and 20 changes for the second.

$$\text{i.e. Grade (R)} = \frac{\text{Changes to reach stability}}{2}$$

And to calculate the Peal Potential (P) of any given ringer we can take an average of E and R, i.e.

$$P = \frac{E+R}{2}$$

'Few ringers possess a Peal Potential of 1 or 2, and the average ringer varies between 3 and 7. Ringers below 7 will cause a deal of difficulty and many peal failures, although ringers above this grade do their share. A team with an average of 7 would score, I should think, on an average about 3 peals out of 10 and one with an average of 5 about 5 out of 10, i.e. about half their peals. (Including so-called "False starts" which are really lost peals.)'

(To be continued next week)

TWELVE BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., June 23, 1960, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D

*ELIZABETH M. YARDLEY	*Treble*	MICHAEL ELSON	7
RUTH M. BORDER	2	*DAVID J. PURNELL	8
MURIEL REAY	3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	9
RODERICK W. PIPE	4	JOHN McDONALD	10
JOHN A. ANDERSON	5	BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	11
GEORGE W. MASSEY	6	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.
* First peal of Maximus. First of Maximus as conductor.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 2, 1960, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb. in F.

GEOFFREY R. PARKER	*Treble*	FRANK I. HAIRS	7
MARGARET A. SWANN	2	WALTER TOMLINSON	8
JACK L. MILLHOUSE	3	GEORGE H. RANDLES	9
CLAIRE DILLAMORE	4	*ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT	10
NORAH M. RANDLES	5	JOHN WALDEN	11
PETER A. SHARP	6	RONALD C. NOON	*Tenor*

Composed by DAVID E. PARSONS. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal of Stedman and first of Cinques.

TEN BELL PEALS

WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 25, 1960, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5135 SPLICED CATERS
Consisting of 4,213 Grandsire and 924 Wakefield Little, with 132 changes of method. Tenor 35¼ cwt.

PETER SCHOLFIELD	*Treble*	GEOFFREY TOWNEND	6
F. KEITH WILLIAMSON	2	KENNETH PARK	7
*DAVID ATKINS	3	JOHN E. KIRBY	8
DAVID CUBITT	4	WILFRID F. MORETON	9
PETER WOODWARD	5	JAMES A. D. WOOLFORD	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* 25th peal. First of Spliced Caters by all, and for the Association. Wakefield Little is rung in a peal for the first time.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., June 27, 1960, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5040 QUENIBOROUGH SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

RICHARD J. CLIFTON	*Treble*	JOSEPH W. COTTON	6
BRIAN G. WARWICK	2	GORDON A. HALLS	7
JOHN M. JELLEY	3	A. JAMES POYNOR	8
JOHN A. ACRES	4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS	9
MRS. G. A. HALLS	5	G. RONALD EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN J. IVIN. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
First peal in the method. 400th peal as conductor.
In memoriam George Freebrey, of Derby.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD
On Thurs., June 2, 1960, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 ESHER SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

MRS. T. J. LOCK	*Treble*	DENNIS KNOX	5
FRANK C. PRICE	2	ALICK CUTLER	6
JOHN R. MAYNE	3	ALFRED J. HOUSE	7
JOAN BERESFORD	4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.
First peal in the method.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., June 7, 1960, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt. in G.

DEREK BUTTERWORTH	*Treble*	JOHN P. PARTINGTON	5
MICHAEL D. FISHWICK	2	ALAN WARD	6
ROGER LEIGH	3	GEOFFREY S. MILLS	7
*MRS. ALAN WARD	4	GORDON ROTHWELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY S. MILLS. Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.
* First peal in the method. The conductor has now 'circled the tower' to peals of Double Norwich.

ESHER SURPRISE MAJOR
—36—14—1258—36—14—58, 16—16, 38
8ths place lead-end, 4ths place bob.

EAST CROMPTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 11, 1960, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. in G sharp.

ROGER LEIGH	*Treble*	JOHN P. PARTINGTON	5
BRIAN A. TOMLINSON	2	†GORDON ROTHWELL	6
PHILIP H. J. HUDSON	3	*GEOFFREY S. MILLS	7
*MICHAEL D. FISHWICK	4	DEREK OGDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.
* First peal of Yorkshire. † First of Surprise.

MORPETH, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 20, 1960, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE WATCH TOWER,
A PEAL OF 5392 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Granta variation. Tenor 10 cwt. 26 lb.

KENNETH ARTHUR	*Treble*	MARION S. AINSWORTH	5
NICHOLAS I. WRIGHT	2	KENNETH W. CHEESEMAN	6
GEORGE S. DEAS	3	J. ALAN AINSWORTH	7
NORMAN ERRINGTON	4	ERIC N. HARRISON	*Tenor*

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by KENNETH ARTHUR.
First peal in the variation by all except the treble and seventh ringers, and first of Major in the variation for the Association. The conductor has now 'circled the tower.'
Specially arranged to celebrate the baptism of Andrew Merlay Wright, infant son of the ringer of the second and godson of the conductor.

LIFTON, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Wed., June 22, 1960, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 16 lb. in E. flat.

*WILFRED C. BOUCHER	*Treble*	*HARRY STACEY	5
THOMAS G. MYERS	2	H. FREDERICK MYERS	6
WILLIAM G. LAVERS	3	*D. ROY BOULD	7
REV. A. S. ROBERTS	4	A. WILLIAM MYERS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by THOMAS G. MYERS.
* First peal of Major. First in the method on the bells.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., June 23, 1960, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt.

FRANK V. GANT	*Treble*	JAMES G. A. PRIOR	5
LIONEL S. WOODS	2	MICHAEL P. MORETON	6
JOHN G. NASH	3	CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON	7
JOHN D. ROCK	4	JOHN H. CRAMPION	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JOHN H. CRAMPION.
Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. John G. Nash.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., June 24, 1960, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

CYRIL WRIGHT	*Treble*	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD	5
STANLEY SLANEY	2	DENNIS A. SMEDLEY	6
*MALCOLM FOSTER	3	HAROLD WAGSTAFF	7
MRS. L. HOLMES	4	HERBERT T. ROOKE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.
* First peal on eight.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. Wagstaff on their 11th wedding anniversary. Also a birthday compliment to Mr. H. Wagstaff.

GRAVESEND, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 25, 1960, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT ST. GEORGE'S CHAPEL OF UNITY.
(Pocahontas Memorial)
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's No. 2 variation. Tenor 18¼ cwt.

TERENCE BARTON	*Treble*	JOHN O. WELLER	5
FREDERICK J. CULLUM	2	PETER F. BORER	6
HUBERT H. FURMINGER	3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	7
*TREVOR A. CROSS	4	†PETER G. RICHARDS	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.
* 25th peal in the method. † First in the British Isles.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 25, 1960, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9¾ cwt. in A flat.

*JEAN HILTON	*Treble*	EDWARD B. SMITH	5
URBAN W. WILDNEY	2	MAURICE E. DOWNS	6
MARION H. MILLS	3	ROY K. DUESBURY	7
PETER WOODS	4	ALAN R. SYDER	*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.
* First peal on eight bells.

OLNEY, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 25, 1960, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt.

GILLIAN TAVERNER	*Treble*	RALPH G. EDWARDS	5
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	2	ROBIN G. LEALE	6
JOHN D. ROCK	3	PHILIP MEHEW	7
TUDOR P. EDWARDS	4	WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

MILNROW, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., June 28, 1960, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

DEREK BUTTERWORTH	*Treble*	GORDON ROTHWELL	5
PETER SCHOFIELD	2	IVAN KAY	6
JOHN P. PARTINGTON	3	MICHAEL D. FISHWICK	7
ROGER LEIGH	4	GEOFFREY S. MILLS	*Tenor*

Composed by E. BARNETT, SEN. Conducted by DEREK BUTTERWORTH.
First peal in the method as conductor, who has now 'circled the tower' to peals.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Tues., June 28, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5056 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in G.

WILLIAM F. WOODWARD	*Treble*	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY	5
DEREK P. JONES	2	JOSEPH W. COTTON	6
RICHARD J. CLIFTON	3	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	7
JOHN K. SMITH	4	ROLAND BENISTON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
Rung for the Patronal Festival. Also as a farewell to John A. Underwood, who is leaving for Chesham, Bucks.

ADLINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 29, 1960, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL
A PEAL OF 5184 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13¼ cwt.

*BERNARD MOSS	*Treble*	LAWRENCE WALMESLEY	5
JOHN H. GARTSIDE	2	ARTHUR RIGBY	6
THOMAS BARKER	3	JOHN PILKINGTON	7
†DONALD LAWSON	4	CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE	*Tenor*

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE.
* First peal at first attempt. † First of Treble Bob.
Rung on the occasion of the official opening of St Alban's Church of England Secondary School, Chorley.

ALDERMASTON, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
On Wed., June 29, 1960, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in G

*ERIC WOOLGROVE	*Treble*	ERNEST J. MUNDAY	5
†PATRICIA HEATHER	2	TUDOR P. EDWARDS	6
JENNIFER M. DAVIES	3	RONALD F. DISERENS	7
REGINALD W. REX	4	GEOFFREY K. DODD	*Tenor*

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW. Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First of Yorkshire Surprise. First of Surprise Major as conductor.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., June 29, 1960, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

OSWALD CLAYBROOK	*Treble*	FRED JACKSON	5
GEORGE LEDSHAM	2	WALTER ALLMAN	6
JOHN E. BIBBY	3	CYRIL VALENTINE	7
ROGER KING	4	FRANCIS BIBBY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.

PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., June 29, 1960, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb.

RONALD C. NOON	*Treble*	EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	5
FRANK I. HAIRS	2	*FRANK TAYLOR	6
JOHN E. ALLEN	3	†J. MARTIN THORLEY	7
ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT	4	*CYRIL R. BURRELL	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.
* First peal in the method. † 100th peal of Surprise Major.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., June 30, 1960, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5000 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 28 lb.

HARRY BALDWIN	*Treble*	HARRY HALL	5
C. AUBREY HARRISON	2	ARTHUR CROWDER	6
RONALD CHAFER	3	MICHAEL CROWDER	7
JACK BRAY	4	GEORGE W. MOODY	*Tenor*

Composed by E. H. LEWIS. Conducted by JACK BRAY.
Rung in affectionate remembrance of the Ven. E. L. Marsden, Archdeacon of Lindsey.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., June 30, 1960, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5184 JARROW SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

MRS. T. J. LOCK	*Treble*	CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	5
JOAN BERESFORD	2	JOHN R. MAYNE	6
THOMAS J. LOCK	3	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	7
ALICK CUTLER	4	ALFRED J. HOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.
First peal in the method.

ASHBY-FOLVILLE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 2, 1960, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr.

JUDITH A. M. COX	*Treble*	R. KINGSLEY MASON	5
*GARRY W. MASON	2	BRIAN M. SMITH	6
ERIC ROBERTS	3	A. MAXWELL LINDSEY	7
KEITH B. TOWNSEND	4	MARTIN C. FAULKES	*Tenor*

Composed by WM. SHIPWAY. Conducted by MARTIN C. FAULKES.
* First peal. First as conductor. Average age of band 15 years 10 months.

JARROW SURPRISE MAJOR
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SIX BELL PEALS

BREEDON-ON-THE-HILL, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE SOUTH DERBYSHIRE & NORTH LEICESTERSHIRE ASSN.
On Fri., June 3, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND HARDULPH.
A PEAL OF 5040 REVERSE CANTERBURY PLEASURE BOB DOUBLES
Eight callings. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

*JAMES ROBINSON	*Treble*	EDWARD H. WILLOWS	4
*MICHAEL KNIGHT	2	DAVID K. WALKLATE	5
†REGINALD S. BARKER	3	†FREDERICK HINDS	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.
* First peal in the method. † First peal. The conductor's 100th peal.

LOCKINGTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE SOUTH DERBYSHIRE & NORTH LEICESTERSHIRE ASSN.
On Sat., June 11, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 22 extents Grandsire, ten Plain Bob and ten Reverse Canterbury.
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. in F.

*FREDERICK HINDS	*Treble*	EDWARD H. WILLOWS	4
MICHAEL KNIGHT	2	DAVID K. WALKLATE	5
†DAVID PARKIN	3	‡JOHN ANSELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.
* First peal away from 'cover bell.' † First of Doubles. ‡ First peal.

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BURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sun., June 12, 1960, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. BOTOLPH AND ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford Bob, Oxford T.B., St. Clement's Bob and Kent T.B., and two of Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

DAVID H. BUXTON	*Treble*	CECIL W. PIPE	4
CLIFFORD R. LOVETT ..	2	ERNEST G. PEARCE	5
RODERICK W. PIPE	3	RONALD W. STEWARD ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.
Rung for the ordination this day of John Berg, of this parish.

MORTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 15, 1960, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Norwich, Primrose and Cambridge Surprise, Oswald Delight, Kent and Oxford T.B., and Plain Bob Minor.
Tenor 4¾ cwt.

HAROLD WAGSTAFF	*Treble*	*CYRIL WRIGHT	4
MALCOLM FOSTER	2	BRYNLEY A. RICHARDS ..	5
GEORGE CHALLANS	3	HERBERT T. ROOKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRYNLEY A. RICHARDS.
* First peal of Minor in seven methods.
Rung to commemorate the 26th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Rooke.

COMPTON DANDO, SOMERSET.
THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.
On Thurs., June 16, 1960, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten callings).
Tenor 16 cwt.

ANGELA GRAINGER	*Treble*	†J. ANTONY BENNETT ..	4
*BERYL W. ABBOTT	2	IAN C. MAYCOCK	5
†ELIZABETH JACKSON.. ..	3	‡CHRISTOPHER TYNDALE-BISCOE	*Tenor*

Conducted by IAN C. MAYCOCK.
* First peal of Grandsire and Doubles. † First of Doubles. ‡ First peal. The treble ringer has now completed Grandsire from Doubles to Cinques on odd bells.

HIGH LITTLETON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., June 16, 1960, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in nine methods: Combined Childwall and St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Thelwall, College Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob: 40 changes of method.
Tenor 6 cwt. 103 lb. in B flat.

REGINALD G. HOOPER ..	*Treble*	DAVID HEIGHTON	4
D. JOHN HUNT	2	PATRICK J. BIRD	5
BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON ..	3	FRANCIS C. MOGFORD ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID HEIGHTON.
First peal in nine methods by all the band.

BREDFIELD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., June 17, 1960, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being two 2,160's and one 720.
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in G.

CLIFFORD R. LOVETT ..	*Treble*	ERNEST G. PEARCE	4
RODERICK W. PIPE	2	*ROBERT F. DOWNING ..	5
*BRENDA E. DOWNING ..	3	CECIL W. PIPE	*Tenor*

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.
* First peal in the method.

CORSE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 18, 1960, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (ten callings).
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

ARTHUR KINSEY	*Treble*	JOY SMITH	4
WILLIAM E. SPIERS	2	REGINALD G. POWELL ..	5
MICHAEL V. POWELL.. ..	3	CHARLES PHILLIPS	*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD G. POWELL.

WELLAND, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 18, 1960, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.
Tenor 12 cwt.

CHARLES HAYLINGS	*Treble*	LEONARD DOVEY	4
EDWARD MAUND	2	JOHN CLEMENTS	5
FRANK LAWRENCE	3	R. GEORGE MORRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN CLEMENTS.
A wedding compliment to Alan F. Davies and Judith M. Price (both members of the local band), married earlier in the day at Welland.

WILLINGHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 18, 1960, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being an extent each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Ipswich, Norwich and Cambridge.
Tenor 12¼ cwt. in F.

DONALD F. MURFET ..	*Treble*	GEORGE E. THODAY	4
ROSEMARY J. SEABROOK ..	2	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS.. ..	5
*ROGER J. PALMER	3	MANSFIELD GINN	*Tenor*

Conducted by MANSFIELD GINN.
* First peal of Surprise.

BLANKNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., June 21, 1960, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in nine methods: (1) Double Court, (2) Single Court, (3) St. Clement's and Double Oxford, (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) Plain Bob, (6) Oxford Bob, (7) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

PETER A. SHARP..	*Treble*	JOHN M. BURTON	4
CHARLES E. BROWN	2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	5
AMOS INGALL	3	LOUIS WILLDERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
In memoriam Frederick W. Stokes and G. Arthur Melton.

WRAGBY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Fri., June 24, 1960, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND OUR LADY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 30 methods: (1) Newdigate, Old Oxford, College Bob IV, Willesden, Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby, Marple, Braintree, Taxal, Humber, Clarence and Elston Delight and Morning Star Treble Bob: (2) London and Wells Surprise; (3) Cambridge Surprise: (4) Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's, Childwall, London, Lytham, College and Wavertree College; (5) Oxford T.B.; (6) Kent T.B.; (7) Plain and Double Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt.

DAVID CUBITT	*Treble*	WILFRID F. MORETON ..	4
*JO MORETON	2	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	5
HAROLD CHANT..	3	IAN M. HOLLAND	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* First peal in 30 methods.
Rung on the Feast of the Nativity of St. John Baptist, and on the eve of the 50th anniversary of the first peal on the bells.

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GRANBY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., June 29, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents of 720. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 22 in F.

RUTH BLACKSHAW	*Treble*	ROBERT W. WINSTANLEY ..	4
MAURICE HARRISON	2	WALTER NICHOLS	5
JOHN HIGGS	3	WILLIAM L. EXTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.

First peal on the bells since augmentation by Messrs. Taylor and Co. from five to six.

Rung for the Festival of St. Peter.

KIRKTHORPE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., July 1, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*THOMAS CROSSLEY	*Treble*	WILFRID F. MORETON ..	4
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.. ..	2	KENNETH PARK	5
DAVID CUBITT	3	GEOFFREY TOWNEND	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First attempt for a peal.

BROAD HINTON, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 2, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AD-VINCULA,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

Being 21 methods in seven extents, viz.: (1) Whitley, Wooler, Northumberland and Carlisle; (2) Munden and Chester; (3) Alnwick and Newcastle; (4) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Bourne and Primrose; (5) Netherseale, Lightfoot and Wearmouth; (6) Rossendale and Stamford; (7) Berwick and Hexham; with 100 changes of method.
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

PETER T. HURCOMBE.. ..	*Treble*	RONALD A. WRIGHT	4
LESLEY J. BLADON	2	ANTHONY R. PEAKE	5
VICTOR GRIFFIN	3	BRIAN BLADON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

The most Surprise methods to a peal by all the band, and for the Association.

A 21st birthday compliment to Mr. R. A. Wright.

LITTLE CHART, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 2, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob, two of Single Oxford and three of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in B.

JOSEPH J. BATCHELOR ..	*Treble*	PETER F. T. SMITH	4
*PAUL A. BATCHELOR (13)..	2	CRAWFORD T. HILLIS ..	5
*PHILIP E. DEVERILL (15)..	3	ALEXANDER WADDINGTON ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by CRAWFORD T. HILLIS.

* First peal.

WALSOKEN, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 2, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in F.

*NEVILLE GREENACRE (16)	*Treble*	GEORGE COLEMAN	4
M. ROWLAND REED.. ..	2	TREVOR A. BEVIS	5
*ELIZABETH BROWN (17) ..	3	THOMAS BUSH	*Tenor*

Conducted by TREVOR A. BEVIS.

* First peal.

HANDBELL PEALS

LONDON, E.C.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Mon., June 20, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS, STAINING.
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor size 18 in G.

J. MICHAEL LAKIN	1—2	*DENNIS BERESFORD	5—6
JOAN BERESFORD	3—4	*PETER BERESFORD	7—8

†DEREK E. SIBSON .. .. 9—10

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.

* First peal in the method 'in hand.' † 50th peal, first 'in hand' and first of Caters.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., June 29, 1960, *in* 1 *Hour and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT 1, MANOR GARDENS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINIMUS

Being 210 extents. Tenor size 12 in F.

DAVID A. CORNWALL ..	1—2	JOHN E. CAMP	3—4

Rung non-conducted.

Believed to be the first peal of Minimus on handbells.

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LOUGHBOROUGH

The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

HALF PEAL

MARCH, CAMBS.—On July 3rd, 2,520 Plain Bob Minor: M. Jones 1, D. Feek 2, June Peel 3, J. Payne 4, T. A. Bevis (cond.) 5, W. Moore 6. First length of Minor over 720 changes by ringers of 1, 2, 3 and 4. For morning prayer and on the occasion of the children's special services.

ADELAIDE, SOTH AUSTRALIA.—At St. Peter's Cathedral, on St. Peter's Day, June 29th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: H. F. Cox (first of Kent) 1, B. R. Cox 2, Enid Roberts (cond.) 3, F. N. Smeaton 4, W. B. Pitcher 5, C. H. Bagot 6. First of Kent Minor 2, 5, 6. First of Kent as conductor. First quarter peal of Kent rung on the bells. For the Patronal Festival Evensong.

ARLESEY, BEDS.—On June 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Frances Smith 1, K. Barnes 2, C. Turner 3, H. Davis 4, A. Simpson (cond.) 5, B. Pike 6. Rung by a local band as a welcome to Rev. and Mrs. E. B. Edgell (induction July 6th), and also as a farewell to Brian Pike, who is leaving to undergo National Service. A birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

ASFORDBY, LEICS.—On June 30th, 1,260 Doubles (120 each Winchendon, St. Simon's, 240 each All Saints', Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob, 300 Grandsire): R. Smith 1, J. H. Cook 2, A. E. Hinman 3, H. T. Bonshor 4, R. H. Cook (cond.) 5, K. J. Panter 6. Rung half-muffled to the respected memory of the Rev. William James Simmons, M.A., Rector of Asfordby, 1934 to 1947, aged 81 years, who died at Latton, Wilts, on Thursday, June 23rd, cremated at Cheltenham on Tuesday, June 28th.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICS.—On June 26th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, Northrepps, Plain Bob, April Day, Grandsire): M. D. Barsby 1, J. R. Perkins 2, G. B. Lowe 3, B. S. Payne 4, F. K. Thompson (cond.) 5, J. C. Lowe 6. Rung for the Evensong of the Sunday School Festival.

BATHWICK, BATH.—On July 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Miss M. Viner 1, E. Naylor (cond.) 2, Miss D. Barrett 3, H. Newman 4, R. S. M. Stubbs 5, A. Feltham (first quarter) 6, P. R. Stubbs 7, K. Harrison 8. Rung for the Church Festival, farewell to Miss D. Barrett, and birthday compliment to Miss J. Crees.

BELTON, RUTLAND.—On June 11th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss S. Meredith 1, Miss J. Thomas 2, J. Chettleburgh 3, R. J. Hill 4, M. Stracey 5, J. Meredith (cond.) 6. First quarter of Minor for 2, also first 'inside.'

BLACKBURN, LANCS.—At the Cathedral, on June 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. A. Earnshaw 1, A. Tomlinson 2, T. Wilkinson 3, G. Wignall 4, J. Skeats 5, A. Swindlehurst 6, B. A. Tominson (cond.) 7, M. J. Halliwell 8. Rung to mark the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. James Skeats.

BRADFIELD, YORKS.—On June 25th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: A. King (first quarter) 1, M. King 2, A. Beaumont (first 'inside') 3, P. Thompson 4, M. Meadows (cond.) 5, R. West 6.

BROADCLYST, DEVON.—On June 5th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Elisabeth A. G. Bowden 1, R. J. Bowden 2, A. Bagworth 3, Patricia Bourn 4, E. J. Munday 5, G. R. Eyles 6, B. Baldon 7, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 8.

BUCKFAST, DEVON.—On June 29th, at the Abbey, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Philippa Russell (first quarter) 1, Rev. P. Angold 2, Rev. O. Mowan 3, Mary Russell 4, A. L. Bennett 5, E. M. Atkins (cond.) 6, Rev. P. Dowling 7, Rev A. de Guingand 8. First in method by 2, 3, 4 and 7. Rung for Feast of SS. Peter and Paul.

CALDECOTE, RUTLAND.—On June 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. Meredith 1, Miss J. Thomas 2, J. Meredith 3, R. J. Hill 4, M. Stracey (cond.) 5.

CAWTHORNE, BARNSLEY.—On June 27th, 1,260 Minor (720 High Hoyland Delight, 528 Kingston, 12 Plain Bob): W. Broadhead 1, T. Tarbatt 2, F. Cowling 3, D. N. Stables 4, H. Rusby 5, N. F. Moxon (cond.) 6. For Confirmation service conducted by the Bishop of Wakefield.

CHIPPING NORTON, OXON.—On July 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Francis 1, J. Keyte 2, J. Benfield 3, S. Polker 4, R. Jarvis (cond.) 5, I. Harris 6, F. Perry 7, C. Tompkins 8. To celebrate that day the 70th birthday of the 2nd ringer, also 60 years a ringer and 38 years branch secretary of the Chipping Norton Deanery Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

CLAVERLEY, SALOP.—On July 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. J. Bennett 1, J. Marsh 2, W. Francis 3, A. V. Pearson (cond.) 4, G. Goodson 5, E. Drew 6, R. G. Edwards 7, F. Bennett 8. Composed by J. McDonald, and rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Mr. J. A. Anderson, of Birmingham.

QUARTER PEALS

COTLEIGH, DEVON.—On July 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Furzey (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Real (first quarter 'inside') 2, C. Monley 3, C. Webb 4, W. Webb (cond.) 5, T. Clouston 6.

COTTINGHAM, YORKS.—On June 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (780 Grandsire and 480 Plain Bob): Barbara Cammack 1, Catherine Harrison 2, R. Gibson (cond.) 3, I. Booth 4, G. Pybus 5, P. Scrowston 6. First quarter for 1, 2 and 6. First quarter peal rung by an entirely Cottingham band for an unknown number of years.

DERBY.—On June 6th, at St. Andrew's, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss D. Wilson 1, Miss N. P. Wickham 2, M. Knight 3, J. F. Murfin 4, D. Parkins 5, G. Freebrey 6, B. R. Manning 7, D. K. Walklate (cond.) 8, M. Blore 9, E. H. Willows 10. First quarter on 10 for 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 10.

GAINSBOROUGH, LINCS.—On June 27th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Mary Stapleton 1, Pauline A. Bull 2, A. R. Heppenstall (cond.) 3, Delia E. Smith 4, C. H. Baker 5, T. A. Gilbert 6, J. Underwood 7, G. L. A. Lunn 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Edwyn Lisle Marsden, late Archdeacon of Lindsey.

GLASTON, RUTLAND.—On July 1st, 1,960 April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire Double: Miss J. Hoy 1, Miss J. Thomas 2, M. Stracey (cond.) 3, J. Meredith 4, R. J. Hill 5, G. Busby 6. Also on July 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Heath 1, Miss J. Hoy (first of Minor 'inside') 2, R. J. Hill 3, M. Stracey 4, J. Meredith (cond.) 5, Miss J. Thomas 6.

GREEN'S NORTON, NORTHANTS.—On June 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. A. Booth 1, C. Rigby 2, Rev. G. Hales 3, Betty M. Mansfield 4, G. G. Mansfield (cond.) 5, A. W. Mansfield 6. Rung in honour of the 79th birthday of Mr. A. A. Booth.

GRETTON, NORTHANTS.—On June 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. Meredith 1, Miss J. Thomas 2, R. J. Hill 3, M. Stracey 4, J. Meredith 5. Conducted by J. Meredith and M. Stracey.

GRIMSBY, LINCS.—At St. James' Church, on June 27th, 1,344 Grandsire Triples: H. Hadwick 1, C. Moon 2, N. Pashley (first of Triples 'inside') 3, D. Kennington (first of Triples 'inside') 4, W. Longbottom 5, J. B. Budd 6, F. Kennington (first of Triples as cond.) 7, A. Pashley 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Ven. E. L. Marsden, Archdeacon of Lindsey, who was interred in Lincoln Cathedral earlier in the day. He was vicar of Grimsby from 1936-1951.

GREAT DALBY, LEICS.—On July 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (120 each St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Reverse Canterbury, April Day, Plain Bob, 240 Reverse Bartholomew, 420 Grandsire): J. H. Musson 1, A. E. Hinman 2, H. T. Bonshor (cond.) 3, F. Derry 4, R. A. Cook 5. Rung as a compliment to Charles E. Cooper, of Great Dalby, and Miss Rowena Tyler, of Somerby, whose wedding took place at Somerby All Saints', earlier in the day. Both are well known ringers in their respective towers and in the Melton Mowbray District.

HALIFAX, YORKS.—At All Souls' Church, on June 26th, 1,280 Pudsey Surprise Major: J. N. Parkin 1, Mrs. R. E. Moulds 2, Miss P. Reeve 3, J. F. Bryant 4, E. M. Fielden 5, G. F. Bryant 6, J. H. Fielden 7, R. E. Moulds (cond.) 8. Rung by the Sunday service band.

HANBOROUGH, OXON.—On July 2nd, 1260 Doubles (in 7 methods): A. Franklin 1, J. Keyte 2, H. Floyd (cond.) 3, W. Butler 4, P. Cooney 5, A. Leech 6. A birthday compliment to the 2nd ringer, who was 70 the previous day.

HARMONDSWORTH, MIDDX.—On May 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Scrutton 1, Miss F. Greaves 2, W. Wilson 3, D. Shaw 4, G. Harvey (cond.) 5, J. Mudd 6. Rung for the visit of the Bishop of London, who dedicated the new Mothers' Union banner during Evensong.

HAXEY, LINCS.—On June 1st, 1,260 Minor (720 Cambridge, 540 Plain Bob): J. Underwood 1, Delia E. Smith 2, A. R. Heppenstall (cond.) 3, J. M. Blaikie 4, G. E. Feirn 5, G. L. A. Lunn 6.

HIGHER WALTON, LANCS.—On June 28th, 1,272 Kent T.B. Minor: D. Harwood (first quarter) 1, J. B. Clarke 2, W. Mansley 3, L. Burrows (first quarter) 4, H. Calderbank 5, F. Stead (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late John Stead (father of the conductor), interred at St. Mary's, Brownedge, earlier this day.

HORSELL, SURREY.—On June 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Priestley 1, Miss J. Drury 2, Miss P. Drury 3, B. Priestley 4, J. Martin (cond.) 5, C. Cobbett 6.

HORSELL, SURREY.—On June 19th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob and 780 Plain Bob): C. Cobbett 1, Miss J. Drury 2, Miss P. Drury 3, G. Oliver 4, J. Martin (cond.) 5, V. Neil 6. For Evensong.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.—1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Penelope C. Clark (first on a working bell) 1, Joyce D. Walsh 2, J. R. Norris (first 'inside' in the method) 3, M. C. Wooldridge 4, H. W. Brown (cond.) 5, A. Walsh 6, D. Robinson 7, S. W. Brown 8. Rung for the Confirmation service, at which Pauline Hood, one of the ringers, was confirmed.

KELSTON, BATH.—On June 30th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Jean Palmer (first quarter) 1, Rita M. Webb 2, Pat A. Burt (first in 2 methods 'inside') 3, A. F. Lee (cond.) 4, J. J. Jefferies 5, S. H. Carter 6. Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Margaret Morrison and Mr. Beresford King-Smith, married in this church this day.

KEYSOE, BEDS.—On June 18th, 1,260 Doubles (120 each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Reverse St. Bartholomew, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, April Day, Plain Bob and 540 Grandsire): G. Seth 1, Deborah Hopkins 2, R. L. Piron 3, R. Preston 4, R. G. Corby (cond.) 5. Rung as a compliment to the Vicar, Rev. J. H. B. Roberts, on the 3rd anniversary of his induction.

KIRKTHORPE, YORKS.—On June 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): T. Crossley (first quarter) 1, D. Cubitt 2, W. F. Moreton (cond.) 3, K. Park 4, G. Townend 5.

LEEDS, YORKS.—On July 2nd, at the Parish Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. K. Williamson (cond.) 1, Gael Brown 2, R. H. Dove 3, A. E. Stamp 4, R. Brown 5, C. B. Dove 6. First 'inside' by 2, 4 and 6. For the Patronal Festival of St. Peter. Rung on the 'middle six' (9th as tenor).

LITTLE SHELFORD, CAMBS.—On June 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. J. Langton 1, A. R. Hurst 2, T. Sherman 3, G. Easy 4, D. E. Sibson (cond.) 5. A 21st birthday compliment to E. J. Sibson.

LONDON, E.C.—On June 12th, at St. Olave's, Hart Street, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss G. Williams (first of Major) 1, Miss E. J. Langton 2, J. M. Lakin 3, M. R. Rose 4, D. E. Sibson 5, R. J. Trebilcock 6, M. P. Barton 7, G. Pratt (first of Major as cond.) 8. For Matins. Also at St. Clement Danes', on June 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Miss E. J. Langton 1, J. M. Lakin 2, Miss P. E. Jervis 3, Miss J. Beresford 4, M. P. Barton 5, A. G. Spreadbury 6, S. Brown 7, M. R. Rose 8, G. Pratt 9, D. E. Sibson (cond.) 10. First of Royal for 1, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10. For Evensong.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.—At St. Margaret's, on July 3rd, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: G. Howlett 1, M. Utton 2, L. Raphael (first quarter) 3, R. Coates 4, M. Parker 5, R. Brown 6, A. Crowe 7, A. Coleman (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On June 29th, 1,440 Minor (Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Spliced Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob): M. McQuistan 1, Wendy Bowak 2, L. Cordell 3, R. Bridges 4, J. McPhail 5, W. Wedlock (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to J. McPhail. Also on July 3rd, 1,440 Kent T.B. Minor: H. King 1, Ann Hancock 2, S. King 3, M. McQuistan 4, J. McPhail (cond.) 5, W. Wedlock 6. For family service.

OCKHAM, SURREY.—On June 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. Cobbett 1, Miss J. Drury 2, B. Priestley 3, Miss P. Drury 4, J. Martin (cond.) 5. For morning service. Also on June 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: V. Neil 1, Miss J. Drury 2, B. Priestley 3, Miss P. Drury 4, J. Martin (cond.) 5. For Evensong. Rung as a birthday compliment to V. Neil.

PRESTON, LANCS.—On June 6th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: D. Lawson 1, Judy Moir 2, Maryl Crossthwaite 3, Betty Faunch 4, T. Barker 5, W. J. Couperthwaite 6, G. A. Dimmock 7, C. Crossthwaite 8. First in the method for 1, 2, 3 and 4.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.—On June 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. E. Matthews 1, B. Burroughs 2, A. V. Corden 3, G. Rix 4, L. Stilwell (cond.) 5, R. P. Wood 6, W. L. Weller 7, E. Heasman 8. Specially arranged for the Patronal Festival.

PUTTENHAM, SURREY.—On June 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. Cobbett 1, Miss P. Drury 2, Miss J. Drury 3, B. Priestley 4, J. Martin (cond.) 5, A. D. Leach 6.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At St. Stephen's Church, on June 27th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: A. T. Hawkins 1, Christine Rimmer 2, Alison Macfarlane 3, Rosemary S. Hawkes 4, B. B. Hullah 5, R. E. Hardy (cond.) 6.

RANDWICK, N.S.W., AUSTRALIA.—At St. Jude's, on June 26th, 1,260 Doubles (60 Stedman, 240 Grandsire and 480 each of Old and Plain Bob): J. C. Sheehy 1, W. D. Watson 2, J. H. Fryer 3, Audrey E. Peters (cond.) 4, W. M. Rowe 4, J. T. Seymour 6. First quarter as conductor on tower bells and at first attempt.

SADDLEWORTH, YORKS.—On July 2nd, 1,440 Grandsire Double: G. B. Thompson (first quarter) 1, E. Shuttleworth (first in the method) 2, J. Robinson (cond.) 3, D. J. Marshall 4, G. Rumney 5. Part of a peal attempt, called round due to an interruption by four young members of the local band.

SHARDLOW, DERBYS.—On June 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Copeland 1, D. K. Walklate (cond.) 2, J. S. Knighton 3, M. S. Fern 4, E. H. Willows 5, B. R. Manning 6. Rung for the christening of Karen Elaine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Barker, of Shardlow.

SNAITH, YORKS.—On June 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. J. J. Taylor 1, J. Thorley 2, R. R. Warford 3, W. Graves 4, A. H. Hawcroft 5, A. Grundy 6, L. M. Woodhead (cond.) 7, E. Philpot 8. Rung for the wedding of Miss Ann Wood and Mr. John Jackson.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD

In previous years transport for the annual end-of-term outing of the Guild has been provided by willing volunteers with cars and motor-cycles, but this year arrangements were simplified by the hiring of a coach which left Cambridge for the Bedford area on June 7th with 24 ringers on board.

The day was fine and clear, which pleased everyone—especially, one imagines, the individualist who was making remarkably good speed on his bicycle, when we passed him. The first tower was St. Owen's, Bromham, a church set in pleasant parkland. One of our prominent ringers was unable to teach a band to ring Grandsire, but Cambridge and London were rung on the excellent bells—and in any case the view from the tower was superb.

We then headed into Bedford, to St. Peter de Merton, by which time members who had been detained in Cambridge by Tripos and other formalities were beginning to catch up with us. One set of rounds was considerably delayed until the treble ringer was reminded of her position, but Spliced Cambridge and Rutland was brought round before we dispersed for lunch.

The first stop after lunch was at the detached tower of the remains of the Abbey Church of SS. Mary and Helena, Elstow, whose connection with John Bunyan is too well known to need repeating here. A well-conducted touch of Bob Minor was complicated by the banging of a large drum below, and more Plain Bob was produced on a set of handbells, which had previously been rung exclusively by pigeons. Nevertheless, Spliced Plain and Little Bob was recorded and the church deserved far more attention than we had time for.

At Woburn the bells were magnificent and both Yorkshire and Bristol were rung, as well as other noises less worthy of their excellence. Envious mutterings about peals were to be heard, and yet one less appreciative ringer gratefully accepted a kind offer to drown the bells with the organ.

After a pleasant drive through the park—the deer seemed never to have seen ringers before—we arrived back in Bedford where there was just time for a cup of tea before the last tower, St. Paul's. Here we were joined by several local ringers and Grandsire Caters and Cambridge Royal were rung, and also the first success in Spliced Caters was achieved with Spliced St. Clement's and Grandsire. For want of anywhere better, an evil course of Plain Bob was rung, in hand, and in extremis on a spiral staircase.

Slight disagreement about the time of the return of the coach was settled by the determination of the lady members, and we arrived safely back in Cambridge in good time to employ the evening. The day was agreed to have been a complete success and our thanks are due to Frances Secker and James Taylor for excellent arrangements, to local ringers who were waiting to welcome us, and to the incumbents who so kindly allowed us to ring.

P. B. H.

QUARTER PEALS

SHOREDITCH, LONDON.—At the Church of St. Leonard, on June 26th, 1,311 Stedman Cinques: Miss M. Prockson 1, Mrs. F. J. Matthews 2, Miss D. A. Deverell 3, Mrs. R. F. Deal 4, T. H. Francis (cond.) 5, C. A. Hughes 6, W. Prockson 7, A. R. Ling 8, P. Beresford 9, B. F. Baker 10, D. Beresford 11, J. R. Cooper 12. For Evensong.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On July 3rd, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Pamela M. Jervis 1, Linda J. Kew 2, J. C. Birt (first of Yorkshire) 3, D. K. Walters 4, W. D. Ward 5, J. K. Ward 6, W. Birmingham 7, F. R. Scott (cond.) 8. First quarter of Surprise for 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6. First of Surprise ever rung in Slough by the Sunday service band. For the Patronal Festival Evensong, attended by the Mayor and Corporation.

STOKE, COVENTRY.—On June 29th, at St. Michael's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Simpson (first of Triples) 1, R. D. Hayne 2, E. Robinson 3, D. Ellender 4, R. Hart 5, H. Folwell 6, E. Sibley (cond.) 7, N. Haile 8. Rung to celebrate the 90th birthday of Mr. A. ('Bob') Roberts.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—At St. Thomas' Church, on June 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. J. Brown (first of Triples) 1, M. J. Fellows 2, Mrs. R. Smith (fiftieth quarter) 3, Barbara Stephens 4, Jill Tombs 5, M. D. Fellows 6, Dr. M. T. Sprackling (cond.) 7, R. Smith 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. F. H. Seeney, a member of the Mothers' Union for many years, and for Evensong.

SUNBURY-ON-THAMES, MIDDX.—On July 1st, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Janet Bailey 1, D. Brock 2, Gwen May 3, Doreen Gibbons 4, H. Colcombe 5, J. King (cond.) 6, B. Cox 7, E. Pizzey 8. For Confirmation service.

TOR MOHUN, TORQUAY, DEVON.—On June 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. J. Garbett 1, T. G. Myers 2, P. A. Lock (first of Minor) 3, D. R. Bould (first of Minor 'inside') 4, W. J. Harvey 5, W. G. Lavers (first of Minor as cond.) 6. Believed first quarter of Minor on the bells.

THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE RINGING

Sports fixtures between Chichester and Salisbury Theological Colleges usually provoke bitter rivalry: a joint meeting of the ringers of these Colleges on Ascension Day, however showed that campanology can overcome the acrimony of the cricket and hockey fields! The Chichester party, five in number, and accompanied by four ringers from the Bishop Otter (Teachers' Training) College, travelled in two cars via coffee at Winchester and sandwiches and liquid refreshments at (appropriately) Middle Wallop, meeting the Salisbury party at Britford.

The Salisbury ringers had spent the morning ringing at Durnford (5. 15 cwt.) and Woodford (6. 8¼ cwt.); at Britford (6. 8 cwt.) rounds and Grandsire Doubles were rung by bands representative of both Colleges. These bells are rung from the crossing in the church, and have therefore a long draught: the experience of the Chichester Cathedral draught was useful to the visiting learners, who otherwise might have been in considerable trouble.

Coombe Bissett (6. 10½ cwt.) was next visited: the pleasantly toned bells here are apparently hung immediately above the ringing room ceiling, and made bob-calling difficult.

The last tower of the day was Broadchalke with its fine ring (6. 15 cwt.), where the party were joined by the local Ringing Master. Throughout the day the Salisbury party were accompanied by Mr. Harry Prout, formerly of Corsham, Wilts, and now living in Salisbury. He also joined the combined party for tea in Salisbury Theological College, and had the misfortune to fall heavily down a staircase in the College when leaving; fortunately he has now recovered.

The Chichester contingent joined the rest of Salisbury Theological College for Evensong in the College Chapel: then, after further refreshment in the King's Arms, came farewells and promises of other joint meetings in the near future.

C.R.C.C.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—On St. Peter's Day, June 29th, 1,440 London Surprise Minor: Miss D. Marshall 1, D. H. Rooke 2, M. Foster 3, G. Challans 4, F. Flint 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6. Rung for Confirmation service.

WENTWORTH, YORKS.—On July 2nd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: A. King 1, A. Beaumont 2, P. Thompson 3, M. King 4, M. Meadows (cond.) 5, R. West 6.

WEST STOW, SUFFOLK.—On June 26th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. H. Ivings 1, Y. J. Parker 2, A. F. Ballam 3, R. J. Stannard 4, H. Ivings 5, J. E. Ivings (first quarter as cond. on six) 6. Rung for the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. W. Rickwood.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—At St. Mary's, on July 3rd, 1,440 Norwich Surprise Minor: Caroline Carpenter 1, Ann Garnet 2, M. H. Sinden 3, J. Perrett 4, A. Bagworth 5, A. S. Bishop (cond.) 6. First quarter for all the band first attempt, first on the bells.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.—On June 29th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus (4 and 6 covering): J. G. Baker 1, R. A. Trickett 2, F. R. Morton (cond.) 3, T. Trickett 4, J. A. Adams 5, R. J. A. Hancock 6. First quarter for 1, 4 and 6.

YEOVIL, SOMERSET.—On June 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Moore 1, R. J. Fox 2, T. E. Marks 3, T. Look 4, G. Gaylard 5, H. Gaylard 6, T. J. Setter (cond.) 7, H. Hebditch 8. Rung for the 50th anniversary of the Girl Guide movement.

COMBINED MEETING AT HIGHCLERE

The Andover District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild and the Newbury Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild held a combined meeting at Highclere on June 18th, when the afternoon's ringing was much enjoyed. The new Rector (the Rev. T. Lewis) conducted the service and also presided at the business meeting which followed. A minute's silence was observed at the meeting for Miss Stella Davis. Ringing in the evening was at Thatcham and Newbury. It is hoped that this is the first of many joint meetings between the two areas.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

South-Western Division

The South-Western Division's outing to Saffron Walden's Great Ringing Day is usually favoured with fine weather and this year was no exception. After a grey start, with an hour's ringing at Harlow Old Town, the day warmed up and from noon onwards a brilliant summer's day was enjoyed by both the ringers and a local plague of greenfly on the wing.

In attempting to ring the eleventh to an opening touch of Stedman Cinques the Master of the S.W. Division, no stranger to heavy bells, was brought almost literally to his knees. After the bell had been examined it was declared dangerously unsafe for further ringing and for the remainder of the day the ringing was reduced to Caters and Major on various combinations of the remaining 11. The music of Bristol, though well struck, was entirely lost on the front eight, and the funereal minor middle eight did nothing for London.

Following lunch at the Freemasons' Hall, a good afternoon's ringing was nevertheless enjoyed, and at 5 p.m. the coach left for Dunmow. At least no fault could be found with this beautiful octave, and a course of Bristol brought forth its full richness.

The usual evening stop for refreshments at the Good Intent, Sawbridgeworth, had been cleverly extended by omitting tea at Saffron Walden, so that by the time the party reached the cosy inn they were ready to deal with the large cold collation laid out in an upper chamber, helped by mellowing draughts of West Country type cider.

Bill Bailey and Lionel Woods provided their ever-popular entertainment on handbells, and the former sang to us the appropriate 'Bless this House,' unfortunately reduced to half-length by spontaneous applause from the rock 'n' roll contingent, at the end of the first verse.

For the fourth successive year our grateful thanks are due to Lionel Woods for his efficient organisation of this very pleasant event.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The 90th birthday of Mr. Adolphus ('Bob') Roberts was celebrated on June 29th by the ringing of a quarter peal at St. Michael's, Stoke, which was recorded together with a birthday message from his friend, Mr. D. Ellender. The recording was played back to Bob at his home. Until two years ago when an accident prevented him from ringing Mr. Roberts was a tower of strength to the Coventry Diocesan Guild, of which he is a vice-president. He rang his first peal for the Ancient Society of College Youths at the age of 18.

A memorial service to the late Preb. Martin Willson will be held on July 14th at St. Paul's Church, Bristol, at 1.45 p.m.

When Spalding ringers, on their outing, visited Whitnash they were met by Mr. Hawley, now 95, who to the delight of the assembly joined in the ringing.

The peal rung at Corse, on June 18th, was to welcome the new Rector of Corse with Staunton, the Rev. J. Wynn-Davies, but tragically after being taken to hospital on that day he died on June 24th. Several ringers attended the funeral service at Staunton, which was conducted by the Bishop of Gloucester.

Largely inspired by Mrs. Mossop, the Vicar's wife, the band at Constantine, Cornwall, already ring Grandsire. In the main they are self-taught, but with attendance at meetings and inspiration from 'The Ringing World,' a good general knowledge of the art has already been acquired. Mr. John Oldham, of Loughborough, recently visited the tower to hear another of his foundry's recently installed rings.

Two bands attempting to ring the first peal of SS. Peter and Paul Doubles, in a Church of SS. Peter and Paul, within the festival, have failed. An attempt is soon to be made to ring a peal SS. Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, writes a Northampton correspondent. Following this it is hoped to ring a peal of St. Giles Doubles in a Church of St. Giles, and a peal of Spliced St. Thomas and Reverse Canterbury Doubles in a Church of St. Thomas-a-Becket.

Mr. Peter G. Richards, who is home at Dartford, on holiday from Australia, rang his first peal in the British Isles on June 25th, at Gravesend. He has previously rung 11 peals —10 in Australia and one in New Zealand and has great hopes of ringing some more before returning to Australia.

The peal at Mears Ashby (page 444) was conducted by Allan R. Jones. The omission is regretted.

SS. Philip and Jacob's ringers, Bristol, are sorry to lose the services of Mr. R. C. Seager who has been a regular member for over thirty years. It is hoped that he will have a happy retirement and lots of ringing in his new home in Cheshire.

Mr. W. Birmingham, of Slough, is now very happy. After 15 years of effort, he has a Surprise band at his tower. They rang a quarter of Yorkshire for the Patronal Festival. He is hoping the band will stick together to score Cambridge Royal.

Mr. P. Amos is anxious to know what happened to the bells of St. Felix Church, Babingley, Norfolk, about one mile from Castle Rising. The tower stands as a landmark from the main road about a mile away and the church has been used within living memory.

The quarter peal at Buckfast Abbey was the first on 8 bells in which the monks have taken part. It marks another step forward in change ringing at the Abbey. The young ringer on the treble is one of a number of boys and girls who started ringing at Teignmouth about 18 months ago.

Mr. G. E. Symonds, in a letter to the Ipswich 'Evening Star,' suggests that the Church of St. Mary-at-the-Quay, Ipswich, should be made a School of Campanology. All that is required is the strengthening of the tower and a complete overhaul of the bells and fittings. The church is the headquarters of the Boys' Brigade and if the money was forthcoming there would be 'a golden opportunity for some of the boys to take up ringing.'

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ALPHABET FOR BEGINNERS

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"M" (continued)

MIDDLETON'S.—The peal of Cambridge Surprise Major produced by Charles Middleton in 1844 holds a unique place amongst the compositions of the Exercise. This, with its variations, is the only peal of Cambridge to be obtained by the use of conventional bobs and without parting the tenors. That this is so, is of course due to the peculiar falseness of the method. How did Middleton obtain his composition? We cannot answer this question with certainty but by studying the falseness of Cambridge some reasonable guesses can be made.

In common with other would-be composers, Middleton must first have found the courses which are false against the plain course. These are 24365, 32546, 46253, 32465, 43265. Then he would have the task of collecting together courses true against each other and of sufficient number to provide a minimum of 5,000 changes, i.e., at least 23 courses are required unless bobs Before are used.

Considering first of all the three false course ends 24365, 32546 and 46253, it can quickly be seen that two separate groups of five courses can be written down in which each course of one group has three false course ends in the other. The pair of groups which are mutually false are:—

23456	24365
35264	32546
56342	53624
64523	65432
42635	46253

The remainder of the 60 courses may be divided into five more pairs of similar groups. Now considering the other two false course ends 32465 and 43265, these together with 24365 dictate that no reversals in 56 can be true. Assuming that all the courses in the left-hand block above are to be included in the composition, then no '65s, '46s, '24s, '32s or '53s may be included. If the six pairs of five-course groups are written out and those containing '65s, etc., are marked then one group from each pair remains unmarked. If these are inspected it will be found that five reversals in 56 occur. In each case there is a choice of selecting two courses or one course, e.g., there is a choice of discarding either 25463 and 42563 or 52436. If in each of the five cases only one course is discarded then a maximum of 25 true courses can be compiled. These 25 courses are frequently referred to as Middleton's courses.

How Middleton went about joining the courses together to form a complete peal we do not know. Inspection of the courses soon reveals that a five-part basis is possible. Many blocks can be formed which repeat four times with truth (the block M H W 3H used in T. B. Worsley's 5,024, for instance), but none except Middleton's produces a length of over 5,000 changes.

Many composers have since produced ingenious compositions using unconventional calls. The fact that they have resorted to devices such as singles, 6th place bobs, and bobs with the treble lying behind indicates they are satisfied that no other composition can be obtained with conventional calls. This is difficult if not impossible to prove but nevertheless we may be certain that Middleton's composition will remain unique.

MUFFLED.—Muffled ringing is restricted to times of mourning or sadness, and should not take the place of Sunday service ringing. Many people prefer half-muffled ringing, but there is no doubt that either half or fully muffled ringing, well struck and with a slower beat than usual, leaves a marked impression upon the listening public.

A muffle is usually a cap or pad of leather which is secured around the ball of the clapper by means of straps so that the bell note is produced by the impact of metal and metal with the leather in between.

For half-muffled ringing it is customary to have the hand-stroke open and the back-stroke muffled as this produces a satisfying echo effect. And for half-muffled ringing one side only of the ball of the clapper is covered with a pad whilst it naturally follows that for fully-muffled ringing both sides of the clapper are covered with pads.

At this point we would do well to consider the act of fixing the muffles. Unfortunately there is often no room in the pit of the belfry to secure the pads while the bells are down, and so the more dangerous method of doing the job while the bells are up has to be resorted to. However, by taking care (having someone with you and not doing the job hurriedly), and by not taking any risks (seeing where you tread, not reaching too far, and tying the wheel of the bell to the frame with stout rope) any fear of accident can be avoided. Also for half-muffled ringing the muffle has to be fixed on the correct side of the clapper. Did you know that during ringing the clapper travels at a faster pace than the bell, at each stroke the clapper gains on the bell and hits it on the forward or leading side? At the end of a stroke the clapper is resting against the forward side, but when the bell reverses its direction for the next stroke the clapper is then at the backward side and, due to its design, gains in momentum in its downward fall and hits the bell when both are on the upward swing. Thus, when fixing a muffle for half-muffled ringing with the bell set at handstroke the pad would be fixed between the clapper at rest and the bell, and with the bell set at backstroke, the pad would be fixed on the side of the rested clapper which is opposite to the side in contact with the bell.

SERVANTS OF THE EXERCISE – No. 29



MR. HARRY MILES, M.A. (Oxon), M.R.S.T., M.P.F., M.I.P.S.
Truro Diocesan Guild.

Mr. Harry Miles is yet another distinguished member of the teaching profession who has made a great contribution to our art by devoting his talents to the instruction of beginners. London ringers were able to see some of the results of his work when a few years ago one of his pupils came to town to complete his education at London University. This youngster was John Waters, and he made a very good impression in London ringing circles when he tackled 12 bell ringing and was at once an outstanding success. Such had been the instruction he had received that his striking was all that could be desired. His general deportment, too, met with approval everywhere. Yes, Harry Miles trains 'em all right, and when he has done with them they can go anywhere with complete confidence. Cornwall is not an easy territory to work in, from the ringing point of view, but that has not daunted Harry Miles.

Born at Portsmouth in 1884, he learned to ring at Shipton-under-Wychwood when 10 years old and at the age of 15 rang his first peal (Stedman Triples). He is a schoolmaster by profession, and graduated from Oxford University, so it is natural that in his most active years he was prominent in the affairs of the Oxford University Society, which he helped to revive after the first world war. He became its Master in the 20's and taught undergraduates for years. Also, he served as Master of the Oxford (City) Society in 1909 and 1929. In 1930 he suggested to the Dean and Chapter of Oxford Cathedral that the University Society and the City Society should combine forces to ring the Cathedral bells for Sunday service. They gladly agreed and this has gone on continuously ever since.

He represented the O.U.S. on the Central Council from 1929 to 1934. On retirement in 1946, he went to live at Carbis Bay, Cornwall, and was elected (1948) to represent the Truro Diocesan Guild on the C.C.

Amongst the notable peals in which he has taken part was the first peal on St. Ebbe's bells, Oxford, which were augmented from six to eight, as a memorial to J. W. Washbrook. It had been insisted by Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn and Tom Hibbert that the bells must be rung very slowly to enable the trebles to be heard. Harry, as conductor, saw to it that these instructions were carried out and the peal, with a 4½ cwt. tenor, took 3 hours and 37½ minutes to complete! He took part (1905) in Rev. F. E. Robinson's 1,000th peal, and is sole survivor of a band which included Rev. Canon Coleridge and J. W. Washbrook. In 1950 he took part in the Coronation peal of Stedman Cinques, at St. Paul's Cathedral, London.

In 1949 Mr. Miles was appointed by the Central Council to compile the roll of honour of ringers who were killed in World War II. He made a very fine job of this and at very little cost to the Council. The handsome volume was completed in 1954 and placed, along with the roll of honour of World War I, in an oak case with glass top in St. Paul's Cathedral, where it can be inspected without formality by anyone. The pages are regularly turned by one of the officers of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

Mr. Miles's other interest is music, and he served for some years as assistant organist in an important Oxford church. He was secretary for a time of the Oxford Branch of the Organists' Association. His greatest love, however, is education, and for eleven years he was member of the City of Oxford Education Committee, when it had under its care 11,000 children in the Primary Schools and 3,000 in its Secondary Schools. Harry now lives in a place where, it is said, folks live as long as they like, so we expect (and hope) to have him with us for many years!—JAFUS.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION
Northern District

A very successful and happy gathering of more than 40 members and friends from 20 towers attended the Northern District meeting at the 14th century Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Stebbing, on July 2nd.

The service was conducted by the Rev. J. Burslem, of Bocking.

At the business meeting Mr. H. Pratt welcomed the ringers. Two new members were elected. It is hoped to hold the next meeting at Witham, on September 10th.

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SOCIETY OF FRIENDS OF THE EXERCISE

THE Kings Arms, East Budleigh, was again the headquarters for this Whitsun gathering of old and new members of the S.F.E. Early arrivals this Friday evening were detailed for a peal of Minor which was successfully conducted by Brian Bladon despite heavy opposition from the village organist who nearly made our ringing inaudible to us. By the time the peal had finished most of the company had arrived in the village. We were minus the Warmley contingent this year but they all sent their good wishes.

It was in brilliant sunshine that we left H.Q. early on Saturday morning for a day's ringing in the area west of Torquay. The usual fleet of cars and motor-cycles was abandoned to enable us to travel together in a battered old Bedford 'bus, driven of course by the un-chained 'Mayor of East Budleigh.' The first stop was at Trusham (6) where a variety of Doubles and Minor methods was rung before we moved off for an hour's ringing on the noble twelve at Buckfast Abbey. We were welcomed here by the Rev. Oswald Mowan and Aubrey Bennett and were soon ringing Grandsire and Stedman Cinques and Stedman Caters followed by a lower on twelve and the tolling in of 'Hosanna,' the 7 ton bourdon bell.

Our next tower was Totnes and it was here that we had the best ringing of the day with well struck Stedman, Bristol and Yorkshire. Afterwards came Abbotskerswell (6) and Kingskerswell (6) and after a quick tea we visited Combeinteignhead (6) and Stokeinteignhead (6) and concluded the day's ringing with a course of London at West Teignmouth. John Hunt led the community singing as the bus sped back to H.Q.

On Sunday morning the group split forces to help man the towers at Withycombe Raleigh, Littleham, East Budleigh and Harpford. At the first mentioned a quarter peal was rung with two of the local ringers standing in. After lunch we set off for Exeter Cathedral to ring for evensong. We were joined here and for the remainder of the tour by Derek Jones and his party, who had the misfortune to lose a peal of Yorkshire Major at Wrington the day before. Luckily the bells were already up and we were left with plenty of time to ring Grandsire Caters, Stedman Cinques and three leads of Kent Maximus to the satisfaction of one of two members of the party who were listening in the precincts. The next tower visited, by way of contrast, was the comparatively light six at Poltimore which was followed by tea at Broadclyst where we were due to ring for evening service. As a last minute arrangement some of the enthusiasts procured Heavitree bells for a quarter of a Superlative, so those who were left at Broadclyst also decided to go for a quarter and succeeded in scoring Yorkshire.

On Whit Monday morning we set off for Exmoor in cars and on motor bikes. Travelling via the Exe Valley, we called at Cadleigh for half an hour's ringing on the six at St. Bartholomew's. The next call was at East Anstey (6) where we were met by Bill Ware, from Tiverton, who joined us for the remainder of the day. We crossed the border into Somerset to ring at Hawkridge. Lunch was taken at Withypool before ringing at the Parish Church. At this juncture Reg Hooper and Bert Woolven said farewell and sped off together on motor-cycle to get to Folkestone in time for the Tuesday session of the Central Council. Exford was our next tower, followed by Winsford where we had tea before ringing. It was here in this picturesque setting, the birthplace, incidentally, of the late Ernest Bevin, that the annual photograph of the Society was taken. This in itself is always an amusing affair but just to add to the humour on this occasion Cyril Savage and his one year old son, who were really only intending to paddle, suddenly slipped and fell into a near-by stream.

The next two towers were Exton and Cutcombe (both sixes) where the ropes were so long and the sallies so low that it was necessary to ring kneeling down or sitting on buckets. To add to the novelty at Exton the Society rang its first course of 'Coal Minor,' a new principle devised by Robin Leale. Our last tower was Luxborough, the only 5 on the tour, which some of us nearly missed by making a detour to see some of the best Exmoor scenery from suitable vantage points. The company then dispersed until September with grateful thanks to the organisers, Cyril Savage, John Gilbert and Frank Mack and to all the incumbents and tower captains who so kindly met us.

R. J. B.

LEEDS UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

On June 21st three members—Keith Williamson, Michael Swift and Russell Read—successfully kept six handbells ringing continuously for 12 hours as part of the University Rag Week proceedings. The ringing varied from rounds and firing to some very good touches of Bob Minor and courses of various minor methods. From time to time Keith Goldthorpe or R. Brown would add two trebles for Bob Major or Grandsire Triples, but the general standard of striking was very good throughout the day.

At the end of the day the bells were fired, and the ringers, remarkably fresh after their exertions under the blazing sun, were applauded by the small crowd which had assembled. Thanks are due to the ladies who so kindly provided food and drink and collected on behalf of Rag: to Grace, Valerie, Stella and Fiona: also to Keith Goldthorpe. A fine supper was afterwards enjoyed in a Chinese restaurant.

A word of appreciation is offered to Mr. D. Thorp, secretary of the Leeds and District Society, for putting in an appearance in the evening. Such an interest in local proceedings is always welcome from an officer.

On June 24th the Society had a very enjoyable outing into Derbyshire. Towers visited were: Dronfield, Old Whittington, Old Brampton, North Wingfield, Darley Dale and Ashover. On the return journey we were warmly welcomed at Chesterfield practice and joined the local ringers for Grandsire Caters and Bob Royal.

Thanks are also due to Grace, for the splendid arrangements for the day, and to Russell, who drove us well and safely all day. Thanks again to Grace for the use of her flat for a farewell party on June 27th. An unsuccessful attempt for Bob Minor in hand shall have no further comment, except that no one worried.

R. B.

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS

The meeting of the Society at Colston Bassett was most successful. Bristol, Yorkshire and Rutland were amongst the many various methods rung on this fine eight.

An appetising tea was provided and preceded by a short service. Eleven new members were elected, two or whom were Roland Cooke, of Asfordby, who was celebrating his birthday, and Michael Blore, of Derby, who is a member of the College Youths.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY

Whitsuntide Week-end

Memories of the 'Blue Linnet' week-end of 1955 were revived when members of the University of London Society revisited Kent for their Whitsuntide week-end, though our spacious headquarters at Brasted Theological College bore a marked contrast to those of the previous excursion. So also did the itinerary which allowed a comparatively leisurely pace and ample time to explore the byways, richly coloured with rhododendrons, and to enjoy the fine vistas across the Weald of Kent.

With no ringing arranged for Friday evening each was free to pursue his own interests, and, by common consent, a most pleasant evening was spent at an establishment at Ide Hill. The later arrivals were duly welcomed and everyone successfully negotiated the long hill on the return journey, although one member, having omitted to assuage his scooter's thirst, had to walk.

Having set the pace next morning with a course of Bristol at Westerham, with its interesting spiral wooden staircase in a 13th century tower, a brief diversion was made over the border into Surrey. The exterior stairway at Limpsfield Chart caused some apprehension from the ladies, while at Lingfield a missing rope unfortunately confined our ringing to Minor methods. The Society's impressive convoy of transport moved off from here 'in line astern' in search of a suitable site for lunch. The efforts of the leader and his navigator to evade the following column proved surprisingly unsuccessful, and, to the background inside of the Society's new handbells, a lingering picnic was pleasantly relaxing.

Despite their weight, the six bells at Cowden proved rather difficult to strike well; though we trust that the approaching bride appreciated our efforts. The programme permitted an opportunity to visit the Sidney home at Penshurst Place, a 14th century manor house, much enlarged at later dates. Before returning to Brasted, an enjoyable hour's ringing at Penshurst drew several interested spectators.

The warden of Brasted Place celebrated Holy Communion in the College Chapel on Sunday morning and later the party divided to assist with service ringing at Westerham, Sevenoaks and Cudham. On Sunday afternoon the kind hospitality of our organiser, Peter Layton, and his wife was greatly appreciated, prior to evening service ringing with local bands.

After ringing at Leigh and Speldhurst on Monday morning, some sampled the Spa water at the Pantiles, Tunbridge Wells, while others were attracted to the fairground across the road. An attempt by a Society band to steer a clear course in the bumper cars proved as unsuccessful as might be expected.

Following lunch in the hop country, to the accompaniment of a party of 'East Enders' in full holiday spirit, the elusive tower of East Peckham was located. A hunt for the key, a battle with the oil lamps, and two attempts to raise the tenor right were necessary before we could enjoy these bells.

Our efforts hardly did justice to the fine bells at Wrotham, though a fair course of Superlative was rung at the second attempt. The customary course of London Scholars Pleasure was accomplished at Chelsfield, our final tower, after the inevitable research to produce the method.

Our grateful thanks are due to Peter and Nancy Layton, the incumbents and tower-keepers, who allowed us to ring, and to our hosts at Brasted Place.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On July 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Laud (first quarter) 1, P. Pratt 2, Mary Batholomew 3, J. Nugent 4, Rosemary Hawkes 5, S. Dolley 6, D. Laud (first as cond.) 7, M. Howard 8.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

WRONG BELFRY

Dear Sir,—I would point out that information from Miss Pamela M. Jervis in Belfry Gossip is incorrect. The drawing on the Christmas issue of the 'Radio Times' is not from a photograph of Capel belfry, but I believe may have been from one of Newdigate belfry, which church is about two miles from here. I might add the drawing was recognised by a junior Capel ringer as being Newdigate. —Yours faithfully,

HANNAH M. PENFOLD.

Capel, Surrey.

Miss Pamela M. Jervis writes apologising for her error.—Ed.

THE EXTENT OF BRISTOL

Dear Sir,—In 'The Ringing World' dated August 24th, 1956, you published a composition 21,920 of Bristol Surprise Major. When I sent this to you I claimed it as the record length of the method. This was not disputed and so far as I know the claim still stands.

Following the Kirby peal there has been some unpleasant correspondence and Mr. Brown asks, 'Why don't they ring 40,320 of Bristol?' One answer to this is that there is not and never will be a composition for the extent of Major in the method.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN SEGAR.

Retford, Notts.

B.B.C. AND ROYAL WEDDING RECORDING

Dear Sir,—These facts may help to throw some light on the circumstances which led to Mr. Pitstow's letter in your issue of May 20th.

The opening sequence of the recording of the Royal wedding on B.B.C. Television was planned as a montage of photographs of Westminster Abbey, Princess Margaret and Mr. Armstrong-Jones with a musical background. For reasons of copyright we were unable to use music, so bells were substituted; but as the sequence had to be prepared before May 6th, we were unable to use the actual wedding peal.

We wanted the happiest possible background, and the available Abbey recordings at present in our effects library did not give quite the desired result, so we built up the atmosphere by blending the bells of St. Clement Danes' with those of a village church.

It may interest your readers to know that a recording of the Abbey peal on the occasion of the birth of Prince Andrew will shortly be added to the B.B.C. effects library.—Yours faithfully,

ANTONY CRAXTON.
B.B.C.

'I WAS A STRANGER'

Dear Sir,—I know nothing of the incident to which Mr. Peter J. Brown refers, but, if correctly described, his letter rather gives the impression of its being the rule rather than the exception. I can assure him that no association gives more time on encouragement to the younger generation than the Worcestershire.

Since, however, his letter mentions bands and individuals, I must remind him of Association Rule 12, and suggest if he wishes to pursue the matter he can do so through the branch meetings.—Yours faithfully,

J. D. JOHNSON.
General Secretary,
Worcestershire Association.

Rule 12 states 'that no member shall forward any communication to the public press reflecting upon any company in union with the Association or any member thereof without the sanction of the secretary.'—Ed.

CONFIRMATION AND CHURCH OFFICES

Dear Sir,—'Tis good sport to see the engineer hoist of his own petard'—I seem to remember Rev. D. G. Brunning, in your correspondence columns, saying that he did not take 'The Ringing World' in order to read theology, but campanology. Now he himself joins in theological disputation in your paper, and with a most disputable contention. Certainly **baptism** is necessary for the holding of office in the Church, but even within the Anglican Communion. Confirmation (or the desire for that Sacrament) is only held necessary for the reception of the Holy Eucharist.

It may be the discipline of the Church of Wales to insist that godparents be confirmed —but their very duty is to bring their godchildren to Confirmation. Servers at the Holy Eucharist are frequently unconfirmed, when of tender years: it is ridiculous to say that no office may be held within the Church without (or more accurately, before) Confirmation.—Yours, etc.,

C. R. CHAD COUSSMAKER.
The Theological Coilege,
Chichester.

DOAN 'EE EVER ZAY JOHN SCOTT

Dear Zur.—Us 'ave just read that there Tragic Ballad thing in 'Ringing World,' and us be all steamed up 'about it down yer in Cornwall.

Tidd'n that us minds they there Collidge Youths an' the Cumbersomes 'avin' a go one to 'tother, but when they sez that us only rings rounds—well 'tis gwain a bit too far.

'Tis all very well they there Lunnon chaps fer to brag 'bout their Stedman Sinks an' all that muck, but when it comes to a bit of 'onest raisin' an' vallin' they'm all up a gum tree as the zayin' goes. Now as fer change ringin' there 'iddn' nowt better than to call 'em into Queens or Tittums—proper 'ansome it zounds, specially at thirty zeb'm rounds a minnit.

An' us'll 'ave knaw too that us does a bit of scientific ringin', why a couple of weeks ago one Thursday night us rung Grandsher Triples, true us 'ad zeb'm visitors with us, but 'twas 'ansome ringin' an' 'Erbert what was ringin' tenor only got lost vower times.

Us did try bob majors one Sunday but Vicar 'ee doan like to 'ear tenor all mucked in, an' Miss Daisy what plays the orgin got all confused an' pulled out the wrong stops, an' anyway it shaks the pinnacles somethin' cruel.

Us 'ad a team down yer from Lunnon way last an' they 'aived the bells up in wans an' twoes, caw! dang 'ee you should 'ave 'eard the commotion. First the vire brigade turned out thinkin' it were a vire, an' Mrs. Briggs' cat 'ad premature kittens, proper to do it were.

I went up to Lunnon one day an' went up to the church, the chappie what was in charge sez to me, 'Can you ring Bob Maxeemus.' 'Ees I spose sez I.' Caw! there wuz 'undreds of ropes an' everyone shoutin' an' ballin' wan across tother. Twad'n a bit like our old gaffer at home with 'is 'Six to zeb'm an' drae to vower,' somebody told me I should be dodgin' wrong and right, I told 'een to make up 'is mind as 'ee couldn't 'ave it both ways: seemed quite 'urt 'ee did. An' the ropes too! they all 'ad big loops in the ends, not like ours where us cuts 'em off neat like an' ties a nice big knot in the end.

Still I reckon 'tis every man to 'is own style of ringin', but doan 'ee ever zay us only rings rounds down 'ere 'cus us don't see! Thankin' yew ever so.—Yours trooly,

GARGE.

FEELINGS IN NORTH WORCESTERSHIRE

Dear Sir,—I would like to point out that the tower referred to by Mr. P. J. Brown ('R.W.' page 437) is neither Wychbold nor St. Peter's, Droitwich, as young ringers are much to the fore at both churches, and visitors are always welcome.

When I first came to this district, in 1957, I was told that visitors were not favourably received at Dodderhill. This information was volunteered by the gentleman who was then tower captain at Wychbold, but who left in 1958 to join the Dodderhill band, and is, presumably, the person who connected the young ringers with my name.

In early 1959, Wychbold bells had become silent, and I was asked, by the Vicar, to assist in teaching some youngsters to ring there. This I agreed to do, but was virtually told that if I continued teaching these beginners, the aforementioned gentleman and his family would withdraw their services from Dodderhill belfry rather than ring with me.

Having gone so far, I was reluctant to give up the learners, now a keen and promising young band, and rather than cause further dissension amongst the Dodderhill band, of which I had become a member, I left, so that instead of losing three ringers, they lost only myself (in any case, not a good eight-bell ringer). When I left, I thought that I had made it clear that no slight was intended to the **regular** members of the band, who had always made me very welcome; apparently I hadn't.

It is my sincere wish that this present ill-feeling will soon give way to a more friendly and co-operative relationship between Dodderhill and Wychbold bands.

'Behold how good and joyful a thing it is, Brethren, to dwell together in unity.' (Psalm 133.)—Yours faithfully,

PAUL CATTERMOLE,
Honorary Secretary,
St. Mary's Ringers, Wychbold.
Witton, Droitwich,
Worcestershire.

AMBIGUITY!

Dear Sir,—It seems a pity that the Peals Committee refused to recognise the peal of Minor in which **two ringers each rang two bells.** We are told that the exact wording of the rule it:—

Each bell (or bells) . . . shall be rung by . . . the same person (or persons).

Does this not mean that:—

Any one particular bell; Any two particular bells; More than two bells shall (or may) be rung by any one particular person; Any two particular persons; More than two persons, respectively?

If so, then it follows unconditionally that:—**Any two ringers may ring any two bells,** which is exactly what occurred.

This may not have been what was intended when the rule was framed, but it does seem to cover the event in question.

Incidentally, I deplore the suggestion made in the report that irregularities in peals should be kept secret if the ringers wish them to be accepted.—Yours sincerely,

H. S. HOBDEN.

Horam, Sussex.

C.C. MEMBERSHIP

Dear Sir,—With reference to your issue of June 17th, I note that the honorary secretary of the Central Council shows that I served as member for the period 1938-59.

To enable the records to be corrected, please note the details are as undermentioned:—St. Clement's Youths, 1929 to 1934; Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, 1935 to 1959.—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE H. CROSS.

Axminster, Devon.

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OBITUARY

MR. WILLIAM WENBAN

We regret to announce the death of Mr. William Wenban, on June 16th, at the age of 73. The funeral took place on June 20th, at All Saints', Harrow Weald, and was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. R. D. Deasy, assisted by the Rev. D. Wardrop. The bells were rung half-muffled before and after the service, and in the evening a half-muffled quarter peal of Stedman Triples was rung. Among those present at the service were: Messrs. A. W. Coles, F. W. Brinklow, H. Hodgetts, J. Rootes, C. Evans, T. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Leversuch, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Hart, Mrs. C. W. Woolley, Mrs. H. D. Butler, Mrs. P. M. Mayne, Miss F. Clayton and Miss T. Rose. The wreaths included those from the ringers of St. John's, Stanmore, and All Saints', Harrow Weald.

William Wenban was born in Kent, and he lived in his native county until the outbreak of war, when he went to live in Harrow. We are not in a position to write in any details of his early ringing days. He was not only an active peal ringer but also did much work in teaching bands in his own neighbourhood. Of his 321 peals, 152 were rung during the time he lived in Kent. The capability of those peal ringing bands is shown by the large number of peals of Stedman Triples which he rang and conducted during that time. He rang his first peal at the age of 21, and his first as conductor one year later.

During the ban on ringing he came to the monthly handbell meetings which were arranged at Bushey, and as soon as the ban was lifted he took an active part in the ringing in the Harrow area. He joined the band at Stanmore, and also rang regularly at Bushey and Harrow Weald. His association with the Bushey band led him to umpire all the post-war record peals of Spliced Surprise Major on handbells. He umpired those in 8, 9, 12, 14 and 16 methods.

The post-war years provided him with opportunities he had not previously had, and these were his most prolific peal ringing years. He rang peals of Surprise Major in 27 different methods, including the first peals ever rung of Stanmore, Harrow, Springfield, Chiswick and Elveden. His last peal was of Sandiacre Surprise Minor at Langleybury, on April 29th, 1959. He rang peals in all the 41 Surprise Minor methods in the Minor Collection, and his last peal completed this achievement.

We shall miss him very much.

HIS PEALS

Doubles: Grandsire 1, 2 methods 1, 3 methods 1, 6 methods 1.

Minor: Plain Bob 6, Edinburgh Delight 1, 2 methods 1, 3 methods 2, 4 methods 1, 5 methods 1, 7 methods 4.

Surprise Minor: Cambridge 4, Norwich 2, and one each of Warkworth, York, Surfleet, Rossendale, Stamford, Hexham, Beverley, Bourne, Allendale, Durham, Ipswich, Bacup, Cunecastre, Wells, London, Wearmouth, Lightfoot, Munden, Carlisle, Chester, Kelso, Netherseale, Morpeth, Primrose, Newcastle, Canterbury, Bamborough, Annable's London, Northumberland, Whitley, Wooler, Hull, Westminster, Norfolk, Lincoln, Berwick, Alnwick, Coldstream and Sandiacre: 3 methods 1, 7 methods 2, 8 methods 1, 9 methods 1, 12 methods 1, 17 methods 1.

Triples: Grandsire 34 (conducted 16), Stedman 33 (10), St. Clement's 1.

Spliced Triples and Major: Grandsire Triples and Plain Bob Major 1.

Major: Plain Bob 16 (4), Canterbury Pleasure 1, Double Norwich 22, Kent Treble Bob 39 (4), Oxford Treble Bob 8, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob 1.

Surprise Major: Cambridge 9, Superlative 9, London 4, Bristol 4, Yorkshire 15, Painswick 2, Stanmore 2, Aldenham 2, Lincolnshire 2, and one each of New Cambridge, Springfield, Pudsey, Rutland, Ealing, Belgrave, Uxbridge, Kendal, Lindum, Bedfordshire, Apsley, Lyme, Harrow, Staffordshire, Chiswick, Pinner, Elveden and Winchester; 4 Spliced 1, 6 Spliced 2.

Caters: Grandsire 6, Stedman 6.

Royal: Plain Bob 1, Little Bob 1, Kent Treble Bob 7, Cambridge Surprise 2.

Total: 321 (35).

AN APPRECIATION

I wish to pay a tribute to my old friend 'Bill' Wenban. In the 1920's he did a lot of spade work in Mid-Kent and was a first-class ringer and conductor, especially with Stedman. For many years he was a highly respected member of the Staplehurst band and chiefly through his efforts our local band rang methods up to Double Norwich.

From the year 1920 to 1939 'Bill' cycled many miles to Kent towers for peals, sometimes meeting short owing to bad weather conditions, and often losing the peal, through trying to ring a method the band were incapable of ringing. He rang many peals for the Kent County, and to us in Kent who knew him we cannot forget the good work he did in our early days.

I rang 89 peals with him, some good and some not so good, and I cannot recall any peals being lost through 'Bill' missing a bob. He was a good ringer, and friend.

We in Kent mourn his death, and send our condolences to his family and especially to his son, Ralph.

T. E. SONE.

MR. GEORGE FREEBREY

Mr. George Freebrey, of the Derbyshire Association, passed away very suddenly at his home on June 18th at the age of 78 years.

He learnt the art of ringing in his 13th year in his home village of Fairford, Glos. On settling in Derby several years later he joined the band of St. Luke's Church, where he remained until transferring to St. Alkmund's. Around 1928 he joined St. Andrew's Church, where he remained Ringing Master until now.

Mr. Freebrey was for many years secretary of the Derby District of the Midland Counties Guild, and was also an honorary life member of the Derbyshire Association. A good ringer, he was responsible more than anybody for fostering Surprise ringing in Derby.

As he had rung only two days before his death this means that he gave to the service of bell ringing 66 years of his life, composed many peals and had a great number to his credit.

The funeral took place at St. Andrew's Church on June 21st.

An Appreciation

It was with the deepest regret that I received the news of the passing of George Freebrey, of St. Andrew's, Derby, whilst I was on holiday at Bournemouth.

George Freebrey will be sadly missed, not only at St. Andrew's, where he had served so long and faithfully, but in the whole of Derby district.

I remember with gratitude how much he helped me during the days of the Midland Counties Association, as one of my very best local secretaries, a position he held for many years. When the late president, Alderman R. B. Chambers, passed away, we all wondered how the Association would fare as regards the long list of honorary members we then had—the majority of whom were either the personal friends of the Alderman or business acquaintances, whom he had coerced into joining. George Freebrey, however, retained these and gathered more!

When the Association reached its 50th anniversary it was George's idea, and he carried it out, that a commemorative peal should be rung by a band representing all the branches of the Association, and at St. Andrew's, where the first meeting to form the Association took place. This peal—appropriately 5,050 changes composed by the former president (Sir A. P. Heywood)—I, as general honorary secretary, had the pleasure of conducting. Although not a prolific peal ringer (he rang 60 for the M.C.A. and a few others), he dabbled about with figures, and produced some good peals of Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Surprise Major, etc., and I had the honour to call his 7,008 Bob Major as well as others.

George Freebrey was one of the most conscientious Sunday service ringers who looked upon this as a DUTY, as well as a service, and would very rarely be absent, placing this above all his other activities.

ERNEST MORRIS.

MORE BELFRY GOSSIP

The band at Netherseale would like to associate their peal with the memory of the late George Freebrey, of Derby, ringer and composer.

The collection in the Witney and Woodstock branch for the World Refugee Year amounts to £7 6s. 6d. In addition the branch voted £5 at its A.G.M.

Southern Television in Southern News featured Mr. E. S. Ruck, of Willesborough, on June 28th. This only surviving founder member of the K.C.A. is now 93. Shots and recordings were taken of him and members of the Willesborough band ringing Bob Minor.

Our statement in a front page article that peals of Minimus are too monotonous to make them worth ringing has been challenged by one who rang in the first peal of that category. More monotony, the writer contends, was found in ringing her first in Bob Major.

From Evesham we hear that Robert C. Kippin, now 16, of Southampton, made a first class job of Evesham tenor to a peal of Royal. A member of the band in sending his congratulations states: 'He must certainly be the youngest ringer ever to ring a tenor of this weight (36 cwt.) to a peal.'

Mr. David Smith (Oxford Diocesan Guild) writes to his branch his impressions of the Folkestone Central Council meeting as follows: 'The ringing arrangements were very good indeed, and I added 23 new towers to my list. It was very good to meet many of the foremost people in the Exercise and to ring with some of them. Needless to say the striking was wonderful.'

Complete tower repairs are now in hand at St. Mary's, Sunbury-on-Thames. All timber ravaged by wood-worm and dry-rot is being replaced and floors chemically treated. A new floor has been constructed 10 feet below the ringing chamber for the choir robes. External repairs to brick work and decoration of weather vane, woodwork and clock faces is also progressing. Ringing has not been interrupted but temporary removal of sound proofing makes the bells very noisy in the ringing chamber.

MR. CECIL H. BALLARD

Mr. Cecil H. Ballard, of Tenterden, Kent, passed away at West View Hospital, Tenterden, on June 22nd, after a prolonged illness. He was 73 years of age.

Mr. Ballard was a member of the Tenterden band of ringers for over 30 years, though illness had prevented him from climbing the steps for a few years now. A great church worker, he was verger for many years as well as captain of the ringers.

He was a member of the Kent County Association and the Romney Marsh Guild and rang peals for both Associations. The exact number he rang is unknown but his first peal was Grandsire Triples at Tenterden on December 31st, 1926, and his last peal was Stedman Triples at Tenterden, on May 16th, 1938 (for the 50th anniversary of Robert (Bob) Edwards' first peal).

Mr. Ballard taught many to ring; he was a good tutor, and was well respected in spite of his outspoken manner. He enjoyed good striking and would make sure his colleagues did strike reasonably well. It is remembered that on one occasion he told a lady to listen to her bell and strike closer. When the bells were set it was discovered that the clapper of his own bell had dropped out!

Mr. Ballard was cremated at Charing, on June 27th, and a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung half-muffled in the evening as a token of respect to him. The ringers were: Mary Meynell 1, Kathleen M. Yeo (cond.) 2, Violet I. E. Relf 3, W. Tickner 4, P. Relf 5, E. Stanger 6.

STOP PRESS

Mr. A. E. Lock, of Abingdon, died last week and was buried on Saturday, at Abingdon.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On June 12th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: K. Bodicoat 1, D. Bodicoat 2, Mrs. B. [illegible] Warwick 3, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 4, B. M. Smith 5, M. Wood 6. For Evensong and for the ordination to the priesthood of the Rev. E. G. Symonds.

RINGERS ON OUTING

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

With Mr. Eric Stainrod, a Barnsley ringer, at the wheel, the Barnsley and District Society had an enjoyable outing on July 2nd. At Collingham, near Wetherby, the party were met by Messrs. W. and C. Haugue, ringers there for 50 years. Next came Boroughbridge and some enjoyable ringing and an excellent lunch. The afternoon was spent at Middleham (8), which was followed by tea at the White Swan. Ringing for the day concluded at Birstwith, where the party was met by Mr. J. Ewbank, a ringer here for 60 years. Thanks are due to the president, Mr. Noel F. Moxon, who arranged the outing, and also to incumbents and ringers who met the party.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX

On June 18th North Weald ringers held their annual tour. Four six bell towers near Cambridge were selected. Travelling in private cars the party of 22 made their way to Barley, where some very good ringing took place, although some of the party did not arrive in time to ring. At Melbourne we found the bells very musical, and here we were met by Mr. Cook, from Meldreth. Harston was the next place where tea was had at the Three Horse Shoes: a ring on Harston bells then on to Whittlesford. Duxford was the last tower. We are very grateful to Mr. L. A. Cordell, who made all the arrangements.

A.

ROTHERHAM

For their annual outing on July 2nd, Rotherham ringers and friends visited East Lincolnshire, calling at Melton Mowbray on the outward journey, where the fine ten were enjoyed for about an hour before moving on to the heavy melodious six at Deeping St. James.

After lunch at Spalding and a short ring on the pleasant octave there, further ringing on the handy eight at Sutterton was followed by a visit to Boston Stump. The enjoyable ringing at this remarkable church made the long climb well worth while. The sixth and last tower of the day (Heckington) was a pleasure to visit, the ringing chamber being a model.

The homeward journey was enlivened by music on handbells and piano-accordion and community singing. Ringing during the day varied from rounds and call changes to Stedman Caters and Surprise Major. Grateful thanks are extended to incumbents and local ringers for their co-operation.

N. C.

MAULDEN, BEDS

On June 18th the Maulden ringers had their annual outing, when a visit was made to the Wiltshire area.

On this glorious summer's day a prompt start was made and Watlington, Oxon, our first tower, was reached in good time, though one had the feeling that we rather failed to do justice to either the bells or ourselves—too early in the day, perhaps!

The long hop to Purton worked wonders, however, and here we really 'went to town.' This ancient and beautiful church possesses a fine ring of six (tenor 20 cwt.), and here many a ringer who had previously thought 6-bell ringing uninteresting must have undergone a change of mind!

Next stop was Calne, where lunch was taken before ringing at the lovely Church of St. Mary, then on to Melksham, another good eight.

Soon we were passing Stonehenge, which had a good crowd of visitors, but we were more attracted by the excellent tea that awaited us at Amesbury, after which we enjoyed a ring on the bells of the imposing Parish Church.

Another long hop brought us to Wargrave, Berks, whose church stands in beautiful surroundings, near the banks of the Thames, and as this was our last tower, and the day had been very warm, and therefore rather tiring, we appreciated the excellent 'go' of this splendid eight.

We reached home about midnight, with hearts full of thanks to those by whose permission we had been able to practise our art, to the local ringers, and to our organiser, Colin Mann.

A. E. R.

ST. THOMAS', STOURBRIDGE

Ringers of St. Thomas', Stourbridge, and their friends went westwards on June 4th for their annual outing. The first objective was Tewkesbury Abbey, where the bells were set going to rounds. Grandsire and Stedman Caters. On the fine Rudhall eight at Ledbury, methods rung were Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Cambridge Major.

After a stop for lunch, the party pressed on to Abergavenny with its glorious ring of ten. Rounds, Grandsire and Stedman Caters, and Cambridge Major allowed the visitors to appreciate the lovely bells. The last tower was Ebbw Vale, but before ringing the party sat down to an excellent tea, kindly provided by the ladies of Ebbw Vale. Double Norwich and Yorkshire were rung here with other methods.

Thanks are due to incumbents and local ringers, Mrs. Bruten for the tea and Mr. D. H. Watson for organising such an enjoyable outing.

M. D. F.

BALDOCK, HERTS

May 28th was a bright, breezy day for the Baldock ringers' outing. Diss was the first tower, and to start the day off the 23 cwt. tenor was turned in for Bristol. On to Stradbroke, the 20 cwt. ten. The clean lines of the grey, black and fawn tower were lovely against the scudding clouds in the blue sky.

After an adequate lunch in Eye at the old coaching inn, the White Lion, Debenham bells were rung. The 21 cwt. octave has been popular for long length attempts, one of which was 'with excellent striking by Suffolk men.' Framlingham was next and the bells seemed noisy after Debenham. Tea and ringing at Woodbridge (25 cwt.) provided the best ringing of the day. The last tower was Grundisburgh, where the tenor of ten weighs only 8 cwt. The ringing went well considering this weight. One encouraging impression: the learners improved as the day went on.

CORNISH WHITSUNTIDE PILGRIMAGES

Visitors are always welcome to Cornwall and often enable local ringers to manage just that little extra. On Whitsun Eve four ringers from Romsey Abbey, with others from Redruth and Carbis Bay, began a pleasant half day trip at St. Gwinear, where there is a powerful ring of six, tenor 12¼ cwt., completely restored by Taylors a few years ago.

Then on through country lanes to St. Hilary, one of the few Cornish churches with a spire. Here hangs an older ring in three tiers with 3-4 on the bottom, 5-6 in the middle and 1-2 at the top. Needless to say some bells are heard more than others. They were made six in 1898 from a previous two. The Vicar, Rev. L. E. Glasscott, met us and asked if all was well with the bells. We suggested they should be oiled, and he promised it would be done. However, the need of this was not bad enough to spoil our ringing, although a lady member of the party found one bell a little beyond her strength.

Ludgvan, with its recently recast Taylor six, was the next stop (apart from ice cream on the way!), and these bells were really enjoyed. Then to Carbis Bay to try out the ten, and no one was disappointed. The sound of the bells meant we were soon joined by Mr. W. O. Farrimond, from Lancashire, who had just arrived on holiday, and his help was appreciated. Two youngsters from Redruth, on their first ringing outing, did particularly well with great determination on ten for the first time. Methods rung were: Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob. Wisely, nothing 'fancy' was suggested, but strangely Stedman produced the best ringing at each tower.

A. S. R.

TORQUAY, DEVON.—On June 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. J. Garbett 1, T. G. Myers 2, P. A. Lock (first of Minor) 3, D. R. Bould (first of Minor 'inside') 4, W. J. Harvey 5, W. G. Lavers (first of Minor as cond.) 6. Believed to be the first of Minor on the bells.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY

THE Society held its annual meeting at Lichfield on Saturday, June 11th. The fine ring of ten bells at the Cathedral was available and also the eight of St. Mary's, and the six at St. Michael's. During the morning and evening the nearby towers at Little Aston, Kings Bromley, Yoxall, Longden and Elford were made available for ringers wishing to explore the neighbourhood.

The annual service was held at St. Michael's Church and was conducted by the Rev. V. W. Allen. We were privileged to hear an address given by the Society's new president, the Ven. Basil Stratton, Archdeacon of Stafford.

After the service the congregation made its way across the road to St. Michael's Hall for tea, where a good meal was enjoyed by approximately 80 members and friends.

The clerical secretary, the Rev. C. Holroyd Barker, after tea, formally introduced the new president to the meeting. The Archdeacon said how very pleased he was to be with the Society at this meeting. Before coming to Lichfield he had been vicar of Market Drayton and had learnt to handle a bell with the band there. He could just about manage 'Churchyard Bob' now.

With the Archdeacon in the chair the business meeting began and the honorary treasurer, Mr. Frank Brotherton, gave his report. He said that there had been an improvement during the year and that the Society was in a sound financial position once more. The honorary lay secretary, Mr. D. J. Tranter, then presented the committee's report. He said the year had been one of continued progress with the accent on consolidation rather than on outstanding achievement. Fellowship amongst members had never been better than at present. During the year 48 peals had been rung in various methods. Mr. B. G. Key, who had arrived direct from Folkestone that afternoon, presented the Central Council representatives' report. He gave a detailed account of the meeting, including 'The Ringing World' finances.

The following elections were made: Ringing Master, Mr. E. Malin; Deputy Ringing Master, Mr. J. Allen; honorary treasurer, Mr. F. Brotherton; clerical secretary, Rev. C. H. Barker; lay secretary, Mr. D. J. Tranter, assistant secretary and peal secretary, Mr. C. M. Smith; honorary auditor, Mr. E. Speake; Central Council representatives, Mr. B. G. Key and Mr. G. W. Hughes.

For over fifty years of continuous resident membership of the Society it was agreed to make the following members honorary life ringing members: Messrs. F. Colclough (Bilston), W. H. Lawley (Wolverhampton), C. Wallater (Willenhall), B. Horton (Fallings Park, Wolverhampton), W. R. Hughes (Walsall).

D. J. T.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
Central Bucks Branch

The 32nd annual meeting of the Central Bucks Branch was held at Steeple Claydon on June 11th, when the Guild service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev R. J. Vernon, who gave a most inspiring address. The lesson was read by the Master, the Rev. C. E. Wigg, and the organist was Mrs D. Fawcett.

A salad tea was served in the Library Hall, after which the business meeting was held under the chairmanship of the branch president, Canon G. Dixon. The chairman gave a cordial welcome to the Master, the honorary general secretary (Miss M. R. Cross), and visitors from Beachampton, Bicester and Wavendon.

It was reported that 1959 had been a year of steady progress and that on December 31st the Branch had 161 ringing members, plus ten honorary members.

The Rev. G. H. Isaacson, Vicar of Nether Winchendon, was elected deputy chairman, a new office. A vote of thanks to all who had contributed to the success of the meeting was passed.

Ringing on the pleasant toned ring of six bells continued well into the evening, thus bringing to a close a really enjoyable visit. Next quarterly meeting, Swanbourne, on September 10th.

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The address of George and Vivian Francis is now 35, Friday Street, Warnham, Horsham, Sussex. 6272

Mr. John Ketteringham, formerly of Creswell, Worksop, now resides at 2, Southfield Road, Nailsea, Bristol. 6283

WRATTEN.—Would all ringing friends please note that Cyril A. Wratten, formerly of Darley House (Old Folks' Home), Carlton Street, has moved to 36, Wasley Road, Cheltenham, Glos. 6273

The address of Philip G. K. Davies is now 39, Southdown Crescent, Cheadle Hulme, Cheadle, Cheshire. Phone: Hulme Hall 2574. 6310

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IN MEMORIAM

POOLE.—Harold J., passed away July 14th, 1955. In love and gratitude we remember him.

RETURN THANKS

The relatives of the late Stella Davis wish to express their thanks for the many floral tributes and expressions of sympathy received in their sudden bereavement. 6291

BIRTH

YEO.—To Gillian and David, at Bristol Maternity Hospital, on July 4th, 1960, a son (Stephen George). 6285

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Set of 24 handbells (Shaws, Bradford), G sharp (3½ inches diameter) to G. Two chromatic octaves less bottom G. £20.—C. Jones, 8, Northwich Road, Knutsford, Cheshire.

MISCELLANEOUS

HOLIDAY RINGING IN SUSSEX.—Ringers—preferably with transport—interested in 'tower hunting' in Sussex (from Eastbourne) between August 20th and September 3rd, please contact R. H. Dove, 26, Sycamore Avenue, Leeds 8. 6297

PRESTON, LANCS.—**Change of practice night.** Please note that as from August 2nd, and until further notice, the Preston practice will be held on **Tuesday** each week instead of Wednesday. 6270

MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Taunton Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Pitminster (6), July 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please.—A. H. Reed, 'Mimosa,' George Street, Taunton. 6234

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Quarterly meeting, Saturday, July 16th, at Monks Kirby. Ringing 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Names for tea, please, to J. L. Garner-Hayward, 8, Orchard Crescent, Coventry. 6239

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Peak District.—Meeting at Darley Dale, Saturday, July 16th, 2.45 p.m. Cups of tea only at the Church Inn, at 5 p.m. All welcome.—H. E. Taylor, Dis. Sec. 6289

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Warboys, on Saturday, July 16th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 6249

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guildford District. — Practice meeting at Chiddingfold, Saturday, July 16th, at 6 p.m. All welcome, beginners in particular. 6288

HAWKHURST GUILD.—Meeting, Saturday, July 16th, All Saints', Hastings.—E. A. Fellows, Hon. Sec. 6256

HEREFORD GUILD.—Bromyard District.—Quarterly meeting, Stoke Lacy, 3 p.m. July 16th. Service 4.30. Tea at School 5 p.m. Reservations to R. L. Price, 18, New Road, Bromyard. 6230

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—July meeting at Benington, on 16th (not 9th), at 3 p.m. Names for tea to Miss F. Welch, Holmes Farm, Walkern, Stevenage, Herts. 6173

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Eastchurch (Meopham not available), on Saturday, July 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 6206

MAIDSTONE GRAMMAR SCHOOLS' SOCIETY.—Meeting at Staplehurst, July 16th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. and after tea. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 2s. Names to Mr. R. Mitchell, 42, Church Green, Staplehurst.—Pamela J. Usborne, Sec. 6198

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Meeting, Saturday, July 16th. Arrangements: ringing at Sunbury 3-4.30 p.m., followed by service. Tea at 5. Business meeting 5.30. Further ringing at Hampton 6.45-8.15 p.m. 6257

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, July 16th, at Aldermaston. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 6252

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—8-bell practice, Hazelbech, Saturday, July 16th. 6307

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch — Meeting at Hawkchurch, July 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Chardstock tower also open. Numbers for tea, please.—Barrett, 120, Gerrards Green, Beaminster. 6231

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting Barcombe (6), Saturday, July 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 6259

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the 'Rising Sun,' Carter Lane, E.C., Saturday, July 23rd, 6 p.m. Ringing at St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, Westminster, S.W.1, at 3.15 p.m. 6276

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Axbridge Deanery Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Bleadon, Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—David H. White. 6281

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Henstridge (6), July 23rd. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea to A. J. Sherrin, 8, Ash Walk, Henstridge, Templecombe. 6278

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Summer festival, July 23rd, Kempston (8). Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., with address by Rev. P. B. Graham, Vicar of Eaton Bray. Local band arranging tea in Schoolroom 5 p.m. Please assist by sending names by July 21st. to Mr. P. Inskip, 8, Randalls Close, Bromham, Beds. 6253

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Tarporley, July 23rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by July 20th. No name, no tea.—W. Kerr, 102, Moreton Road, Crewe. 6298

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Next meeting to be held at South Wingfield, on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea only.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 6286

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Terrington St. Clement, Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. Easter, Terrington St. Clement, Kings Lynn.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 6296

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — N.E. District. — Meeting Harwich, Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Numbers for tea, please, by Wednesday July 20th, to Mr. W. Felgate, 25, Una Road, Parkeston, Harwich. 6251

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Rural Branch.—Meeting at Westerleigh (6), July 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Usual arrangements for service, etc. Notice for tea to Mr. J. Ferris, 11, Ivysite, Westerleigh, near Bristol. 6280

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Lewisham District.—Quarterly meeting, St. Mary's, Downe, Saturday, July 23rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, 20th, to Miss M. R. Andrews, 43, Wansunt Road, Bexley. 6247

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Ashford District) and LADIES' GUILD.—Joint meeting at Cheriton, Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (8, tenor 7 cwt.) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Thursday, to Mr. W. C. Chandler, 2, Alma Road, Cheriton, Folkestone.—C. T. H. 6255

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire District.—Meeting at Scunthorpe, on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, July 20th, to Mrs. F. Lord, Campana, 107, Bushfield Road, Scunthorpe.—A. Richardson, Hon. Sec. 6250

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Meeting at Calverley, July 23rd. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, July 20th, to Mr. P. Dawson, 16, Salisbury Place, Calverley, Pudsey. 6243

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD — Hinckley District.—Meeting, Leire, July 23rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, followed by meeting, at 5 p.m. Names for tea please as soon as possible, but not later than Wednsday, 20th, to Frank E. Dove, Main Street, Leire, near Rugby. Phone Leire 227.—M. Vernon, Dis. Sec. 6275

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Stanford-on-Avon, Saturday, July 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—L. W. Allen. 6292

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton Mowbray District.—Meeting at Hoby, on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea and meeting, at the Blue Bell Inn, Hoby, at 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, July 20th, to Mr. J. Burnham, Church Lane, Hoby, Leicestershire. 6274

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, July 23rd. Note change of date. All Saints', Poplar (10) 4-5.30 p.m. Tea own arrangements. Short business meeting. Further ringing from 6.30-8 p.m. Everyone welcome. A good attendance requested.— Bullock, Dis. Sec. 6294

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting, Hoar Cross, on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements, please. All welcome.—J. W. Cotton. 6299

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Meeting at Yaxham, Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by the Wednesday previous, please, to Mr. J. Hornigold, Station Road, Yaxham, Dereham.—C. Bird, Hon. Sec. 6220

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION —An open day will be held at Hope, on Saturday, July 23rd. All welcome. Bells (6) 2 p.m. Service 3.30. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea July 20th. to Dr. Woodcock, The Meadows, Higher Kinnerton, Chester. 6290

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD —East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Meeting at Wooburn, Saturday, July 23rd. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by 19th. to Miss Hague, 6, Stompits Road, Holyport, Berks. 6279

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY —Monthly meeting, Hemingbrough, Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please provide own food, cups of tea only available.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 6282

SUFFOLK GUILD.—East Central District. —Quarterly meeting, July 23rd, at Stonham Aspal (10). Bells 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, 20th, to W. J. Button, Stonham Aspal, Stowmarket.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North-East District.— Quarterly meeting, July 23rd, at Southwold (8). Bells 3-8.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by 21st. to Mr. R. S. Payne, Hotson Road, Southwold. 6226

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION —Eastern Division. —Practice meeting at Sedlescombe, on July 23rd. Tea at 5 p.m. Please notify tea to F. Beeney (Sec.), Hillbrae, Carters Corner, Hailsham. 6302

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD —Basingstoke District.— Quarterly meeting at Wolverton, Hants, on July 23rd. Bells (6) from 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, in the Village Hall. Names for tea by July 19th. to J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John, Basingstoke. 6300

DEVON GUILD.—N.W. Branch.—Summer meeting at Stratton, near Bude (8), July 30th. Service 4.15 p.m., tea to follow. Numbers for tea by Monday, July 25th, to R. Pearce, Buttsbeer Cross, Bridgerule Holsworthy.—Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.— Quarterly meeting on July 30th. Ringing at Orsett, Essex, from 3-4.30 p.m., followed by service, tea and business meeting. Ringing at Stanford-le-Hope from 6-8 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. F. Blatch, 'Brick House,' Malting Lane, Orsett, Grays, Essex. Gentlemen cordially invited. 6295

LADIES' GUILD. — Sussex District. — Meeting at Alfriston (6), July 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Make own arrangements for tea, advisable to bring own. Ladies please support. All visitors welcome.— L. M. Beeney, Hon. Sec. 6266

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The 75th annual meeting of the Sussex County Association took place at the Good Shepherd, Brighton, on May 14th. The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. C. F. Chisholm, assisted by the Archdeacon of Chichester. Unfortunately the Bishop of Chichester was unable to attend.

Guests who were very welcome were the secretary of the Central Council (Mr. E. A. Barnett) with his wife and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. A. Harman, Mrs. Stacey and Mr. Cheeseman, Surrey, and Mr. Rogers, Portsea.

At the business meeting the chair was taken by the Master, Mr. R. V. Johnson, who welcomed the vice-presidents (the Archdeacon of Chichester and Mr. S. E. Armstrong).

Mr. Barnett, in a short speech, stated that he was pleased to visit Sussex once more and wished the meeting every success.

The meeting stood in silence in memory of those who had passed on during 1959. The accounts and reports were accepted, and all officers of the Association elected as the previous year. Mr. George Pullinger, formerly of the Portsmouth and Winchester Guild, now resident in Sussex, was elected a member of Willingdon, near Eastbourne. Miss Jean Barnett, daughter of the secretary of the Central Council, was elected a non-resident member.

Mr. F. Dallaway has retired from the Central Council after 21 years' service; his place will be taken by Mr. R. W. R. Percy, honorary general secretary.

The library was well under way but was held up at the moment, pending the necessary faculty. Permission was given to purchase 12 old ringing books, found in a Brighton secondhand shop.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

About 60 ringers and friends from all over Kent were guests to tea at Willesborough on June 25th, for the Ashford District meeting. This has now become an annual event and was to mark the 93rd birthday of Mr. Edward S. Ruck, only surviving founder member of the Association.

The service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. T. G. Williams. Mr. R. J. Carlton read the lesson and Mr. W. P. Garner was at the organ. An excellent tea, served by the Mothers' Union, was enjoyed in the Old Schools.

Mr. J. Willis, a vice-president and chairman of the Association, conveyed the birthday greetings and good wishes of the gathering to Mr. Ruck.

On a motion by Mr. T. Cullingworth, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector, the organist, the Mothers' Union, the Willesborough ringers and friends for their hospitality, and Mr. Carlton for making the arrangements. C. T. H.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD
Dorchester Branch

The summer quarterly meeting was held in bright summer weather at Bere Regis. This was the first quarterly meeting to be held here since 1946, and the members made the most of the bells, which were available during the afternoon.

The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. R. C. Herring. In his address he mentioned that the 'Sermon Bell' was still rung at this church, also the curfew during the winter months. Bellringing is one of the few old crafts that have not changed during the passing of time. It is a great art and, once learnt, never forgotten. Tea was served in the village W.I. Hall to a company of 37 members.

The meeting was conducted by the chairman, the Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth (Rector of Cattistock). Five new members were elected— Miss C. Collison, Miss T. Cheeseman, Miss S. McDonald (Bere Regis) and Mr. B. R. Thomson and Mr. D. Essex (Charminster). Subject to consent the next meeting will be at Litton Cheney.

Branch practices were arranged (subject to confirmation) at fortnightly intervals: Wyke Regis, August 13th: Piddlehinton, August 27th: Wool, September 10th; St. Peter's, Dorchester, September 24th. R. H. D.

EAST YORKSHIRE VETERANS

On June 4th seven veteran ringers were kindly entertained at St. Michael's Church, Eastrington. Over the last few years this has been an annual event, kindly organised by Mrs. J. J. Taylor, of Goole. The veteran ringers attending were, Messrs. T. W. Robbins (aged 86), A. E. Sellers (82), H. Rodmell (80), F. Dale (80), L. Rodmell (78), T. Goodin (78), and H. S. Morley (70).

The towers represented by the veterans were: Escrick, Beverley Minster, Hessle, Sutton-on-Hull, and Selby Abbey, and they rang short touches during the afternoon on the six bells.

Mrs. Taylor kindly provided refreshments including an iced cake and it was indeed pleasing to see the old ringers assembled in the rural surroundings.

Unfortunately Messrs. G. Horner, F. Atkinson and S. Bottomley were unable to attend.

JOINT MEETING AT SELSTON

The East Derbyshire and Notts Association and the Southwell Diocesan Guild held a joint meeting at Selston on May 28th, which was attended by 40 ringers representing 11 towers. In appreciation of the help of these two bodies in raising money for the rehanging of Selston bells, the Vicar (the Rev. G. N. Pearce) announced that the tea was free. A collection was taken at the tea table for Selston Bell Fund, which raised £3 4s. The Vicar was elected an honorary vice-president of the Southwell Guild at the business meeting and it was decided to hold the next meeting on July 16th, at Mansfield Woodhouse. A short Evensong was conducted in the church by the Vicar. Ringing afterwards varied from call changes to London Surprise.

LETTER
IN DEFENCE OF STEPHEN IVIN

Dear Sir,—I am not surprised, that 'Sunday Service Ringer' (page 438) does not print his name. The lengths to which he is prepared to go to ridicule Stephen Ivin are positively childish.

Nobody will dispute that Stephen's letter was worded in manner which was likely to give offence to the record breaking band. It was obviously written in the heat of the moment, but there was a great deal of truth in many of the remarks.

The Lufkins are very charming people and I have no wish to belittle the feat of ringing 22,400 changes, which was certainly a great achievement. 'Sunday Service Ringer,' however, labels as 'abortive' an attempt at the full extent by Stephen's band, which came to grief after 28,000 odd changes. One can either accuse him of intentionally being rude and insulting to Stephen, or take the charitable view that he was trying to increase the sale of 'The Ringing World.'

I would also like to point out that when Stephen's attempt stopped after some 14 hours' ringing, it had not actually fired out, but that a trip had been corrected, and the rest of the band were very annoyed when Stephen called 'Stand.' He could easily have carried on, and it says much for the high standard he sets that he did not. I feel that this is an example which might well be followed by many ringers, including those who have been ringing considerably longer than Stephen, many of whom cheerfully claim a peal, having sorted out clash after clash.

I can see no credit in trying to ring long lengths on church bells. There are very few parishes in the country which would tolerate 12 hours' continuous ringing, let alone 24. The people of Kirby seem to be unique in this respect, but I imagine even they might not be so pleased at the prospect of listening to bells all night. It would be a very selfish band who would attempt to impose this on them. Long lengths are after all only a stunt, and the most intelligent place to attempt them is where they will not cause annoyance to anyone.

Finally, in view of the large number of letters asking 'Who is Ivin?' why not publish his biography, say under 'Servants of the Exercise.'—Yours sincerely,

ALAN GRIFFIN.

Seaford, Sussex.

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TWERTON, BATH, SOMERSET.—On June 19th, 1,260 Doubles (in 6 methods, 7, 6, 8 covering): Miss B. Clarke 1, A. F. Lee (cond. Reverse Canterbury) 2, J. R. Hobbs (cond. Plain Bob) 3, J. J. Jefferies (cond. Reverse St. Bartholomew and Grandsire) 4, T. J. Milsom (cond. St. Martin's and St. Simon's) 5, Miss J. Reason (first quarter) 6, L. Cox 7, D. J. Jefferies 8. First in 6 methods for 1, 3, 5, 7 and 8. First in 6 methods 'inside' for 4. Most methods on the bells by a local band. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss G. Newton.

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): F. Bastin 1, Elisabeth A. G. Bowden 2, G. Eyles 3, R. J. Bowden 4, F. D. Mack (cond.) 5, S. T. Sharland 6. For morning service.

5,056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

By NORMAN SMITH

5	B	M	W	I	H	23456
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		—	—		—	63425
	X					32654
	X					25346
			—			42356
		—	—	—	3	3257468
—					—	53624
	X					32546

Repeated.

Believed to be the first equal two part of this length in the method without 82's or 83's.

Rung at Cross Stone, Yorks, June 23rd, 1960.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

The meetings of the Chertsey District at Send and Ockham have earned a reputation for attracting visitors from outside the Diocese, and June 25th was certainly no exception. Over 40 people attended during the afternoon and evening.

The service held at Send, was conducted by Mr. Short, a lay preacher, and an excellent tea was served in the Red Cross Hut by the local ringers. A short business meeting followed, during which four new members were elected. Mr. W. Shepherd expressed a vote of thanks to all those concerned in the running of the meeting.

Ringing continued until 9 p.m., under the leadership of Mr. R. Collins (District Ringing Master) at Send and Mr. J. Martin, at Ockham.

H. E. P.

SPLENDID SERVICE AT ROTHWELL

Mr. Arthur York, of Rothwell, Northamptonshire, has just completed 66 years as a ringer at Holy Trinity Church, Rothwell. He rang a few peals at the beginning of the century but his main contribution to ringing has been his regular Sunday service ringing. He has rung for all coronations and other Royal events since 1900. His younger brother, Albert, has been the tower captain for many years and between them represent a fine example to the lesser known, but none the less worthy, 'Servants of the Exercise.'

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A REAL SURPRISE FROM BODMIN

IT would be wrong to say that Bodmin has declined; but it has not grown as it might have done. It refused the Cornish main line a hundred years ago, and is served by a branch from Bodmin Road. The County Jail was closed several years ago, so Cornish prisoners on remand travel to and from Exeter. It still retains the Assize Court and County Police Headquarters. Truro accepted the main line, got the Cathedral and so became the Cornish city, and the County Hall was built there. However, Bodmin gives its name to one of Cornwall's two Archdeaconries, and has as its chief glory the largest parish church in the county. Thus hearts often burn as to which is Cornwall's county town.

Bodmin had four bells in the reign of Edward VI, five by 1691, six in 1699, and in 1767 a new ring of eight was hung, which was Cornwall's first octave. This gives the town an 8-bell ringing tradition of almost 200 years. The band today is strong in number, and Canon G. W. S. Harmer, who accompanied his band on the annual outing on July 2nd, told me his eight bells are always rung twice on Sundays. The time for ringing at Carbis Bay was booked for 3 to 4.30, and I determined first to enjoy the ringing in the quiet of my own garden hard by. A gentle 'ting' of discovery as to which bell was which, told me activities were to begin. Not being used to such little trebles, the ten bells were up before even Bodmin ringers or I expected —such experts at rising do not take long to catch up on a tenor of 9½ cwt.! Silence reigned. Breath was, no doubt, taken and exhortations probably given as to how the bells should be rung. Again the ten rang out; but it was no good, the trebles were far too quick; and as a band of this calibre just will not have such ringing, the trebles were set, and eight continued till they settled to some really good stuff. After this, single ringing of the trebles explained that their weight was being measured, and that determination was going to overcome the rare experience of ringing ten in Cornwall. Again the ten rang out, and this improved as the trebles were gradually kept away from the tenor. Cornwall is famed for 6- and 8-bell ringing, but ten is a new technique to be mastered.

I now went to the tower to offer my welcome and congratulations, to hear more 8- and 10-bell ringing, and by invitation to join in a 'peal' myself. It was an occasion both of discovery and surprise. The discovery was that a few ringers from St. Tudy (6) and Cardinham (8) were amongst the party of over 30. The surprise was this: A call came for some changes on the back six. My natural expectation was call-changes. Middle-aged men caught hold, and the bells settled to the most regular cartwheel rounds any judge could wish for. 'Go' was called from the treble, and off they went into Grandsire Doubles with the same unvarying regularity, and with no open lead at hand. Bobs and singles were called, and the end of the 120 was unconducted and the bells continued in rounds until 'Go' was called again for yet a different 120. I had heard some time ago that 'Scientific' was being tried at Bodmin. One has heard similar stories before; but to have the fact proved in one's own tower that it was not only being tried but had been 'conquered' was the biggest surprise ever and a pleasure beyond anticipation.

Questions I had to ask. The story is this. Some two years ago a suggestion was made that 'Scientific' be tried. Such a suggestion is usually thrown out of a round-ringing tower immediately, but not this time. Others were sympathetic. A book was obtained plus a blackboard. An evening outside the ordinary practice was chosen, and eight or so of the band met regularly for months. They dedicated themselves to it. They have not disturbed the long tradition of the tower, and respect is paid to the past and older members; but now, without any outside assistance—college, school, tutor or instructor—ringing at Bodmin is intermingled with perfect 120's rung in their own way. What is more, the older men listen with respect for their colleagues' ability. I had to praise them. I exhorted them to ring a quarter peal, and explained what this entailed. 'The Ringing World' must be an addition to their tower. The next step is to be Grandsire Triples; and with the present foundation and the experience that the striking can be just as good as in call-changes, there is no doubt that 'Scientific' has come to stay and will make the future pattern. I could not but be convinced that this surprise result had been achieved by nothing but sheer determination and team spirit. 'We made some row when we started,' said one, 'And we had some rows between ourselves,' added another, amidst much good humour, 'But we always went back to the board and followed out the line,' remarked a third. So method ringing has its place right in the centre of Cornwall, for an ancient cross in Lanivet Churchyard, three miles out of Bodmin, is said to be the pivot of the county.

I went outside to hear more ringing and to talk to those who had had their turn. As the bells were rung down it was evident the visitors were as much at home on ten as on eight. It is the team spirit of Bodmin that conquers. In this instance one cannot but feel that this result has been achieved by way of service to the Church first, and then as a body wanting to serve better and in a more perfect way, and never failing in the intention. I asked them all to come again soon.

A. S. R.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 9, 1960, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes,
IN ST. HUGH'S TOWER IN THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
A PEAL OF 5001 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in D.

NORAH M. RANDLES	*Treble*	WALTER TOMLINSON	7
CLAIRE DILLAMORE	2	RAYMOND F. SMITH	8
JACK L. MILLHOUSE	3	GEORGE H. RANDLES	9
MARGARET A. SWANN	4	JOHN WALDEN	10
HOWARD HOWELL	5	HARRY BOSWELL	11
PETER A. SHARP	6	GEOFFREY R. PARKER	*Tenor*

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., May 13, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET OF ANTIOCH.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

*ANTONY COX	*Treble*	†S. JOHN WITHEY	5
ERIC SUTTON	2	VICTOR GRIFFIN	6
BRIAN BLADON	3	RONALD WRIGHT	7
†MICHAEL J. STANLEY	4	CHARLES G. JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES G. JONES.
* First peal. † First in the method 'inside.' First as conductor.
Rung for the wedding of H.R.H. Princess Margaret and Antony Armstrong-Jones.

DAVENTRY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., May 29, 1960, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in E flat.

PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	*Treble*	GILLIAN TAVENER	5
ELISABETH A. NEGUS	2	RONALD C. NOON	6
*G. BONSOR	3	DAVID J. MARSHALL	7
HILLARY M. JOHNSON	4	HUGH M. JOHNSON	*Tenor*

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by DAVID J. MARSHALL.
* First peal 'inside' and on eight bells. Patrick I. Chapman has now 'circled the tower.'
Rung on Civic Sunday in honour of the 300th anniversary of the restoration of the Monarchy.

BROUGHTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 25, 1960, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

HAROLD TEMBY	*Treble*	GRAHAM MCKAY	5
JAMES E. BURLES	2	STANLEY RICHARDSON	6
GEOFFREY TEMBY	3	ALAN CAPSTICK	7
JOHN BAGNALL	4	NICHOLAS M. NEWBY	*Tenor*

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by NICHOLAS M. NEWBY.

STAVELEY, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 27, 1960, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb. in E flat.

JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM	*Treble*	HAROLD WAGSTAFFE	5
MRS. PAMELA ASHLEY	2	BARRY HOLLAND	6
MRS. BESSIE HOLMES	3	A. BENJAMIN COOPER	7
MALCOLM P. PHIPPS	4	RICHARD E. PRICE	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES FLEMING. Conducted by JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM.

BARKWAY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Sat., July 2, 1960, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

*ROBERT M. DYMOND	*Treble*	CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	5
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	2	CHARLES A. BYSOUTH	6
PATRICIA M. BOURN	3	JACK S. DEAR	7
COLIN A. S. HARWOOD	4	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE	*Tenor*

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.
* First peal.

BILSBORROW, LANCASHIRE
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 2, 1960, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HILDA.
A PEAL OF 5056 LOUGHBOROUGH BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

BETTY FAUNCH	*Treble*	WILLIAM G. WILSON	5
JUDY MOIR	2	CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE	6
*THOMAS BARKER	3	*STANLEY WALMESLEY	7
DONALD LAWSON	4	W. JOHN COUPERTHWAITE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE.
* 25th peal together. First in the method for all the band, and for the Lancashire Association.

CRESWELL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 2, 1960, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5104 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

DENNIS A. SMEDLEY	*Treble*	DENNIS COOPER	5
LESLIE W. BACON	2	GEORGE L. CHAMBERS	6
STANLEY SLANEY	3	†JOSEPH SAXTON	7
*MARY BARLOW	4	JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM.
* First peal in the method. † 100th peal.
Rung as a farewell peal to the conductor on leaving Creswell for Bristol.

NORTHCHURCH, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 2, 1960, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 15 cwt. 24 lb.

CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	*Treble*	ALICK CUTLER	5
CELIA F. WHITFELD	2	PETER D. BEEDIE	6
GLADYS MANCHIP	3	D. KAY ADKINS	7
FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW	4	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY.
A compliment to Pamela and Derek E. Latchford, of Bottisham, Cambs. on the birth of a son—Mark Edward.

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 2, 1960, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD.
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE F. SPERRING	*Treble*	*REGINALD H. NEWTON	5
MARY C. POYNER	2	F. HECTOR BENNETT	6
*PHILIP J. EVANS	3	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	7
JOHN S. DEAN	4	PERCY SWINDLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.
* First peal in the method.
A birthday peal for Mary C. Poyner and Reginald H. Newton.

OVERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., July 2, 1960, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in A flat.

JOHN K. SMITH	*Treble*	ROLAND BENISTON	5
*DAVID W. BRUNNING	2	RICHARD J. WARRILOW	6
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	3	JOSEPH W. COTTON	7
J. EDWARD CAWSER	4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.
* First peal in the method.

WIDFORD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 2, 1960, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5120 BELVEDERE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in G.

MARY ROAST	*Treble*	PATRICK W. SALTMARSH	5
PETER J. CAME	2	PETER J. EVES	6
ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON	3	JOE E. G. ROAST	7
RICHARD J. HARRISON	4	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	*Tenor*

Composed by R. F. B SPEED. Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

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THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., July 4, 1960, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.
A PEAL OF 5056 WARWICKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

BRIAN HARRIS	*Treble*	ROBERT J. WARRILOW	5
EILEEN M. FEARN	2	BERNARD F. L. GROVES	6
CAROL FERNLEY	3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	7
BASIL JONES	4	DEREK TAYLOR	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by BASIL JONES.
First peal in the method for the Guild, and by all the band.
Rung to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the Sunday School.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Wed., July 6, 1960, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation. Tenor 15¼ cwt.

J. FRANK SMALLWOOD	*Treble*	CYRIL WRIGHT	5
DOUGLAS H. ROOKE	2	HAROLD WAGSTAFF	6
GEORGE H. PAULSON	3	RONALD H. BULLEN	7
*BRYNLEY A. RICHARDS	4	HERBERT T. ROOKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.
* First peal of Cambridge Major.
A birthday peal for Mrs. C. Wright and Mrs. D. H. Rooke.

BRIDGERULE, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Wed., July 6, 1960, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in A flat.

*REGINALD G. PEARCE	*Treble*	HARRY STACEY	5
THOMAS G. MYERS	2	H. FREDERICK MYERS	6
WILLIAM G. LAVERS	3	D. ROY BOULD	7
*CHARLES E. TAYLOR	4	A. WILLIAM MYERS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by THOMAS G. MYERS.
* First peal of Major. T. G. Myers has now *conducted a peal* from each bell in this tower, and believes it is the first time this has ever been accomplished in Devon. Incidentally, of the ten peals rung on these bells, he has rung in nine and conducted eight.

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., July 7, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Thurstans' Four-Part. Tenor 13 cwt.

*NEVILLE JENKINS	*Treble*	H. GEORGE HART	5
ELSIE K. HART	2	†DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS	6
KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	3	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	7
JOHN E. ROOTES	4	CELIA F. WHITFELD	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY.
* First peal of Stedman, and has now 'circled the tower.' † First of Triples.
A birthday peal for J. E. Rootes.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., July 8, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAWRENCE.
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT & OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Ilkeston variation. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

CYRIL WRIGHT	*Treble*	*DOUGLAS H. ROOKE	5
*MARION ARCHER	2	CYRIL RUSBY	6
*MALCOLM FOSTER	3	HERBERT T. ROOKE	7
A. BENJAMIN COOPER	4	IAN M. HOLLAND	*Tenor*

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by IAN M. HOLLAND.
* First peal of Spliced T.B. Major.
A birthday compliment to Mrs. C. Wright (July 9th).

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., July 8, 1960, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywards' variation. Tenor 15 cwt.

IAN H. ORAM	*Treble*	PETER F. BORER	5
PHILIP A. CORBY	2	*TREVOR A. CROSS	6
REV. J. SHEPHERD-WALYN	3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	7
FREDERICK J. CULLUM	4	HUBERT H. FURMINGER	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.
* 200th peal.

BLEWBURY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., July 11, 1960, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Taylor's Six-Part. Tenor 19½ cwt.

PETER CORDEROY	*Treble*	HENRY L. BISHOP	5
HAROLD W. DUNSDEN	2	ROBERT B. BLOND	6
ALFRED R. T. GREENOUGH	3	JAMES P. BLOND	7
ERNEST J. GRACE	4	CLAUDE CORDEROY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT B. BLOND.
Rung half-muffled in memory of Albert E. Lock.

TWYFORD, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 9, 1960, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb.

*LINDA J. KEW	*Treble*	*D. KENVYN WALTERS	5
*MICHAEL HATCHETT	2	ERNEST J. MUNDAY	6
†HOWARD OGLESBY	3	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	7
WALTER HUNT	4	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal in the method. † First in the method 'inside.'
In memoriam Albert E. Lock (deceased July 6th, 1960), for many years Secretary and Treasurer of the North Berks Branch of this Guild, and a representative of the Guild on the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.

WALCOT, BATH.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 9, 1960, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. in E.

MRS. DORA EVANS	*Treble*	*J. JAMES JEFFERIES	5
GEORGE J. HAWKINS	2	CEDRIC J. A. BROWN	6
WILLIAM H. HURFORD	3	ALAN F. LEE	7
HAROLD L. PARFREY	4	ROGER O. FRY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE. Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.
* First peal of Bob Major. First peal on the bells since 1932.
Arranged and rung as a farewell to the Rev. G. A. Hutchinson, Rector of this parish from 1932 to 1960, who is to take the living of Nettleton with Littleton Drew.

SIX BELL PEALS

CRANFORD ST. JOHN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIO. GUILD.
On Sat., May 21, 1960, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,
A PEAL OF 5040 CRANFORD SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 7¼ cwt. in B.

FRANK C. PRICE	*Treble*	MICHAEL J. PALMER	4
MICHAEL P. MORETON	2	N. DAVID ROBINSON	5
ROBIN G. LEALE	3	JOHN HILL	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.
First peal in the method.

CRANFORD, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 4, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 7 cwt.

DAVID G. PICKETT	*Treble*	*KENNETH E. YOUNG (12)	4
CHRISTOPHER B. FYNES	2	MALCOLM G. LANE	5
	3	DR. D. J. NEAL SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER B. FYNES.
* First peal of Minor. First of Cambridge by all the band.

THRYBERGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., June 17, 1960, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MINOR
Being seven extents in 47 methods: (1) College Exercise, Duke of Norfolk, Norbury, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Wainfleet, Gedney, Gunby, Spilsby, Bicker, Surfleet, Spalding, Pinchbeck, Normanton and Sibsey Alliance, Kent Little Court and Bastow Little Court; (2) Newdigate, Old Oxford, College Bob IV, Willesden, Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans and Wragby Delight; (3) Walsingham, Cromer, Lammas, Steventon, Olney, Tibenham, Fulmer and Chalfont Alliance and Little Bob; (4) London and Wells Surprise; (5) Cambridge and Primrose Surprise; (6) Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's and Childwall; (7) Plain and Double Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 26 lb.

JO MORETON	*Treble*	WILFRID F. MORETON	4
HOWARD SCOTT	2	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	5
HAROLD CHANT	3	*IAN M. HOLLAND	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* First peal in 47 methods.

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
On Fri., June 18, 1960, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

ROBERT BARRATT	*Treble*	HAROLD LONYON	4
GEORGE FORRESTER	2	DENIS HENSHAW	5
ERNEST PIMLOTT	3	JOHN WORTH	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
Rung to mark the 75th anniversary of the hanging of the bells.

CRANFORD SURPRISE MINOR
—36—14—12—1236—34—3
6ths place, l.-e. 156342.

WANLIP, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE UNIVERSITY OF LEICESTER SOCIETY.
On Tues., June 21, 1960, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr.

RICHARD T. TOVELL	*Treble*	WILLIAM H. MASSEY	4
*PETER W. ATKINS	2	*JOHN J. GOODE	5
IAN J. FRASER	3	PHILIP G. K. DAVIES	*Tenor*

Conducted by PHILIP G. K. DAVIES.
* First peal. First peal rung by resident members of the Society for the Society.
Rung as a farewell to the ringers of treble, 3, 4 and tenor.

GREAT THURLOW, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., June 24, 1960, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In 12 methods: (1) London and Wells S., (2) Ipswich and Cambridge S., (3) Norwich S., (4) D. Court, (5) Double and Plain Bob, (6) D. Oxford and St. Clement's, (7) Kent and Oxford T.B. Tenor 12 cwt.

A. EDWARD LEGGETT	*Treble*	BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD	4
ROGER J. PALMER	2	SAM J. TWITCHETT	5
ROSEMARY J. SEABROOK	3	URBAN W. WILDNEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

LEA, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., June 24, 1960, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Double Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12¾ cwt.

PAULINE A. BULL	*Treble*	G. LESLIE A. LUNN	4
DELIA E. SMITH	2	RON. APPLEWHITE	5
JOHN F. PEARSON	3	A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL.
For the centenary of the Florence Nightingale Memorial Hospital.

LANCHESTER, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 25, 1960, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being an extent each of Double Bob, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*KENNETH G. ATHER	*Treble*	NORMAN ERRINGTON	4
†DORIS M. KILLINGLEY	2	KENNETH W. CHEESEMAN	5
CHRISTOPHER T. LAMB	3	KENNETH ARTHUR	*Tenor*

Conducted by KENNETH ARTHUR.
* First peal. † 75th peal.
The treble ringer is, as far as is known, the first member belonging to Lanchester to ring a peal on these bells, which were installed in 1810.
Specially arranged as a welcome to the new Vicar of Lanchester, the Rev. W. E. Wright.

OWSTON FERRY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Selby and District Society.)
On Sat., June 25, 1960, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise and Oxford Treble Bob, and two different extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

RONALD DUCKER	*Treble*	A. H. HAWCROFT	4
BARBARA J. FISHER	2	DAVID S. JOHNSON	5
JAMES THORLEY	3	LESLIE M. WOODHEAD	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE M. WOODHEAD.

STONESFIELD, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 25, 1960, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

H. GEORGE HART	*Treble*	*ERNEST J. HILL	4
ELSIE K. HART	2	*PETER PEARCE	5
PETER BEEDIE	3	D. KAY ADKINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by D. KAY ADKINS.
* First peal of Surprise.

MELBOURNE, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., June 28, 1960, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge.
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in E.

HARRY F. CHURCHMAN	*Treble*	GEORGE E. THODAY	4
DEREK E. LATCHFORD	2	DEREK E. SIBSON	5
T. REGINALD DENNIS	3	DERMOT J. ROAF	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.
Rung for the birth of a daughter to John and Joan Gipson, and for the birth of a son to Derek and Pamela Latchford.

BELTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., June 29, 1960, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

*JOHN F. UNDERWOOD	*Treble*	GEORGE E. FEIRN	4
FRANK LORD	2	G. LESLIE A. LUNN	5
JACK BRAY	3	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.
* First peal.
In memoriam Ven. E. Lisle Marsden, Archdeacon of Lindsey.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Wed., June 29, 1960, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F.

JOHN BEECH	*Treble*	JOAN M. ATHERLEY	4
ALEC BRAGINGTON	2	CLIVE M. SMITH	5
J. GRAHAM TAYLOR	3	DAVID J. ATHERLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by CLIVE M. SMITH.
First peal by all the band except the conductor.
Rung on the Feast of St. Peter.

STUDLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 2, 1960, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents, called differently. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb.

*R. SPRAY	*Treble*	D. HARRISON	4
FRED C. LYNE	2	JOHN W. PERKINS	5
WILLIAM H. MALE	3	PETER S. BENNETT	*Tenor*

* First peal. Conducted by PETER S. BENNETT.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Thurs., July 7, 1960, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In five methods, viz.: One extent each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise, and two each of St. Clement's Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

PENELOPE SEDGWICK	*Treble*	DIANA J. PERRINS	4
ANDREW J. STRATHDEE	2	*CLIVE M. SMITH	5
EDWARD W. COLLEY	3	MICHAEL W. FAIREY	*Tenor*

Conducted by MICHAEL W. FAIREY.
* First peal of Minor in five methods 'inside.'. First of Minor in five methods for all except the ringer of the fifth.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

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CODDINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., July 8, 1960, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being one 720 and two 2,160's. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

ANNE J. BULLARD	*Treble*	JOHN J. STANIER	4
R. GEORGE MORRIS	2	JOHN C. SLATER	5
DEREK PRICE	3	THOMAS W. LEWIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by R. GEORGE MORRIS.
First peal of Kent Minor by all except the tenor ringer.

BODENHAM, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 9, 1960, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

FREDERICK R. HARRIS	*Treble*	REGINALD J. HERBERT	4
LAURENCE J. MAINWARING	2	LESLIE EVANS	5
ROSEMARY D. BRAY	3	ROWLEY BILLINGS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROSEMARY D. BRAY.
First peal as conductor.
Rung as a compliment on the conductor's 21st birthday.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 9, 1960, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 FRYERNING SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout.
Tenor 10 cwt. 15 lb. in A.

ANNE EDWARDS	*Treble*	HARRY STEBBINGS	4
MARY ROAST	2	JOE E. G. ROAST	5
*PATRICK W. SALTMARSH	3	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.
* 75th peal. First peal in the method.

FRYERNING SURPRISE MINOR
—34—14—12—1236—12—36

GREAT HALE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 9, 1960, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
C.C.C. Nos. 28, 29, 34, 48, 50, 51 and 52. Tenor 12 cwt.

*ALAN BIRD	*Treble*	ALAN G. PAYNE	4
DAPHNE BROWN	2	HAROLD BARSLEY	5
JOSEPH W. BAILEY	3	J. MARTIN THORLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.
* First peal.
A compliment to Robin Brown—Bachelor of Arts of the University of Leeds.

BASSINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., July 10, 1960, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being one extent each of Beverley, Surfleet, Cambridge, London, York, Wells and Durham. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. in G.

MARGARET A. SWANN	*Treble*	ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT	4
GEOFFREY R. PARKER	2	PETER A. SHARP	5
LOUIS WILLDERS	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

HANDBELL PEALS

LICHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Tues., July 5, 1960, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CATHEDRAL OF SS. MARY AND CHAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (four different callings). Tenor size 15 in C.

CLIVE M. SMITH	1—2	BARNABAS G. KEY	3—4
		*PENELOPE SEDGWICK	5—6

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.
* First peal 'in hand.'

LEVERSTOCK GREEN, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., July 10, 1960, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
IN THE SCHOOL,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

GERALD PENNEY	1—2	WALTER AYRE	5—6
STANLEY HUCKLE	3—4	DEREK E. LATCHFORD	7—8

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.
Rung as a welcome to Mark Edward, son of Derek E. and Pamela A. Latchford. Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

John Taylor & Co.

LOUGHBOROUGH

The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

HALF PEAL

HINTON BLEWITT, SOMERSET.—On July 3rd, 2,520 Plain Bob Doubles (4 callings): Miss J. Purnell 1, Miss S. Hunt 2, R. J. Gay (cond.) 3, D. Uphill 4, D. J. Purnell 5. First of Plain Bob by all.

ABINGDON, BERKS.—At the Church of St. Nicholas, on July 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jill J. Smith (first quarter) 1, M. Angela Carter 2, J. A. Constant 3, J. W. Berry 4, Marie R. Cross 5, S. A. Scott (first as cond.) 6. Rung in gratitude and thanksgiving for the life and work of the late Albert E. Lock, for many years captain of the Abingdon ringers.

APPLETON, BERKS.—On July 10th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: C. G. White 1, E. Drewitt 2, J. Drewitt 3, F. White 4, F. Messenger 5, B. R. White 6, H. C. White 7, F. C. White 8, F. A. White (cond.) 9, F. Absalom 10. Rung by the Sunday service band in grateful memory of Albert E. Lock.

ASHTON KEYNES, WILTS.—On July 4th, 1,960 Plain Bob Doubles: B. Stone (first quarter) 1, R. Wakefield (first quarter 'inside') 2, P. J. Lewis 3, B. Wake field (cond.) 4, P. Wakefield 5. Rung by members of Cirencester Grammar School, and was the first feat of its kind performed by a band of ringers from the school. It is also believed to be the longest length rung on the bells.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On July 10th, 1,280 London Surprise Major: M. Hopkins 1, June Dear 2, D. Sutcliffe 3, L. Scoot 4, C. Harwood 5, R. Castledine (cond.) 6, E. Buck 7, J. Dear 8. First in the method by 2, 3 and 4. First in the method by an all-local band.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS, LANCS.—On July 10th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: V. Forshaw 1, W. Wall 2, D. Elliston 3, G. Richins 4, H. Barnes 5, J. Bagnall 6, A. H. Woods 7, N. M. Newby (cond.) 8. Rung for Sunday school anniversary

BARROWDEN, RUTLAND.—On May 7th, at the Church of St. Peter, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Pridmore 1, T. Crowden (first quarter) 2, C. Dams 3, P. S. Heath 4, C. Pepper (first quarter) 5. Conducted by C. Green. Rung for the wedding of Princess Margaret.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On July 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mary Wells 1, H. W. Dunsden 2, J. P. Blond 3, E. J. Grace 4, H. L. Bishop 5, C. Corderoy 6, R. B. Blond (cond.) 7, P. Corderoy 8. Rung for the wedding of Miss Sarah B. H. Layman and Mr. Eric W. Carter.

BOLNEY, SUSSEX.—On July 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. W. Brown 1, K. C. Knight 2, Susan J. Beresford (first 'inside') 3, H. W. Brown 4, P. F. Romney 5, E. F. Packham 6, F. F. Godsmark (cond.) 7, G. A. Packham 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam George Packham, for many years a ring at this church and at St. Peter's, Twineham.

BREDWARDINE, HEREFORDS.—On July 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (360 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 360 Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire): H. R. Thomas (first quarter) 1, C. A. Lewis (first 'inside') 2, R. C. Warburton 3, R. A. Hatcher 4, A. B. Ellsmore (cond.) 5, T. Pugh 6. Thanks to tenor man (aged 72) for standing in at short notice.

CHELSFIELD, KENT.—On July 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob, 660 Grandsire): A. Smith 1, Jillian Outhwaite 2, M. Legg 3, N. Martin 4, D. Manger (cond.) 5, C. Rowe 6. Rung for Patronal Festival.

CHELTENHAM, GLOS.—On July 7th, 1,260 Doubles (540 Plain Bob, 720 Grandsire): R. Newman (first quarter, aged 12) 1, W. Dyer 2, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 3, I. Goulter 4, G. P. Green 5, W. Newman 6.

CLAVERLEY, SALOP.—On July 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Joan Bennett 1, J. Marsh 2, W. Francis 3, A. V. Pearson (cond.) 4, G. Goodson 5, E. Drew 6, R. G. Edwards 7, F. Bennett 8. For Evensong.

DAVENTRY, NORTHANTS.—On June 16th, at the Church of the Holy Cross, 1,260 Little Bob Major: Mary J. Marshall 1, Elizabeth Negus 2, F. Johnson 3, Gillian Tavener 4, Hilary Johnson 5, P. Chapman 6, H. Johnson 7, D. Marshall (aged 15, cond.) 8. Rung to welcome the assistant curate, Rev. A. A. Horsley, M.A. Also on June 28th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: G. Bonner 1, Elizabeth Negus 2, Hilary Johnson 3, Gillian Tavener 4, R. Darby (first quarter of Major) 5, D. Marshall 6, H. Johnson 7, P. Chapman (cond.) 8. Rung for Solemn Evensong on the Vigil of St. Peter.

DERBY.—At the Church of St. Peter, on July 10th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent, 540 Plain Bob): G. Franks 1, Mrs. J. Larkin 2, J. Bailey (cond.) 3, W. Steen 4, M. Larkin 5, A. Mould 6. First in two methods for 1, 2 and 5.

QUARTER PEALS

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYS.—On July 2nd, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Tessa P. Kemp (first of Treble Bob) 1, A. Kirk (first quarter) 2, B. J. Woodruffe (cond.) 3, Eileen M. Fearn 4, Gladys Richardson 5, Carol Fernley 6, A. Richardson 7, F. Osbaldiston 8. Also on July 3rd, 1,344 Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor: Tessa P. Kemp 1, A. Kirk 2, Gladys Richardson 3, S. Ellison 4, A. Richardson 5, B. J. Woodruffe (cond.) 6. First of Treble Bob Minor for 1 and 2. For morning service.

GLASTON, RUTLAND.—On May 6th, at the Church of St. Andrew, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Dexter 1, P. S. Heath 2, C. Dams 3, C. Green (cond.) 4, G. Busby 5, R. Todd 6. First quarter for 3, 5 and 6. Rung for the wedding of Princess Margaret.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.—On June 26th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: V. Tipton 1, R. Parish 2, J. Collins 3, S. Clarke 4, E. Curzon 5, W. Wheeler 6, J. Aley 7, L. Whitby (cond.) 8. Rung to mark the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. E. Curzon, both members of the band.

HARWELL, BERKS.—On July 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Jordan (cond.) 1, H. L. Bishop 2, Miss E. Jackson 3, D. Bosley 4, Dr. R. Bennett 5, W. Gilks 6, W. Corderoy 7, J. Napper 8. Rung half-muffled before the evening service as a tribute to the memory of Mr. A. E. Lock, of Abingdon.

HEYTESBURY, WILTS.—On July 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Susan Perrett 1, L. Hawkins 2, N. Knee 3, A. Bull 4, E. Norris (first quarter as cond.) 5, P. Roynon 6. For Evensong.

IXWORTH, SUFFOLK.—On July 10th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob Minor: H. King 1, M. Rose 2, R. Rose 3, L. Sharpe 4, E. Bishop 5, K. G. Brown (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.—On July 3rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Kibble 1, R. F. Turner 2, Miss A. Hales 3, W. Lawrence 4, Miss S. R. Collins (cond.) 5, A. H. Idle 6. On the front six. For Patronal Festival.

KINGSTHORPE, NORTHANTS.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist, on May 29th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Judy Frost 1, D. Trueman 2, D. Benfield 3, B. E. Frost 4, J. Payne 5, J. W. Felce (cond.) 6.

LONDON.—On July 10th, at Southwark Cathedral, 1,341 Grandsire Cinques: R. Overington 1, W. Williams 2, B. Hinde 3, D. Painter 4, J. Crampion 5, W. Cook 6, J. Phillips 7, D. Randall 8, J. Prior 9, B. Baker 10, J. Phillips (cond.) 11, E. Rowe 12. Also on July 10th, at St. Clement Danes', Strand, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: J. Tomsett 1, Miss S. Atkins 2, H. J. Eldred 3, J. Maybrey 4, A. M. Stacey 5, J. Perrett 6, A. Fulwell 7, W. G. (cond.) 8, R. Hartley tenor (covering).

MELKSHAM, WILTS.—On July 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. F. Cockell 1, S. R. Cockell 2, Mrs. W. C. West 3, W. C. West 4, Dr. H. Heaton 5, M. L. Noad 6, C. F. Andrews (cond.) 7, E. Hunt 8. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. C. West, on their 40th wedding anniversary.

NORTON, HERTS.—On July 8th, 1,680 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss Gillian Sims 1, R. Werrett 2, I. Werrett 3, H. Werrett (cond.) 4, W. Hitch 5, M. Collins 6. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. Werrett, on their 21st wedding anniversary.

PRESTON, RUTLAND.—On July 3rd, at the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Todd 1, Miss J. Hoy 2, P. S. Heath (cond.) 3, C. Hudson (first quarter) 4, B. Buswell 5. Rung for Evensong for the Feast of St. Peter.

RAINHAM, KENT.—On June 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. C. Guthrie (first quarter) 1, Mrs. F. J. Cheal 2, Miss D. R. Southam (first quarter 'inside') 3, F. J. Cheal (cond.) 4, D. F. Breakspear (first quarter) 5, Miss C. A. Major (first quarter) 6, T. D. Wickins (first quarter) 7, T. J. Crane (first quarter) 8. Rung with 6, 7 and 8 cover bells. A wedding compliment to Derek Baldock, member of the Rainham ringers, to Miss Valerie Cronin.

REIGATE, SURREY.—On July 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Game (first quarter on working bell) 1, Freda Hankey 2, Joan Hanning 3, E. G. L. Coward 4, W. H. Inwood 5, A. T. Shelton 6, A. Streeter (cond.) 7, Pamela Haynes (first quarter) 8.

RICKMANSWORTH, HERTS.—At the Church of St. Mary, on April 25th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Wilkie (12 years, first quarter rung at first attempt, without a bad blow being struck) 1, Mrs. W. M. Hatchett 2, D. M. Hibbert 3, M. Hatchett 4, H. A. Bradbury 5, F. H. Walters 6. Rung for the Feast of St. Mark.

ROTHERHAM.—On July 5th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. N. Chaddock 1, Miss C. Rodgers 2, R. Woodward 3, Miss S. Chaddock 4, I. Tilling 5, I. Fraser 6, P. Coote 7, J. N. D. Chaddock 8, N. Chaddock (cond.) 9, P. Walker 10. Rung as a welcome home to Miss Patricia Walker, one of the local band, who has been in France for three months.

SHEBBEAR, DEVON.—At St. Michael's, on June 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. M. Skinner 1, P. C. Plant 2, J. L. Queen 3, I. R. Slee 4, P. R. Turner (cond.) 5, I. Collins 6. Rung as a farewell compliment to Mr. Jackson Page on his retirement, after 40 years at Shebbear as boy and Master.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On July 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: D. Hilling (first quarter) 1, Mrs. D. Livingston 2, Pamela M. Jervis 3, Linda J. Kew (first in method) 4, W. Birmingham 5, E. L. A. Hudson (first in method 'inside') 6, D. K. Walters (cond., first in method) 7, D. Livingston 8. Rung in thanksgiving for the life and years of service to the Oxford Diocesan Guild, as branch secretary and C.C. representative, of Albert E. Lock (Abingdon), died July 6th, 1960. R.I.P.

STAINES, MIDDX.—At St. Peter's, on July 3rd, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: M. Lane 1, J. Tomkinson 2, E. Skipsey 3, D. Pickett (first of Major) 4, D. Hawkins 5, R. Shepherd 6, D. Morgan (first of Major) 7, C. Fynes (cond.) 8. Rung for Patronal Festival.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. J. Stanley 1, Dr. C. G. Roworth 2, Miss M. Wright 3, S. J. Withey 4, T. F. Stone 5, A. T. Collins 6, C. G. Jones (cond.) 7, Miss C. Lansley 8. Rung to welcome Richard John, son of Mr. and Mrs. V. Griffin, ringers at this tower, born April 27th, 1960.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church, on July 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. W. T. Daniell 1, Mrs. E. Sutton 2, Dr. H. Craig 3, Miss M. Wright 4, G. Wells 5, R. G. Townsend 6, E. Sutton (cond.) 7, E. Vincent 8. Rung for the silver wedding anniversary and birthday of Mr. W. W. T. Daniell.

UXBRIDGE, MIDDX.—On June 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Sheehan 1, Mrs. E. R. Gotham 2, D. G. Rowlands 3, H. W. Impey 4, E. R. Gotham 5, F. Bedford 6. Conducting shared between 4 and 5. For Evensong.

WALKERVILLE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—On June 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Facy (first of Minor) 1, R. A. Eggleton 2, Enid Roberts (cond.) 3, B. R. Cox 4, W. B. Pitcher 5, A. R. Lamphee 6. Rung as a farewell gesture to the ringer of the 2nd, who leaves for America shortly.

WANTAGE, BERKS.—On July 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. Stoter 1, J. White 2, H. V. Booker 3, C. Lay 4, C. Lester 5, A. E. Fullbrook 6, H. White (cond.) 7, K. Leach 8. Rung half-muffled in tribute to the memory of Albert E. Lock, of Abingdon.

W. HARTLEPOOL, CO. DURHAM.—At All Saints' Church, on July 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Margaret Machin 1, Janet Payne 2, Mrs. W. Maughan 3, J. Pladdys 4, R. Webster 5, J. Maughan 6, W. Maughan (cond.) 7, G. Owen 8. Rung as a farewell to Ruth Anderson, who has left the district to live in Peterborough.

WILTON, TAUNTON.—On July 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. H. Reed 1, D. F. Sheldon 2, W. T. Clarke 3, H. E. Causley 4, J. E. Brewer 5, F. Avery 6, R. W. Hayward (cond.) 7, R. T. Wine 8. First of Stedman for 5 and 8.

WRAXALL, SOMERSET.—On July 30th, 1,280 Lincolnshire Surprise Major: Elizabeth Bowden 1, Monica Horseman 2, D. J. Hunt 3, B. A. Shackleton 4, R. G. Hooper 5, J. H. Gibert (cond.) 6, R. J. Bowden 7, J. Brain 8. First in the method for 4, 5, 6 and 7, and first 'inside' for 8.

WYCHBOLD, WORCS.—On June 8th, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Doubles: P. J. Brown 1, M. J. Fellows 2, Heather M. Pullon 3, M. D. Fellows 4, P. Cattermole (cond.) 5, L. H. G. Gittins 6. First in the method by all.

WOOD GREEN, N.—On June 26th, 1,300 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss M. Moore (first quarter) 1, Miss M. West (first 'inside') 2, W. Vince 3, Miss J. Spreadbury 4, A. Spreadbury (cond.) 5, Miss W. Whitaker 6. Rung for Matins, which was attended by the Mayor of Wood Green; as a compliment to the ringer of 3 on this wedding anniversary; as a compliment to the conductor on obtaining his B.Sc. degree; and as a welcome to Rev. R. D. Gould, curate. Also on July 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Moore (first of Minor) 1, Miss M. West (first of Minor) 2, Miss W. Whitaker (first of Minor 'inside') 3, W. Vince 4, Miss J. Spreadbury 5, A. Spreadbury (first of Minor as cond.) 6. For Evensong and as a birthday compliment to the ringers of 2, 4 and 5.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD FESTIVAL

IN the large company that attended the annual festival of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, held at Christ Church Cathedral, on July 2nd, were nine boys from Groton School, Mass, U.S.A., accompanied by a master, Mr. Russell Young, who visited Oxford last year.

The Guild was honoured by the presence of the Bishop (the Rt. Rev. H. Carpenter) who is president of the Guild and who gave the address. In accordance with custom, the Master (the Rev. C. E. Wigg) conducted the service and a choir of ringers led the singing. The lesson was read by Mr. F. Sharpe (Deputy Master) and Mr. H. Badger, of Headington, deputised for Dr Watson, as organist.

The Bishop, in his address, said at the present time there were so many other attractions ringers had to be keen, persevering with a gift of loyalty, involving a sacrifice of time from other pursuits to maintain their ringing. The Bishop hoped that young ringers would be steadily forthcoming, for recruits had to be trained. It was the responsibility of the older ringers to pass on the lesson of regular service and the spirit of enjoyment of ringing to recruits.

Three points were made by the Bishop in his address: that what was done for God should be the best and cost something to the giver; that the prime function of the Church was the worship of God; that more people would attend if they presented the Church as a body of people who worshipped rather than as a social club.

THE BUSINESS MEETING

The Master was supported by the officers at the business meeting held in the Chapter House. He reported the deaths of two vice-presidents—Mr. T. Trollope, of Oxford, and Miss S. Davis, of Bucklebury, and expressed his regret at the serious illness of Mr. A. E. Lock. (Mr. Lock has since died.)

Miss M. R. Cross, the honorary general secretary, in her report mentioned the wonderful success that had attended the Instruction Course, at Big Wood, Radley. After the report had been accepted, the Master presented Miss Cross with a copy of the life of the late Bishop of Oxford as a token of appreciation of her work done in connection with the course.

The annual report had been printed and the Master congratulated Mr. P. Walker, the editor, on a piece of work which was of a high standard.

The officers' reports were accepted as printed in the report and all the officers were re-elected. With regard to the subscription for 1961 the honorary treasurer, Mr. A. D. Barker, proposed that this should be discussed at the autumn meeting, as by then the finances of the Guild could be more clearly seen. This was agreed to.

RESTORATION GRANTS

Restoration grants of £20 each were made to South Newington, Arborfield and Shipton-under-Wychwood. Grants to West Hanney and Eynsham would be considered at the October meeting. The honorary treasurer explained that a certain amount of money came from grants made by Parochial Church Councils of 2s. a bell in their towers, some from collections and grants from meetings, and the remainder from the investment of a bequest. The annual income was roughly £100 and this was normally voted out in grants.

It was decided to hold the autumn meeting at Newbury. A committee of branch secretaries, with the general secretary as convener, was appointed to consider the question of celebrating the 80th anniversary of the Guild. Another matter to be discussed is whether the festival should be held in the afternoon instead of the morning.

THE LUNCHEON

Guests of honour at the luncheon, held in the Dining Hall of Christ Church, were the Lord Bishop of the Diocese and the Dean of Christ Church. The toast of 'Church and State' was proposed by the Deputy Master who said ringers as members of Church and State were always ready to ring on all State occasions. Many of them were loyal members of the Church and in many parishes they formed the nucleus of many Church activities. In a welcome to the Dean, Mr. Sharpe mentioned that this was the first time he had met the Guild and thanked him for allowing the Guild to have its own choir. Thanking Dr. Carpenter for his address at the service, Mr. Sharpe said they hoped to print it in the 1960 report. Before the formation of the Guild ringing was done in about 4 per cent of the parish churches. 80 years later it was 60 per cent and they hoped that in the years to come the Guild would raise it to an even higher percentage.

The Bishop in his reply said he realised that the qualities which were needed to make a good ringer, which he mentioned in his address, were also needed by the State.

OVERSEAS 'BRANCH'

Mr. C. H. Kinch in proposing 'The Visitors,' especially mentioned Mr. W. G. Wilson, who was now known to many of them as one of the lecturers at Big Wood; Mr. G. Lewis (Powick), Mr. Sanger, Mr. L. Cockey and Captain Poyntz, a former Deputy Master. Mr. Russell Young, of Groton School, said Mr. Kinch was now paying his second visit to the festival and he expressed the wish that it would become a 'hardy annual.' He also welcomed the ringers of Groton School and expressed the hope that perhaps one day some of the Oxford Guild might be able to pay a visit to its 'overseas branch.'

Mr. W. G. Wilson in reply said he had always considered the Oxford Guild as the leading territorial Association in the country. In size it was the largest having, he thought, 365 towers and he was waiting for the day when some young and enthusiastic member of the Guild should set out on the task of ringing in a different tower in the Diocese on each day in the year.

Their Master, continued Mr. Wilson, was one of the incumbents of the Diocese, thus emphasising the close link between ringers and the Church; the Deputy Master in his official capacity as president of the Central Council was the leading ringer in the country; the honorary general secretary had been the convener of the committee which produced that best seller, 'The Ringer's Handbook' and other officers of the Guild were equally well known. The Guild was the first to run an instruction course without the assistance of an education authority and it led him to do a thing he had never done before—not even in the Army—get up at 5 o'clock on two mornings running. He suggested that the next course should be run so as to avoid May Morning in Oxford.

PREMIER GUILD

The Master replied and said the flourishing condition of the Guild was due to the hard work of the other officers, the branch officers and the members. The Guild would do its best to merit the title of the premier Guild.

The vote of thanks to all those who had contributed to the success of the festival was proposed by Mr. H. L. Roper (honorary librarian), who had a special word for the honorary general secretary and also Miss Daphne Pollard, who undertook a great deal of the typewriting and duplicating.

Ringing was available after lunch in no fewer than 19 towers.

LUTON RINGERS' OUTING

St. Mary's, Luton, ringers had a most enjoyable outing to the Worcestershire area, on July 2nd. A noteworthy feature was that we were a few minutes in advance of schedule throughout the day—not just accidental, but good planning! This happy state of affairs depended on the co-operation of all—thank you, everyone, especially Mr. Secretary.

Our first tower was Moreton-in-the-Marsh, where the light eight were very easily handled. Then on via Broadway (beautiful, as ever!) and Evesham to Worcester, where we found the ten at All Saints' none too easy on the muscles, but this was counterbalanced by a most excellent lunch.

At Alcester, our early arrival was the indirect cause of a little embarrassment to one of our young lady ringers, who, wandering off alone to make a quick survey of the town, rather lost her bearings and called in a sweet shop, ostensibly for a bar of chocolate but really to inquire the way to the church. 'Oh, you'll find it easily enough, miss,' replied the shopkeeper, 'there's a crowd of bellringers arriving presently, and they'll be raising ELLSDEELYTE (presumably a local word meaning a pleasant noise) for about an hour!'

But what a joy to ring are those lovely bells! We shall remember Alcester with great pleasure, and hope we have not left too bad an impression behind. The pleasant 10 at Banbury made a grand ending to a good day's ringing.

Our sincere thanks are tendered to the incumbents and the local ringers, who made us so welcome.

A. E. R.



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BELFRY GOSSIP

On June 4th, at Cranford, 12-year-old Kenneth Young did very well in ringing 'inside' to a peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor. The band was planned to consist of all Stanwell Sunday service ringers; as one ringer was not available, Dr. Neal Smith kindly helped out at very short notice by ringing the tenor. Incidentally, the conductor, Mr. Christopher B. Fynes, believes he is the first to ring two tower bells to a peal of Minor in this method.

In reply to a disputation, Cunecastre, also known as Cuneangium, now Chester-le-Street, in Co. Durham, was the seat of a Bishop from 883 and continued to be head of the Diocese until 995.

To people ringing peals for the Devonshire Guild, we are asked to state that the Guild holds them responsible for sending the report of the peal to 'The Ringing World' for publication. The Guild deals with the question of levies.

Members of Hereford Cathedral School Society rang the back eight at the Cathedral for their school Commemoration Day service, July 9th. The Society is fairly strong, though by the nature of things constantly changing in personnel, but they are a great help in maintaining the service ringing at the Cathedral during term.

The Rev. W. H. R. Trewhella, of Crantock, announced at the Truro Diocesan Guild festival, at Werrington, on July 9th, that he was retiring from the post of Guild secretary next February, an office he has held for 30 years. Mr. Trewhella has the distinction, we believe, of being the senior Guild secretary from the point of view of service among the bodies affiliated to the Central Council.

After an absence of 15 months, through illness, Mr. Roger Fry has returned to the peal lists, by turning in the tenor at St. Saviour's, Bath, to a peal of Plain Bob. This was the first peal on the bells for 28 years. The bells are not by any means easy to ring but Roger made a first class job, thus proving to himself as well as the rest of the band that he is fit again.

The detached tower at Beccles was damaged in a thunderstorm in mid-June. Lightning smashed the 27 ft. flagstaff, bringing down the weather vane and then pierced and buckled the lead roof. A big hole was made in the brickwork of the bell chamber, and rubble fell among the ten bells, which will not be rung again until the tower has been thoroughly examined.

Overheard in a remote West County 5-bell tower: 'We're going to have the bells done up, and another bell put in: a six do make a much better octave.' (!!)

At the Oxford Guild festival the youngest ringer present was 10 and the oldest, Mr. W. H. B. Wilkins, of St. Ebbe's, Oxford, is now in his 89th year. Mr. Wilkins was one of the band who, 50 years ago, set up the Double Norwich record for the Kent County Association.

With the recent peal at Sellindge, Kent, a peal of seven Surprise Minor methods has been rung in all six districts of the K.C.A. This tower was the 125th for a peal in the county for Mr. Pat Cannon, and the 134th for Mr. Ralph Bird. The peal was also the 600th for Mr. Bird, to whom we offer best wishes for the next few hundred peals.

Councillor M. E. Dockerill, who has been elected Lord Mayor of Dublin, is the first Protestant to hold the office for over 60 years. Those who attended the Central Council meeting at Dublin will remember that it was Mr. Dockerill, as Deputy Mayor, who gave the civic welcome to the Council. We wish him a happy year of office.

We regret to announce the resignation, through ill-health, of Mr. C. H. Hawkins, as honorary secretary of the St. David's Diocesan Guild. One of the founder members of the Guild, he has been in office as secretary throughout the Guild's life, and is the Guild's first life vice-president. His services to ringing in South Wales have been exceptional. Although he now cannot take an active part in ringing his interest is unabated. The new honorary secretary is Mr. E. H. Thomas, of 1, Amanwy, Llwynhendy, Llanelly.

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WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

SOME 80 members and visitors attended the annual meeting of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, held at Whitchurch, on July 2nd. Ringing commenced at 8.30 a.m. at East Woodhay, some of the long distance visitors having camped out in the locality during the previous night in order to get a good bag of the 19 towers made available during the day.

The general meeting was held at 2.30 p.m. in the Church Hall, Whitchurch, the Master, Mr. F. W. Rogers, taking the chair, supported by the general secretary (Mr. R. R. Savory) and the general treasurer (Mrs. T. Chapman). Following the Master's welcome, the meeting stood in silent tribute to two members lost by death: Messrs. G. Bunday and W. C. Lampard.

The minutes of the last general meeting were confirmed, and this was followed by the presentation and acceptance of the accounts and balance sheets.

The general secretary announced that during the last year two of the Guild's Central Council representatives had resigned their offices, and the Executive Committee had filled the vacancies with the election of Messrs. A. V. Davis and J. Hartless

In the absence of the honorary peal recorder (Mr. D. T. Matkin) his report was read by the general secretary. During the year 10 members had rung their first peal. Although the peal total for the year was rather small, viz. 37 tower-bell and two handbell peals, there had been quite a variety of methods. Conducting had been shared between 17 conductors, and three 'firsts for the Guild,' viz. Winchester Bob Major, Oxford Treble Bob Royal and Spliced Plain and Kent Royal, had been scored, all conducted by the general secretary.

Mr. A. V. Davis gave a very thorough and lucid report of the Central Council meeting. The only comment arising from this report was from Mr. C. H. Kippin, who expressed the opinion that 'the Central Council must be daft to recognise a 4-bell peal and not a 9-bell peal'! (Laughter.)

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead presented the librarian's report, commenting that the library was not used as much as it could be. Members now had an up-to-date list of books contained in the library printed in the back of their triennial reports, and he hoped that more members would use the library in future.

PEAL BOOKING FEES

A proposal was forwarded by Mr. G. K. Dodd for alteration of the Guild's rule regarding peal booking fees. Mr. Dodd expressed the opinion that this vexed question of non-resident members paying peal booking fees, which in fact went towards the printing of peals in the Guild's triennial report, could be relieved by making the fee optional. If ringers from outside the Guild did not want their peal printed in the Guild's report, Mr. Dodd felt that they should be allowed to forgo the payment of their 'sixpence per rope.'

Considerable discussion followed, Mr. A. V. Davis and Mr. C. H. Kippin speaking against the alteration of the Guild rules. Mr. Kippin stated that last year members had not been in favour of an annual subscription increase, and the 6d. peal fee was part of the solution to the ever growing problem of printing a Guild report. Members had decided then what they wanted in the way of a report. A good triennial report had just been produced, into which a lot of hard work had gone, and Mr. Kippin urged members to keep the report in its current form.

Mr. Dodd then stated that his main objection to the ruling had been the inability of non-resident members to even purchase a report which they may have helped to subsidise by way of peal fees. The Guild Executive Committee had, however, assured Mr. Dodd that surplus copies of the report were available to people outside the Guild at cost price. In view of this decision Mr. Dodd withdrew his motion.

The general secretary announced a request he had received from the Florence Nightingale Memorial Committee for peals to be rung to mark the 50th anniversary of the death of Florence Nightingale. She was a Hampshire woman and is buried at Wellow, near Romsey. A memorial service is to be held at St. Mary's Church, Southampton, on August 14th, in connection with the dedication of a Memorial Chapel at Southampton General Hospital. Any peals rung to mark the occasion, the general secretary stated, should be forwarded to him, so that they could be contained as one item in 'The Ringing World.'

The place and date of the 1961 annual general meeting was then discussed and upon the proposition of Mr. L. Bailey, it was agreed to go to Newport and Carisbrooke, Isle of Wight, on July 1st, 1961.

Two new life members were elected at the meeting: Mr. E. V. Lowten, of Alton, and Mr. E. Lampard, of Winchester.

Before closing the meeting the Master thanked all those who had helped to make this such a successful meeting, particularly Mr. G. K. Dodd and Mr. A. W. Alliston. Mrs. Kippin then proposed a vote of thanks to all the Officers of the Guild for their work during the past year.

The meeting was followed by the annual service, held in All Hallows' Church, conducted by a Guild member, Rev. P. K. Venner, of Abbot's Ann.

Following an excellent tea prepared by wives of members of the Whitchurch band, ringing was resumed at Whitchurch, Overton, Laverstoke, Deane and Kingsclere until 8.45 p.m., by which time even our visitor, A.P.C., had decided that it was time to turn his attention to Kingsclere's 'White Hart' and a session with the handbells to end a very successful day.

R.R.S.

SERVANTS OF THE EXERCISE – No. 30



MR. FREDERICK E. COLLINS,
Surrey Association

In Mr. F. E. Collins (usually known as 'Ted') the Exercise possesses one of its best 'back room boys.' His experience in the bell industry has particularly fitted him to be a member of the Central Council's Towers and Belfries Committee. In this capacity he has made many inspections, given advice on bell restoration, and is prepared to deal with any case or problem within 100 miles radius of London. In certain circumstances he is prepared to travel even further. He has the right idea of ringing, which is that a 'Servant of the Exercise' is one who, apart from the pleasure and enjoyment that ringing gives, has put far more into the Exercise than he has taken out.

Born at Ringwood, Hants, in 1901, he learned to ring there when he was 15 years old and was also educated in the same place. After ringing call changes for two years, he, together with other youngsters in the tower, decided to learn to ring Grandsire. They travelled around, and eventually came under the influence of that splendid old stalwart Fred Townsend, of Poole, who taught them how to ring Stedman, and later, that other fine ringer George Williams—who in 1922 called Ted's first peal at Dibden, Hants. Ted struck up a friendship with William Cheater, and together they cycled hundreds of miles in pursuit of ringing.

He is an engineer by profession, having served an apprenticeship in general engineering. In 1926 he went to the Croydon Bell Foundry as a bell hanger, and during 11 years there carried out many restorations in all parts of the country, which included Birmingham Cathedral and his own tower at Croydon —both rings of twelve. In 1936 he was appointed to the important position of foreman mechanical engineer of the South Eastern Gas Board, Croydon.

He has been a very active officer of the Surrey Assoc., serving for 10 years as Ringing Master, Northern District; Master in 1957-8-9, and again elected in 1960 as Northern District Ringing Master. He has been C.C. representative for the Surrey Association since 1945, and in 1952 was elected to the Towers and Belfries Committee. In addition to teaching youngsters at his own tower, he devotes a considerable amount of time to giving lectures about bells and bellringers to various organisations such as youth clubs, etc., in the Surrey area.

By May, 1960, he had rung 412 peals, and conducted 80 of them, in a wide variety of methods from Grandsire Doubles to Surprise Maximus. He is just as happy calling a peal of Grandsire for youngsters as he is in calling Surprise Maximus with experts. Notable amongst his achievements are peals in connection with College Youths, of which Society he was Master in 1953. They include a peal of Cambridge Maximus at Exeter, Stedman Cinques at St. Paul's, and a past Masters' peal of Stedman Cinques at Croydon. He was also one of the College Youths chosen to take part in the opening of the bells at Liverpool Cathedral in 1951. His wife, Olive, is also a ringer, and they are well known all over the country.

Truly an enthusiast, he is the right man in the right place, and no doubt, in view of recent legislation, he will be applying his knowledge and experience to giving expert advice on the important matter of reducing noise in the vicinity of churches where bells could cause annoyance.

JAFUS.

The Central Council

Mr. E. A. Barnett regrets that, owing to other commitments, he will be unable to deal with any but the most urgent matters concerning the Council until, probably, mid-September. Orders for records will receive attention, but he asks other correspondents to accept his apologies for any delays which may be caused.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD
Devizes Branch

The Devizes Branch at their meeting at Urchfont, on July 2nd, with Mr. A. Weeks in the chair, decided to send a letter of congratulation to Mr. and Mrs. F. Stephens upon celebrating their golden wedding. Mr. Stephens, who is 77, still rings every Sunday at St. James', Devizes. Meetings were arranged for West Lavington, Rowde, and Westbury.

The Vicar (the Rev. R. Owen) was thanked for conducting the service and also the ladies for providing tea. In reply the Vicar hoped the branch would not be too long in paying them another visit.



The 13th century Church of St. Peter, Stourton, Wilts, overlooks the beautiful pleasure grounds owned by the National Trust. The tower is unsafe and is to be restored. The six bells have been removed to Messrs. John Taylor's and will eventually be rehung with new headstocks and on ball bearings.

'Stourton is visited by many thousands of people annually and we hope when our bells are again ringable many ringers will visit us,' writes Mr. F. Fowler, jun., towerkeeper.

LEARNING WITH THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD

Terms not found in the 'Beginner's Handbook'

SALLY.—The motheaten woolly bulge that moults when you touch it.

TAIL-END.—The greasy end of the rope that slithers out of your hand at backstroke.

BELL.—Moving mass of metal with a will of its own.

STAY.—Deceptively bulky baulk of timber (remarkably fragile).

RINGING CHAMBER.—Room in tower, reached by narrow spiral staircase, usually without handrail.

BELL CHAMBER.—Source of cacophony, accessible only by vertiginous climb up ladder (how on earth did they get the bells there in the first place?).

ROUNDS.—A series of changes not corresponding to any official method.

BEGINNER'S PROGRESS

'Now try ringing both strokes': Let the rope go slack and lasso the light bulb.

'You can't PUSH the bell up with the rope': Lasso yourself.

'PLEASE don't let the rope go slack': Lasso the instructor.

'Grip the sally with all your fingers and it won't slide': Miss the sally.

'Don't look up': Examine rotten floorboard; miss the sally.

'Don't look down': Examine plaques on wall; miss the sally.

'Don't bump it at handstroke': Bump it even harder at backstroke.

'Now set it': Ring your bell down.

'She's not making any mistakes!': Lose all control of your bell.

'That's rounds': That was.

'Stand': Spend half an hour trying to set it.

'You can try rounds on unmuffled bells tonight': You will make an absolute fool of yourself and the entire Guild, nay the entire town, will know.

'She's not bumping any more': Break the stay.

Remarks in inverted commas were made by the instructor and the sequel in each case is what happened. 'In spite of this,' writes G. H. Champness and R. L. Taylor, of Cambridge University Guild, 'however, we are continuing to ring undeterred, and hope that this account of our misfortunes may cheer other beginners—and those whose days as beginners are long past.'

Send Your Cards, Please

Dear Sir,—My husband (Rev. I. J. Richards) and I have been readers of 'The Ringing World' for well over 30 years. Much to our regret the Llanarth Church bells need a large sum of money to put them in ringing order. I am anxious to start a fund for this purpose and thus interest some of the young people in this small country parish. I am asking for used or unused picture postcards (not birthday or Christmas cards), which I can sell towards the fund. Will readers please help.—Yours very sincerely,

(Mrs.) I RICHARDS.

Llanarth Vicarage,
Llanarth, near Raglan, Mon.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD'S COURSE

In a report to the Oxford Diocesan Guild on the residential course held at Big Wood, Radley, from April 29th to May 1st, Miss M. R. Cross stated that it was attended by 53 full time members.

Lectures were: History of Bells and Bell Maintenance, the Deputy Master; Composition and Conducting, Mr. W. G. Wilson; Method Learning and Handbell Ringing, Mr. W. F. Moreton; Bell Handling, Mr. A. York-Bramble, in place of Mr. A. D. Barker, who was indisposed; Rope Splicing, Mr. J. Moore.

Practical demonstrations were held at Iffley, St. Thomas', Oxford, Radley and Sunningwell. Group discussions were held on questions set by the lecturers and also on tower management and problems which could arise in connection with ringers and the clergy. The practical demonstration in rope splicing was well attended.

The age range was typical of the Guild as a whole, ranging from 14 to 70. Just half the members were under 21. There was a noticeable lack of people between 25 and 40—the period when marriage and work make their biggest demand. Financially, the course paid for itself and there was a balance of £3 10s.

On the Sunday more than half the members rose at 4.30 to attend May morning in Oxford—an experience not to be forgotten. This was followed by corporate Communion at Radley Church, when everyone who could attended.

'J.W.', who travelled 250 miles to attend the course, wrote: 'All through dinner, big names like Sharpe, Wilson, and many others, were frequently mentioned. To a relatively new bellringer, these names conjured up pictures of demi-gods, but they turned out to be very human really, and after listening enthralled to all their lectures, it turned out that they were only ordinary people like the rest of us.

'O. D. G.'—the letters that now mean something quite definite to me: wonderful hospitality and organisation, and a very successful first bellringing course. Let's hope it's not the last.

Mr. York-Bramble, in his stimulating lecture on 'Bell handling and instruction of beginners,' stressed the need for a system of training beginners which ensured that they were encouraged to make steady progress. His scheme was that after giving the would-be ringers an introductory lesson the instructor should point out that a fair amount of time and trouble would be needed to reach any degree of proficiency, but that the ultimate reward and pleasure would make it very worthwhile. A novel idea was that a hanging bellrope, such as that of a lowered bell, should be used for practising the grips and transfer of the hands on the rope until they were automatic. During this rope-handling drill, the pupil must be in the correct position, standing on a line drawn from the middle of the 'circle' through the rope and looking ahead through the sally towards the centre of the 'circle.'

The second stage of learning to ring was the handling of a bell, and for this Mr. York-Bramble divided both hand and back-stroke into 'fall' and 'rise' sub-strokes. In all sub-strokes it was important to move the hands in a vertical straight line following the natural line of the hanging rope, and for back stroke it was essential to adjust the length of the rope's end and to give not more than two inches below the pupil's hands when these were in the raised position. The four sub-strokes should be taught in the order back pull, hand pull, back rise and hand rise, and should finally be combined in the complete cycle.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

KIDDERMINSTER AND SYNTHETIC BELLS

Dear Sir.—The possibility of synthetic bells being installed in a Kidderminster church, to which you refer in your issue of July 1st, was brought to my notice by an office colleague who saw the report in a local paper. I wrote to the secretary of the Diocesan Advisory Committee to express the hope that the committee would advise the Chancellor not to grant a faculty for their installation, and was encouraged to receive his reply to the effect that the D.A.C. disliked synthetic bells just as much as ringers do. If a faculty is granted therefore, it will evidently be against the advice of the D.A.C.—Yours faithfully,

E. A. BARNETT.
Honorary Secretary.
Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.

Crayford, Kent.

SPLIT MIND FOR HANDBELL RINGING

Dear Sir.—Firstly, let me congratulate my good friend Mr. Lock for his excellent articles in 'The Ringing World' under the title of 'Alphabet for Beginners.' They have without doubt proved to be of great interest and value not only to those directly concerned but also to the 'so called experts.'

I did notice, however, under the letter 'H,' referring to handbell ringing, that according to the expert it was not possible to ring with a split mind. This caused quite a discussion in the Leicester camp and we realised without any doubt that this is the way we endeavour to ring our peals. In other words we ring two distinct blue lines and to use a phrase, at one time commonly used in the Leicester Guild, 'don't let your left hand know what your right hand is doing.'

It would be very interesting to know if any other handbell bands ring as we do or whether we are left 'high and dry' and in the future not to think of ourselves as experts as we do not conform to the above school of thought.—Yours faithfully,

PETER J. STANIFORTH.

Leicester.

'HYPOCRISY'

Dear Sir.—The word 'hypocrisy,' with which Mr. Ivin makes so free, means the deliberate concealment of inward sin behind a front of outward morality. Our Lord was probably the only man who was ever in a position to apply it to any individual, and in fact He never did—only to types—but the things He said about it make it an accusation of appalling gravity, as well as one which can never be substantiated in this life.

This correspondence about the Kirby-le-Soken record should never have begun; now it has degenerated to a point where the participants are accusing one another of deadly sin. I suggest that it is time for you, Mr. Editor, to call it to a halt.—Yours,

JOHN G. M. SCOTT.

Clawton, Devon.

MR. A. W. COCKS

Dear Sir.—Regarding my letter, as published in 'The Ringing World' of July 1st, may I point out that in print the date '1928' at the end was omitted and also that I was, of course, referring to the issue of June 17th.

However, on reading the report of the Biographies Committee in the issue of June 24th, it turns out that no case of mistaken identity whatsoever has occurred, but that little was known of Mr. Cocks until recently.

With apologies to those concerned.—Yours faithfully,

D. G. WHEELER.

Aylesbury, Bucks.

AN INSTRUCTIONAL COLOUR FILM

Dear Sir.—Ringers at St. Mary's Church, Rickmansworth, have, during the last few months, been making a teaching film on bell-ringing. Details are as follows:—

An 8 mm. colour film, running for about 8-9 minutes, showing briefly the fundamental points of ringing under the following headings:

(1) Handling a Bell;
(2) Ringing up;
(3) Ringing down;
(4) Teaching Methods.

The film is being made available to the Exercise at a nominal fee of 5s. per week plus postage. Within a radius of 20 miles of Rickmansworth it may be possible to arrange for an instructor to attend and give practical demonstrations of the points shown. Otherwise notes will be provided for use when showing.

If sufficient interest is shown, the time change will be used to make a copy of the film, which will be presented to the Central Council.

The central characters in the film are two 12-year-old boys who have been taught in this church during the last 12 months. One has just rung his first quarter peal.—Yours faithfully.

MICHAEL HATCHETT.

Rickmansworth.

BOB DOUBLES AT TONG

Dear Sir.—Mr. Peter Scholfield wonders what George Bolland would have thought about the peal of Bob Doubles at Tong, Bradford, in 2 hours 34 minutes (Belfry Gossip, July 8th). Since neither Mr. Scholfield nor I ever met G. B., I suppose his guess is as good as mine.

In all probability he would have disapproved of a peal of Doubles in any number of methods, and there are other things he would be unlikely to approve either, such as the neglected state of Tong bells, also the fact that they are rung about once a year and then only because of a bequest. His views upon the state of ringing, in general, throughout Yorkshire would be unlikely to be very flattering either.

Of one thing I am certain. He could not possibly have been less encouraging to the mainly youthful band than has been the case.

Apart from myself, and I must confess that I was glad to make up the band, as I actually like these toneless, tuneless, breathless and odd-struck bells, the remainder of the band had an aggregate of four peals to their credit, one having covered two and the 16-year-old conductor trebled to two. Three 'first peals,' three 'firsts inside' and the conductor's first attempt at such, was not a bad achievement, even if it was only humble Plain Bob Doubles.

There is nothing remarkable in a peal of Doubles on a light six in 2 hours 34 minutes, and not long ago Peter Scholfield himself rang a peal of Minor on these bells in only two minutes longer. I wonder what George Bolland would have said to that?—Yours etc.,

R. H. DOVE.

Leeds.

A LEG PULL FROM CORNWALL

Dear Sir.—I would like, through the medium of this paper, to offer my humble apologies to Mr. Cyril 'Aloysius' Wratten, for my bold statement in saying that Hartley, Kent, had no bells. Little did I realise that this church was the proud possessor of a 'ring' of two or rather doubtful character.

As Mr. Wratten is shortly to be wed to a member of the Rectory household, and is no doubt, 'well in' with the Rev. Mr. Williams, perhaps we could start a fashion by ringing the first two-bell peal of 2,520 extents.—Yours faithfully. ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD.

Kenwyn, Cornwall.

HOLT'S ORIGINAL

Dear Sir.—In connection with your entry in the Belfry Gossip of June 3rd concerning my activities, I had not proposed to write and correct a slight error in your wording, but as Mr. Shepherd's letter, published recently, accords me praise which I'm not entitled to, I thought it best to write. I would like to thank Mr. Shepherd for his kind remarks and if I may pass on to other aspirants to calling the composition that there is an easy way of learning the composition which has been shown to me by Mr. Frank Darby, of Beddington.

First of all, write out the peal dividing the single bobs and double bobs as follows:—

Single	Doubles
5 3 4 5 4 4 4	3D 3D 7D 4D
4	4D 5D 5D 7D 7D
and so on....	

Divide the result into 4 or 5 parts as you will and then learn the blocks line by line, each line being self contained and unique.

There are three quarter peals in the composition which can be extracted, learnt and called, before the peal is attempted. Thus having called these three quarters (two of them overlap each other) the conductor has only to learn about one-third of the peal which he will not be able to call prior to the peal attempt. These quarters are:—

(1) From the beginning to
3 3D 7D Then 5.5.3.3. for rounds.
(2) 'Going off' course called 7D=3 5 4 2 6
Then
7D
3 4D
73 5D
..... up to
57 4D 4D 7D Then 5.4 for rounds.
53 5D
(3) 'Going off' course called 5.3.7.= 3 7 2 5 4 6.
Then
4D 7D
5.3. 5D 5D to the end.

The first two quarters are exactly 1,260 changes and the third is 1,526 changes. Incidentally, a quarter peal of 1,316 changes similar to the third one given above, passed to me by a leading Kent ringer, which I'm told is rung frequently in that county, is **false**. This quarter starts: Single at one, bob at one, single at three and bob at two, thence the Original from

5D 5D
34 4D to the end.

If the would-be conductor is like me, cannot transpose easily in his head or read lead ends (heads?) easily, he need have no fear about calling this composition as he will only require to know one lead end and that is 2 3 4 5 6 7. So long as he has learnt the composition and observes rule No. 1 (which says that the 2nd and 6th are never called before except in the last four calls), all additional effort is unnecessary. Any shift course will become apparent within a couple of hundred changes as the next bell which you wish to call before is safely out of reach in the hunt or the second bob of a double brings the 2nd or 6th before.

I hope these few comments will help and encourage other would-be conductors of this composition as they did for me and I wish them the same success as I had.—Yours truly,

ROY D. TOMLIN

Hockley, Essex.

P.S.—Mr. Darby has told me often that there is a shorter quarter than the 1,526 from the last part of the peal which does run true in about 1,316 changes and if anyone can supply this composition we would both be very grateful.—R. D. T.

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SWANSEA & BRECON GUILD ANNUAL FESTIVAL

It was the first annual festival since the reconsecration of the church in May, 1959, to be held at St. Mary's Church, Swansea, on June 25th, and with fine weather, it proved a great success. The ringing throughout the day, under the guidance of the Master, was above normal. Amongst the visitors who were welcomed were one from Somerset and one from Gloucester, who were on their first visit to St. Mary's.

To make the service more homely and the atmosphere warm and friendly Canon H. C. Williams decided to hold the festival service in the Trinity Chapel. It was a tight fit, but the Vicar was proved quite right in his judgment. In his address he spoke of unity amongst all church workers, and without it one couldn't go very far. He also said how often young girls and boys who took up bell-ringing were very interested during the first few weeks only to drift away and forget all about it later. Those young ringers who were there today would, he hoped, take a lasting interest in the art, and become important church workers of the future.

After an excellent tea which had been laid out in the 'Robing Room,' the tables were cleared for the business meeting which followed. We were again honoured with the presence of the Bishop, Mr. J. J. A. Thomas, who presided.

The Bishop, after his welcome, presented the certificates for the ringing competition. The winning band was Porthcawl (Mr. Michael Larchin), second Cadoxton (Mr. Gwyn I. Lewis), and third Sketty (Miss Hazel Way), and a few words of praise were said to each in turn.

Apologies for absence from members, and the very good wishes from Mr. Ernie Stitch, were read.

Arising out of the minutes a committee meeting was held and the ringing competition successfully carried through. A notice of motion by Mr. T. M. Roderick, altering the rules re membership of affiliated towers, was withdrawn, the matter to be left for discussion in committee

All the officers were re-elected with the exception of the honorary auditor. The officers are: Master, Mr. John T. Williams; honorary general secretary, Mr. J. Arthur Hoare; honorary treasurer, Mr. David Stokes; honorary auditor, Mr. Magnus Peterson. A proposal to continue with the committee of five members was discussed and after voting on the issue it was lost to a proposal by Mr. John T. Williams, that the committee be made up of one member from each tower, names and addresses to be sent to the general secretary as soon as possible, which was then carried.

In his peal records report, Mr. G. I. Lewis said seven peals had been rung during the 12 months. The writing of the names of the towers in the Peal Record Book was being carried out during the next week or so.

The general secretary, in his report, thanked all officers of the Guild for their co-operation and help during the year. The Guild, he said, was now in a very satisfactory state. The sale of badges was extremely good, and were still being asked for.

The Ringing Master reported additional interest at Gorseinon and Llanfeigan. Everywhere, he said, there were signs of improvement.

The statement of accounts showed a balance in the general account of £34, and in the Bell Restoration Fund, after allowing for grants to various churches, £33. Since this statement, the collection for this fund realised £2.

The place and date of the ringing competition in 1961 is to be left to committee. It is the Northern District's turn for the annual festival next year and this will be held in the Cathedral at Brecon. The date is to be fixed by the Bishop and the general secretary.

A discussion re membership certificates ended by the matter being left to lie on the table. Mr. Trevor Roderick proposed that each tower be supplied with a copy of the rules and the general secretary was asked to carry on with this, as soon as possible.

Mrs. Whitworth and her helpers, also St. Mary's bellringers, were thanked for the tea provided. The Bishop was thanked for presiding at the meeting, and also Canon H. C. Williams for the use of the bells and conducting the service. With further ringing in the tower, this concluded the day's festival.

PORTISHEAD AND WRAXALL

Down in New Forest, the people stirred
As the sound of their own church bells they heard.
'Just fancy that, not bad,' they said,
'Must be they chaps from Portishead.'

Our outing had started one early June morn,
When a party of upwards of thirty were borne
To Wincanton; for 'Cow and Gate' and racing 'tis noted.
After trying the bells, 'twas for these we voted.

On leaving this place we got off our course
For which our pilot showed little remorse.
The driver said roads were wrongly numbered
But most of us thought 'twas he who had blundered.

Through Shaftesbury Town, and then for a [thrill
In a 37-seater up Zig-Zag Hill!
They say road's not meant for a coach of this size,
Which aptly bore name of 'Enterprise.'

O'er Dorset Down and Cranborne Chase
To Cranborne itself—a quite pretty place.
Tho' we arrived here a little bit late
No time was lost raising fine Taylor eight.

'Twas here a local was heard to say,
'We don't often hear bells rung that way.'
After taking refreshments, we once more embark
Pondering on meaning of local's remark.

Lymington was next to do us favour
And here we managed a course of Bob Major.
We just had time for a quick look round,
Then northwards thro' Forest again were [bound.

Through Fordingbridge we then did pass
And stopped for tea at the old 'Hour Glass.'
'Twas a pity, following this grand repast,
That our own time here ran out so fast.

Our last ring was Westbury; here bells, of course,
Are almost as famous as Westbury White Horse.
Here we will leave you, with old clock still ticking,
And a ring of eight bells that'll take some licking!

A. J. G.

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SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The June meeting of the Sheffield and District Society was held at Dore and apart from the enjoyable ringing and bells, was notable in that 11 new members were elected from the new band now regularly ringing these lovely bells, which for many years had been silent.

Tea was taken on the Vicarage lawn in glorious sunshine, at the kind invitation of the Vicar (the Rev. Garth Heawood). Proceeds of the tea were given to the Appeal Fund for World Refugees.

The August meeting will be at Rotherham on Bank Holiday Monday and will be joint with the Yorkshire Association (Southern Division).

N. C.

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD

On July 2nd the Archdeaconry of Halifax Guild met at Northowram. Ringing was from early afternoon until late evening with a short break for the service and tea. The Vicar addressed the Guild with a very warm welcome and remarked that the bells were ever pleasing to the ear. Also, that he for one was very glad that the age of electronic noises had not come before the art of change ringing in calling people to Church.

The Guild elected six new members, and ringing ranged from rounds and call changes to Cambridge and Superlative. Many thanks to the ladies for a most enjoyable tea. Next meeting: Marsden, September 3rd.

D. S.



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OBITUARY

MR. ALBERT E. LOCK

'I was glad when they said unto me: we will go into the house of the Lord.'

How well these words, said with so much feeling and expression at his funeral, on Saturday last epitomised the whole life and work of Mr. A. E. Lock, bellringer, master-craftsman and churchman.

Albert Lock was born 81 years ago at Sutton Courtney, three miles from Abingdon, where his family had already been monumental masons for nearly 150 years. At Sutton the family owned 'The Plough' and had done so for several generations. One of a large family he was educated at the Culham College Practising School where he received an education well in advance of that of many schools of the time. When he left school he joined the family business and became a master-craftsman, his lettering being some of the finest produced in this century.

He was interested in many things and became well known in North Berkshire as a very fine cricketer (playing for Berkshire at one time) and as a footballer. He played cricket until just before the last war and is still held in very high esteem by the younger generations who played both with and against him. He often played against the Oxford colleges and was considered a worthy opponent. Another of his hobbies was fishing. Here he excelled and a number of families during the Second World War were grateful for the contributions which he made to their larders.

In the First World War he served in the Royal Flying Corps. He was a member of the Special Police from the time of the suffragettes until after the Second World War. Although in his sixties, he did regular duty with the police during the war years.

He was a member of St. Nicholas' Church and of the joint band with which he rang there and at St. Helen's. He was also a member of the P.C.C.

Albert Lock learned to ring as a boy at Sutton Courtney, where his interest was first aroused when, together with some other boys, he used to ring the bells partly 'up' (they were then rung from the ground floor), leave the ropes swinging and bolt at the approach of the ringers. History does not say if they were ever caught, and if so what form of retribution befell them. Whatever it was, it was not an appearance in the Juvenile Court. Eventually he taught himself 'to ring a bell up' and finally became the captain of the band at Sutton Courtney. At the beginning of this century he came under the influence of the Rev. F. E. Robinson, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, and went to Drayton to practise method ringing. He rang his first peal, Stedman Triples, at Drayton on April 28th, 1906. In the years before the First World War he rang thirty-six peals, the majority of them with Miss Kathleen Holifield, who was later to become his wife.

SERVICE TO THE GUILD

In 1921 the North Berks Branch of the O.D.G. was formed and six months after its formation he took over the secretaryship, retaining it until his death, a period of exactly 39 years. During that time Albert Lock built up the branch to its present strength for he was always willing to teach new bands, give help in time of need and it was his habit to visit the towers regularly on practice nights.

Rarely a week went by without one or two towers receiving a visit. Often this was done by bicycle, some visits entailed a ride of thirty miles. In recent years Mrs. Lock has acted as chauffeur as she often did before the last war. Only those who have lived in the branch for many years will realise how much time and energy went into this work and how, in spite of many bitter disappointments, both in his own towers and in the branch towers, A. E. Lock was always willing 'to have another go' to get things going. Very few ringers in North Berks can say that they owe nothing to him. In recent years he had devoted much time and care to the training of the young bands in Abingdon and the recent formation of the Abingdon School Society brought to fruition a long awaited desire.

For many years a committee member of the General Committee of the O.D.G. he was elected, in 1933, to be one of its representatives on the Central Council and had continued as such until his death; the recent Council meeting must have been one of the few that he missed. In argument he was one to be reckoned with but was always open to conviction should the argument prove sound and the change be justified; he loved the old ways but was prepared to accept the new if they proved their worth. This was very evident in the field of change ringing. Although firmly grounded in the four standard methods, in the 1930's he joined the Oxford band, which under the leadership of W. J. Judge was breaking new ground and ringing Spliced Surprise—this when he was in his late fifties. He did not call his first peal until 1921, when he called Stedman Triples at the age of 43. During the next 29 years he called 40-50 peals in the four standard methods, rang in a silent peal of Stedman, at Goring, in 1937, and a silent peal of Cambridge, at Buckland, Berks, in 1938. The majority of his peals were of Major or Triples but in the post-war years he rang more peals of Minor than he had before 1939. His peal total is probably not far short of 225 practically all of which were rung for his own branch and Guild and in the company of his wife.

By his death the Oxford Guild has lost a devoted and selfless servant, one of its most faithful of instructors and one who devoted himself wholeheartedly to whatever he undertook, be it work, service to his church, teaching the young, instructing or helping a band in difficulties, ringing for the joy of ringing or enjoying the companionship of his fellow ringers. Fond of a good story and a quiet joke he will be very much missed at ringing meetings, on ringing outings and at all places where ringers gather together.

THE FUNERAL

The funeral service took place at St. Nicholas Church, Abingdon, where he had worshipped Sunday by Sunday for so many years. The whole service by its hymns and psalms expressed a feeling of great thankfulness for a life devoted to an ideal and for work carried out so quietly and unassumingly throughout the years.

How true of A. E. Lock were the words printed in the last Guild report which he read while in hospital: 'Sometimes I find one bellringer or one choirman who never misses, whose quiet example has inspired successive generations, whose loyal, sometimes lonely service has been a perpetual witness to his faith and devotion. Such men are true servants of God.' (Bishop of Dorchester in his address at O.D.G. festival, 1959.)

M. R. C.

Mr. Lock was cremated and the ashes were interred at Sutton Courtney on July 16th, in a casket of stone made by two of his fellow craftsmen.

Family mourners were Mrs. A. E. Lock (widow), Mr. H. G. Lock (brother), Mrs. Cooper (sister), Mr. and Mrs. G. Townsend, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Lock.

Clergy present were the Rev. J. H. S. Dixon (Rector of St. Nicholas'), Rev. J. V. Pixell, Rev. C. E. Wigg (Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild), and the Rev. C. F. Cross (Deputy Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild)

Others present included Mr. F. Sharpe (Deputy Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild), Miss M. R. Cross (honorary general secretary, O.D.G.), Mr. A. R. Pink (secretary Diocesan Board of Finance), Mr. W. F. Judge (Ringing Master of the Oxford Society), Mr. P. Walker (honorary secretary, Oxford Society), Mr. G. L. Armitage (representing Sutton Courtney Bellringers), Mr. S. F. Wiggins (representing the Bowyer Lodge of Oddfellows), Mrs. Holifield (representing Mr. Gordon Holifield) and representatives of many towers in the district.

Many of the towers in N. Berks rang quarter peals to his memory. A 720 of Bob Minor was rung as the cortege left the church—conducted by A. R. Pink.

MR. DAVID WILBUR

A member of the Barwell Society, Leicestershire, for eight years, Mr. David Wilbur was one of a band of ringers taught by the writer, who, like many others, have graduated through membership of choir and Sunday school, to become a most loyal ringer.

At the early age of 23, David was killed in a road accident at Earl Shilton, when his car was in collision with a G.P.O. van on June 24th.

Because of his unfailing devotion to his church, David's place in the belfry will not be easy to fill.

For Evensong on Sunday special touches were rung half-muffled to his memory and also for Mr. George Hough, father of the vice-captain of the Barwell ringers, who died the same week.

Those taking part were members of the Barwell Society: Miss P. Hough, Messrs. A. H. Hough, C. Lucas, A. A. Lucas, G. P. Garner, R. Colver, T. Pickering, J. Hill, C. R. Belton, T. C. Belton and Joseph Needham.

T. C. B.

MR. GEORGE PACKHAM

AN APPRECIATION

By the passing on June 24th, of Mr. George Packham, St. Peter's, Twineham, lost an old and loyal friend. He was 83.

He learned to ring in the neighbouring tower of Bolney, well over 50 years ago, and as far as we know had taken part in five peals—four of Grandsire Triples, at Bolney, and the first peal on the five bells at Twineham, Grandsire and Plain Bob were his limit, but he enjoyed good striking and earned a reputation locally for being one of the best 'covers' for miles around.

Apart from his regular ringing activities, he sang in the choir and was verger and sexton for 35 years, resigning on account of ill-health a few years ago.

A half-muffled quarter of Grandsire Triples was rung at Bolney, on July 5th, in which two of his sons took part. Unfortunately, Mr. C. Wilkins, one of those who had rung with Mr. Packham for many years, was prevented by indisposition from participating.

As a man, George Packham was a quiet, lovable character, though not afraid to speak up for what he felt to be right if the occasion demanded The example he set us will long be remembered. May he rest in peace.

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THE PROFESSOR INVESTIGATES

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'Here then is the formula for a team.

Number of successful peals out of 10=10—average P of team.'

'Have you proved your last formula?' I asked.

'Only to a limited extent,' said Mr. Dodge. 'It may need modifying in the light of further information. However, we are now in a better position to assess whether a peal is likely to succeed or fail. For an error to grow into sufficient dimension to ruin a peal several things have got to happen. Let us examine the possible sequence.

(a) A ringer with a low R goes wrong and blunders on for several changes.
(b) He in turn dislodges someone else with (shall we say) a moderate R, who blunders on.
(c) Being unable to find their bells, several of the others, some of whom were 'coasting,' forget what they should be doing and join in the fun.
(d) Catastrophe. It is possible for a ringer with a high R to make a mistake and involve a second ringer with a high E but a low R who in turn begins the sequence.'

'It is in a scramble of this type that "Blue-Line Bill" comes into his own,' said Mr. Dodge.

'Blue-Line Bill?'

'Yes,' explained the Professor. 'Some ringers have a "Blue-Line" mind which is sometimes accompanied by a "Blue-Line" action. Where both these accomplishments are combined it often proves an asset in a peal-ringer. The conductor who knows his team can be certain that this ringer will plod on regardless of the confusion around him and that if and when order is restored he will be in his place. Furthermore, if any ringer finds himself trying to perform a certain operation only to discover that "Blue-Line Bill" is already doing it, he knows immediately that it is time to look around for something else to do!

'Such a ringer seldom speaks to correct others—there is no need—although occasionally he will (if asked) state what he is doing; also he has a Grade I E. This places the conductor in some embarrassment on the very rare occasions when "B-L B" gets off the rails. It is so difficult to believe that he really can be wrong that the form of address to such an individual is more or less standardised:

"Shouldn't you be doing a 6-5-6?" (or some such operation).

'If "Blue-Line Bill" shakes his head (he doesn't deign to reply), it is about time to call "Stand"!'

'At what stage of the peal are things likely to go wrong?' I enquired. 'Are some periods more vital than others?'

'Indeed they are,' replied the Professor. 'I have discovered that there are two, what I call, Critical Periods. Number one is the first quarter hour or 20 minutes. Many peals are, as I have said, preceded by a false start which is, after all, nothing less than a lost peal. The newness of the method, the "feel" of the bells and the rhythm are contributing factors although the knowledge that it is always possible to make a fresh start, or even the desire to do so after a jumble in order to ring a good peal, are reasons not to be ignored.'

'And the second?' I asked.

'That is far more serious,' said the Professor. 'It must be remembered that it is a physical impossibility to maintain an unbroken concentration for a period of time ranging from between 2¼ to nearly 4 hours. Even in the most complicated Spliced peals the mind will wander for short periods of time. Towards the end of the peal, particularly the last half hour, mental fatigue in case of difficult stuff and constant repetition bordering on boredom in the case of comparatively simple methods, or even anxiety about catching a bus or train, tend to make this the second critical period.

'It must also be emphasised,' said the Professor, 'that very good ringing for long periods tends to induce in some ringers a soporific effect and/or inculcate a sense of false security. There is a story told about that grand old Bolsover ringer, John Flint, that once in a peal he was conducting, and for no apparent reason, he began to inflict verbal punishment on the ringers around him in the manner that only John Flint could. They were told to "listen to their bells" and "pull themselves together," with other similar expressions. After the peal was concluded one of the ringers took John on one side and asked him the reason for his attack as the ringing had been apparently first class. "Yes," said John confidentially, "the ringing was so good and had been excellent so long that I was afraid that the first mistake would mean the end of it."'

'Which appears to support your argument,' I exclaimed.

'Exactly,' said Professor Dodge. 'But if there is one factor that contributes to the obliteration of a peal more than any other in the last half hour it is vanity!'

'Vanity?' I said incredulously.

'Vanity!' repeated the Professor. 'Most ringers at this juncture are already adding the peal to their total or imagining what it will look like in the "R.W.", and who will be reading all about it. This, I am convinced, causes more minds to be wandering at the same time, often with the disastrous effects we know so well, than any other reason.'

'You're a sceptical brute,' I said.

'No, just a truthful one,' he answered.

With that noble sentiment echoing in my mind I made my way home.

JOINT MEETING AT TEESDALE

A joint meeting of the Northern District of the Yorkshire Association and the Southern District of the Durham and Newcastle Association was held in the border country of Teesdale, on July 2nd. The meeting began on the Durham side of the Tees, at Barnard Castle, where there was a good muster of ringers, coming from as far afield as York and Appleby.

Touches of Plain Bob, Stedman, Double Norwich and Cambridge were rung, and the Vicar (Rev. J. B. Brown) conducted a service. After tea at the King's Head Hotel, the party crossed the river to the attractive village of Cotherstone, which was a new tower to most of them. The bells there—a pleasant six with a 7 cwt. tenor—are rarely rung. This was evident from the inordinate length of the ropes, some of which had never had a tuck put in, and most ringers were catching well above the sally.

An additional hazard was the box holding the clock chiming machinery. This structure, over five feet high, penned the ringer of the second against the wall, and threatened skinned knuckles at every handstroke, besides concealing any ringer below average height.

In spite of these handicaps, the bells went well to touches of St. Clement, Grandsire, Double Court, Plain Bob, Cambridge and London.

E. P.

BARNSLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The July meeting of the Barnsley and District Society was held at Darton, the first time the tower had been visited for over 30 years. The visit was most appropriate as the day previous a baby had been born to the Vicar (the Rev. E. G. S. Scott) and Mrs. Scott. In a warm welcome the Vicar mentioned that this was the first baby born in the Vicarage for about 30 years. He thanked Mr. Douglas Stables and Mr. Noel Moxon for their work in checking the bells and tidying the belfry. Nine towers were represented. Next meeting, August 13th, at Eastwood, near Rotherham.

MORE BELFRY GOSSIP

Aldeburgh, Suffolk, bells are to be taken down for overhaul.

Entering our peal columns for the first time is a peal by Leicester University Society, rung by resident members. This was at Wanlip.

Printed notice seen in the rear window of a ringer's car at the annual meeting of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild at Whitchurch: **'Running in, Running out, Make Bob.'**

OUTINGS

CREWKERNE, SOMERSET

Sunshine, the beautiful countryside of Somerset, magnificent churches and fine bells—these are the things that make for an enjoyable time. At least, this is certainly what the Crewkerne ringers, plus a few friends from Merriott, found on the afternoon of June 11th, when they set out for an afternoon's ringing, plus picnic on Ham Hill.

The first tower visited was Preston Plucknett. Here we found a pleasing little 15th century tower with six bells (tenor 11 cwt.). Alas, this tower proved to be our Waterloo—and we weren't fighting with Wellington either! We were not really experienced enough to make a good job of ringing these rather difficult going bells. However, it is all added experience and we left Preston realising how much more we all had to learn.

We drove from Preston, through the lovely village of Montacute with its Big House, to the beautiful old church of Stoke-under-Ham—a Norman church basically with a 13th century tower and transept, all beautifully kept. Here we were met by one of the local band who rang with us on these fine bells, probably the best bells of the afternoon. There was certainly some music to be got out of this fine six (tenor 17 cwt.), and this fact spurred us on to ring amongst other things a successful course of Kent.

However, the prospect of food did its work and we reached the top of Ham Hill in record time. Having satisfied the inner man we simply descended to the bottom of the hill to the village of Norton-sub-Hamdon. Here we found a grand Perpendicular church with a 98 foot high tower—after we'd climbed the steps to the ringing chamber didn't we know it! The six bells (tenor 18 cwt.) were soon ringing to a variety of methods and, as the tower swayed, the picture frames hanging from the walls almost kept the rhythm of the bells as they too swung from side to side.

This was the last tower of the afternoon and as we left everyone felt that this kind of excursion was something that could well be repeated.

C. J. B. M.

SPALDING, LINCS

Spalding ringers and friends from neighbouring towers held their annual outing on May 21st. An enjoyable hour was spent at the first tower, Lutterworth, before proceeding to Stoke, Coventry, where we had the pleasure of ringing a bride-to-be into the church.

The next stop was for lunch at Warwick, after which we rang at both St. Nicholas' and St. Mary's, many younger members preferring the fete in the castle grounds. Moving out of town we visited the pleasant six at Whitnash, where a G.O.M. of 95, Mr. Hawley, met us and joined in some ringing with us.

We visited Leamington for tea, after which we called at the towers of Lillington, Daventry and Weedon Bec, where we had to wait a few minutes for a broken rope to be repaired. We then journeyed on to Northampton where a stop was made for refreshments, and eventually arrived back home at midnight, having had a most enjoyable day.

We extend our very grateful thanks to all incumbents and our organisers, Mr. and Mrs. Chapman, who did a splendid job at rather short notice, and who were also on their first outing with us.

ANON.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICS

A half-day's outing into Derbyshire was enjoyed by Melton Mowbray ringers and young friends from Oakham, on June 18th. Before tea at Long Eaton, ringing took place at Old Sawley and Breaston. At Stanton-by-Dale not only the bells but liquid refreshments in the lovely rose gardens at the Old Manor House were much appreciated. The latter is the house of Mr. Buckley and Mr. and Mrs. Crookes, who are Old Meltonians.

The last tower, St. Helen's, Trowell, provided a test with no stays on the second and six; nevertheless, a fine touch of Oxford Bob Minor was rung. The chairman (Mr. R. E. Manton) and secretary (Mr. T. Templeton) were responsible for the arrangements.

J. H. C.

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BIRTH

PARSONS.—On July 5th, 1960, to Joyce (nee England), wife of David Parsons, of Old Coulsdon, Surrey, a daughter, Susan Jane—a sister for Paul. 6317

RETURN THANKS

Mrs. A. E. Lock wishes to thank all those who in their various ways have shown their thought and sympathy during her sad bereavement. 6326

PERSONAL

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MISCELLANEOUS

PRESTON, LANCS.—**Change of practice night.** Please note that as from August 2nd, and until further notice, the Preston practice will be held on **Tuesday** each week instead of Wednesday. 6270

DRIGHLINGTON, Nr. BRADFORD, YORKS.—No ringing at St. Paul's Parish Church, in August, 1960. Meet first Thursday in September, at 7.30 p.m.—M. Brown, Sec. 6320

WANTED.—Criers' and other small bells. Notes: Tenors, F sharp and B flat; trebles B, C and C sharp. Also set of up to 12 handbells. No fancy prices. Offers (on approval) to P. Amos, Inkerman Terrace, Northampton. 6314

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Branch.—Practice meetings, Littleham, Saturday, July 23rd; Sowton, Saturday, August 27th. Both at 7 p.m.—R. T. Perry. 6319

UNIVERSITY OF NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY.—Would any freshers coming up next session, also anyone interested in a Society peal during the Presessional Conference, please contact J. G. Underwood, Dept. of Chemistry, The University, Nottingham. 6328

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CANCELLATION

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION—Bristol Rural.—Please note that meeting at Westerleigh, for Saturday, July 23rd, has been cancelled.—F. Hussey, Branch Sec. 6313

MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the 'Rising Sun,' Carter Lane, E.C., Saturday, July 23rd, 6 p.m. Ringing at St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, Westminster, S.W.1, at 3.15 p.m. 6276

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Henstridge (6), July 23rd. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea to A. J. Sherrin, 8, Ash Walk, Henstridge, Templecombe. 6278

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Terrington St. Clement, Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. Easter, Terrington St. Clement, Kings Lynn.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 6296

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting Harwich, Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and meeting 6251

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Monthly meeting, Winchcombe (6), July 23rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Cheltenham. 6316

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Ashford District) and LADIES' GUILD.—Joint meeting at Cheriton, Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (8, tenor 7 cwt.) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 6255

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, July 23rd. Note change of date. All Saints', Poplar (10) 4-5.30 p.m. Tea own arrangements. Short business meeting. Further ringing from 6.30-8 p.m. Everyone welcome. A good attendance requested.—Bullock, Dis. Sec. 6294

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting, Hoar Cross, on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements, please. All welcome.—J. W. Cotton. 6299

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—An open day will be held at Hope, on Saturday, July 23rd. All welcome. Bells (6) 2 p.m. Service 3.30. Tea 4.30 p.m. 6290

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Meeting at Wooburn, Saturday, July 23rd. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 6279

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting at Sedlescombe, on July 23rd. Tea at 5 p.m. Please notify tea to F. Beeney (Sec.), Hillbrae, Carters Corner, Hailsham. 6302

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting at Wolverton, Hants, on July 23rd. Bells (6) from 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., in the Village Hall. 6300

HECKINGTON, LINCS.—Show and sports on Tuesday, July 26th. Ringing from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Eight bells. Magnificent church. Visitors very welcome. 6308

BAKEWELL, DERBYSHIRE.—Rededication of bells of All Saints' Church, by the Assistant Bishop of Derby, on Saturday, July 30th, at 3.30 p.m. Ringing afternoon and evening. All ringers welcome. 6322

DEVON GUILD.—N.W. Branch.—Summer meeting at Stratton, near Bude (8), July 30th. Service 4.15 p.m., tea to follow. Numbers for tea by Monday, July 25th, to R. Pearce, Buttsbeer Cross, Bridgerule Holsworthy.—Sec.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Thorne, July 30th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by July 28th, please, to Mr. T. Leask, 26, Gainford Road, Moorends, Thorne.—R. J. Sanderson. 6321

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION and ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting will be held at Trumpington, on Saturday, July 30th. Bells (8) 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. (2s. 6d. per head).—G. Blake and E. W. Bullman. 6318

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Chertsey District) and LADIES' GUILD (Southern District).—Joint meeting at Egham, Saturday, July 30th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mrs. J. Knowles, 46, Simon's Walk, Englefield Green, Egham, Surrey. 6315

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Quarterly meeting on July 30th. Ringing at Orsett, Essex, from 3-4.30 p.m., followed by service, tea and business meeting. Ringing at Stanford-le-Hope from 6-8 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. F. Blatch, 'Brick House,' Malting Lane, Orsett, Grays, Essex. Gentlemen cordially invited. 6295

LADIES' GUILD.—Sussex District.—Meeting at Alfriston (6), July 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Make own arrangements for tea, advisable to bring own. Ladies please support. All visitors welcome.—L. M. Beeney, Hon. Sec. 6266

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Leigh, July 30th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Evensong (said) at 7 p.m. All welcome. Good Rudhall 8 here.—Thornley, Sec. 6284

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oundle Branch.—Meeting, Elton (5), July 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Tuesday previous, to Mrs. P. E. Clarke, 7, Bassett Place, Oundle. 6323

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Leatherhead District) and SURREY ASSOCIATION (Northern District).—Annual joint meeting Leatherhead, Monday, August 1st. Ringing 3 until 8.30 p.m., with break for service 4.30 and tea 5 p.m., in St. Nicholas' Hall. Numbers for tea to reach G. Marriner, 6, Leach Grove, Leatherhead, by previous Thursday.—A. H. Smith, W. Parrott. 6315

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Southern District) and SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Joint meeting at Rotherham, Bank Holiday Monday, August 1st. Parish Church bells (10) from 2.30-9 p.m. Eastwood (8) 2-4 p.m. Short service in Parish Church 4.30. Tea in Church Hall, Moorgate Street, at 5 p.m. Names by July 28th, to Mr. N. Chaddock, 17, Herringthorpe Grove, Broom, Rotherham. All welcome.—J. J. Gilbert and J. Seager, Hon. Secs. 6327

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.—An extraordinary general meeting will be held aboard the yacht 'Ruby' at Wroxham, Norfolk, on Friday, August 5th, at 6.30 p.m. 6312

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Practice meeting at Wallington, on August 6th, at 5.30 p.m.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 6311

LATE NEWS

DEATH OF MR. FRANK SKIDMORE

We deeply regret to announce the death, on July 18th, of Mr. Frank Skidmore, Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, of 80, Carlyle Road, Greenbank, Bristol 5.

The funeral service was held at St. Ambrose Church, Bristol, on Thursday at 2 p.m., followed by cremation at Canford Cemetery, Westbury-on-Trym, at 2.40 p.m.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.—At St. George's Church, Wilton, on July 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. H. Reed 1, D. F. Sheldon 2, W. T. Clarke 3, H. E. Causley 4, J. Brewer (first of Stedman) 5, F. Avery 6, R. W. Hayward (cond.) 7, R. T. Wine (first quarter) 8.

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POINTS FROM RECENT PEALS

By the REV. K. W. H. FELSTEAD

IT is difficult to alter the 'pattern' of this article since I am talking about the same sort of things each time. I hope readers won't think it too monotonous, therefore. At least, over the years most towers will be mentioned occasionally, and I know that interest is created in the towers then from the number of enquiries, etc., I have after each article appears.

We have seen a very rare milestone passed these last few months —Willesden had its 400th peal. Only two other churches have more than this—Erith and Crayford, of course. The former reached it in 1938 and the latter with its first peal after the war time ban in 1943. Of course, the Loughborough Bell Foundry has more than double this number of peals, but it wasn't until 1949 (December) that it reached 400, which means that more than 400 peals were rung there between 1949 and 1959! A couple more years should see the 1,000 mark reached at the present rate. However, congratulations to Willesden. It is slowly catching up Erith and Crayford, but at the present rate it will be 20 years before it does so. By the way, in the 400 have been well over 300 peals of Surprise Major in over 100 different methods. That, I am sure, is unique.

There are 13 towers at the moment in the 300s; the nearest to Willesden being St. Martin's, Birmingham, where I have recorded 376 to date, but I am not sure that I have all the early peals. Frodsham became one of the 35 towers with 200 or more peals on April 23rd, so congratulations there also. Two towers recently reached the 150 peal milestone—Grundisburgh on May 19th and St. Ebbe's, Oxford, on May 24th. Those making a century are Allesley (on February 19th —the peal for the birth of the new prince), Canterbury (St. Stephen, Hackington), Anstey (as the footnotes claimed) and Holy Trinity, Darlington (also as claimed). The latter tower becomes the fourth 6-bell tower to reach 100 peals. Gamston will soon be there also (99) and Stisted (95). The other 6-bell towers in the 90's—Wickham Skeith, Lamberhurst and Hanley Castle—don't appear very often in the peals columns these days, neither does Thornham Magna, where most peals have been rung in this class of tower (136). There have only between two peals there since the last war, the last in 1948. Even so, I expect it will keep its lead for a few years yet as it is still 22 peals ahead of its nearest rival (Croft).

Several towers have reached 50—Wenhaston, Harrow Weald, Macclesfield St. Peter and Bowdon. Those which will do so with their next peal are Woolton, Stonham Aspal, Harston, Eardisland, Hillingdon St. John, Shepshed and Wolstanton. Marston, which now holds the lead amongst 5-bell towers, looks as if it will be the first of these to reach 50, even though it has some way to go yet. Oxendon (5) is yet another to reach double figures. I see that the peal at Coryton was not only the first on the bells, but the first in a 5-bell tower in Devon. Since there are 33 of these in the county, there is plenty of scope yet, but actually only 89 of the 247 6-bell towers have had a peal. This means that about one-fifth of the unconquered towers in the country are in Devon.

Now for towers making their first appearance in the peal lists. These are Dunkeswell, Lewannick, Newton (Montgomeryshire), Ruyton-XI-Towns, Sully, Dinton, Belstone, Butler's Marston, Halkyn, Selattyn, Arley, Brislington and Thorley—quite a lot this time. The peal at Farnworth St. Luke was the first on the bells since being recast. I fear the claims for first peals at two towers cannot be supported. I have a previous peal at South Stoke on November 10th, 1923 (Minor in 3 methods). Similarly, there was a peal at Belton (Lincs), in 1911. The footnote to the recent peal suggests augmentation from 4 to 6. The peal in 1911 was on 5 bells, and Dove's book gives Belton as a 5-bell tower.

During the period under review, Compton Parva seems to have had the longest peal silence. The only previous peal I have there was in 1903, and this was not published! Blakesley also had its only previous peal before the First World War—in 1912. It isn't often that a 10-bell tower appears in the infrequent visitor's list! But one does this time—Newark, where there hadn't been a peal for nearly 50 years. I have five peals altogether here, spread over 187 years. The first was in 1773, and the next 1816 (both Grandsire Triples). The third was Grandsire Caters in 1897, and the fourth Grandsire Triples in 1913, which was the last one until the recent one of Stedman Caters. I don't suppose we shall have to wait another 50 or so years before Newark appears again in these columns. I confirm that the peal at Broadwas-on-Teme was the first since 1919 (which actually was the only previous peal on the bells). Beighton (where I first pulled a bell) last had a peal in 1921. 'Church Bells' gave details of two rung here in the 1860's from peal boards in the belfry. But those boards had disappeared (I think), by the time I came to learn there, 25 years ago.

Next we come to Nether Stowey, whose only previous peal was in 1927. Two towers last had a peal in 1928, Meriden (two previous peals in 1927 and 1928) and Moreton-in-the-Marsh. The latter had several peals (being an 8-bell tower) from 1900 onwards, but none of Major. Hence the recent peal was not only the first on the recast bells, but also the first of Major in the tower. Cartmel, Bugbrooke and South Kilworth all last appeared in 1932. The first has three in all now, and so has the second, but South Kilworth had only had that one before. Darling Point had its last peal during the 'Great Adventure' expedition in 1934. Before that there had been two peals of Minor at the beginning of the century. Chart Sutton's only previous peal was of Grandsire Doubles in 1935. In the following year Staunton-on-Wye had its last peal until this year. In the middle twenties, this tower had several peals—two a year or so for about six years. The first peal was in 1908 and it now has 17 in all. Although a 6-bell tower, they have all been peals of Doubles, 15 of Grandsire and two in 2 methods. In 1937, we find Amersham had its last peal before the recent one. The first on the bells was in 1914, then no more until 1932. Five were rung in the 1930's.

Three towers last appeared in the peals columns in 1938. Gorseinon is the first of them—first peal in 1919 and seven in all now. Although an 8-bell tower, Major has not yet been rung there in a peal. Harmondsworth has a similar history—first peal in 1920 and also seven in all now. The third is St. Cuthbert's, Lytham. Ringing at this tower during the recent Clerical Guild tour, I found several peals recorded on boards and rung at the beginning of the century which had not been published (most unusual). My total for the tower is now 25, 17 from 1875 to 1908, seven from 1929 to 1938 and the one this year. In 1939, Nassington had its only other peal, and the last of the list is Brookfield Unitarian Church, which was last mentioned in these columns in 1940. This tower has had big ups and downs. From the first peal in 1871, 29 peals were rung up to 1906. Then came a gap until 1924 and three peals were rung in the 1920's. Thirty-five peals were rung from 1932 to 1940—quite a good average. But then we have had to wait until 1960 for the next. The total is thus in the 60's.

Finally, one or two 'wrong' claims, which have already been pointed out in letters but which I can confirm. Edinburgh Delight had been previously rung at Cuddington in 1957, and it was not the first peal of Minor at Brill—7 methods had been rung in 1949.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., June 30, 1960, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5042 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

MURIEL REAY .. .. *Treble*		MICHAEL ELSON	7
RUTH M. BORDER	2	GEORGE W. MASSEY ..	8
ELIZABETH M. YARDLEY ..	3	*NORMAN J. GOODMAN ..	9
BRIAN D. A. WOOLLEY ..	4	†JOHN MCDONALD	10
RODERICK W. PIPE	5	JOHN A. ANDERSON ..	11
GEORGE E. FEARN	6	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* 250th peal. † 100th peal.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Tues., July 5, 1960, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

RUTH M. BORDER .. .. *Treble*		MICHAEL ELSON	7
*ELIZABETH M. YARDLEY..	2	JOHN PINFOLD	8
RALPH G. EDWARDS ..	3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN ..	9
ALBERT WALKER	4	PETER BORDER	10
FRANK E. HAYNES	5	JOHN A. ANDERSON ..	11
JOHN MCDONALD	6	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.
* 50th peal.
Rung as a birthday compliment to John A. Anderson, Elizabeth M. Yardley and John Pinfold.

TEWKESBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 16, 1960 in 3 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in D.

TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. .. *Treble*		GEORGE E. EVENDEN ..	7
R. GEORGE MORRIS	2	RONALD F. DISERENS ..	8
JOHN A. ANDERSON	3	RALPH G. EDWARDS ..	9
RUTH M. BORDER	4	DAVID BEACHAM	10
NORMAN J. GOODMAN ..	5	PETER BORDER	11
JOHN N. DISERENS	6	NOEL J. DISERENS	*Tenor*

Conducted by NOEL J. DISERENS.
A birthday compliment to the second ringer.

TEN BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., July 4, 1960, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

MURIEL REAY .. .. *Treble*		DAVID T. DARBY	6
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ..	2	DAVID J. PURNELL	7
RODERICK W. PIPE	3	PETER BORDER	8
ANDREW N. STUBBS ..	4	JOHN A. ANDERSON ..	9
MICHAEL ELSON	5	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN A. BURFORD. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Elizabeth M. Yardley and John Pinfold.

BRISTOL
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 6, 1960, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,
A PEAL OF 5077 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt.

D. JOHN HUNT .. .. *Treble*		F. CECIL MOGFORD ..	6
MARY HALL	2	ELISABETH A. G. BOWDEN	7
RICHARD J. BOWDEN ..	3	ALBERT M. TYLER	8
ANTHONY E. COX	4	DONALD E. COBB	9
*CLIFF J. RICHARDS ..	5	PATRICK J. BIRD	*Tenor*

Composed by W. P. WHITEHEAD. Conducted by D. JOHN HUNT.
* First peal on 10 and of Stedman.
First of Stedman as conductor.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., July 7, 1960, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,
A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.

GORDON A. HALLS .. .. *Treble*		*GEORGE H. PAULSON ..	6
*JOHN MURFIN	2	CLIVE W. WALKLATE ..	7
MISS P. A. M. HALLS ..	3	BURLEY P. MORRIS ..	8
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ..	4	RONALD H. BULLEN ..	9
HAROLD TAYLOR	5	MICHAEL R. BLORE ..	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by J. F. SMALLWOOD.
* First peal of Stedman Caters.
Rung in memoriam George Freebrey.

KETTERING, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 9, 1960, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in D.

DAVID J. MARSHALL .. *Treble*		ERNEST G. ORLAND	6
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN ..	2	ALAN J. FROST	7
AVRIL THACKRAY	3	BARRIE HENDRY	8
DIANA M. LAWLESS ..	4	JAMES R. TAYLOR	9
DAVID W. JAMES	5	BRYAN PATTISON	*Tenor*

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., July 11, 1960, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

ELIZABETH M. YARDLEY.. *Treble*		DAVID J. PURNELL ..	6
RUTH M. BORDER	2	GEORGE E. FEARN	7
*ALMA M. GREAVES ..	3	JOHN MCDONALD	8
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ..	4	JOHN A. ANDERSON	9
ANDREW N. STUBBS ..	5	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* First peal of Surprise Royal.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., July 11, 1960, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

*BRIAN M. SMITH .. .. *Treble*		JOSEPH W. COTTON ..	6
BRIAN G. WARWICK ..	2	JOHN A. ACRES	7
†RICHARD J. CLIFTON ..	3	A. JAMES POYNOR	8
†ERNEST MORRIS	4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS ..	9
JOHN M. JELLEY	5	G. RONALD EDWARDS ..	*Tenor*

Composed by EDWARD C. GOBEY. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal on 10 bells. † 50th peal together. First peal in the method.

WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 16, 1960, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 35¼ cwt.

W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. .. *Treble*		DAVID CUBITT	6
HOWARD SCOTT	2	JAMES A. D. WOOLFORD	7
WILFRID F. MORETON ..	3	*GEOFFREY TOWNEND ..	8
PETER WOODWARD	4	FREDERICK A. MUNDAY ..	9
KENNETH PARK	5	JOHN E. KIRBY	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
* First peal of Stedman Caters. 200th peal as conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., June 27, 1960, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC ABBEY OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in F.

ELIZABETH M. YARDLEY .. *Treble*		GEORGE E. FEARN	5
RUTH M. BORDER	2	PETER BORDER	6
BRIAN D. A. WOOLLEY ..	3	JOHN A. ANDERSON ..	7
RODERICK W. PIPE	4	JOHN MCDONALD	*Tenor*

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY. Conducted by JOHN MCDONALD.

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THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., July 2, 1960, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in G.

*WM. DAVIES	*Treble*	MICHAEL J. AUSTIN	5
ERIC E. SPEAKE	2	HARRY GRIFFITHS	6
GEORGE W. HUGHES	3	HARRY BOSWELL	7
DEREK J. TRANTER	4	J. DENNIS HOLDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. D. HOLDEN.
* First peal. First peal on the recast bells.
Rung as a farewell to the Rev. Francis Heighway, B.A., and Mrs. Heighway.

HAMPTON, MIDDLESEX.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., July 2, 1960 in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt.

*ROGER F. OVERINGTON	*Treble*	ALAN E. BAGWORTH	5
MICHAEL P. MORETON	2	WILLIAM S. DEASON	6
ALAN ROGERS	3	JOHN D. ROCK	7
RAYMOND G. BURTON	4	FRANK C. PRICE	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES HUNT. Conducted by FRANK C. PRICE.
* First attempt for a peal.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., July 4, 1960, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.

*BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Treble*	‡BRIAN M. SMITH	5
*RICHARD J. CLIFTON	2	A. JAMES POYNOR	6
†ERNEST MORRIS	3	RUSSELL S. MORRIS	7
JOSEPH W. COTTON	4	JOHN M. JELLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES S. WILDE. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* 50th peal together. † 100th peal of Cambridge Major. ‡ First of Surprise 'inside.'

BELPER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 9, 1960, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

DAVID PARKIN	*Treble*	GORDON A. HALLS	5
MRS. P. A. M. HALLS	2	WM. ARNOLD MORLEY	6
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD	3	CLIVE W. WALKLATE	7
PETER BELLAMY-KNIGHTS	4	MICHAEL R. BLORE	*Tenor*

Composed by G. A. HALLS and D. R. CARLISLE.
Conducted by G. A. HALLS.

CHEPSTOW, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 9, 1960, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in E.

LESLIE BARRY	*Treble*	DAVID J. LLEWELLYN	5
THOMAS YEOMAN	2	TREVOR M. RODERICK	6
SELWYN H. DEARDEN	3	ROBERT E. COLES	7
J. ARTHUR HOARE	4	DAVID J. KING	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by DAVID J. KING.
Rung with the best wishes of the band after the wedding of John E. Morgan and Patricia H. Jones, both ringers at Chepstow.

ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., July 9, 1960, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes.
AT THE MEMORIAL TOWER OF SS. PATRICK AND ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5024 BERKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

*G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	*Treble*	COLIN A. S. HARWOOD	5
CHRIS. W. WOOLLEY	2	PATRICIA M. BOURN	6
ARTHUR G. MASON	3	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE	7
*CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	4	JACK S. DEAR	*Tenor*

Composed by CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY.
Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.
* 200th peal together.
First in the method by all the band.

FINEDON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., July 9, 1960, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5184 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
J. W. Washbrook's Variation Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in D.

GILLIAN TAVENER	*Treble*	*DAVID J. MARSHALL	5
DIANA M. LAWLESS	2	ALAN J. FROST	6
*ERIC BILLINGS	3	BRYAN PATTISON	7
*ROBIN WILSON	4	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise.

HEADINGLEY, LEEDS, YORKSHIRE
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 9, 1960, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. in E.

SUSAN CHADDOCK	*Treble*	*DAVID CUBITT	5
HOWARD SCOTT	2	JAMES A. D. WOOLFORD	6
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	3	NORMAN CHADDOCK	7
GORDON BENFIELD	4	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKES. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* First peal of Surprise.

SOUTH SHIELDS, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., July 11, 1960, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HILDA.
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9¼ cwt.

NORMAN ERRINGTON	*Treble*	*KENNETH W. CHEESEMAN	5
CHARLES N. LEA	2	KENNETH ARTHUR	6
*JOHN E. ANDERSON	3	ERIC N. HARRISON	7
GEORGE S. DEAS	4	J. ALAN AINSWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE BAKER. Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.
* First peal in the method.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., July 13, 1960, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

OSWALD CLAYBROOK	*Treble*	FRED JACKSON	5
ROGER KING	2	WALTER ALLMAN	6
DENIS MADDOCK	3	JOHN E. BIBBY	7
HAROLD WORRALL	4	CYRIL VALENTINE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.
Conducted by DENIS MADDOCK.
First peal in the method as conductor.

STOKE POGES, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., July 13, 1960 in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Sir A. P. Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans' Four-part.
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.

MRS. A. D. BARKER	*Treble*	D. KENVYN WALTERS	5
WILFRED G. WILSON	2	ROLAND BIGGS	6
ARTHUR D. BARKER	3	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	7
*KENNETH BUCKINGHAM	4	WILLIAM HENLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR D. BARKER.
* First peal of Stedman.
Rung in memoriam Albert E. Lock, a member of the Guild for 54 years.

TODMORDEN, YORKSHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 13, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, CROSS STONE.
A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9¼ cwt. in A.

JOHN H. FIELDEN	*Treble*	PHILIP H. J. HUDSON	5
*COLIN R. MILTHORP	2	DEREK BUTTERWORTH	6
MICHAEL D. FISHWICK	3	*PETER SCHOLFIELD	7
*GEOFFREY CHEETHAM	4	DEREK OGDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.
* First peal in the method The 7th ringer has now 'circled the tower' with peals.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., July 14, 1960, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5056 ISLINGTON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER	*Treble*	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	5
RICHARD F. B. SPEED	2	ALICK CUTLER	6
JOAN BERESFORD	3	ALFRED J. HOUSE	7
JOHN R. MAYNE	4	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE	*Tenor*

Composed by RICHARD F. B. SPEED. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
The first peal in the method.

ESHER, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 16, 1960, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in A flat.

DEREK ASHRIDGE	*Treble*	*JOHN F. M. MAYBREY	5
CATHERINE M. POWELL	2	HAROLD A. MAY	6
STANLEY G. PONTING	3	FRANK OAKSHOTT	7
ALAN E. BAGWORTH	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First peal of Surprise. The conductor's 200th peal of Surprise Major (conducted 64).

ISLINGTON SURPRISE MAJOR
—38—4.58—12.38.14—14.3—36—5.
8ths place lead end. 4ths place bobs.

HERTFORD.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 16, 1960, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	*Treble*	PATRICIA M. BOURN	5
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	2	COLIN A. S. HARWOOD	6
J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE	3	EDWIN G. BUCK	7
GEORGE A. SPENCER	4	JACK S. DEAR	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 16, 1960, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's No. 1 variation. Tenor 22 cwt. 6 lb. in D.

ERNEST RAWSON	*Treble*	MARTIN C. FAULKES	5
A. MAXWELL LINDSEY	2	ALFRED BALLARD	6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	3	JOHN VERNON	7
*ELIZABETH A. WILCOX	4	FRANK LONG	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN VERNON.
* First peal of Stedman. First of Stedman Triples as conductor.
Rung for the marriage of Jennifer Mary Platt, daughter of the Rev. E. W. Platt, Vicar of St. Mary's, to Mr. John Newton Baker.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 16, 1960, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

ROLAND BIGGS	*Treble*	JOHN E. CAMP	5
E. DENNIS POOLE	2	*SYDNEY M. BAILEY	6
SHEILA WALLACE	3	DAVID A. CORNWALL	7
EDGAR G. SWIFT	4	ROGER G. HAZELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID A. CORNWALL.
* First peal of Triples.
Rung in memoriam A. E. Lock, of Abingdon.

LEYTON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION
On Sat., July 16, 1960, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in A flat.

AIDAN BOYACK	*Treble*	LEONARD FOX	5
LIONEL WOODS	2	DENNIS HEWITT	6
THOMAS HAWKINGS	3	CHARLES WILLMINGTON	7
*FREDERICK SYKES	4	BRIAN DOWNES	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by BRIAN DOWNS.
* First peal of Major. First peal as conductor.

MUCH WENLOCK, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 16, 1960, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

ROSALINE FARLOW	*Treble*	*JOHN MEADS	5
JOSEPH L. STANIER	2	HARRY POYNER	6
MARY C. POYNER	3	HARRY EDGE	7
ALFRED S. BAYLEY	4	REGINALD T. JONES	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by HARRY POYNER.
* First peal. Rung to mark the first anniversary of the induction of the Rev. E. W. R. David.

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 16, 1960, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

*PETER HUGHES	*Treble*	ROGER W. POWELL	5
VALERIE LEE	2	REGINALD H. NEWTON	6
RICHARD E. MORRIS	3	JOHN R. THOMAS	7
F. HECTOR BENNETT	4	COLIN SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by COLIN SMITH.
* First peal at first attempt.
Rung as a welcome to the Rev. M. O. Bolton, the new Vicar.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 16, 1960, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.

*RITA WEBB	*Treble*	J. JAMES JEFFERIES	5
†TERENCE J. MILSOM	2	‡JOHN R. C. TILEY	6
†ROBIN M. STUBBS	3	ROGER O. FRY	7
CEDRIC J. A. BROWN	4	ALAN F. LEE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ALAN F. LEE.
* First peal on eight bells. † First of Major. ‡ First peal.
First peal of Major as conductor.
Rung in memory of Harry Prout, who died on July 11th, 1960.

WICKEN, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 16, 1960, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

WILLIAM J. CHESTER	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. YATES	5
EDGAR J. SMITH	2	GEORGE E. GREEN	6
*CHARLES E. TRUMAN	3	GEORGE W. HOLLAND	7
†CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE	4	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Composed by J. S. WILDE. (C.C.C. 8.)
Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal of Major in the method. † First in the method 'inside.'

SIX BELL PEALS

FITTLEWORTH, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 11, 1960, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Kent T.B. and St. Clement's and five extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

RICHARD H. PICKERING	*Treble*	GEOFFREY C. RIX	4
BRYAN C. BURROUGH	2	E. WINIFRED KEYS	5
C. R. CHAD COUSSMAKER	3	BERNARD E. MATTHEWS	*Tenor*

Conducted by BERNARD E. MATTHEWS.
Rung for the ordination of Rev. Stephen Sidebotham, son of the Vicar of Fittleworth, to be curate of the Church of the Ascension, Bitterne Park.

SCARNING, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., July 3, 1960, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in E

ROBERT BUTTON	*Treble*	SAMUEL H. WATERFIELD	4
ALBERT E. DIXON	2	EDWARD HOWES	5
WILLIAM J. BAILEY	3	TONY OWEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by TONY OWEN.

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PETERBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., July 8, 1960, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being extents in seven variations. Tenor 8 cwt.

Gilbert Cowlin	*Treble*	Herbert Goakes	4
Joan Parker	2	Frank Boyall	5
John H. Bluff	3	Michael Parker	*Tenor*

Conducted by John H. Bluff.

The conductor has now 'completed the circle.'

Rung for the commencement of the centenary celebrations of this church.

ALDINGTON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 9, 1960, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Martin,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in F sharp.

John R. Cooper	*Treble*	Ralph Bird	4
Ian H. Oram	2	Crawford T. Hillis	5
Thomas Cullingworth	3	A. Patrick Cannon	*Tenor*

Conducted by Crawford T. Hillis.

First of Treble Bob as conductor

OLD GLOSSOP, DERBYSHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 9, 1960, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in four methods, (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Kent T.B., (3) and (4) Oxford T.B., (5) Plain Bob, (6) Kent T.B., (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 17½ cwt.

*Gordon Rumney	*Treble*	*John Robinson	4
Carol Fernley	2	Michael D. Fishwick	5
John P. Partington	3	William H. Dowse	*Tenor*

Conducted by William H. Dowse.

* First peal in four methods.

SELLINDGE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 9, 1960, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being an extent each of London, York, Norwich, Beverley, Surfleet, Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in A flat.

A. Patrick Cannon	*Treble*	Ian H. Oram	4
Ralph Bird	2	John R. Cooper	5
Crawford T. Hillis	3	Thomas Cullingworth	*Tenor*

Conducted by Ian H. Oram.

GORTON, MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., July 10, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
At the Unitarian Church, Brookfield,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 13¼ cwt.

Christine Livesey	*Treble*	Gorden Rumney	4
*E. Michael Quinn	2	†Brian Rumney	5
John Robinson	3	William H. Dowse	*Tenor*

Composed by William H. Dowse.

* First in the method. † First peal.

Rung as a 17th birthday compliment to Miss Christine Livesey and William H. Dowse.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION
On Mon., July 11, 1960, in 2 Hours 33 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 8 cwt.

*Ann Berry	*Treble*	David E. Culham	4
Urban W. Wildney	2	A. Edward Leggett	5
Frank B. Lufkin	3	Maurice E. Downs	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

* First peal. The ringer of 2 has now 'circled the tower.'

Rung as a compliment to John William Brown, ringer at Bocking, Essex, and Ann Cosette Lufkin, ringer at Kirby-le-Soken, whose engagement was announced the previous day.

WESTON-IN-GORDANO, SOMERSET.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND BRISTOL CATHEDRAL SCHOOL GUILD.
On Wed., July 13, 1960, in 2 Hours ond 39 Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of St. Clement's and six extents of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

*Jeffrey R. Goodenough	*Treble*	Cliff. J. Richards	4
†Michael J. Hobbs	2	Patrick J. Bird	5
Peter E. Parry	3	D. John Hunt	*Tenor*

Conducted by D. John Hunt.

* First peal. † First peal in two methods and 'inside.'

HEVERSHAM, WESTMORLAND.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., July 15, 1960, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being sever different extents. Tenor 16 cwt.

Dorothy Nelson	*Treble*	†John A. Wood	4
Lawrence D. Clement	2	‡William G. Wilson	5
*Peter Handley	3	George E. Braithwaite	*Tenor*

Conducted by George E. Braithwaite.

* First peal of Minor 'inside.' † First peal. ‡ First peal of Plain Bob Minor.

Rung as a farewell to the ringer of the 4th, who is leaving the District.

TWYFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 16, 1960, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's Oxford T.B., one 720 Kent T.B., four 720's Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr.

June Thomas	*Treble*	Ian G. Stracey	4
John Meredith	2	Ronald J. Hill	5
Roland H. Cook	3	Michael E. Stracey	*Tenor*

Conducted by Roland H. Cook.

The conductor's 75th peal.

GOODWORTH CLATFORD, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., July 17, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in eight methods: (1) Norwich, (2) London and Wells, (3) Beverley, (4) Surfleet, (5) York (6) Durham, (7) Cambridge. Tenor 10 cwt.

Ernest J. Munday	*Treble*	Reginald W. Rex	4
Hazel White	2	Reginald F. Crook	5
*Cherry White	2	Geoffrey K. Dodd	*Tenor*

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

* First peal of Minor. First in more than six Surprise Minor by all the band.

Rung as a farewell to Hazel and Cherry White, who are leaving the district to take up a teaching appointment in South London.

BENFIELDSIDE, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., July 18, 1960, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Cuthbert,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Beverley Surprise, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. C.C.C. Nos. 68, 154, 158, 64, 149, 151 and 54. Tenor 12 cwt.

Christopher T. Lamb	*Treble*	Kenneth W. Cheeseman	4
*John E. Anderson	2	J. Alan Ainsworth	5
George S. Deas	3	Eric N. Harrison	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

* First peal in 7 methods.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. Ian Robertson, who was recently inducted to this living.

HANDBELL PEALS

SOUTHWELL, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 2, 1960, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes,
In the Ringers' Room.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

42 extents, 10 different callings.

George E. Foster	1—2	Frederick G. Hooper	3—4
		*John R. Pratchett	5—6

Conducted by Frederick G. Hooper.

* First peal in hand.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., July 12, 1960, in 2 Hours and 2 Minutes.
At The Wayside, 150, Narborough Road South.
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Consisting of 1,472 Yorkshire, 1,408 Superlative and 2,176 Cambridge, with 134 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

John A. Acres	1—2	Alfred Ballard	5—6
Mrs. P. J. Staniforth	3—4	Peter J. Staniforth	7—8

Composed by Harold J. Poole. Conducted by Peter J. Staniforth.

First peal of Spliced Surprise on handbells for the Guild and first of Spliced Surprise 'in hand' by all the band. The previous peal was found to be false.

In memoriam Harold J. Poole (July 14th, 1955).

HALF PEALS

BATLEY, YORKS.—On July 7th, two extents each of Kent T.B. and Plain Bob Minor: Molly Hepworth 1, Shirley Mudd 2, R. Mudd 3, Christine Tattersall 4, J. Buckley 5, L. Sheard (cond.) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to the conductor.

LONDON, S.W.—On July 8th, at 121, Lillington Street, 3,600 Plain Bob Minor: M. P. Moreton (cond.) 1-2, M. V. Chilcott 3-4, Miss A. W. Shurcliff 5-6.

ADDERBURY, OXON.—On June 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Guntrip 1, M. Sayers 2, B. Davis 3, Mrs. A. Bennett 4, R. Reeves (cond.) 5, C. Guntrip 6. First quarter for 1, 2 and 6. Rung for Matins as an adieu to R. Reeves, on joining the R.A.F.

ALVESTON, GLOS.—On July 18th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Jean Palmer (first of Minor) 1, Rita M. Webb 2, Gloria M. Newton 3, B. K. Lewis 4, J. J. Jefferies 5, A. F. Lee (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble, and also to mark the birth of Susan, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. G. King.

AXMINSTER, DEVON.—On July 11th, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: F. Knight (first of Major) 1, Mrs. C. W. Powell 2, Hilda Oakshett 3, M. F. Oakshett 4, G. Olliffe (first in method) 5, H. G. Keeley 6, C. W. Powell 7, G. S. Morris (cond.) 8.

BATHAMPTON, SOMERSET.—On June 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Scot Watson 1, Miss J. Crees 2, Miss B. White 3, R. Stubbs 4, W. J. Prescott (cond.) 5, R. Stubbs 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memoriam Miss M. Gooding.

BRISTOL.—On July 12th, at the Church of St. Michael-on-the-Mount, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. J. Osmond (first quarter) 1, J. A. Bennett 2, G. Locke 3, P. E. Parry 4, B. Huddleston (cond.) 5, C. Abbott 6. Also at the Cathedral, on July 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: I. Buckland 1, M. J. Hobbs 2, H. N. Evans 3, J. Goodenough 4, C. J. Richards (cond.) 5. Rung on the back five. First quarter by pupils of Bristol Cathedral School.

BROCKENHURST, HANTS.—On July 15th, 1,260 Doubles (120 each of St Simon's, Plain Bob, St. Martin's, Reverse Canterbury, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Spliced Stedman and Grandsire, 240 Grandsire and 300 Stedman): Miss A. J. Knight 1, Miss G. Hussey 2, M. D. G. Northway 3, C. M. White 4, A. W. Fry (cond.) 5, R. H. Hussey 6.

BUCKLEY, FLINTS.—On July 11th, 1,312 Double Norwich Bob Major: G. F. Sperring 1, F. R. Evans 2, Miss R. J. Seabright 3, J. S. Dean 4, J. W. Griffiths (cond.) 5, D. H. B. Millward 6, C. Gudgeon 7, P. Swindley 8.

BURES, SUFFOLK.—On July 16th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: E. C. Hynard 1, Mrs. L. Mills 2, Miss E. Cansdale 3, Miss J. Spurgin 4, C. Bower 5, D. Brooks 6, L. D. Mills 7, D. L. Mills (cond.) 8. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the conductor.

CHALFONT ST. GILES, BUCKS.—On July 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. Sapwell (first quarter first attempt) 1, B. Edwards 2, B. A. Cracknell (cond.) 3, Mrs. Pamela S. Cracknell 4, P. Atkins 5, J. Onians 6. For Evensong and as a farewell to the treble ringer, who is leaving the district after 2 years at Newland Park College. Also on July 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. Bonam 1, Mrs. P. S. Cracknell 2, T. Bonam (first quarter 'inside' at first attempt) 3, B. A. Cracknell (cond.) 4, P. Atkins 5, B. Edwards 6. For Evensong and as a farewell to the ringers of 1 and 3 who are shortly leaving the district.

CHALFONT ST. PETER, BUCKS.—On July 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. G. Swift (cond.) 1, Mrs. E. G. Swift 2, Miss E. L. Badcock 3, M. G. Swift 4, P. G. Badcock 5, E. J. Briden 6. Rung half-muffled for Mrs. J. J. Williams. Also on July 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. G. Swift 1, Mrs. E. G. Swift 2, Miss E. L. Badcock 3, P. G. Badcock 4, C. J. Shepherd (cond.) 5, M. G. Swift 6. Rung in memoriam Mr. A. E. Lock, of Abingdon.

CORSTON, Nr. BATH.—On July 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Elford 1, Miss J. Battin 2, C. J. A. Brown 3, S. C. King 4, H. L. Parfrey 5, F. Pike 6. Conducting shared between 3 and 5. Rung as a farewell to the tenor ringer, who is now living at Uplyme.

DENHOLME, YORKS.—On July 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: S. Corson (first quarter) 1, Beryl Abbott 2, A. E. Stamp 3, N. Dyson 4, C. B. Dove (cond.) 5, G. D. Armitage 6.

EDINBURGH.—At St. Mary's Cathedral, on June 11th, 1,275 Stedman Caters: H. F. Sargent 1, Miss L. Beevers 2, Miss M. Wilson 3, R. S. Wilson 4, Miss K. Branson 5, E. Boumphrey 6, A. Sharples 7, W. H. Pickett (cond.) 8, A. W. Lloyd 9, A. Best 10. Rung as a compliment to the conductor, who is shortly leaving the district.

QUARTER PEALS

ELVEDON, SUFFOLK.—On July 10th, at Elvedon Parish Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: H. Ivings 1, June E. Wright (first quarter on 8 bells and first attempt) 2, Mrs. H. Ivings 3, Miss D. M. Reeve 4, J. Ivings 5, L. Wright 6, E. Nice 7, J. W. Paul (cond.) 8. Rung for Matins.

EPSOM, SURREY.—At Christ Church, on July 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Carolyn D. Cockman, 1, D. Herschell 2, G. A. Cockman 3, Adrienne Gibson 4, D. J. F. Oakshott 5, N. D. J. Webb 6, F. Oakshott (cond.) 7, K. Ward 8. For Confirmation service.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On July 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Luff (first quarter) 1, Miss S. Curtis 2, C. W. Denyer 3, D. Elsmore (first 'inside') 4, S. Meadows 5, E. J. Wells (cond.) 6, R. North 7, J. W. Marr 8. For Evensong.

FOLKESTONE, KENT.—On July 14th, at the Church of St. Mary and St. Eanswythe, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Welland 1, Miss E. Hough 2, Miss M. Bryant 3, Miss V. Godderidge 4, J. Binfield 5, T. Anderson (cond.) 6, A. Berry 7, J. Welland 8. Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Rev. Canon J. F. and Mrs. Hough.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On July 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. H. Napper 1, C. J. Garlick 2, G. W. Bishop 3, D. R. Bosley 4, C. Corderoy 5, M. Bishop (cond.) 6, W. Corderoy 7, L. F. Cox 8. Rung half-muffled as last tribute to Albert E. Lock, whose funeral took place at Abingdon, earlier in the day. Also on July 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. J. Waldron (first quarter) 1, H. K. White 2, Miss M. Thomas 3, J. H. Napper 4, C. J. Garlick 5, M. Bishop (cond.) 6, H. L. Bishop 7, L. F. Cox 8. Rung on the occasion of the 90th birthday of George Warwick, a former ringer at this tower.

HULL, YORKS.—At Holy Trinity, on July 2nd, 1,387 Grandsire Cinques: W. E. Critchley (cond.) 1, W. F. Moreton 2, P. Woodward 3, H. Scott 4, D. Cubitt 5, J. A. D. Woolford 6, K. Park 7, G. Townend 8, J. E. Kirby 9, I. M. Holland 10, R. E. Price 11, D. Johnson 12. First quarter peal on the augmented bells.

HUYTON, LANCS.—At 'Brentwood,' Skip Lane, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: W. G. Wilson (first in hand) 1-2, W. J. Couperthwaite 3-4. A birthday compliment to the mother of the ringer of 3-4.

IVER, BUCKS.—On July 17th, 1,260 Doubles (720 Grandsire, 540 Plain Bob): D. G. Rowlands 1, Rosalind Hicks 2, W. D. Ward 3, A. K. Fortin 4, W. Birmingham (cond.) 5, H. Chadwell (first attempt for a quarter) 6. A compliment to the Rev. David Croad (till recently curate of this parish), on his marriage to Miss Felicity Collins, in London, on July 16th.

KINGSWINFORD, STAFFS.—On July 7th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: T. Williams (first quarter) 1, D. Downing 2, T. Fasey (first of Triples 'inside') 3, C. F. Jukes 4, A. E. Morgan 5, R. A. Peakman 6, D. N. Layton (cond.) 7, F. Preston 8. Rung as part of the Festival of Music and Drama week.

LONG ASHTON, SOMERSET.—On July 13th, 1,344 London Surprise Major: J. A. Bennett 1, Joan Gray 2, Elisabeth Bowden 3, D. C. Exell 4, D. E. Cobb 5, B. A. Shackleton 6, R. G. Hooper 7, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 8. First of London Major for 1, 6 and 7. A welcome to Stephen George Yeo, born on July 4th.

LONDON.—At St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, on July 10th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: B. J. Luck 1, D. C. Chatfield 2, G. A. Parsons 3, T. H. Holmes 4, T. C. Phillimore 5, H. Clark 6, J. W. Euston 7, D. A. Chapman (cond.) 8. For morning prayer.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On July 10th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: G. S. Morris (cond.) 1, M. F. Oakshett 2, Hilda Oakshett 3, Mrs. C. W. Powell 4, G. Olliffe 5, H. G. Keeley 6, R. Keeley 7, C. W. Powell 8. For Evensong.

MINETY, WILTS.—On June 22nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. J. Westmacott 1, F. W. Soden 2, W. J. Dixon 3, M. C. F. Collett 4, T. J. H. Prince 5, T. W. Timms (cond.) 6. Believed to be the first quarter of Minor since the bells were rehung and augmented to six.

NORTHENDEN MANCHESTER.—On July 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. P. Ward 1, Pamela Buzza 2, P. Banks 3, F. Gates 4, R. Benson (cond.) 5, R. Bagguley 6. First of Grandsire for 1, 2, 3 and 6. Rung as a compliment to the ringer of the 3rd, on the occasion of his forthcoming marriage.

OSPRINGE, KENT.—On July 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (6 and 8 covering): A. Terry 1, F. Pack 2, B. R. Jemmett 3, F. C. Farnsworth 4, E. T. Eades (cond.) 5, G. Nicholson 6, N. Tumber 8. For Confirmation service.

PENHOW, MON.—On July 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jacqueline King 1, T. Yeoman 2, Shirley Parsons 3, D. Llewellyn 4, I. Page (first quarter) 5, D. King (cond.) 6.

RADLEY, BERKS.—On July 17th, 1,380 Doubles (660 Grandsire, 720 Plain Bob): R. A. Vere Hodge (first on a working bell) 1, R. J. Crawfurd 2, D. J. Pollard 3, R. N. Grange 4, Miss M. R. Cross (cond.) 5, C. D. Vere Hodge (first on a working bell) 6. Rung in grateful memory for the life and work of Albert E. Lock, of Abingdon.

RADYR, GLAM.—On May 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Upsdell (first quarter) 1, Janet Harvey 2, T. T. Lewis 3, N. Lamping 4, B. Taylor 5, J. Goodfellow (cond.) 6.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On July 17th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Miss E. Hatch 1, G. Sandwell 2, Miss V. Hester 3, F. May 4, W. Ellis 5, R. Tomlin 6, M. Hallett 7, A. House (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

SALISBURY, WILTS.—On July 15th, at St. Thomas' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. A. Roles 1, H. Abrahams (cond.) 2, I. Ann Abrahams 3, Ann M. Sweeney 4, Margaret R. Page 5, E. C. Read 6, L. A. Page 7, B. J. Lawes 8. Rung with bells half-muffled to the memory of Mr. Harry Prout, an esteeed member of this tower, whose funeral took place this day.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKS.—On June 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (6, 7, 8 covering): V. H. Nash 1, Miss J. Robinson 2, V. A. Hemming 3, Mrs. B. Park 4, B. D. Partridge 5, D. A. H. Bennett 6, I. Kent 7, J. Maybury 8. Jointly conducted by 2 and 3. First quarter 6, 7, 8.

SKILLINGTON, LINCS.—On July 16th, 1,320 April Day, Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. M. Pinchbeck 1, P. Slight 2, C. Nokes 3, F. Pinchbeck 4, E. Cole (cond.) 5. A 21st birthday compliment to Peter A. Hill.

SOUTH PETHERTON, SOMERSET.—On July 16th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: W. H. G. Monckton 1, G. Gaylard 2, F. Welch 3, G. E. Monckton 4, J. E. Looker 5, H. E. G. Jeanes 6, J. T. Locke 7, H. J. Gaylard (cond.) 8. A birthday compliment to Mr. W. H. G. Monckton.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On July 10th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: K. Bodicoat 1, D. J. Bodicoat 2, Mrs. B. G. Warwick 3, B. G. Warwick 4, B. M. Smith (first as cond.) 5, D. W. Stenson 6. For Evensong.

STAINES, MIDDX.—At St. Mary's Church, on July 18th, 1,344 Plain Bob Triples: Carol O'Kelly (first of Triples) 1, D. Boniface 2, E. Skipsey 3, R. Shepherd (cond.) 4, Margaret Gibson 5, C. Fynes 6, M. Bartlett (first 'inside') 7, D. Pickett 8. First of Bob Triples for 2 and 5.

STOKE ROCHFORD, LINCS.—On July 16th, 1,260 April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. M. Pinckbeck 1, F. Pinchbeck 2, P. Slight 3, C. Nokes 4, E. Coles (first as cond.) 5. First in 3 Double methods by 3 and 4.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—At St. Thomas' Church, on July 17th 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: M. D. Fellows (first in method) 1, Mrs. R. Smith 2, Barbara Stephens 3, P. W. Webb 4, F. V. Nicholls 5, M. T. Sprackling 6, D. H. Watson 7, R. Smith (cond.) 8. First 'inside' in method 3 and 6. Rung by Sunday service band for Evensong, and as a farewell to Dr. M. T. Sprackling, who is leaving the district.

TENTERDEN, KENT.—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mary Meynell 1, Kathleen M. Yeo (cond.) 2, Violet I. E. Relf 3, W. P. Tickner 4, P. Relf 5, E. Stanger 6. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Cecil H. Ballard, ringer for over 30 years at Tenterden and former captain.

WANTAGE, BERKS.—On July 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. White 1, I. Stoter 2, K. Leach 3, A. R. Wood 4, D. Stoter 5, H. White (first in method as cond.) 6. First in method for 2, 4 and 5. Believed to be the first quarter in the method on the bells by a local band.

WARMLEY, GLOS.—On July 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: I. G. Smith (first quarter) 1, Myra J. Wilkins 2, M. J. Hobbs 3, Rita M. Webb 4, A. W. Gibbs (cond.) 5, B. K. Lewis 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Greta White, wife of the organist of this church. Also on July 10th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: Jean Palmer 1, Myra J. Wilkins 2, B. K. Lewis 3, A. W. Gibbs (cond.) 4, I. G. Smith 5. First and last quarter of Minimus for all.

WIDCOMBE, BATH.—On July 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Crees 1, Mrs. P. Newman 2, Miss D. Barrett 3, R. S. M. Stubbs 4, H. C. Newman (cond.) 5, P. R. Stubbs 6. A farewell compliment to Miss D. Barrett.

WINSHILL, DERBYS.—On June 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Margaret Mitchell 1, J. K. Smith 2, G. Lester 3, F. Fretwell 4, W. Elliot 5, A. G. Foster (cond.) 6. For the Deanery Festival service.

CHRIST CHURCH, SWINDON

An early start was made by ringers and friends of Christ Church, Swindon, on their annual outing on June 25th, and with the promise of fine weather the coach was soon rolling towards this year's venue—five towers in Hampshire.

The Church of St. Mary, Twyford (8, 11 cwt.) was first visited and the day's ringing began with touches in various standard methods and a good course of London Major. A fair eight awaited us at SS. Peter and Paul, Fareham (14 cwt.), where an enjoyable hour's ringing was had. A short ride brought us to, perhaps, the most eagerly awaited stop of all, namely lunch at a roadhouse in Portchester.

Various glimpses of the sea told us that our furthest point was soon to be reached and everyone was looking forward to the climax of the day's ringing at Portsmouth Cathedral. Here, however, the key did not turn up until five minutes before we were due to leave and it was suggested that in future the Manual of the College of Campanology should contain a paper on memory training.

Arriving at St. Mary's, Portsea (8, 17 cwt), we found the bells up after being used for a wedding and we were happy to ring while the photographs were being taken in the churchyard below. The spacious ringing chamber, perfect circle and the tone and 'go' of the bells impressed us all and here again there was something for everyone: another course of London being among the methods rung.

An excellent tea was served us at Portsmouth and after listening to tape recordings taken during the day and a 'wash and brush up,' we set off for what was the last tower and the novelty of the day, the light ring of ten (9 cwt.), at North Stoneham. These bells were soon speeding along to a touch of Grandsire Caters, after which Stedman Caters and a half course of Cambridge Royal were successfully brought round.

Home was reached at 11 o'clock but not before everyone had voted the outing a huge success and had voiced three cheers for Eric Sutton in appreciation of his faultless organisation.

C. J. R.

OUTINGS

BLEWBURY, BERKS

On July 2nd Blewbury ringers and friends toured the Watford area on the occasion of their annual outing, ringing at Hemel Hempstead, King's Langley, Bushey and Bushey Heath, with a final call on the way home at Burnham, Bucks.

Methods rung were: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob, with call changes and rounds for the learners.

Worthy of special mention is Ernie Garrard who, unable to be with us in the morning, made the journey to Bushey by rail to join us for the afternoon and evening.

We were glad to note that one peal conductor in the party managed to stay awake all day when ringing, although he had to make five attempts to bring round a bob course of Stedman, at Burnham!

HENBURY, BRISTOL

The Wye Valley was invaded by 12 Henbury ringers and friends in a minibus on July 2nd. Slimbridge, with its well kept belfry, and Newent, with its tenor of disputed weight, provided good appetites for lunch at Ross. Next, a drive down the Wye Valley stopping at Monmouth for a ring on the fine Rudhall eight at St. Briavels, where good views of the surrounding countryside compensated for the unfavourable attributes of the bells for good ringing.

Tea, followed by a ring on the fine ring at Chepstow, brought us to our last tower, Lydney, and a good local welcome. Thanks go to all incumbents and tower captains, and to George Locke for organising a splendid outing.

A. B.

APSLEY, HERTS

June 25th dawned drizzly but the party assembled at 6.30 a.m. were nothing daunted. Picking up the St. Albans contingent and various others en route (the last member joining the coach at Newmarket), handbells were soon tapping along merrily. Wymondham was reached by 10 o'clock, the party being met by Mr. H. Tooke and other local ringers, who had kindly raised bells which were much enjoyed.

The next objective was the new ring at Great Yarmouth, where the Rev. A. G. Thurlow extended a hearty welcome. Being a little late it was greatly appreciated that the bells had been raised by the Rev. G. Galley. Rounds, Grandsire Cinques and three leads of Treble Twelve had to be sufficient as it was lunch time.

Back to Norwich where Mr. Gowing was ready at St. Michael's, Coslany, to take charge of the party. From St. Michael's to St. George's, Colegate, where the Rev. Gordon Paget greeted the ringers. Then to St. Giles', led by our worthy guide, where again local ringers were in attendance. A splendid tea was then enjoyed at the Bedford Buttery.

A lovely run back to Newmarket to find the bells of St. Mary's ready, with Mr. R. Heath and other local ringers in attendance. Many methods including Spliced were rung. It was a tired but contented party that arrived back at Apsley soon after midnight.

Thanks are due to the incumbents and ringers who met the party and last, but not least, to Mr. B. Love, who was so helpful in making the Norwich arrangements.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On July 17th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: J. L. Gray 1, A. S. Burbidge 2, M. G. Ingram 3, D. T. Finnemore 4, D. R. Ingram 5, A. Short 6, E. J. Franklin (cond.) 7, J. W. Pettigrew 8, R. C. Ingram 9, D. J. Atherley (first of Caters) 10. For Evensong and also as a 21st birthday compliment to Mr. B. Downie, at present serving in H.M. Forces, in Aden.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Miss A. W. Shurcliff, daughter of the late Mrs. Shurcliff, of Boston, U.S.A., who was a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, is on holiday in this country. She rang in a half peal ('in hand') of Plain Bob Minor, on July 8th, in London, with Mr. Michael P. Moreton and Mr. M. V. Chilcott.

Two rings of bells in North Wales are to be restored—Barmouth and Beaumaris.

The first quarter on the bells of Holy Trinity, Hull, since being augmented to 12, was rung on July 2nd.

The recast bells of St. Michael's, Aldershot, were rededicated by the Archdeacon of Surrey, on Saturday, July 16th. Practice is as usual on Fridays.

Bells will be heard prior to the morning service to be broadcast at 9.45 on Sunday, August 7th, in the Home Service, from St. Mary's Church, Westerham, Kent. The service will be conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. P. P. Kirwin; the Master of the ringers is J. S. Igglesden.

The Executive Committee of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association have appointed Mr. W. H. Trueman, of Swindon, the immediate past master, to carry out the duties of Master until the next annual meeting following the lamented death of Mr. Frank Skidmore.

The peal at Bradley, Bilston, Staffs, while being the first on the recast bells was not the first rung in the tower. There was a peal rung in this tower 53 years ago. Mr. William Davies is the first member of the local band, formed after the installation of the recast ring, to ring a peal.

The fine sonorous ring at St. Hilda's, South Shields, evidently has a powerful attraction to beings other than ringers for during both a recent meeting and the peal of Rutland Surprise Major, on July 11th, a dog has bounded up and after a few preliminary barks has either howled at or with the bells for about three minutes. Fortunately the peal ringers, used as they are to ships' sirens, fire engines and small boys throwing stones at this tower, refused to be put off.

One time ringer at St. Andrew's, Hagbourne, Mr. George Warwick celebrated his 90th birthday on July 14th. To mark the occasion the local band rang a quarter peal. This over, George accompanied by the Vicar, the Rev. H. A. Smith-Masters, walked down with the band to the Fleur-de-Lys, to celebrate the occasion and to talk over old times, especially the peal George rang in 1905.

The number of Grandsire in the peal of Spliced Caters, at Wakefield, on June 25th (see page 474), was 4,211 not 4,213.

Pipe's Pilgrims start their 1960 tour next Sunday. The itinerary includes North Lancashire, the Lake District, Tyneside, Durham, and Yorkshire.

Mr. Albert J. Hughes, of Bangor, is, we are glad to learn, fairly well again after a very rough time. He extends his grateful thanks to ringing friends who have written to him during his long illness.

The quarter peal at Penhow, Mon, on July 16th, rung after an attempt for a peal of Bob Minor had come to grief towards the end of the third extent, was Ivan J. Page's first quarter. Ivan, who is from Melbourne, Australia, and is at present working in England, rang very well at his first peal attempt.

Mr. W. H. Hibbert, of Reading, writes commending the work being done by Mr. and Mrs. Pares and another ringer working at the A.W.R.E., Aldermaston, in training at least 20 youngsters to ring at Kingsclere, Hants. He hopes to make another trip to Kingsclere before the winter sets in to watch the progress of a tower from 'no ringing' to a local band able to ring for both Sunday services and a practice night every Thursday.

On July 13th the first peal was rung for the Bristol Cathedral School Guild at Weston-in-Gordano. The band comprised three pupils, two masters, and one old boy. Also on July 16th the first quarter peal was rung by a complete band of pupils from the school—Grandsire Doubles on the back five at the Cathedral.

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"M" continued

MUFFLED (continued)

Two particular instances can be quoted where special attention was given to control noise of the bells by muffling as the churches are situated in built-up areas. Firstly, the two striking sides of the ball of the clapper were holed and threaded to receive a hard rubber insert, which protruded slightly above the face of the clapper—the effect was that the rubber contacted the metal of the bell first and sufficiently deadened the impact of the clapper to produce a much quieter though not precisely muffled sound. Secondly, to obviate the bad striking at learner stage an ingenious idea was adopted by using cut up motor car tyres. A hole was made through the centre of the tread which fitted over the flight of the clapper and lengths of tyre on both sides fitted over the ball with the ends secured around the shank of the clapper. This produced such a muffled note that it was hardly audible, and moreover, when the learners had finished and the normal practice followed, open ringing was achieved by merely quarter turning the tyre around the ball of the clapper.

"N"

NATURAL COURSE END.—This indicates a course end which is produced naturally, i.e., without interference by calls, but its use and application is more restricted to the proving of compositions.

The following touch of Plain Bob Major—

2345678	W	B	M	H
3526478		1		
2345678	—		—	

would, by the use of Natural Course Ends, be set out as—

W	B	M	H
2345678	—3526478	3526478	3526478
—6325478	6325478	—2345678	2345678

You will notice that 78 are shown throughout with the tenors together at course ends and in their home positions their presence is so obvious that in practice they are not shown. You will also notice that when writing the natural course ends the figures repeat until a call affects the coursing order.

Eventually, you will come across a composition with one or more course ends in brackets —it means that that particular course end is not actually rung at all because, owing to the construction of the method, the call immediately prior prevents it.

NOMENCLATURE.—Much thought has been given in the past to the matter of naming methods, simply, of course, for identification and classification purposes. A collection of methods was prepared in 1935 for the Methods Committee of the Central Council by the late J. Armiger Trollope and the late Ernest C. S. Turner, and this has been accepted by the Exercise. Whilst the Central Council declines to interfere with any individual ringer giving a name to a new method, it does urge the extreme importance of choosing suitable names, and the principle is to choose place names.

NOTATION.—By far the easiest and simplest way to set out a method is by Place Notation, and the printed collection of Surprise Major methods by the late Andrew J. Corrigan is the best known work using this principle. You will also see methods given by Notation from time to time in 'The Ringing World,' usually at the foot of a peal column. To work out a method from Notation, in addition to the Places given you need only to know one thing more—whether it is a seconds or some other Place Group method at the lead end. Then, to get a line diagram, you follow A. J. Corrigan's instructions, quoting 'When writing down a plain lead from place notation use paper ruled in ¼ inch squares and fill in the path of the treble before starting on the working bells.'

SERVANTS OF THE EXERCISE – No. 31



THE REV. K. W. H. FELSTEAD,
Winchester Diocesan Guild.

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead is undoubtedly the statistician of the Exercise, and his 'Points from Peals' articles, which appear in this journal from time to time, are most helpful and interesting. He has a flair for collecting data and has built up a monumental record of about 110,000 peals, and the towers in which they were rung. His card index system must be a most efficient one—and a mine of information. He has willed it to the Central Council, but it is to be hoped that it will be a long time before this body comes into possession!

Mr. Felstead is convener of the Methods Committee, and a few years ago this committee produced a tremendous report to the Council, which revealed that long and arduous work had been done. It is doubtful whether the recent report of the Sunday Service Ringing Survey Committee was so long. Certainly the Council and the Exercise have cause to be grateful to him and his committee for the very efficient way they did their job. Mr. Felstead is a very popular figure at Council meetings, and after the main meeting, when all can relax, he is to be seen as the life and soul of the party. He is a good musician and the possessor of a good voice.

Although he first learned to ring at Beighton, Derbyshire, about 1934, he did not become very active until he moved to Southampton. He was a contemporary of Paul Taylor, at Sheffield University, and did a little ringing at Handsworth, Sheffield. When he arrived at Southampton, it was not long before George Williams took him in hand, and Mr. Felstead's regret is that he never rang a peal with this wonderful man. His first peal was rung on Easter Monday, 1945, and being a busy parson he has not had the time to build up a large peal total. What he has done, however, is to go for variety, and out of his total of 74 peals, 54 have been on 10 or more bells. He has rung 11 different Surprise Royal methods, and the 20 peals rung on 6 and 8 bells are in 14 different methods. He took part in a peal of 6,400 Cambridge Major, with tenors together and 6th place bob, and a peal of Spliced Surprise Royal in four methods. The other peals of Surprise Royal include several methods rung for the first time.

As Vicar of the important Church of St. Michael, Southampton, he is unquestionably a very busy man—but like all busy men he can always find time to do a little more for our benefit, and the Exercise will always be grateful to him not only for his useful work, but because he inspired the augmentation, from 8 to 10 bells, at St. Michael's, which is a first class ring.

JAFUS.

ST. MARY'S, HORNSEY

Only the tower remains of Hornsey Parish Church and in that tower is the only ring of bells in the borough. Both the tower and the bells are worth preserving (states 'The Hornsey Journal') if only to satisfy sentiment, but it was sad to hear it reported at the last meeting of Hornsey Borough Council that the Church Council of the Parish Church were no longer going to use the tower for bellringing.

This decision was bound up with the high cost of repairing the tower, towards which the Borough Council had already agreed in principle to give a grant.

The editorial continues: 'We feel confident that the Borough Council will see to it that the tower is saved, even if the money is not forthcoming to keep the bells ringing. There are those who say that every effort should be made to save the bells as well: and at a time when more money than ever before is being spent on personal luxuries, it is regrettable that the public as individuals cannot be moved to give what is necessary to preserve the only amenity of its kind within the borough.'

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD

A quarterly meeting of the St. Martin's Guild was held at Shirley, on July 2nd.

The bells are a light octave (tenor 6¼ cwt.) and were rung to suit all tastes from rounds to Spliced Surprise Major. An excellent tea had been prepared by the Shirley ringers, and thanks were expressed to the organisers, Mr. V. A. Henming and Miss Judy Robinson.

The Master, Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd, occupied the chair at the meeting and commenced the proceedings by welcoming two visitors—Miss Anne Bullard and Mr. George Morris, of Malvern. The following resident members were elected: Margaret A. Turner, Erdington; Vivienne A. Neal, Packwood; Averill J. Bell, Cedric J. A. Goy and Robert A. Jones, of Hampton-in-Arden, and Victor B. Furber, of Handsworth.

The tower elections, as life members, of the following, were duly ratified: Penelope Sedgwick, and Beryl Cawser, of Lichfield; Philip H. Tocock, Oxford; Philip Mehew, Stotfold; Philip Tubbs, Taunton; Philip Walker, Oxford, and Philip Walker, of Rotherham. The preponderance of the name 'Philip' is the result of the 'Philip' peal rung at Birmingham Cathedral a few weeks ago.

For the place of the October meeting, Yardley, Aston and Boldmere were each proposed, and upon being put to the vote Aston was chosen.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The Eastern Branch visited Happisburgh, on the Norfolk coast, for a meeting on July 9th. The service was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. H. R. Chisnell, and after a splendid tea the business meeting was presided over by the branch chairman, Mr. E. R. Goate.

The members heard the glad news that the Association president, Mr. F. Nolan Golden, was out of hospital and making good progress after his recent operation and the branch secretary was instructed to send a suitable message of best wishes.

Mr. A. Cooper and Miss G. Wilson, probationers of Gorleston, were elected to full ringing membership as was Miss C. Sadd, of Happisburgh. Mr. P. Banthorpe and Miss A. Hannant were elected probationary members and Mr. A. Mason a ringing member; all these last mentioned belonged to the Happisburgh company.

The Association secretary, Mr. W. Love, gave details of the progress of the Memorial Fund for the late Mr. C. V. Ebberson and Mr. H. W. Barrett gave a brief account of the Central Council meeting, at Folkestone.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar, the organist, M. Hewitt Gibson, and Mr. G. Larter, of the local company and the ladies for organising the tea.

TRURO FESTIVAL IN DEVON



THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN OF TOURS, WERRINGTON.

The Diocesan festival was held at Werrington, on July 9th. Werrington is one of the three parishes in the Truro Diocese situated in the county of Devon, and is about two miles from Launceston.

The Vicar, Rev. W. N. Williams, is keen on his bells, a noble ring of eight, tenor 14¼ cwt., and this is the second festival held in his church this summer. In his sermon at the service he spoke of the Church being the body of Christ, and said that if a limb of a human body were not functioning properly the whole body suffered, so with the Church, if any part of the Church did not function the whole Church suffered, and applying it to bells, if at a church possessing bells they were not rung before service, the offering at that church was not complete and that particular church suffered in consequence.

A sumptuous tea was provided in the Church Hall at which the Diocesan secretary thanked the Vicar and all his workers for their hospitality. He also mentioned that having been secretary for 30 years he would be retiring next February and the Guild must find a successor. Thirty years is a long time, but nothing to that of a ringer from Callington, who was being presented with a long service certificate for having been a ringer for over sixty years.

St. Martin's Church, Werrington, replaced a former one which stood in Werrington Park. It was built in 1740 and is an unusual structure. It has three towers, the bell tower and two other small towers built solid and crowned with pinnacles. It also has two family pews reached by spiral staircases, one over the vestry and one over the south porch, but these are now blocked off. Outside are niches all round containing statues of the apostles, also a carving in stone depicting a scene from the life of St. Martin.

There were over seventy ringers present at the festival, including Mr. A. Carveth (president), Mr. D. Burnett (Ringing Master) and the Rev. A. S. Roberts (vice-president). The ringers came from all over the Diocese, some as far away as Penzance and Constantine, and there were several visitors. Eight of the neighbouring towers were open for ringing, the most intriguing being Boyton with five bells. These bells were silent for many years and the ringing chamber used to store coke. Due to the energies of the Guild president and a few others they were made ringable again, but they are a strange ring. The tenor, according to Dove, is 7 cwt., but feels like 27, and the fourth sounds like a spring gong in a dining room clock. Bob Minimus was rung but no one attempted turning the tenor. The contortions of those ringing amused the bystanders, but no one would wish to ring there for long, and it would be impossible to teach anyone to ring on them, though there is a local band.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

North-West District

The Surrey Association received its usual warm welcome when the quarterly district meeting was held at Walton-on-Thames, on July 2nd. Ringing in the afternoon was a little unusual in that the sixth bell had no clapper, but apart from this all went along smoothly. The Rev. J. M. Evans conducted the Association's form of service, at 4.30, and tea followed in the Church Hall, which had been prepared by Mrs. Lathbury and Miss Shorter, assisted by the local young ladies.

The highlight of the business meeting was the report of the tower representatives, who had met to discuss a scheme to help towers struggling in the first stages of change ringing. The report was adopted and the secretary instructed to proceed with organising the scheme. Ringing continued at Oatlands Park.

MIDLAND RINGERS IN NORTH OXON

The South Derbyshire and North Leicestershire Association held their annual outing on June 25th, when 37 members travelled by coach into North Oxfordshire.

At 7 a.m. the coach left Castle Donington and proceeded via Shardlow, Aston-on-Trent and Alvaston to pick up waiting members. Everyone was on time and the party soon headed for Leicester and eventually Banbury.

Towers visited were all around this lovely old market town, and included Somerton (6), Lower Heyford (6), Sandford (6), and Great Tew with its beautiful ring of eight. A picnic lunch was taken at Hopcroft's Holt and tea in Banbury. The weather was perfect and all went as planned, thanks to the Association secretary, Mr. Reg Barker.

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION

This year's annual meeting of the Scottish Association was held at St. James' Church, Paisley, and the bells were available from early afternoon. The ringing arrangements were under the direction of the Ringing Master, Mr. Harry Sargent, of Glasgow, and it varied from rounds to Cambridge and Double Norwich.

The minister of St. James' Church conducted a service in church, which preceded the business meeting, when we were pleased to have with us the president, Mr. Ernest Stafford, also of Glasgow, who has been seriously ill and unable to ring for some months. In his report the secretary stated that the Association's new peal book was available for inspection. He also mentioned that Mr. Pickett was shortly to retire and leave Scotland. He would be greatly missed as he had done much for the Association during the years he had been in Scotland, being an officer for 18 years, and a regular ringer, first at St. Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow, and later at St. Mary's, Edinburgh. Another loss to ringing in Scotland, before the next annual meeting, would be Mr. Lloyd, who was returning to live in the south. The treasurer's report showed that the funds of the Association stood, at the end of last year, at over £41, the largest balance in the Association's history.

The Ringing Master's report was enthusiastically received and it was clear to everyone that Mr. Harry Sargent had the gift of presenting a factual report in a light and humorous way. The Master was unwilling to remain in office, but the members were more unwilling to accept his resignation and he was obliged to stay in office—no doubt members were looking forward to hearing his report for 1961. Because of ill-health Mr. Stafford was anxious to resign as president and Miss A. I. Whitson, of Edinburgh, was unanimously elected in his place. The secretary, treasurer and Central Council representative were re-elected. It was agreed to try and arrange meetings for the coming year at Alloa and Dunblane in October, Dundee in February, 1961, and the annual meeting at St. Mary's, Glasgow.

A vote of thanks to the officials for services rendered ended the meeting and members were then entertained to tea by the St. James' Society. Afterwards a very warm vote of thanks was extended to Mrs. Caldwell, the local tower secretary, who had spared no efforts in providing a first class meal. More ringing followed for those who were able to stay.

R. W.

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

Since July, 1960, when the bells of Hutton Cranswick, East Yorks, were dedicated by the Archbishop of York, after being recast at the Whitechapel foundry, the Beverley and District Society have held an anniversary meeting at this tower. The Vicar (the Rev. G. Storer) worked hard for this augmentation and rarely a day passes when a hymn tune is not played on the bells either by the Vicar of his assistant, Miss M. Elliott.

At the meeting on July 16th four of the members, who rang in the first touch after the dedication of the bells, were present. An excellent tea, aptly described by Mr. H. Parker (Bridlington) as 'a feast of home cooking' had been provided by the Vicar, and ringing, which included Cambridge and Beverley Surprise Minor, continued until 9 p.m.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SPLIT-MIND HANDBELL RINGING

Dear Sir,—Mr. Peter J. Staniforth need have no fears about being left 'high and dry' as regards ringing handbells by the 'Blue Line' method, as we were taught that way years ago, and do still use the 'Blue Line.'

In our younger days we had the privilege of ringing quite a lot of handbells with the late Alfred Pulling and the Brothers Pye (William, Ernest and Bob) and they all rang by the 'Blue Line' method. Bill Pye often used the phrase 'Don't let your left hand know what your right hand is doing.'

But, sir, who are the EXPERTS that say it cannot be done by the 'Blue Line.' Mr. Lock could have explained who were EXPERTS and who were not under the letter 'E.'

It would appear to us that if you get a new idea and 'beat the drum' loud enough then you become an 'expert'—but the fact remains it can be done—so what?—Yours faithfully,

F. I. & E. L. HAIRS.
(Two split minds)

A LEGACY FOR THE DEVON GUILD

Dear Sir,—The late Miss Edith Lomas, whose obituary notice appeared in 'The Ringing World,' on page 453, bequeathed by her will to the Guild of Devonshire Ringers a legacy of £50 'to be expended on instruction in scientific change-ringing.'

This very generous and helpful thought on her part will be much appreciated by members of the Guild, especially by those endeavouring to revive activity in towers which until recently have been silent.—Yours etc.,

E. M. ATKINS.
General Secretary.

Teignmouth.

PULLING MEMORIAL

Dear Sir,—The committee who are organising this appeal are grateful to those who have sent donations to the fund towards the bell which it is hoped to hang in Guildford's new Cathedral in memory of Alfred H. Pulling. About 6,000 circulars have been sent out and to date the response has been disappointing—about 75 replies only having been received and less than £100 in cash.

It is proposed to publish a list of subscribers later in the year and the committee urgently appeal to all who can do so to send a donation so that a bell of 12 cwt. may be installed in the new Cathedral by next May when the Cathedral is dedicated. All amounts will be acknowledged, and subscribers' signatures are to be stuck in a volume for permanent record in the Cathedral.

Please send donations as quickly as possible to the undersigned, making cheques, etc., payable to the 'Pulling Memorial.'—Yours etc.,

CHARLES W. DENYER.
15, Crondall Lane,
Farnham, Surrey.

THE PROFESSOR'S INVESTIGATIONS

Dear Sir,—Will the contributor please tell us the Professor's real name, his qualifications, his local tower and how many years of service to our art. I should also like to know a little more about the grading of ringers from 1 to 10 instead of platitudes such as 'Let us assume,' 'I suppose,' etc.

It is my feeling there is little practical value in such investigations.—Yours etc.,

W. SHEPHERD.

Addlestone, Surrey.

ST. MARTIN'S, YORK

Dear Sir,—A report in a daily newspaper, on July 15th, concerning the bells of St. Martin's Church, York, makes sad reading. This Church was bombed and burned in 1942 but the eight bells (Rudhall, 1792) were saved and stored in the shell of the building for 'safe keeping.' When the architect went to inspect the site recently only one bell was left, a situation which brought from the Vicar the remark, 'This is tragic, the bells are irreplaceable.' How right he is and what a dreadful admission of bad husbandry. That a ruined church should be considered a place of safe keeping for several tons of valuable metal is almost beyond belief. The bells seem to have been dumped and forgotten and police enquiries have brought to light the fact that they had not been inspected or checked for the past eighteen months. I leave further comment to your readers.—Yours faithfully,

J. W. CLARKE.

Mollington, Chester.

P.S.—I believe the bells from the bombed Church of St. Mary, Whitechapel, were carted away in broad daylight and never traced. —J. W. C.

COAL MINER

Dear Sir,—Some of your readers may have been puzzled by a recent reference in 'The Ringing World' to a new method, Coal Miner. This is a principle in which all the bells treble-hunt with alternate Kent and Oxford places made in 3-4. It extends quite naturally to Sergeant Major and Blood Royal.—Yours sincerely,

BRIAN BUSWELL.

Woodthorpe, Nottingham.

Dear Sir,—I read on page 482 in the report of the Society of Friends of the Exercise of a 'new' principle devised by Robin Leale, and I am sure both he and Dick Bowden will excuse me pointing out once again that Coal Miner was first published by James Pagett, on page 71 of Volume xvii of 'The Bell News,' in July, 1898; the name is Kidderminster.—Yours sincerely,

MICHAEL P. MORETON.

London, S.W.1.

BOB MINIMUS ON HANDBELLS

Dear Sir,—A peal of Bob Minimus was rung by two brothers, Jocelyn and Ivan Gardiner, then aged 16 and 13 respectively, on July 30th, 1938. See 'The Ringing World,' August 5th, 1938.—Yours faithfully,

M. MELVILLE (Rev.)

London, W.C.1.

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SCHEME FOR STRUGGLING TOWERS

Most Associations and Guilds have as one of their objects the promotion of the art and science of change ringing. Yet most do little more on an organised basis than to hold meetings and practice meetings. These have great value but there is always the feeling that more could be done and more ought to be done. It was with this in mind that the Northern District of the Surrey Association promoted a striking competition for Sunday service bands four years ago and has held one each year since. In so far that the competition has focused attention on the need to strive for good striking the idea has proved successful. Certainly when the writer's tower entered for the first time this year, a noticeable change in the attitude of the band to striking was apparent and has been since.

One feature of the competition, coupled with the Survey of Sunday Service Ringing, has been the showing up of the fact that only a small proportion of the towers in the district were capable of producing a Sunday service band that could ring 252 changes. Further investigation showed that a number were continually struggling in the first stages of change ringing. With these bands in mind, the committee have prepared a scheme for helping such towers

The first stage in the plan was to establish a panel of ringers willing to visit towers for a course of instruction to the learners at that tower. The course is being restricted to six consecutive weeks to give the aided tower members a period to make the most of and a fixed commitment for the panel members who are chosen to help. Experience will show if the arbitrarily fixed period of instruction of six weeks needs modification.

All towers will be circularised with details of the scheme and an application form for help. On receipt of a request the secretary will arrange for an appropriate number of panel members to attend. Each panel member will undertake to attend at the aided tower for the six weeks and in the event of his being unable to attend a particular practice he, or she, will find a competent substitute. The basis of the tuition will be to ring the method to be taught with an increasing number of learners in until the local band can ring unaided. Panel members will form most of the band at the beginning of the six weeks with the learners standing behind and the learners will take it in turn to ring with the competent band.

Experience will show the value of the scheme and the N.W. District is looking forward to September when it is hoped the first band to ask for help will be receiving tuition. Further reports will be made in due course.

QUARTER PEALS

TANGLEY, HANTS.—On June 28th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss J. Jewett 1, Miss H. White 2, B. Mills (cond.) 3, Miss C. White 4, E. Woolgrove 5. Rung as a farewell compliment to the incumbent, the Rev. J. S. Walton, who was a ringer at this tower.

STANWELL, MIDDX.—On June 5th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: D. G. Pickett 1, C. B. Fynes (cond.) 2-3, K. E. Young 4, E. T. Skipsey (first of Surprise) 5, M. G. Lane 6. Rung for children's service. Also on June 19th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: D. Pickett 1, C. Fynes (cond.) 2-3, K. Young 4, C. Burges 5, M. Lane 6. For Confirmation service. Also 1,260 Single Oxford Bob Minor: J. Pickett (first of Minor) 1, C. Fynes (cond.) 2-3, K. Young 4, M. Lane 5, D. Pickett (50th quarter) 6. For Holy Communion. Also 1,259 Grandsire Doubles: Rev. Mr. Hoyal 1, M. Lane 2, D. Pickett 3, K. Young 4, C. Fynes (cond.) 5, C. Coles 6. For Evensong. First in method for all.

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A TRIBUTE AND A LOST CLAPPER

Mr. Ranald Clouston's Lecture At Aldeburgh

THIS year has seen the 13th annual festival of music and the arts (mainly music) at Aldeburgh. It is always held in June and usually lasts for nine or ten days. This year it was extended to seventeen days.

Nine years ago the official programme book included an article on change-ringing by the Earl of Cranbrook, who lives near Aldeburgh and is a patron of the Suffolk Guild of Ringers. In 1957 the book included a photograph by Kurt Hutten (alas, he died this spring) of the Aldeburgh ringers in action (tower bells). These included Messrs. Peck, Bedford and Pilgrim, with the verger, Mr. Howard, wearing his gown, watching intently.

A peal is always attempted on the bells of the Parish Church (tenor 12¼ cwt. in F) on the opening day of the festival. Sometimes it is unsuccessful: this year it came off, John W. Blythe, secretary of the Suffolk Guild, being the conductor (see 'R.W.' page 429). Benjamin Britten, the composer and pianist, and Peter Pears, the tenor, live at Aldeburgh, and Mr. Britten has shown interest in ringing, including handbells in at least one of his big compositions.

As mentioned in the 'R.W.' of June 24th, a talk entitled 'Campanology' was included in this year's festival. It was given on June 23rd, in the Jubilee Hall where many of the musical items of the festival are held, by Mr. Ranald W. M. Clouston, and attracted between 60 and 70 of the festival visitors. Among them were Mrs. Stein, mother of the Countess of Harewood (the Earl is the festival's president); 'Diapason,' the East Anglian 'Daily Times' music critic; the Countess of Cranbrook, chairman of the festival council; and Miss Imogen Holst, daughter of the composer, Gustav Holst.

Mr. Clouston had with him a number of bell fittings, casts of ancient lettering and shields found on bells, a working model mounted in a frame, a chart of Grandsire Doubles, a handbell cast in Holland in 1725 and a bell weighing 1¼ cwt., cast at Bristol about 1530.

POINTS FROM THE LECTURE

In his talk he referred to the earliest dated bell still existing in England—at Claughton, Lancashire, dated 1296—and the system of moulding, casting and tuning. With some of his many tuning folks he demonstrated the different notes of one bell. Then he went on to hanging, bell frames, striking ($\frac{1}{16}$ of a second makes a difference!) and the danger of 'clocking.'

Mr. Clouston also referred to the 41,000 ringers and the 5,000 rings of bells in the country, the extent of Major rung at Leeds, Kent, by relays of men in 1761, the recent attempts at the extent by eight men at the Loughborough Campanile, chiming and change-ringing.

Before the Reformation, he said, few churches had more than five bells. Change-ringing became established just before the Civil War, in the 17th century, and this method of ringing, he said, was more mathematical than musical. Later, explaining this, he said he meant to put over to the audience, it being a musical one, that, by conventional standards, change-ringing is not music, musical notation is not used, and the basis is mathematical.

We well remember Mr. Clouston's article in 'The Ringing World' on the bells hung for ringing at the Church of San Francisco el Grande, Madrid. He referred to these, they being unique on the Continent where, however, are found many carillons, some of four octaves.

After referring to certain big bells, such as the Czar Kolokol at Moscow, Great Paul in St. Paul's Cathedral (16½ tons), Big Ben (13 tons, 11 cwt.), Guilds of Ringers, the Central Council and 'The Ringing World,' he concluded by telling his audience of the friendliness he had experienced as he went round the country when he presented himself, as a ringer, at a strange tower.

Then three local ringers—Jack Pilgrim, James Bailey and Peter Bedford—rang the chart of Doubles with tenor behind. On its completion, Mr. Clouston told the audience that that was a moderately simple method. This brought laughter from the audience, who apparently thought it was extremely complicated.

Next, the ringers were joined by another local ringer, Ernest Sidney Bailey. Together they rang a course of Plain Bob Major which also brought applause.

FELLOW MUSICIANS

Now it was time for questions and Miss Imogen Holst was soon on her feet. With a smile she challenged Mr. Clouston's reference to change-ringing being mathematical rather than musical and said that she **must** disagree. (Applause.) She went on to say that bell-ringing was organised sound. They had seen a performance by players who concentrate and have the technique to play rhythmically, which was one of the principal things impressed upon all musicians. The ringing that morning had given great pleasure and, turning to the ringers with arms outstretched she said, 'We are happy to greet, as fellow musicians, our players.'

This tribute, coming as it did from one who is music from tip to toe and whose life is all music, was a great one, and when I thanked her for it afterwards she said, 'Well, you know, it was from the heart.' If she says so, I believe it.

Interest in the lecture was illustrated by questions from the listeners. These were some:

Lady: 'When an old bell is recast, is anything left of it—the inscription, etc?'

Gent: 'How do you set a bell?'

Gent: 'If you hold on to a rope, do you disappear up to the roof?'

Lady: 'How do you raise a bell?'

Lady: 'Have all the possible methods been rung?'

Lady: a question about the place of a bell in method ringing.

In his replies, Mr. Clouston mentioned that some rings were not of good tone, and some were too loud; when you melt bell metal the tin content tends to evaporate; welding is not very satisfactory so far but new methods are being experimented with, which may find a satisfactory solution; the tower tragedy in the West Country about three years ago; the call changes of the West Country; there are some 3,000 methods 'to suit all tastes'—some extremely complicated.

Then one of the audience—Mr. William Morland, who used to ring at Lamberhurst, Kent, but has not rung for five or more years—asked if could join the ringers to attempt a course of Doubles. He took the treble and second and had rung but few changes when the treble clapper fell to the floor.

Mr. Stephen Reiss, the festival secretary, apparently thought this was appropriate as a finale, so took the opportunity to thank Mr. Clouston for the lecture.

Some twenty of the audience, one from Sweden, then gathered round to speak to Mr. Clouston and see his exhibits, and it was over 1½ hours before everyone had left. However, before they did so, the treble clapper had been replaced and Mr. Morland and his two new acquaintances had got the course of Doubles.

CLAUDE RUSH.

QUARTER PEALS

CHESTER.—At St. Mary-without-the-Walls, on July 16th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Dr. E. V. Woodcock (first quarter) 1, Miss R. J. Seabright 2, J. W. Griffiths (cond.) 3, J. S. Dean 4, A. B. Close 5, D. H. B. Millward 6, P. Swindley 7, G. Parting 8.

COGGESHALL, ESSEX.—On July 9th, 1,280 Double Norwich C.B. Major: E. Piper 1, H. Webb 2, K. Smith 3, B. Webb 4, E. Bright 5, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 6, S. Piper (first in method) 7, W. Arnold 8. Rung after the wedding of Mr. R. V. Borgarty and Miss Christine M. Weinrich.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKS.—On July 10th, 1,260 Doubles: Pamela M. Turner (cond. 240 April Day) 1, P. S. Bennett (cond. 240 Grandsire) 2, J. K. Foot (cond. 240 Stedman) 3, M. C. Hughes (cond. 240 Plain Bob) 4, R. E. Tollis (jun.) (cond. 240 Reverse Canterbury) 5. Also 60 Plain Bob rung, non-conducted. First in five Doubles methods by all the band.

AN OXFORD GUILD WORTHY



MR. J. KEYTE

To celebrate the 70th birthday of Mr. J. Keyte a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Chipping Norton, Oxon, on July 1st. Mr. Keyte, who has been 60 years a ringer, is one of the stalwarts of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, as he has been secretary of the Chipping Norton Deanery Branch, for 38 years. His first peal was rung for the now defunct Four Shires' Guild and the remainder, which range from Doubles to Major, for the Oxford Diocesan Guild. Mr. Keyte is one of that fast dwindling band who have taken 'The Ringing World' from its first issue. His wide circle of ringing friends will wish him many more years of ringing.

RINGERS' SUNDAY AT PORTSMOUTH CATHEDRAL

Sunday, July 17th, saw the first Ringers' Sunday at Portsmouth Cathedral, and, it is believed, in the Diocese.

Hundreds of leaflets, giving a note about the uniquely British art of change ringing, and the programme for the day, had been previously distributed. Press comment appeared.

References to the work of the Cathedral Guild of Ringers were made at each of the services throughout the day, with a special address at Evensong by the Provost, the Very Rev. E. N. Porter Goff, M.A.

The tower was open to visitors (ringing and non-ringing) during ringing for Matins (when they packed the large ringing chamber), and in two sessions during the afternoon, also at the ringing for Evensong. A few words of explanation of what was going on were given by the Guild chairman between the touches; and some of the visitors were shown the bells in action.

At Evensong there were three ringing 'features' in addition to the special address: in lieu of the anthem, change ringing on handbells in the nave—Grandsire Triples by W. Gray 1-2, K. Knight 3-4, R. Baldwin (cond.) 5-6, T. Taylor 7-8; second lesson read by Guild chairman, Mr. A. York-Bramble; after the sermon, five new members recognised as of the 'Guild of Ringers of St. Thomas of Canterbury,' by the Provost, at the chancel rails.

The usual 'coffee hour,' in Cathedral House, adjacent, followed the service, during which the Guild ringers chatted with members of the congregation, many of whom expressed great interest and pleasure in what they had seen and heard.

Two of these have already become recruits for ringing and have had their initial tuition. It is generally agreed that the occasion benefited Church and ringing mutually.

ALTERNATIVE TO BRISTOL

Dear Sir,—As an extent of Major cannot be obtained in Bristol, why not ring Premier instead (Bristol with 2nds and 7ths)—in the words of the prophet (I have forgotten which one) the same sauce but different gravy.—Yours faithfully,

P. A. CORBY.

Sevenoaks.

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY'S SUMMER TOUR

Held in Gloucestershire, Worcestershire and Warwickshire, this year's tour of the University of Bristol Society started at the Church of St. Mary-de-Lode, Gloucester, on June 18th. The main body of the party arrived by train from Bristol and spent half an hour touring Gloucester before finding the right church. To reach the next tower, Churchdown (6), visible for miles on the top of a steep hill, bicycles were abandoned at an early stage, and much use made of the churchyard tap, for the temperature was at traditional summer tour level and the summit had been gained by an almost vertical path.

After ringing on the two fives at St. Mark's, Cheltenham, and Swindon Village (which has an unusual pentagonal tower), we made our way to Cleeve Hill youth hostel where we were met by the four remaining members of the party, who had spent the afternoon ringing in a peal of Grandsire Cinques at St. Mary Redcliffe. The long climb up to the hostel was lightened by a glorious sunset over the Malvern Hills, which provided an excellent excuse for frequent pauses for (rest and) appreciation.

The next morning we were bidden an enthusiastic farewell by the warden after our secretary-elect had emptied the scrapings of the porridge pan into the bread-bin. We rang for morning service at Bishop's Cleeve, a fascinating blend of Norman and Perpendicular architecture, and in the afternoon at Beckford. Here we rang London and Cambridge on the six excellent bells, admired grotesque animals climbing up the Norman arches, and watched bees beginning to swarm just outside a window of the ringing chamber. After negotiating a jackdaw's nest we were also able to see the surrounding countryside from the top of the tower.

At Evesham we cooled off by the river with lemonade and ice lollies before advancing to the bell tower, where we were joined by Brian Wylde. The ringing here included Stedman and Grandsire Caters and Cambridge Major, but unfortunately no change ringing on the twelve. At Evensong the Society was represented at both churches served by the Bell Tower, although the larger detachment was disappointed in not hearing 'Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring,' which one confident member had asserted would be sung as an anthem and which had proved a great attraction. After the service a ride through orchards and strawberry fields brought us to the luxurious half-timbered youth hostel at Broom.

Monday brought the most concentrated grabbing of the week, with seven towers. The first two were eights, Salford Priors and Bidford-on-Avon. Although both were quite easy to ring, the only distinguishing result of our visit was a broken stay at Bidford. After lunch we had better ringing at Cleeve Prior (6) and Middle Littleton (6), before tackling Church Honeybourne, which, we had heard from various sources including the Vicar, are reputed to be almost unringable. After an attempt at rounds which lasted for one stroke because after that the third was half-way down, the men took over and rang Plain Bob Minimus with the tenor covering. These five bells have a deep and very pleasing tone and would be well worth rehanging. Many cups of tea, kindly provided by the Vicar's wife, gave us restored strength to ring at Mickleton (8) and Clifford Chambers (6) before supper in Stratford-on-Avon and bed at Stratford youth hostel.

The next day we were deserted by our secretary who had to return to Bristol for a viva voce examination. Without her expert organisation we lost no time in finding ourselves in the middle of a hayfield, the only visible way of escape a rapidly retreating ferry-boat whose occupant pointed wildly in the direction of a distant barn and said 'Make straight for that.' Two double barbed wire fences, one stream, and three very rough fields later, we advanced with some trepidation through a farmyard—and were met not with curses, but with broad grins. People had obviously passed that way before, through probably most of them never would again, especially if they happened to be cyclists. Not surprisingly we were half an hour late at the first tower of the day, Snitterfield (6). The only people to arrive on time were those who had elected to go 'the long way round' through Stratford rather than risk the hazards of the ferry.

DISTURBING THE BREEDING

After lunch two members of the party went for a swim in Wootton Pool, eighteen inches deep and very muddy, before being turned off the premises by an irate owner who used it for breeding fish. At Henley-in-Arden, where we found that the long draught made ringing difficult, the local ringers thoughtfully provided orange squash to quench the raging thirsts induced by the combination of ringing, cycling and hot sun. At Wootton Wawen, a beautiful little six in a well-kept tower, we had rather better ringing than had been usual on this tour, in a long touch of Kent. The church here consisted of remains from many architectural periods, including a Saxon sanctuary with an extremely effective and beautiful modern stained-glass window. Another fine six at Aston-Cantlow; supper at Stratford youth hostel; and then we went back into Stratford to ring on the ten at Holy Trinity Church.

Ringing on Wednesday began at Wellesbourne Hastings (6), where there was no stay on the third, and the acting Master nearly followed the rope up through the hole in the ceiling. After Sherborne, where a bull regarded us with great malignity from the other side of a frail looking fence, the fine eight at Warwick St. Nicholas' provided some of the best ringing of the tour. The touch of Plain and Little Bob Major, which had been tried previously with varying degrees of failure, was at last brought round. Erin Triples was rung on the light and rather odd-struck eight at Lillington, and a touch of Plain, Reverse, and Double Mob Minimus on the very pleasant five at Stoneleigh. In the evening we joined the local practice at Warwick St. Mary.

Leamington youth hostel possess a piano and at last we had some singing, although the bridge-and-solo playing fraternity steadfastly refused to be converted to this more traditional activity. Tradition was also broken by a violent thunderstorm and torrential rain during the night. The sun did not reappear until we had all smothered ourselves in waterproofs and set off for Bishop's Itchington (5) and Harbury, where the bells were rehung and augmented to six only a year ago. They were half-muffled because of the recent death of one of the parishioners, and some very good Kent, Cambridge, Erin and Plain Bob was rung, although by now we were all beginning to feel the strain of six days' cycling and ringing.

The last tower of the tour was Whitnash (6). We were met by Mr. Hawley, who at 94 is proud of being the oldest practising ringer in the country. Afterwards we were entertained to tea in the church hall, by Mrs. Maycock, before cycling to the station and various ways home. Eight of us stayed behind to attempt a peal of Plain Bob Major, at Allesley, the following morning. Mrs. Maycock provided hospitality for us overnight and we should like to record our thanks to her and to those who helped her.

Thanks are also due to all incumbents and tolerant youth hostel wardens concerned, and to Miss Jane Cook for making all the arrangements for us. Worcestershire and Warwickshire remain a land of strawberry fields, Norman arches, and standard rose trees lining the churchyard paths, as at Stoneleigh. Leamington will always be 'the place where it rained on the summer tour.'

B. W. A.

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD

The 14th annual festival of St. David's Diocesan Guild was held at the Bishop's Palace, Abergwili, on June 18th. Ringers from Tenby, Llanstephan, Carmarthen, Llandilo, Burry Port and Llanelly met at St. Peter's Church, Carmarthen, where the bells were available from 2.30 p.m. Members then made their way to Abergwili, where they were welcomed by the Lord Bishop, the Rt. Rev. R. Richards, and Mrs. Richards.

A service was held in the Palace Chapel at which the Dean (the Very Rev. T. J. Jenkins) officiated, and the lesson was read by the Master of the Guild (Mr. G. Thomas), who also played the organ.

A very nice tea preceded the business meeting, held on one of the beautiful Palace lawns, at which the Bishop kindly presided.

The Bishop opened the meeting with a welcome to the Guild. The minutes of the last annual meeting were read, and a statement of accounts was given by the treasurer, Mr. E. Sage. Both were adopted. Before the election of officers, the Master spoke of the good work done by Mr. C. H. Hawkins, one of the founder members and honorary secretary since the Guild's formation, who had resigned through ill-health. It was unanimously decided to ask Mr. Hawkins to become the Guild's first life vice-president.

The following officers were elected: Master, Mr. G. Thomas, Tenby; secretary, Mr. E. H. Thomas, Llanelly, Carms; treasurer Mr. E. Sage, Burry Port; Ringing Master, Mr. R. Warburton, Goodwick; auditor, Mr. B. Rees, Burry Port.

A collection for the Bell Restoration Fund realised £1 15s. The committee was asked to discuss the Central Council representative vacancy. A hearty vote of thanks was then extended to the Bishop and Mrs. Richards for having the Guild at the Palace, and to the Dean. The Bishop responded and closed the meeting with prayer.

Members then returned to St. Peter's, Carmarthen, to end a memorable day with more ringing until 8.30 p.m.

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A. E. LOCK

AN APPRECIATION

Bert, as he was affectionately known to hundreds of North Berks ringers, will be sadly missed, and nowhere more than at Hagbourne, where he was a regular visitor. He became a member of the Hagbourne Society in 1954, and rarely missed a Tuesday evening practice, always accompanying the local ringers to the Fleur-de-Lys, for refreshments, before returning to Abingdon. On July 9th, the day of the funeral, a combined band of Hagbourne, Harwell, and Blewbury ringers met together at Hagbourne to pay their last tribute to Bert with a well struck half-muffled quarter peal of Grandsire Triples. May he rest in peace.

M. B.

MR. W. E. MEASON

To say that Offton, Suffolk, will be the poorer by the passing of Billy Meason, on July 14th, would be an understatement. Retiring from London Transport he came to live in the village nine years ago and at once entered into its activities. He became secretary and treasurer of the Village Hall, the British Legion Branch, Conservative Association and the Parochial Church Council, but his greatest achievement was the restoration of St. Mary's bells. He was not a ringer himself, but had come in contact with ringers whilst at London Transport, including the treasurer of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

It was the result of meeting a ringer at the local British Legion Branch that gave him the opportunity to undertake the task that had been in his mind for so long. With his usual enthusiasm and efficiency he worked on the P.C.C., who eventually called in the Diocesan teachnical adviser, Mr. R. W. M. Clouston. The resulting report was that the existing condition of the bells was extremely dangerous. The next move by him was to obtain an estimate from Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., and then, with faith in the rightness of his views, to persuade the P.C.C. to accept their estimate of £1,122.

One of the proudest moments of his life was on July 31st, 1959, when the retuned ring of five with the addition of a new treble was dedicated by the Bishop, Dr. A. H. Morris. His greatest joy was to know that the bells had been rung regularly by a local band ever since.

He died suddenly from heart failure in Ipswich Hospital, where he had been taken three weeks previously after a fall in which he fractured his hip. His death was a great shock to all as he had been making an excellent recovery. He lived the Legion motto, 'Service not Self.'

G. R. G.

MR. GEORGE PRYKE

The death occurred on July 15th, of Mr. George Pryke, of Otley, Suffolk, after a few days' illness, at the age of 85.

A harness maker by trade, George went to Otley some 50 years ago, and over a long period was a member of the Helmingham band and took part in several Surprise methods. He had an ambition to call one peal; this he did at his own Parish Church, Otley, one of seven methods of Minor. During the peal George in his eagerness called a bob a lead too soon. He was corrected immediately and to the amusement of all he never called the bob, but said, 'We'll hev one now.'

A very enthusiastic ringer, George would go anywhere on his bicycle for a peal, even to complete a band at the last moment. He rang in all about 277 peals for the Norwich Association and Suffolk Guild. His favourite method was London and on his last outing he took part in a course. His regularity at all times, till he could no longer cycle, was a great help to the Helmingham band and his place has not been filled.

At the funeral at Otley the Guild was represented by Messrs. C. W. Beecroft and L. G. Brett.

MR. HARRY PROUT

We regret to record the death, on July 11th, of Mr. Harry Prout, aged 77. Harry was well known in the Somerset and Wiltshire districts. He passed away suddenly in the belfry at Britford, near Salisbury, after ringing a touch of Bob Minor.

He was a skilled blacksmith by trade and first came to Manningford, where he worked in a large grain firm. He afterwards moved to North Somerset and rang many peals for the Bath and Wells Association, under the tuition of Mr. J. T. Dyke. He always spoke of Joe Dyke with great respect, saying it was through him he became a ringer.

He spent some time in the Bolsover District and rang with the late John Flint; he also lived in Warsop for a period. He afterwards came to Melksham and was a member of the local band for many years. A loyal churchman, he treated his ringing as a duty. As he became older he moved to Corsham, to be nearer his work, and rang with the Corsham ringers. His wife, who came from the Melksham district, predeceased him about three years. After his retirement to went to Salisbury, where he made many friends and was very happy.

He was buried at Melksham on July 15th, Canon C. A. Witcomb, Vicar, conducted the service. Mr. L. Taylor being organist. Among those present were: Messrs. F. Haines, A. Haines, H. Roper (Wilton), Robert Fry (Salisbury), Mr. and Mrs. W. C. West, Messrs. S. Cockell, H. Cockell, C. F. Andrews (Melksham), J. Lucas (Trowbridge), E. Hunt (Camberley), Graham Eyles (Gloucester and Bristol Association), and others. Floral tributes were sent from the following towers: Wilton, Corsham, Melksham, Trowbridge, Warsop and district, St. Thomas', Salisbury, and associates, Salisbury Branch, and Graham and Ruby Eyles.

The bells were rung open after the committal, Harry having expressed a wish for this, as a thanksgiving for a full life.

Harry Prout will be greatly missed; he was of an impeccable character, unassuming and of great faith. Although small of stature, he was a great man.

W. C. W.

GRANDDAUGHTER'S THANKS

Dear Sir,—As you probably know of the sudden death of my grandfather, Mr. L. H. Prout, I would be very grateful if you would insert, in your next issue of 'The Ringing World,' a voice of thanks to all ringers who have taken part in peals for his memory.

I would also like to express my thanks to the ringers at Britford Church for their prompt attention at the time of his death. Lastly, to thank the ringers of Salisbury and district, Warsop and district, especially Mr. H. T. Rooke, Ringing Master at Warsop, for giving him pleasure in his one and only love.—Yours faithfully,

NANCY WILLCOX.
Ringer of Warsop.

MORE BELFRY GOSSIP

The bells of Weston Favell, Northampton, have been dismantled, prior to rehanging on new bearings, by Richard White and Sons.

The spring issue of the 'National Savings Journal' features John Taylor and Co. 'Their employees,' states the article, 'ring up nearly £1,300 each year for their National Savings Holiday Club.' The article contains a picture of 'Great Paul' on its journey to London in 1881.

In the in memoriam peal to Mr. Albert E. Lock, rung at Stoke Poges, July 13th, the band would like to associate the names of Miss Dorothy Fletcher, Miss Linda Kew and Mr. Harry Wingrove, who were unable to stand up.

DONCASTER, YORK.—On July 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ann Ayres 1, Marguerite Battram 2, Kathleen Mallender 3, G. Graham 4, F. A. Staveley 5, E. Dalingwater 6, W. E. Critchley (cond.) 7, H. Wagstaff 8.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

Windsor was the venue of the Society's quarterly meeting on July 2nd, but the number of members who attended was the lowest for some time. Ringing at the Parish Church of St. John the Baptist was followed by a very pleasant informal service conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Leslie Badham, who afterwards showed the company round the church and pointed out various interesting features. One particular item of interest was a magnificent piece of Gibbon's carving—originally the altar rail of St. George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, and now used to divide the Royal pew from the Chancel.

An excellent tea was provided in the Church Hall, by Mr. J. H. Glass, of the local band. The business meeting was presided over by the Master, Mr. Dennis Beresford, who welcomed those present but deplored the absence of so many members. New members were elected as follows: Miss Claire Dillamore and Messrs. P. Sharp and L. Willder, of Lincoln, Mr. D. Sibson and Mr. J. Baldwin, of Tankerton, Kent. Mr. Ian Oram protested strongly about the date of the next annual general meeting, which had been moved from the customary third Saturday of January to the fourth and clashed with his own annual district meeting of the Kent Association. After some discussion it was agreed to revert to January 21st, 1961, provided that accommodation for tea and meeting could be arranged. The use of the hall at St. Martin-in-the-Fields on that day was out of the question owing to so many other church activities.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar and also to Mr. H. J. Glass, family and other helpers for providing such an excellent tea. Next quarterly meeting, Northfleet, on September 17th.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

The quarterly meeting of the West Dorset Branch was held at Hawkchurch, on July 16th, with visitors from Leicester, Hampreston, Charminster, Sidmouth, West Buckland, Crewkerne and Thorncombe, and the president of the Devonshire Guild (Rev. E. V. Cox).

Methods rung were: Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Little Bob, Single Oxford, Kent, Cambridge and London Surprise Minor, with rounds and call changes intermixed with scientific touches. The service touch was of Cambridge.

Canon C. C. Cox conducted the Guild office and the Rev. O. L. Willmott read the lesson. Two of the new hymns, written by Canon Cox, were used at the service and were much appreciated. The collection amounted to 22s.

Teas were provided and served by the P.C.C. in the new primary school, a delightful building of modern design.

Mr. C. W. Powell took the chair owing to the unavoidable absence of the chairman, Rev. J. S. Arthur, and Mrs. E. G. Pannell acted as secretary owing to the indisposition of Mr. J. T. Barrett. The chairman thanked Miss Greenshield for ably playing the piano for the service and gave a warm welcome to Rev. O. L. Willmott, who had been very ill but who had now recovered.

It was agreed that the Guild festival at Wimborne had been enjoyed. The next quarterly meeting was fixed for September 17th, at Broadwindsor, and practice meetings: August 26th, at Hawkchurch, and September 15th, at Lyme Regis.

The secretary reported that a telegram had been sent to Mr. and Mrs. W. C. West on the occasion of their 40th wedding anniversary. The chairman then thanked the Vicar for the use of the bells and church, and for arranging the teas with the P.C.C., and for the ladies of the Council who served the teas.

In reply the Rev. Thompson said it showed how pleased Hawkchurch was to have the meeting there by the ladies serving the teas! The meeting was then closed and ringers returned to the tower.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—On July 17th, at St. Peter's, 1,280 Double Norwich C.B. Major: A. Dale 1, Brenda M. Balls 2, H. Webb 3, B. Webb 4, K. Smith 5, E. Piper 6, F. G. Oliver 7, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

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DEATH

MEASON.—On Thursday, July 14th, 1960, in Ipswich Hospital, William E. Meason, Channel Cottage, Offton, Ipswich. 6336

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MISCELLANEOUS

The new secretary to Storrington tower is Mrs. J. Chacksfield, 'Woodway,' Nightingale Lane, Storrington, Sussex. 6332

UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION.—Circulars have been sent to all thinking of attending the Sheffield tour, Aug. 6th to 13th. Anyone else interested should write at once. The next dinner will be in London on January 7th, 1961. The 1961 tour will not be in Shropshire.—D. J. Roaf, Trinity College, Cambridge. 6335

WITNEY RINGING SOCIETY.—Ring Witney 47 for August arrangements. Tuesday practices restart September 6th.—V. R. Lewis.

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CANCELLATION

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The August meeting is **cancelled.** Parbold not available.—C. F. Low. 6360

MEETINGS

BAKEWELL, DERBYSHIRE.—Rededication of bells of All Saints' Church, by the Assistant Bishop of Derby, on Saturday, July 30th, at 3.30 p.m. Ringing afternoon and evening. All ringers welcome. 6322

DEVON GUILD.—N.W. Branch.—Summer meeting at Stratton, near Bude (8), July 30th. Service 4.15 p.m., tea to follow.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION and ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting will be held at Trumpington, on Saturday, July 30th. Bells (8) 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. (2s. 6d. per head).—G. Blake and E. W. Bullman. 6318

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Chertsey District) and LADIES' GUILD (Southern District).—Joint meeting at Egham, Saturday, July 30th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea at 5 p.m. 6316

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Quarterly meeting on July 30th. Ringing at Orsett, Essex, from 3-4.30 p.m., followed by service, tea and business meeting. Ringing at Stanford-le-Hope from 6-8 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. F. Blatch, 'Brick House,' Malting Lane, Orsett, Grays, Essex. Gentlemen cordially invited. 6295

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Leatherhead District) and SURREY ASSOCIATION (Northern District).—Annual joint meeting Leatherhead, Monday, August 1st. Ringing 3 until 8.30 p.m., with break for service 4.30 and tea 5 p.m., in St. Nicholas' Hall. Numbers for tea to reach G. Marriner, 6, Leach Grove, Leatherhead, by previous Thursday.—A. H. Smith, W. Parrott. 6315

INSTRUCTION COURSE

The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association of Church Bell Ringers in conjunction with the Gloucestershire Education Authority announce a course of instruction to be held at Hartpury House, near Gloucester, September 16th-18th.

The fee for the course is £2 7s., and covers residence for two nights, meals and tuition.

Applications as soon as possible to P. M. J. Gray, Orana, Eastmead Lane, Stoke Bishop, Bristol 9.—Charles Rouse, Gen. Sec. 6348

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Southern District) and SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Joint meeting at Rotherham, Bank Holiday Monday, August 1st. Parish Church bells (10) from 2.30-9 p.m. Eastwood (8) 2-4 p.m. Short service in Parish Church 4.30 p.m. 6327

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting, Cramlington, Saturday, August 6th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by July 27th, to G. S. Deas, 65, Elsdon Road, Gosforth, Newcastle. 6355

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting at Wilburton, Saturday, August 6th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. F. Murfet, Dis. Sec. 6358

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—August 6th, Christ Church (10), 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—A. Bennett. 6342

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Practice meeting at Wallington, on August 6th, at 5.30 p.m.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 6311

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch—Meeting on Saturday, August 6th, at Burnley (Holy Trinity). Bells (8) 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m. Meeting to follow.—John Pilkington, Branch Sec. 6330

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Monthly meeting at Whittington, August 6th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Ringing after tea at Kirkby Lonsdale (6) or Leck (5). Names for tea to P. Handley, Heversham Hall, Milnthorpe, Westmorland. 6352

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting at Markfield, Saturday, August 6th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in Rectory 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, August 3rd, please, to Mr. J. Wardle, 180, Main Street, Markfield, Leicester. Phone Markfield 439. 6345

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Monthly meeting (evening), West Lavington, Saturday, August 6th. Bells (6) 5.30 p.m. Service 6 p.m. No tea. 6304

SUFFOLK GUILD.—S.E. District.—Meeting, Saturday, Aug. 6th, at Ufford (8). Ringing 3 p.m. Meeting and tea, Crown Inn, 4.30. Service 6. Ringing 7 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, August 4th, to C. R. Lovett, Meadow View, Grundisburgh. 6340

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Saturday, August 6th, Fairwarp (8) 3 p.m. Tea only to those who notify by Wednesday, August 3rd, Mrs. E. L. Hairs, Norman Cottage, Park Corner, Groombridge, Sussex. Tel.: 438. 6338

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Practice meeting, at Milford-on-Sea, on August 6th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., 'The Creamery,' Milford Green. Names for tea by August 4th, to W. T. Godfrey, 'Pine Hurst,' Shorefield Way, Milford-on-Sea, Hants. Hordle bells (6) available after tea. 6339

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Quarterly meeting, Godshill, August 6th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—A. M. Guy, Hon. Dis. Sec. 6349

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Elmley Castle, on Saturday, August 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, p.m. Tea and meeting. Numbers for tea by August 3rd.—W. J. Newman, 7, New Road, Hampton, Evesham. 6344

ASH, SURREY.—Surprise Minor practice, Monday, August 8th. Methods to be attempted: Bourne, Canterbury, Durham, Ipswich, Norwich, Primrose, Surfleet, Wells, York. 6350

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Redbourn, Saturday, August 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, August 9th, to Mr. G. Reading, 'Hatchfield,' 57, Hempstead Road, Redbourn. No names no tea.—J. Good, Dis. Sec. 6303

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Evening meeting at Harpole, on Saturday, August 13th.—F. W. Hancock. 6341

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting, Market Drayton (8), Saturday, August 13th. Ringing from 6 p.m. All welcome. 6353

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Ringing meeting at Newmarket St. Mary's (6), Saturday, August 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting follows. Names for tea by August 10th, to A. F. Ballam, Hall Cottage, West Stour, Bury St. Edmunds. 6347

LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL Open Day, August 20th. Ringing 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m., 2.30 to 4 p.m.—J. Ridyard, 16, Vaughan Road, Birkdale, Southport. 6357

HERTFORDSHIRE RINGING COMPETITION for the Kimpton Cup, October 22nd, at Kimpton, commencing 2.30 p.m. Tea and presentation of the cup 6 p.m. in Memorial Hall, followed by smoking concert—fully licensed bar. All very welcome.—J. G. Cull, 5, The Green, Kimpton, Herts. 6354

5,056 FOXEARTH SURPRISE MAJOR

By STEPHEN IVIN

23456	F	O	I	H	
63254	—				A
35642	—		—		A
35264		—		X	A
52364		—			
54326	—			X	B
45623	—	—			B
26435					3B
25463	—			X	
56423			—		
56342		—		X	
23456					3A

First rung at Willesden, January 7th, 1960. This peal is also true to Primrose.

5,056 GRUNDISBURGH SURPRISE MAJOR

By C. J. SEDGLEY

23456	M	B	W	H
36452	2	—	1	2
34562	1	—	2	2
23645		—	2	2
26435	1	—	2	2
62534	2			2
35264			2	2
32654			1	2

Repeated.

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THE COUNCIL: SOME IMPRESSIONS BY A NEW BOY

AT Folkestone, Sir Arthur Heywood's name was mentioned during the debate on some proposed rule amendments. It is quite likely, of course, that his name may rarely miss a mention at this annual ringers' conclave which he inaugurated some seventy years ago, but, to a new member, Heywood's name conjured up some thoughts and reflections. Did Sir Arthur really visualise the Central Council becoming the important body it is to-day with approximately a dozen committees working all the year round on every possible subject of concern to the Exercise? This committee work would seem to be most thorough. An old member opined that it 'had been a dull Council'; he seemed to regret the absence of 'fireworks' in debate; nevertheless, such a remark surely paid tribute to the sound work of the various committees. It must be remembered that there were some one hundred and forty members present, each of whom had had the various reports to peruse for some days prior to the meeting, therefore any weakness in this work most certainly would have been revealed.

What a huge field is covered by these committees—from Broadcasting to Peal Boards, from 'The Ringing World' to Belfries and Ancient Bells. Sir Arthur Heywood could not possibly have visualised the existence of a Broadcasting Committee, for instance, and, although he may have dreamt of a ringers' magazine in some form or other, he could not have foreseen that, but for the action of the Central Council, we should probably have lost our 'Ringing World.' So Heywood's vision has done much to secure John Goldsmith's enterprise for many years to come, to the benefit of all ringers.

'You never know what the Central Council will do,' muttered another veteran member as the result of a vote became known. Unwittingly, he was paying a tribute to the Council—the meeting was a quiet one, but it was not asleep! and was ready to **amend** as well as to endorse the recommendations put before it.

Two old friends met in the H.Q. hotel during the evening prior to the Council meeting and were discussing old times and mutual acquaintances. 'Let me see, now,' says one, 'does his son ring?'—Long pause—then, 'Well, he pulls a bell.' One gets the impression that valuable work is being done **all** the time for the well-being of the Exercise and for **all** members, for the one who merely 'pulls a bell' as well as for the 'umpteen method splicer.'

The Exercise has not always been held in the highest esteem, but through the medium of its Guilds and Associations this status has been raised so that to-day the bell-ringer is accepted as a skilled churchworker and his work of some national significance. The reception accorded to the Central Council year by year by Church and Civic Authorities testifies to this.

Much of this improvement and progress has been brought about by the Central Council itself and the work of its several committees, as well as the endeavours of many keen individual ringers. The seeds sown by Sir Arthur Heywood have yielded an abundant harvest, and we should do well to reflect at times on the work of the older 'Servants of the Exercise.' Younger ringers, accustomed as they are to ringing new Surprise Methods almost daily, should remember that much of the pioneer work was done when, to quote the late Mr. George Williams, 'You had to comb the county to get a decent band for Grandsire Triples.'

These are a few of the impressions and reflections of a new member after attending his first Council meeting. Old councillors may smile at them; nevertheless, they are recorded in the hope that first impressions may have some value.

A. V. D.

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THE ANGLO-AMERICAN TOUR, 1960

STREET, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 9, 1960, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 23¼ cwt.

H. GEORGE HART	*Treble*	BERT GOGLE	5
CELIA F. WHITFIELD	2	MICHAEL P. MORETON	6
ELSIE K. HART	3	DENNIS KNOX	7
WILLIAM H. COLES	4	FRANK C. PRICE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by FRANK C. PRICE.

MINEHEAD, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., July 11, 1960, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MICHAEL AND ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 20 cwt. 23 lb.

MRS. T. J. LOCK	*Treble*	*H. GEORGE HART	6
ELSIE K. HART	2	BERT GOGLE	7
*CELIA F. WHITFELD	3	JOHN HILL	8
WILLIAM S. DEASON	4	RICHARD E. PRICE	9
DENNIS KNOX	5	THOMAS J. LOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. KIPPIN Conducted by JOHN HILL.
* First peal of Caters. First of Caters as conductor.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. David E. Parsons, of Beddington, Surrey, upon the birth of a daughter, Susan Jane, on July 5th, 1960.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., July 13, 1960, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb.

MRS. T. J. LOCK	*Treble*	WILLIAM S. DEASON	7
THOMAS J. LOCK	2	BERT GOGLE	8
*CELIA F. WHITFELD	3	WILLIAM H. COLES	9
JOHN HILL	4	FRANK C. PRICE	10
DENNIS KNOX	5	JOHN CHILCOTT	11
MICHAEL P. MORETON	6	RICHARD E. PRICE	*Tenor*

Composed by D. E. PARSONS. Conducted by JOHN CHILCOTT.
* First peal of Stedman and on 12 bells, also 25th peal.

EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., July 14, 1960, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 21 cwt. 17 lb.

MRS. T. J. LOCK	*Treble*	WILLIAM S. DEASON	6
ELSIE K. HART	2	JOHN HILL	7
THOMAS J. LOCK	3	JOHN CHILCOTT	8
MICHAEL P. MORETON	4	RICHARD E. PRICE	9
DENNIS KNOX	5	FRANK C. PRICE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by FRANK C. PRICE.

BANWELL, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., July 15, 1960, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 4 lb.

CELIA F. WHITFELD	*Treble*	H. GEORGE HART	5
JOHN HILL	2	BERT GOGLE	6
WILLIAM S. DEASON	3	FRANK C. PRICE	7
THOMAS J. LOCK	4	RICHARD E. PRICE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by THOMAS J. LOCK.

MARTOCK, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 16, 1960, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 25¼ cwt.

WILLIAM H. COLES	*Treble*	DENNIS KNOX	5
ELSIE K. HART	2	BERT GOGLE	6
MICHAEL P. MORETON	3	FRANK C. PRICE	7
THOMAS J. LOCK	4	RICHARD E. PRICE	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by RICHARD E. PRICE.
A wedding compliment to Robert William Robinson, of Preston Plucknett, and Patricia Ann Dyer, of Martock, which took place this day.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

SOUTHWARK.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., July 23, 1960, in 4 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 48 cwt. 9 lb. in B.

TONY PRICE	*Treble*	*DENNIS KNOX	7
JOAN BERESFORD	2	PETER BERESFORD	8
ALFRED J. HOUSE	3	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE	9
*GERALD PENNEY	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	10
THOMAS J. LOCK	5	NOEL J. DISERENS	11
TUDOR P. EDWARDS	6	FRANK C. PRICE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
* First peal of Maximus.

TEN BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., July 11, 1960, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PRIMETHORPE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

*BRIAN M. SMITH	*Treble*	JOSEPH W. COTTON	6
BRIAN G. WARWICK	2	JOHN A. ACRES	7
†RICHARD J. CLIFTON	3	A. JAMES POYNOR	8
†ERNEST MORRIS	4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS	9
JOHN M. JELLEY	5	G. RONALD EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by EDWARD C. GOBEY. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal on 10 bells. † 50th peal together. First peal in the method.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Thurs. July 21, 1960, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 26 cwt. 18 lb. in D.

*PENELOPE SEDGWICK	*Treble*	BARNABAS G. KEY	6
*JILL V. MORGAN	2	JOHN H. ALLEN	7
†ANN BARR	3	JEFFREY B. WEBB	8
GEORGE W. HUGHES	4	EDMUND MALIN	9
‡EDWARD W. COLLEY	5	CLIVE M. SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.
* First peal on ten bells and in the method. † First of Caters in the method. ‡ First on ten bells.
Rung as a compliment to Mary and Dennis Beresford, of Bexley Heath, Kent, on the birth of a daughter (Hilary Anne).

EIGHT BELL PEALS

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Sat., July 9, 1960, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,
A PEAL OF 5120 EALING SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

DOREEN A. DEVERELL	*Treble*	PETER J. EVES	5
EDWIN A. BARNETT	2	ALFRED J. HOUSE	6
JOAN BERESFORD	3	PETER BERESFORD	7
HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	4	DENNIS BERESFORD	*Tenor*

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED. Conducted by DENNIS BERESFORD.
First peal in the method on the bells and by all the band except the ringer of the sixth.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 9, 1960, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH.
A PEAL OF 5152 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

BERNARD F. L. GROVES	*Treble*	C. KENNETH LEWIS	5
EILEEN M. FEARN	2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	6
PHILIP G. K. DAVIES	3	PETER LAFLIN	7
FRANK OSBALDISTON	4	BRIAN HARRIS	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.
Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss Margaret Ann Alcock and Alan A. Potts, which took place earlier in the day at the Church of Holy Trinity, Rainow.

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BICKER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD
On Mon., July 11, 1960, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN,
A PEAL OF 5088 LESSNESS SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.

GEORGE R. DAWSON	*Treble*	STANLEY E. BENNETT	5
JOHN E. ALLEN	2	ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT	6
J. MARTIN E. THORLEY	3	RONALD C. NOON	7
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	4	CYRIL R. BURRELL	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.
First peal in the method by all.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
On Tues., July 12, 1960, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

SHIRLEY HARRIS	*Treble*	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	5
JOHN R. GILDEN	2	BASIL JONES	6
EILEEN M. FEARN	3	PHILIP G. K. DAVIES	7
CAROL FERNLEY	4	BRIAN HARRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.
Rung half-muffled by the Sunday service band in memoriam Mr. G. Sellars, verger at the above church for many years.

ARLECDON, CUMBERLAND.
CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 16, 1960, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

GEOFFREY TEMBEY	*Treble*	*DENNIS ELLISDON	5
WILLIAM G. WILSON	2	STANLEY RICHARDSON	6
GRAHAM MCKAY	3	LAWRENCE D. CLEMENT	7
ALAN CAPSTICK	4	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.
* First peal in the method.

HORRINGER, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., July 16, 1960, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 lb.

KEITH W. WHITTELL	*Treble*	HARRY D. LISTER	5
MARIAN H. MILLS	2	RONALD G. BUGG	6
PETER WOOD	3	PERCY W. MILLS	7
ROBERT E. LESTER	4	EDWARD E. DAVEY	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by EDWARD E. DAVEY.

LYMINGE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 16, 1960, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND EADBURGA,
A PEAL OF 5056 WEMBLEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17¾ cwt. in E.

ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	*Treble*	RALPH BIRD	5
JOAN BERESFORD	2	IAN H. ORAM	6
DORIS E. COLGATE	3	JOHN R. COOPER	7
STANLEY JENNER	4	PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
First peal in the method by all, on the bells and for the Association.
Rung on the 82nd birthday of Mrs. M. J. Corby, honorary member Ladies' Guild, and in honour of the birth of a daughter, Hilary Anne, to Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Beresford.

PATTINGHAM, STAFFORDSHIRE
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., July 16, 1960, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

HARRY BOSWELL	*Treble*	ANDREW N. STUBBS	5
*ALMA M. GREAVES	2	ERIC E. SPEAKE	6
MURIEL REAY	3	*DAVID J. PURNELL	7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.
* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise.

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., July 18, 1960, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.
A PEAL OF 5088 MONAGHAN SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE R. DAWSON	*Treble*	J. MARTIN THORLEY	5
JOHN E. ALLEN	2	ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT	6
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	3	RONALD C. NOON	7
STANLEY E. BENNETT	4	CYRIL R. BURRELL	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.
First peal in the method by all.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Tues., July 19, 1960, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19¼ cwt.

MURIEL R. PAGE	*Treble*	WALTER W. MILLER	5
*ALICE E. J. LESTER	2	WILLIAM J. BUTTON	6
WALTER RUFFLES	3	LESLIE G. BRETT	7
ROBERT E. LESTER	4	JAMES BENNETT, JUN.	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY (No. 19). Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.
* First attempt for Superlative.
Rung half-muffled as a last tribute to George Pryke, of Otley, interred this day.

MAULDEN, BEDFORD.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 20, 1960, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. in F sharp.

AVRIL THACKRAY	*Treble*	JAMES R. TAYLOR	5
C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	2	BRYAN PATTISON	6
ANDREW C. SINFIELD	3	ALFRED E. RUSHTON	7
*RONALD J. SHARP	4	†STEPHEN J. IVIN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.
* 400th peal. † 200th peal. The conductor has now called 50 peals on these bells.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD SOCIETY.
On Thurs., July 21, 1960, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 4¾ cwt.

CHRISTINE WOODWARD	*Treble*	CLIVE HOLLOWAY	5
BRIAN R. WHITE	2	ROBIN J. TREBILCOCK	6
CHARLES COLES	3	FRANCIS A. WHITE	7
*EDWARD VENN	4	PHILIP H. TOCOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTUHR KNIGHTS. Conducted by PHILIP H. TOCOCK.
* First peal of Major.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., July 22, 1960, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY AND UNDIVIDED TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

*JEFFREY R. GOODENOUGH	*Treble*	†CLIFF J. RICHARDS	5
†PETER E. PARRY	2	†D. JOHN HUNT	6
†ELISABETH A. G. BOWDEN	3	†PATRICK J. BIRD	7
‡HUGH N. EVANS	4	RICHARD J. BOWDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by PATRICK J. BIRD.
* First peal on 8 bells. † First of Plain Bob Triples. ‡ First on 8 bells and 'inside.' First on 8 as conductor.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Frank Skidmore (died peacefully July 18th, 1960). Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

BISHOPSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 23, 1960, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb. in F sharp.

DAVID E. HOUSE	*Treble*	ADRIAN J. TUMBER	5
DEREK C. JACKSON	2	MAURICE J. BUTLER	6
M. ELIZABETH CHAPMAN	3	R. ROGER SAVORY	7
NORMAN HAYES	4	TOM CHAPMAN	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by TOM CHAPMAN.
First of Major as conductor.
Rung as a mark of respect for the life of James Cockman, 65 years a chorister at the above church, who passed away Wednesday, June 20th, 1960, aged 76.

BLEWBURY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., July 23, 1960, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. in E.

ARTHUR SAYERS	*Treble*	FRANK W. LEWIS	5
REGINALD W. REX	2	GEOFFREY K. DODD	6
MICHAEL HATCHETT	3	PHILIP MEHEW	7
ERNEST J. MUNDAY	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
The first peal of Surprise on the bells.

DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 23, 1960, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, being 1,312 Bristol and 1,280 each of London, Cambridge and Superlative, with 110 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 30 cwt. 17 lb. in C sharp.

EDWARD JENKINS	*Treble*	JOHN WORTH	5
ARTHUR G. MASON	2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	6
C. KENNETH LEWIS	3	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	7
BASIL JONES	4	BRIAN HARRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 23, 1960, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. in E flat.

GEOFFREY K. DODD	*Treble*	ERNEST J. MUNDAY	5
MICHAEL HATCHETT	2	ARTHUR SAYERS	6
REGINALD W. REX	3	A. PATRICK CANNON	7
FRANK W. LEWIS	4	PHILIP MEHEW	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

HEPTONSTALL, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 23, 1960, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-A-BECKET,
A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Six methods, being 960 London, 928 Watford, 896 Bristol, and 832 each of Superlative, Cambridge and Pudsey, with 127 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

J. NEVILLE PARKIN	*Treble*	JOHN F. BRIANT	5
SHEILA M. MOULDS	2	J. HENRY FIELDEN	6
*PATRICIA REEVE	3	GEOFFREY F. BRYANT	7
M. VIVIEN COPPING	4	ROBERT E. MOULDS	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by J. HENRY FIELDEN.
* First peal of Spliced 'inside.'
Rung by the Sunday service band of All Souls' Church, Halifax.

KINGSWINFORD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 23, 1960, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5184 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in F sharp.

ELIZABETH M. YARDLEY	*Treble*	*DAVID J. PURNELL	5
*ALMA M. GREAVES	2	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	6
MURIEL REAY	3	*J. DENIS HOLDEN	7
ANDREW N. STUBBS	4	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	*Tenor*

Composed by E. A. BARNETT. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.
* First peal in the method.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 23, 1960, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

*WILLIAM DAVIES	*Treble*	HOWARD HOWELL	5
*ERNEST STITCH	2	STANLEY PRESTIDGE	6
YVONNE EDWARDS	3	MAURICE G. TURNER	7
FREDERICK G. HANDLEY	4	HARRY BOSWELL	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE HUGHES. Conducted by HARRY BOSWELL.
* 75th peal together.

STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 23, 1960, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 19 lb. in G.

WALTER AYRE	*Treble*	H. GEORGE HART	5
*FREDA CLAYTON	2	D. KAY ADKINS	6
ELSIE K. HART	3	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	7
GLADYS MANCHIP	4	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY.
* First peal in the method.

THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 23, 1960, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE LATIMER CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. George's variation of Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 10 cwt. 7 lb.

*MALCOLM D. BARSBY	*Treble*	B. STEDMAN PAYNE	5
PATRICIA A. WARDLE	2	ERNEST F. PAYNE	6
ERNEST MORRIS	3	RUSSELL S. MORRIS	7
ROYSTON WILLMORE	4	FREDERICK T. BINDLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.
* First peal on eight bell. 100th peal on the bells.
A birthday compliment to Mrs. E. Morris.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

LIMPSFIELD, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., May 18, 1960, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 21 240's. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 cwt. 16 lb.

MISS M. SMITH	*Treble*	E. JARRETT	4
A. E. NEWNHAM	2	E. NIXON	5
L. A. TIDY	3	A. TERRY	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. NIXON.
Rung in honour of Graham Francis Jarrett, nephew of the ringer of 4, and Mary Erica Nixon, daughter of the conductor, who were christened this day.

CASTLEACRE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 9, 1960, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
In five methods, being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob, one extent each of Kent T.B. and Oxford T.B., and St. Clement's. Tenor 10 cwt.

TONY OWEN	*Treble*	JOHN WILSON	4
FREDA P. GREAVES	2	BEVAN W. WILLGRESS	5
*JOHN V. TEMPLE	3	GEOFFREY R. DREW	*Tenor*

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Conducted by GEOFFREY R. DREW.
* 25th peal.

CRANFORD, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., July 11, 1960, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents, viz.: (1) St. Clement's, (2), (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4), (5), (6), (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

ANTHONY D. SANSOM	*Treble*	STANLEY RUDDLESDEN	4
DAVID J. PERKINS	2	GEOFFREY WATSON	5
DAVID W. JAMES	3	BARRIE HENDRY	*Tenor*

Conducted by BARRIE HENDRY.
Rung to mark the conferment of the degree of Bachelor of Science upon five members of the Manchester University Guild: Norma English, Edna M. Poulter, Margaret Ross, David W. James and Barrie Hendry.

NORTHREPPS, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 13, 1960, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In four methods, being four extents Plain Bob and one each of Kent T.B., St. Clement's and Oxford T.B. Tenor 11 cwt.

RAYMOND W. BALLS	*Treble*	THOMAS E. SPIGHT	4
ARTHUR G. BASON	2	WILLIAM H. BARRETT	5
GILBERT E. LARTER	3	GEOFFREY R. DREW	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY R. DREW.

WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Fri., July 15, 1960, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.

*DENNIS COOPER	*Treble*	HERBERT T. ROOKE	4
*A. BENJAMIN COOPER	2	DENNIS SMEDLEY	5
GEORGE CHALLANS	3	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ROOKE.
* First peal of Oxford T.B. Minor.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam H. Prout, who died at Salisbury on July 11th 1960, aged 78 years.

BUCKNALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 16, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being 720 each of Norwich, Chester, Ipswich, York, Durham, Wells and London Tenor 11 cwt.

JACK RILEY	*Treble*	REGINALD A. CHALLINOR	4
NORMAN SHERRATT	2	PHILLIP A. MASON	5
WALTER SHERRATT	3	ROY WORRALL	*Tenor*

Conducted by NORMAN SHERRATT.

RINGSTEAD, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., July 18, 1960, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in seven methods, viz.: Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in E.

ANTHONY D. SANSOM	*Treble*	MURRAY A. COLEMAN	4
BARRIE HENDRY	2	DAVID W. JAMES	5
RONALD J. JOHNSON	3	GEOFFREY E. WATSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID W. JAMES.

APSLEY END, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., July 18, 1960, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In 11 methods, being an extent each of: (1) Chester and Munden, 14 changes of method; (2) York and Durham, 12 changes of method; (3) Beverley and Surfleet, 14 changes of method; (4) Cambridge and Primrose, 12 changes of method; (5) Lightfoot; (6) London; (7) Norwich.
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

GLADYS MANCHIP	*Treble*	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD	4
WALTER AYRE	2	WILLIAM C. HUGHES ..	5
KENNETH R. DUNSTAN ..	3	WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

STEBBING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 20, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being 720 each of London, Wells, Durham, York, Beverley, Ipswich and Cambridge.
Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM R. CHAPMAN ..	*Treble*	ALAN R. SYDER	4
MARION H. MILLS	2	FRANK B. LUFKIN	5
PETER L. WOODS	3	*MAURICE E. DOWNS ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
* First in seven Surprise.

POLSTEAD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., July 22, 1960, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in six methods: (1) Double Court, (2) Single Oxford, (3) St. Clement's, (4) Kent Treble Bob, (5) Plain Bob, (6) Oxford Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 9¼ cwt.

*JOHN AVIS	*Treble*	†ROBERT PRESTON	4
ADRIAN SEMKEN	2	ALAN R. BRIDGES	5
BERNHEAD W. FAIRHEAD	3	‡URBAN W. WILDNEY ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ 150th peal for Suffolk Guild.

BIGGIN HILL, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 23, 1960, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being an extent each of Norwich, Beverley, Surfleet, London, York, Ipswich and Cambridge.
Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in B.

*PETER N. BOND	*Treble*	ANDREW N. MACVE	4
*JOAN BERESFORD	2	RALPH BIRD	5
JOHN R. COOPER	3	IAN H. ORAM	*Tenor*

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.
* First peal in seven Surprise Minor methods. First in seven methods on the bells.

BLITHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 23, 1960, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in nine methods: (1) Double Bob and Plain Bob, (2) Double Court, (3) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) St. Clement's Bob, (6) Double Oxford Bob, (7) Single Oxford Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in A.

ROBERT J. WARRILOW ..	*Treble*	K. PETER JONES	4
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW ..	2	RICHARD J. WARRILOW ..	5
CHARLES A. S. WEBB ..	3	GEOFFREY DAVIES	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY DAVIES.
First in nine methods by all the band and for the Association.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. Anthony P. E. Youell, son of the President of the Association (the Ven. George Youell, Archdeacon of Stoke-on-Trent), and Miss Barbara M. Pickering, who were married at Leek Parish Church this day.

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 23, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS A BECKET,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.
Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

*ROBERT B. SMITH	*Treble*	†E. MICHAEL QUINN ..	4
†PETER DALE	2	*JOHN ROBINSON	5
†GORDON RUMMEY ..	3	*BERNARD GROVES	*Tenor*

Conducted by BERNARD GROVES.
* 150th peal together. † First in the method.

LONG SUTTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 23, 1960, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 REVERSE CANTERBURY PLEASURE BOB DOUBLES

Five callings.
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb

PERCY COX	*Treble*	ERIC FORD	3
RONALD D. SHORT	2	CECIL T. CLARKE	4
MICHAEL J. STONE ..	*Tenor*		

Conducted by RONALD D. SHORT.
First in the method by all and on the bells. First peal on the bells since rehanging and for 23 years.

WHITTLEBURY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 23, 1960, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten extents each of St. Simon's and Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, and twelve of Grandsire.
Tenor 9 cwt.

*DAVID BURBIDGE	*Treble*	CHARLES E. TRUMAN ..	3
†GRAHAM LINNELL	2	WILLIAM A. YATES ..	4
JAMES LINNELL	*Tenor*		

Conducted by WILLIAM A. YATES.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'
Rung for the induction of the Rev. Dr. R. S. Foster, Ph.D.

HANDBELL PEALS

LEVERSTOCK GREEN, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., July 17, 1960, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
IN THE SCHOOL,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 22 in C.

STANLEY HUCKLE	1—2	WALTER AYRE	5—6
GERALD PENNEY	3—4	MICHAEL D. FROST	7—8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by MICHAEL D. FROST.
First on eight as conductor.

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 20, 1960, in 1 Hour and 42 Minutes,
AT 17, QUEEN STREET,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods, being one extent each of St. Clement's, Reverse Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Double Bob, and three extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor size 11 in G.

GERALD PENNEY	1—2	GEOFFREY DODDS	3—4
JOYCE DODDS	5—6		

Conducted by GERALD PENNEY.
First handbell peal of Minor in five methods by all.

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., July 22, 1960, in 1 Hour and 42 Minutes,
AT 17, QUEEN STREET,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, College Bob, St. Clement's, Reverse Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor size 11 in G.

GERALD PENNEY	1—2	GEOFFREY DODDS	3—4
JOYCE DODDS	5—6		

Conducted by GERALD PENNEY.
First handbell peal of Minor in seven methods by all.

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21st BIRTHDAY TOUCH

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On July 26th, 2,100 Grandsire Triples: Pauline Drury 1, C. N. Chinnery 2, J. A. Smith 3, Gwen May 4, Pam Bird 5, H. Colcombe 6, J. King (cond.) 7, J. Martin 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Colin N. Chinnery.

ABBOTT'S-LEIGH, BRISTOL.—On July 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. J. Gould 1, B. Huddleston 2, J. D. Edgell (first quarter) 3, G. Locke 4, J. A. Bennett (cond.) 5, P. E. Parry 6. Rung half-muffled by Henbury ringers, in memoriam Frank Skidmore, Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, who passed away, Monday, July 12th, 1960.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On July 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. Salisbury 1, D. Sutcliffe 2, D. Salisbury 3, C. Harwood 4, P. Flack 5, R. Castledine 6, E. Buck (cond.) 7, R. Haynes 8.

BARKING, ESSEX.—At the Church of St. Margaret, on July 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Sherwood 1, Miss M. Harris 2, J. Carrott 3, G. Cottis 4, H. Worboys 5, D. W. Beard 6, F. V. Gant (cond.) 7, E. Lucas 8. Rung as a compliment to S. J. Holgate, whose son, Irving John, was married earlier on this day at St. Mary's, Dagenham, and also as a compliment to D. W. Beard, M.Sc., upon his appointment as a lecturer in Applied Mathematics, at the University of Wales, Aberystwyth.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—On July 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. H. Foreman (first of Triples) 1, Miss A. Gladwell 2, H. M. White 3, R. Hayden 4, D. H. Kingston 5, E. Rochester 6, F. Bird (cond.) 7, T. Camp 8. Rung as a farewell to Miss A. Gladwell, who is leaving for Hereford.

CHENIES, BUCKS.—On July 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. J. Harpley (first quarter) 1, W. J. Atkins (first 'inside') 2, Miss J. N. E. Chilton 3, K. D. Waples 4, D. J. Goodman (cond.) 5, A. Grover (aged 73, first quarter) 6. A welcome to Bridget Diones, second daughter to Bill and Joy Atkins.

CHIPPING BARNET, HERTS.—On July 24th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: W. J. Bradbrook (first in the method) 1, M. Soper 2, H. Eldred 3, A. M. Stacey 4, C. King 5, T. Pink 6, A. H. Fulwell 7, W. J. Wilson 8. For Evensong.

COALPIT HEATH, GLOS.—On July 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Williams 1, C. Batten 2, Mrs. D. Smith 3, G. W. Smart 4, D. Smith (first of Doubles as cond.) 5, W. J. Cook 6. Rung in memory of Mr. Frank Skidmore, Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—At the Church of St. Leonard-at-the-Hythe, on July 17th, 1,440 Minor (Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Single Oxford and St. Clement's): J. Avis 1, Doreen Fairhead 2, W. J. Brunt 3, G. W. Barnes 4, B. W. Fairhead (cond.) 5, F. G. Oliver 6. Rung by the Sunday service band for Sung Eucharist.

CORSLEY, WILTS.—On July 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Patricia Hawkins (aged 13, first quarter) 1, P. Roynon 2, N. Knee 3, L. Hawkins 4, E. Norris (cond.) 5, R. Holly 6. For Patronal Festival (St. Margaret), also a token of respect for the late E. C. Marlow, of Warminster (aged 85), interred this day.

DOWNTON, WILTS.—On July 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Patricia Gouly 1, E. Haines 2, R. N. Marlow 3, Ann Abrahams 4, C. Redwood 5, L. F. Cobb 6, H. H. Abrahams (cond.) 7, C. Churchill 8. First of Stedman for 1 and 2.

EAST BUDLEIGH.—On July 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Savage 1, L. G. Bolt 2, M. J. Board 3, G. West 4, F. Mack (cond.) 5, F. Snow 6. Also the same evening, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Luxton 1, L. Bolt 2, G. Ellett 3, F. Mack 4, M. J. Board (cond.) 5, F. Snow 6. Rung for the centenary of Drake's School, East Budleigh.

FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.—On May 11th, 1,260 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. H. Mills 1, C. W. Denyer 2, W. W. Wright 3, W. H. Viggers 4, P. Joyce (first in the method) 5, E. J. Bragg (cond.) 6. Rung for the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. G. S. G. Joyce.

GREAT GADDESDEN, HERTS.—On July 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Ayre (cond.) 1, W. C. Hughes 2, K. D. Waples 3, D. J. Goodman 4, B. M. Barker 5, B. K. Currington 6. Rung for the christening of Anne Janice, daughter of Brian and Beryl Currington.

HALSE, SOMERSET.—On July 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Tarr (cond.) 1, T. Hancock 2, H. Sealy 3, A. Knight 4, W. Hancock 5, H. Taylor 6. Rung for the wedding, this day, of Miss A. Davey and Mr. E. Wilkins.

QUARTER PEALS

HENBURY, BRISTOL.—On July 24th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. D. Egdell 1, J. Culley 2, C. Abbott 3, N. J. Maggs 4, P. E. Parry 5, G. Locke 6, J. A. Bennett (cond.) 7, B. Huddleston 8. For Evensong.

HONITON, DEVON.—On July 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Harvey (aged 14, first quarter) 1, C. Manley 2, A. Hodge 3, W. Webb 4, C. Webb (cond.) 5, S. Sweetland 6. Also on July 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss C. Hodge (aged 12, first quarter) 1, Miss J. Real 2, C. Manley 3, A. Hodge 4, C. Webb (cond.) 5, W. Webb 6.

LANCASTER.—At St. Peter's (R.C.) Cathedral, on June 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Crook 1, J. Woods 2, R. Rainford 3, R. Warden 4, N. Cross 5, S. Jeffery 6, H. Rainford (cond.) 7, J. Pye 8. To celebrate the ordination of Father Brian Noble, on June 11th, by Bishop Flynn. Also on June 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Crook 1, T. Jackson 2, R. Warden 3, R. Rainford 4, H. Rainford (cond.) 5, N. Cross 6. To celebrate the diamond jubilee as a priest of the Very Rev. Canon O'Dwyer, ordained June 17th, 1920. Also on July 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (6-7 covering): R. Crook 1, J. Woods 2, R. Warden 3, R. Rainford 4, H. Rainford (cond.) 5, S. Anderton 6, S. Jeffery 8. To commemorate the ordination of Lawrence Kernan to the priesthood this day.

LIMPSFIELD, SURREY.—On May 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Allen 1, A. Stenning 2, Mrs. A. Stenning 3, E. Jarrett 4, E. Nixon (cond.) 5, P. Edwards 6. Also on May 14th, 1,360 Grandsire Doubles: A. Terry 1, A. Stenning 2, Mrs. A. Stenning 3, E. Jarrett 4, E. Nixon (cond.) 5, M. J. Wall (first quarter) 6.

MALMESBURY, WILTS.—On July 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Nettles 1, J. E. Billings 2, R. Terry 3, E. Player 4, H. E. Blacker 5, P. Paginton 6, L. Grey (cond.) 7, W. T. Tucker 8. Rung half-muffled with 4-6-8 covering, in memoriam Mr. F. Skidmore and Mr. H. Prout.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICS.—On June 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. J. Stimson (first on eight bells) 1, Mrs. G. G. Meyer 2, H. Aley 3, H. Clayton 4, F. Shepheard 5, J. L. Day 6, C. M. Meyer (cond.) 7, S. E. Smith (first quarter) 8. Rung on the occasion of the ordination as priest, in Leicester Cathedral, of the Rev. S. R. Northmore.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. H. Endicott 1, Mrs. M. Hayes 2, H. Smith 3, C. Taylor 4, N. Hayes (cond.) 5, J. Dacombe 6. Rung in memoriam Mr. W. Rowe, a member of the Guild for many years.

NORTON, HERTS.—On July 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Werrett 1, R. Day 2, A. E. Pound 3, W. Hitch 4, M. Collins 5, Miss J. Sanderson 6, H. Werrett (cond.) 7, Miss I. Werrett 8. Rung for the induction of the Rev. D. C. Ritchie, to the parish of Norton.

NOTTINGHAM.—At St. Peter's Church, on July 16th, 1,440 Minor (Plain Bob and St. Clement's): Mrs. A. Henson (first of Minor) 1, Mrs. M. I. Pailing 2, F. A. Salter 3, Mrs. P. M. Beach 4, D. Beach 5, E. N. Pailing (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to D. Beach.

OLD MARSTON, OXFORD.—On July 16th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: A. Dunkley (first quarter) 1, R. H. Jones (cond.) 2, N. D. Deam 3, Helen Williams (first quarter) 4, J. S. Walker 5. First quarter of Minimus for the band.

OLDSWINFORD, STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—On July 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. J. Brown 1, Jill Tombs 2, F. V. Nicholls 3, M. J. Fellows (first as cond.) 4, M. D. Fellows 5, A. Roden 6. A 74th birthday compliment to Mr. C. W. Cooper, and as a farewell to Dr. M. T. Sprackling.

OUNDLE, NORTHANTS.—On July 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss T. Lovell 1, W. L. Ferrar 2, A. Wills 3, Mrs. P. E. Clarke 4, R. W. Spencer (cond.) 5, R. A. Webster 6, D. Vessey 7, A. B. Clarke 8. Rung as a compliment to the ringer of the 3rd on his 21st birthday and as a farewell to the ringer of the treble, who is leaving the district.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—At St. John's Church, on July 17th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: H. Goakes 1, W. Barker 2, G. Bush 3, J. R. G. Spicer 4, M. Dyer 5, F. Boyall 6, H. S. Peacock 7, J. H. Bluff (cond.) 8. Rung for morning service, and a farewell to the Rev. Mr. Davidson, curate at St. John's Church.

PETERSFIELD, HANTS.—On July 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: H. DeCombe 1, B. S. Gambrill 2, K. Sansom (cond.) 3, D. Hughes 4, K. Tipper 5, B. Kercher 6. Rung to mark the closing of the Petersfield High School for Girls and as a farewell to Miss Jill Hammond, a ringer at St. Peter's, who is leaving the district.

POYNTON, CHESHIRE.—On July 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Stear (first quarter) 1, Eileen Fearn 2, Carol Fearnley 3, B. Schofield 4, I. Jenkins 5, S. Hough, jun. (cond.) 6.

PRITTLEWELL, SOUTHEND-ON-SEA, ESSEX.—On July 10th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: P. Sloman 1, Mrs. J. P. Sadler (first of Major) 2, Miss J. Rowe 3, B. Sadler 4, J. Belcham 5, D. Belcham 6, W. A. Smith (cond.) 7, L. Beale 8. For evening service.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On July 21st, 1,344 Yorkshire Surprise Major: R. Woodward 1, Mrs. N. Chaddock 2, Miss S. Chaddock 3, I. Tilling 4, D. G. French 5, P. Coote 6, J. N. D. Chaddock 7, N. Chaddock (cond.) 8. By the Sunday service band.

SALISBURY, WILTS.—At St. Paul's, on July 19th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss Y. Eloie 1, Miss M. Page 2, E. Haines 3, J. Daniels 4, B. Lawes 5, C. J. Redwood 6, A. Haines 7, R. Marlow (cond.) 8. First of Major for 3, 5 and 7. In memoriam Harry Prout.

SARRATT, HERTS.—On July 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. H. Greaves (first quarter) 1, R. W. R. Picton 2, R. J. Picton 3, June N. E. Chilton (first 'inside') 4, D. J. Goodman (cond.) 5. A 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th.

SOUTH ASHFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS, U.S.A.—At High Valley Farm, on July 17th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor 'in hand': D. Dickinson 1—2, D. Goldstein 3—4, Alice Dickinson (cond.) 5—6. Rung in memory of Margaret Shurcliff. Presumed to be the first quarter peal rung 'in hand' by natives of this country.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—On July 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (7, 8 covering): Katherine Burchnall 1, Lavina Mumford 2, N. Moxon 3, B. Hough 4, Grace Burchnall (cond.) 5, A. Wilson 6, R. Mumford 7, W. Rushby 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of J. T. Shipley, who was a regular ringer at this church, for 68 years, and who was buried the previous Friday, aged 79.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On July 17th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. Chapman 1, F. Maynard 2, H. Warboys 3, D. Hewitt 4, M. Barton (first of Stedman) 5, F. Sykes 6, B. Downes (cond.) 7, R. Lumsden 8. For Evensong.

WARMLEY, GLOS.—On July 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Myra J. Wilkins 1, Sheila C. Matthews (first of Minor) 2, H. Taysom 3, Rita M. Webb 4, B. K. Lewis 5, A. W. Gibbs (cond.) 6. Rung in memory of Frank Skidmore, Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On June 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Linnell 1, G. E. Green (cond.) 2, F. C. Case 3, A. Armstrong 4, T. E. Roberts 5, P. D. Taylor 6, C. E. Truman 7, G. Foddy 8.

WOLVEY, WARWICKS.—On May 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: J. Hood 1, T. W. Thorpe 2, A. D. O'Donnell 3, J. H. Beale (cond.) 4, H. M. Windsor 5, L. C. Beck 6. Rung to welcome the Rev. C. B. Gibbons to the parish, prior to his induction to the living, on May 24th, 1960.

WORCESTER.—On July 16th, at St. Swithun's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Baylis 1, J. Pusey 2, Miss B. Holm 3, W. H. Raxter (cond.) 4, F. C. Pugh 5, C. Deakin 6. Rung during the Patronal Festival.

YATESBURY, WILTS.—On July 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Valerie L. Preston 1, F. B. Preston 2, F. Preston 3, G. Ingham 4, M. W. Toze (first as cond.) 5. Rung as a compliment to F. Barry Preston, on his return from H.M. Forces, in Cyprus.

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HANDSWORTH, STAFFS

Handsworth ringers' outing, on July 9th, began early in bright sunshine and with all the passengers settled the coach was soon speeding on its way. The first call was at Eastwood where a few adjustments had to be made to the ropes before ringing was comfortable, but the bells proved to be worth working on and provided fine tone when well struck. The next stage of the journey was quite long and diversion was provided by ringing handbells. We arrived at Loughborough Bell Foundry in the middle of a torrential rain shower and were welcomed by Mr. Paul Taylor, whom we were very pleased to meet once again. After a short tour of the foundry we ascended to the base camp of the bell ringers' Everest and tried our hands on the bells. A touch was rung on the back eight by the ladies but during an attempt for London the bell proved altogether too much for one of the front end ringers who proved to be an expert at catching his sally after the bell had bounced from the stay.

After lunch the party went to Loughborough Parish Church where the magnificent bells were fully sampled by all and the final course of Yorkshire would have pleased even the most critical listener. There is no doubt that Loughborough and John Taylor and Co. can be justifiably proud of this ring of bells. At nearby Shepshed the writer's favourite touch of Grandsire with Queen's, Tittums and plenty of 4-6-8's, etc., was being attempted when we were told we would have to stop due to a sick case very nearby. We returned to Loughborough for tea. Our final ringing stop was at Sutton-on-Trent where the very pleasing 12 cwt. eight were rung to a variety of methods. This tower was almost like playing a home fixture and all acquitted themselves well. A stop was made on the way home for the inevitable, but welcome refreshments, which we all felt we had earned, before reaching our starting point at about 11 p.m.

Our thanks are due to Mr. J. J. L. Gilbert, for making the arrangements and keeping us to the schedule, and to all incumbents and tower captains for the use of their bells.

D. H.

OUTINGS

BECCLES, SUFFOLK

Beccles ringers and their friends from neighbouring towers for their annual outing on July 16th went for their ringing to Terrington St. Clement, in the far corner of Norfolk, where they found another detached tower. A few touches were rung on the ten at Wisbech before lunch. Then back into Norfolk, ringing at Hilgay, Downham Market and Northwold and finally on yet another detached tower, this time in Suffolk, at Elveden.

For this most enjoyable day sincere thanks are accorded to Mr. F. C. Wigmore, of Wisbech, and Mr. E. Mastin, of Downham Market, and to incumbents and tower keepers.

DUNHOLME AND SAXILBY, LINCS

Towers south of Lincoln were chosen for this year's outing on July 9th. After ringing at Nocton, Blankney and Martin, during the morning, we journeyed across to Hough-on-the-Hill, where, at the kind invitation of the Vicar, we had our picnic lunch on the vicarage lawn. Hough, Caythorpe and Fulbeck bells were rung during the afternoon, and we then made for the George Hotel, Leadenham, for tea.

Wellingore and Waddington, in the evening, completed a day of good six-bell towers, the one exception being Caythorpe, where they have a good eight-bell ring. Methods rung ranged from rounds to Cambridge.

At 9 p.m. we were sitting down to dinner at the 'Horse and Jockey,' Waddington, where, after the 'last course' had been 'brought round,' we were able to look back on the 'major' 'delights' of another successful outing. Since we 'ran out quick' in the morning we had been 'dodging' about, 'making places,' some of us had never made before, and generally having a right 'royal' time.

Thanks go to Stan Smith, to those who provided the transport, to incumbents and members of local bands who met us.

H. C

STORRINGTON, SUSSEX

Favoured by perfect weather, Storrington ringers and friends enjoyed their annual outing, on July 16th, in East Sussex and Kent. Towers visited were Alfriston, Brede, Kilndown, Hartfield, Danehill and Wivelsfield. Lunch was taken at Whitegates, Westfield, and tea at Hartfield. On the whole the bells and ringing were good. Touches of Stedman, Bob Minor and Grandsire were rung. Thanks are accorded to incumbents and ringers who met the party.

L. & D.

HUNTS DISTRICT

The 11th annual outing of the Hunts District of the Ely Association was in North Oxfordshire, on July 2nd. The weather was fine and warm without being too hot, and quite a pleasant day was spent by a company of 35 members and friends.

We had a preponderance of youth and it was a fine experience for them. The variety of rings was marked and ranged from the six little bells of Tetsworth to the 19¼ cwt. of Great Milton. In addition, we rang on the eight at Thame and the sixes at Garsington and Wheatley. Our ringing may not have been high class, by some standards, the majority being Plain, interspersed with Treble Bob and a little Surprise, but we are plain and ordinary folk and enjoyed what we did ring. At all of the towers we were met by local ringers and had the pleasure of ringing with some of them. A veteran of some sixty years of ringing joined us at Great Milton in a touch of Grandsire.

The experience of ringing among the timbers of Wheatley was amusing, and climbing through the trap-door, at Tetsworth was very tricky.

Thanks are due to incumbents, to local ringers, to Harold Peacock, who once more arranged the trip, and the gentleman from Oxfordshire, without whose assistance the trip would not have been possible.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

A feature about the 100th peal rung at Thurcaston, Leics. was that Mr. Ernest Morris rang the same bell as he did when the first peal was rung on the bells on April 17th, 1920. In 1920 a transposition of Parker's 12-part was rung; this time it was a variation. The 100th peal was a birthday compliment to 'Auntie Beattie' (Mrs. Ernest Morris).

As a result of meeting short at Macclesfield, on July 9th, the band had to be content with London Surprise Major. Mr. F. Dunkerley kindly stood down.

The band who rang in the peal at Long Sutton, on July 23rd, would like to associate with it the name of Mr. Paul Field, who was unable to stand in, owing to family illness.

Next Saturday (August 6th) the University Association start their ringing week with headquarters at Wirlow Grange, Sheffield 11. A comprehensive programme has been prepared for the occasion by Phyllis Holborn and John Seager, and Mr. York-Bramble has produced a new method for the tour. There will be peal attempts at Bolsover, Chesterfield and Handsworth.

During the ringing of a quarter peal attempt at Oundle, Northants, on July 26th, a pigeon, which had been listening to the ringing with obvious pleasure from the window sill, decided to enter the ringing chamber. The band are unable to discover whether the bird intended to register a protest against ringing Minor with two covering bells or was carried away by the excellence of the striking. At any rate the quarter came to grief but was successful at the second attempt.

The ringing of peals at Morpeth Watch Tower by visiting ringers, thus interferring with the ringing of the 8 p.m. curfew by Miss J. Armstrong, is commented upon by 'Saggerston' in 'The Morpeth Herald,' of July 22nd. 'It seems extraordinary that the team did not notify Miss Armstrong,' states the article. 'So now, the curfew, disheartened, is silent on most nights.' These breaks in traditional customs are regretted.

At High Valley Farm, South Ashfield, Massachusetts, U.S.A., a new step in the history of change ringing in America was taken on July 17th, when a quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor was rung 'in hand,' to the memory of Mrs. Margaret Shurcliff. This is believed to be the first quarter peal rung 'in hand' by natives of the United States of America. Our congratulations. Some years back there were handbell peals rung in Venezuela, but the performances were not by natives of the American Continent.

The Rev. David G. Brunning informs us that he is carrying on his disputation with Mr. C. R. Chad Coussmaker on the subject of Confirmation privately.

There will be a course on 'The Art of Bell Ringing,' at Grantley Hall, Adult College, near Ripon, Yorks, from Friday evening March 17th to Sunday evening March 19th, 1961.

In memory of the late Mrs. 'Flo' Field and to complete the ring of six, a new treble bell is to be installed at Long Sutton, Somerset. The dedication (which will be advertised) should be early in 1961.

We hear that the Kent veterans were successful in their peal of Grandsire Triples, at West Malling, on July 2nd. The total age of the band was 570 years and their membership of the Kent County Association amounted to 440 years.

The band who rang the peal at Ringstead, Northants, desire it to be associated with the tercentenary of the Royal Society, who have been presented by H.M. the Queen with a silver bell to be rung at all future meetings of the Society.

During a Saturday ringing practice at Exeter Cathedral, a visitor left behind a small Kodak Brownie 127 camera together with a canvas case. This has not been claimed and would the owner please write to N. Mallett, 61, Butts Road, Heavitree, Exeter, when it will gladly be returned.

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40 YEARS ON

On July 20th, 1920, six ringers met at All Saints' Church, Melbourn, Cambs, to attempt a peal of 5,040 Plain Bob Minor. This they accomplished in 2 hours 44 minutes. The same band met again on July 20th, 1960, and rang a quarter peal in the same method, each ringing the same bell with the same conductor. The band was: S. Reed 1, A. E. Austin (cond.) 2, C. Gouldthorpe 3, J. W. Ward 4, E. G. Hibbens 5, F. Harper 6.

Messrs. Reed, Gouldthorpe, Harper and Ward belong to the local band, the 1920 peal being their first. They still ring regularly for Evensong, at Melbourn, on alternate Sundays. Mr. Austin now lives near Newmarket, while Mr. Hibbens, living in Cambridge, rings at Great St. Mary's, with the Cambridge Youths.

During the late 1920's and 1930's Messrs. Austin, Ward and Harper rang many peals of Surprise Minor in the six bell towers around Cambridge. Mr. Hibbens is well known as the conductor of many peals of Major.

May the writer conclude by saying with what pleasure he listened to the well struck quarter peal rung by his old friends.

C. W. C.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

Annual Meeting At Chelmsford

THE 81st annual meeting of the Essex Association was held in Chelmsford, on Whit Monday. The proceedings started with the annual service in the Cathedral, conducted by the Provost (the Very Rev. G. E. Gordon), assisted by the Precentor (the Rev. J. A. Morley). The Archdeacon of Colchester (the Ven. A. V. G. Cleall), preached the sermon. The Master (Mr. R. C. Heazel) read the lesson.

The Master was in the chair for the annual meeting which followed in the Chapter House.

Mr. R. C. Heazel, who had been nominated by all districts, was re-elected as Master of the Association, and he thanked the members for their continued support. Mr. H. Turner, of Shenfield, was elected Deputy Master, and the name of Mr. F. V. Gant was the only one submitted for the onerous post of honorary secretary and treasurer. Messrs. F. Goddard and D. G. Mayell were elected auditors, together with Messrs. J. Crawley, P. Eves and C. Smith. All were unanimously re-elected.

One of the most pleasing duties at the annual meeting is the rewarding of long and faithful service by the conferring of life membership. This was conferred upon Mrs. C. Roberts and Messrs. E. J. Blower, C. Button, G. Camp, E. G. Cottis, J. Jennings, E. Leggatt, D. Sellars, F. Smith and G. Waterman.

After the Master had closed the meeting, the company adjourned to the Cathedral Hall for lunch, when the Archdeacon was the chief guest.

REVIEW OF THE YEAR

The annual dinner has now firmly established itself and once again was held in the Shirehall, early in October. It was a very enjoyable evening. Unfortunately the president, the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford, was unable to be present owing to a throat infection, but the ever-present Provost, with his lady, supported the Master at the top table. The guest of honour was Ernest Morris, of Leicester, and the Association is grateful to him for coming and also to Mr. J. Chalk for making his visit possible. Entertainment was provided by Dr. Armstrong Gibbs, Miss Joan Edwards and Mr. E. Bailey, with Mrs. Cole at the piano. A feature of the evening was a very well struck course of Grandsire Caters by Messrs. Turner, Eves, Egglestone and Symonds, with Ernest Morris taking a pair as well.

Membership now stands at 956 ringing members, with 226 honorary members. There are 116 towers in union.

PEAL RINGING

Peal ringing showed a slight increase—70 against 64 in 1959. The conducting was shared by 26 members, headed by F. B. Lufkin 16, H. W. Egglestone 9, A. R. Andrews, H. Turner 6; one peal was rung silently. Some 180 members took part in the peals (158 in 1958), 14 scored their first peal (12 in 1958) and 96 scored their first in the method (128 in 1958).

The following rang 15 or more peals for the Association: H. W. Egglestone 21, D. A. S. Symonds 20, F. B. Lufkin 19, U. W. Wildney 16.

Cambridge Surprise Royal was rung by the Cambridge University Guild, at Saffron Walden; Kent Treble Bob Major, by the University of London Society, at Leyton, and London Surprise Major by the College Youths, at Woodford.

Personal congratulations go to F. B. Lufkin on ringing his 450th peal. Outstanding in the year's performances are of course the two peals of Minor rung by J. E. G. Roast and his band who raised the number of methods spliced into a peal, first to 51 and then to 60. For the first time for many years handbell peals have been recorded and congratulations go to H. Egglestone and his band. An excellent performance was the peal of Cambridge, rung at Halstead—silent and non-conducted.

Quarter peal ringing again shows a slight increase. 187 being recorded as against 181 in 1958. New towers included in the list were Orsett, Great and Little Horkesley, Epping and an increasing number from Waltham Abbey, but, of course, pride of place must go to Rayleigh, where this enthusiastic band scored 31 quarter peals in 13 methods with 6 conductors. Walthamstow rang 17. Altogether 51 towers recorded quarter peals. This is a fine effort and is indicative of the strength of service ringing in the Association.

SURVEY OF TOWERS AND SERVICE RINGING

Rings in the Diocese, 174; Ringable, 146. Towers in union with the Association, 111; Towers making returns for the period requested, 89; Towers where no information as to the service ringing, 4; Towers where no ringing is taking place, 1.

OBSERVATIONS.—For the month under review 21 towers rang for Matins and Evensong, 9 towers for Matins only and 8 towers for Evensong, that is to say, all ropes fully manned

Of the towers in union it can generally be said that the attendance is quite high, averaging 75 per cent regular ringing for Sunday morning and 80 per cent for Evensong.

At 25 per cent of the towers within the Diocese ringing is irregular. In certain cases the bells are only rung by visiting bands, or when a request is made by the local Church authorities, or when some enthusiast musters up a band in order to arouse local enthusiasm

Let us clean out the belfries that are too often cluttered up with pigeons' nests and other refuse and let us also clean out our ringing chambers and make them fit places to entertain visitors and friends and indeed a fit place for the worship of God.

'Let us in our ringing strive for constancy in all we do so that it may be realised by everybody that to be a ringer involves strength of character, reliability and firmness of principle. By so doing, we shall have the satisfaction of "something attempted, something done," bringing joy and inspiration to all we meet along life's path.'

SERVANTS OF THE EXERCISE – No. 32



MR. G. W. PIPE

Victoria, Australia.

Mr. George W. Pipe, although the youngest member of the Exercise to be included in this series, has undoubtedly, by his hard work and enthusiasm 'down under,' earned himself an honoured place in it. He is carrying the torch and preaching the gospel of good striking in Australia with such effect that the standards are improving out of all recognition.

Despite the difficulties of great distances between places of ringing—500 miles is quite an ordinary journey—Double Norwich, Stedman Triples, Grandsire Caters and Bob Royal are rung regularly, and our peal columns now frequently carry records of successful peal attempts, George Pipe being the young man who is at the back of all this.

He was born in 1935 at Staines, Middlesex, the son of Cecil (Jim) Pipe. Educated at Woodbridge School (Suffolk), and learned to ring at Grundisburgh, in 1944. At the early age of ten he had rung peals of Bob Major and Cambridge Surprise Major, and by the time he had reached the mature age of twelve he had rung peals of London and Bristol Surprise Major! At eleven years of age he conducted his first peal—Bob Major. By the time he was 13, he had rung peals of Stedman Cinques and Cambridge Maximus, at Ipswich, conducted by C. J. Sedgley. For the latter peals he was rewarded by that great ringer, F. J. Tillett, with two bright half-crowns! At the age of 15 he had rung 100 peals, all on tower bells. He assisted his father to turn in Exeter Cathedral tenor to a peal of Major in 4 hours 41 minutes, when he was 19. His peals total is 266 of which he has conducted 104. Truly a remarkable record for one so young.

George married Diana Matthew, in 1956, and they have one daughter, Sarah. He is not only brilliant in his ringing, but also good at his job (engineering). His ability was soon recognised by his employers, and he was appointed to the Australian subsidiary firm of Ransomes, Sims and Jeffries, to become works manager of their organisation. His disposition is very friendly and pleasant, and he has a way (like his father) of getting on well with people. One of the things he is particularly proud of is the successful accomplishment of a quarter peal of Maximus in Australia with 10 'firsts' in it. His ambition is to see first class belfrymanship, and to hear first class striking in all Australian towers; and the formation of one Australian Association with all towers and bells in good order. If we are not very much mistaken, George is the boy to see that this comes about. We wish him every success in his efforts, and he is such a lovable chap that we feel sure his fellow ringers in that far away country will rally to his support.

JAFUS.

PLACE NOTATION

By WILFRID G. WILSON

I AM grateful to Mr. Burles for his reference to me in his letter on the above subject ('R.W.' July 8th, page 467). I am not sure that I am necessarily the right person to explain place notation, but I agree with him that it needs doing, having also known people to whom it is a complete mystery, until someone sits down with pen and paper and works out an example for them. So here goes.

The first thing to realise is that the only work that makes a method, instead of a plain or treble bob hunting course, is the places—that is those parts of the ringing when one bell occupies the same position in two consecutive rows. And all that makes one plain method differ from another, or one treble bob method differ from another, is the number and position of those places. When you ring a method, you have normally learnt all the dodging as well as the place making, but in a plain hunt method all the dodging is caused by the place making. And in a treble bob method this is also true, except that when the treble dodges it has to have a bell to dodge with.

So if we can devise a system which tells us which places are made and when, and so long as we know the path of the treble, then we can put down the essentials of any method in a kind of shorthand. This is what enabled A. J. Corrigan to print the basic factors of so many surprise methods in his booklets for sale at an economic price. And because of these booklets his name has become associated with the system of place notation. But it has actually been used by some people for many years—either for written work or to enable the experts to ring difficult methods double-handed. In the latter case all they learn of each method is the position of the places, and either dodge or hunt when their own bells are not concerned in those places. If you look at the surprise methods printed in your ringers' diary you will see that the places are indicated against the first half lead and the first lead end of each method. That is place notation and if the figures of the lead were not also printed, they could be worked out.

The simplest form of place notation is one which shows row by row what happens relative to the preceding Row row. For the sake of brevity and simplicity let us take as an example a plain method — Double Norwich Court Bob Major. Here is the first half lead of the method. We want to indicate what happens between each row to give us the next row.

		1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
1		1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
2		2 1 4 3 6 5 8 7
3		2 4 1 3 5 6 7 8
4		4 2 3 1 6 5 8 7
5		2 4 3 6 1 5 7 8
6		4 2 6 3 5 1 8 7
7		2 4 3 6 5 8 1 7
8		4 2 6 3 8 5 7 1
9		4 6 2 8 3 7 5 1

Let us make a little table to show this.

Between Row	What happens	Shown by	
1—2	Each pair of bells changes over—no places	X	
2—3	4th place made	4	*
3—4	no places	X	
4—5	3rd & 6th places made	36	
5—6	no places	X	
6—7	5th place made	5	
7—8	no places	X	

At the half lead end 1st place is made 1

* First place is also made, but if it were not the path of the treble would have to be altered. Therefore there is no need to show it as 14, though we can if we wish.

If as in this case the method is a regular one, the second half of the lead is the same as the first, but backwards. So that while we can write down the first half of the lead as x4x36x5x1, we know that the second half will be x5x36x4 and we shall come to the first lead end. Eighths place is made at the lead end, so we can say so. And if we want to be very helpful, so that our reader knows he has worked it out correctly, we can also say—lead end is 8 6 7 4 5 2 3.

There are all sorts of variations to this and there is no law which says that all our experts must use the same system. So there will always be differences in the way the notation is given. There is similar confusion over the way callings are indicated in some methods, i.e., x in Stedman Triples means two bobs, six changes apart; in major it can mean a bob before. Sometimes the figure denoting the lead end (or lead head) place is given at the start. Even the same person uses variations. In the first series of surprise major methods, issued by Corrigan, Cambridge Major is shown as 38, 14, 1258, 36, 14, 58, 16, 78—lead end 2. In part 'C,' published later, he shows the same method as 38, 4, 1258, 36, 14, 5, 16, 7—with a group letter to show it is a seconds place method. Spaces (which I have shown as commas) are used instead of x to show the lack of places and certain first and eighths places have been omitted because all surprise major methods have them at those rows.

These differences and the puzzlement they cause suggest that we should make our place notation as full as possible, consistent with simplicity.

On page 472 of the 'R.W.' referred to above, there appeared under the heading of Harthill Surprise Major the following place notation:—38x14x1258x36x12x58x56x1 2nds place. L.E. 7856342. 4ths place bob.

This should give us all we need to learn and ring this method. Now, without I assure you, any prior knowledge or preparation, let us apply what we have written above and see if it works.

This is manifestly wrong as row 4 makes the treble depart from its regular treble bob hunting path. But a moment's thought, or a count of the number of rows indicated either by x or by figures, will suggest that the method probably starts, as most do, with x. Mr. Critchley, whose name appears, probably took that for granted.

		1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
		1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
X	38	2 1 3 5 4 7 6 8
X	14	1 5 2 3 4 7 6 8
		etc.

So we try again:

			Row
If you use squared paper and write in the path of the treble first, then you will be much less likely to make a mistake. But it is not essential.		1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	1
	X	2 1 4 3 6 5 8 7	2
	38	1 2 4 6 3 8 5 7	3
	X	2 1 6 4 8 3 7 5	4
	14	2 6 1 4 3 8 5 7	5
	X	6 2 4 1 8 3 7 5	6
	1258	6 2 1 4 8 7 3 5	7
	X	2 6 4 1 7 8 5 3	8
Starting from rounds change each pair of bells to produce row 2. In row 3 make 3rds and 8ths place and change the other pairs. Row 4 change all pairs.	36	6 2 4 7 1 8 3 5	9
	X	2 6 7 4 8 1 5 3	10
	12	2 6 4 7 1 8 3 5	11
	X	6 2 7 4 8 1 5 3	12
	58	2 6 4 7 8 5 1 3	13
	X	6 2 7 4 5 8 3 1	14
	56	2 6 4 7 5 8 1 3	15
	X	6 2 7 4 8 5 3 1	16
Row 5 make 1st and 4ths places. Row 6 change all pairs. Row 7 make 1st, 2nd, 5th and 8th places. Row 8 change all pairs. And so on to row 17 when we make 1st place at the half lead end. You now have enough to produce the 'blue line.' but to assure ourselves that we are still on the rails and because many of us find it easier if we have a complete lead written out, continue this for the second half of the lead, working backwards. Start with x at row 18 and continue 56x58x12x36x 1258x14x38x and seconds place at the lead end. If you have now got 1 7 8 5 6 3 4 2 you will have it right first time.	1	6 7 2 8 4 3 5 1	17

Many of us never need to use this notation, we want the 'blue line.' But it is very useful to save printing costs and space in our paper, as you will see if you look at earlier copies, which had columns of figures in them. And it has one other advantage. If, to learn a method, you have to produce from this place notation first a half lead or a full lead, as we have done above, and then by joining up the figures get your 'blue line,' you will find that you have almost learnt your method and you know quite a lot about its construction.

I hope Mr. Critchley will excuse the use as an example of the method he sent in and still more do I hope that he will not write to say I have it wrong!

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

The Salisbury Branch meeting, on July 16th, at Enford, with evening ringing at Fittleton and Netheravon attracted visitors from Wellington (Somerset), Southampton, Kingsclere, Wareham, and even Ashtead. Welcoming the ringers at the service, the Rev. D. G. Timothy said that in his 30 years' ministry, at Enford, it was the first time the Guild had visited his church for a meeting, and he hoped they would come again soon.

At the beginning of the business meeting Mr. Harold Roles asked for a minute's silence in memory of Mr. Harry Prout, formerly of Melksham and Corsham, who died on July 11th, while at a practice, in Britford Church. Harry came to live in Salisbury a year ago and had soon won the respect and affection of the Salisbury ringers. His cheerful smile will be very much missed, but his passing was as he would have wished, quietly in church with his friends, while sitting out between touches at a practice.

Certificates of proficiency were handed to Mrs. Bush, Michael Carter, Denis Chalk, Howard Smith, and Patricia Phillimore, Ivan Behan and Peter Bushell, the last three being young members of the Enford band, who had scored their first quarter peal that afternoon before the visiting ringers arrived.

The ringers' wives provided a very good tea in the School, the proceeds going to their Belfry Fund. A move was then made to the two neighbouring towers in the valley of the Wiltshire Avon (both sixes), and touches in a variety of methods, including Cambridge and London, were brought round.

Y. L. E.

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I love the way you ring—
The sweeping effortless swing, the muscles rippling—
The calm, unworried stare.

I love the way you strike a bell—
The clear and dulcet sound immaculately alone within the peal—
The beat just right.

I love to see you call—
Making the other ringers obey your
Slightest whim, clear-cut commands guiding the uncertain—
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

RINGING MEETINGS

Dear Sir.—If it can be said that to a large extent the success of a ringing meeting is governed by the number of ringers present then would it not be as well for secretaries of Guilds and Associations and their respective branches to give some thought to this problem of attendance?

Most ringers would, I think, regard it as a 'must' to attend meetings of their own Guild and branch, but the problem is to discover when these meetings are to take place, so that well in advance the dates may be noted down in the diary. In many cases the only way to find out the date and place of the next meeting is either to attend the previous one (not always possible) or else to await the appearance of the notice in 'The Ringing World,' about a fortnight before the meeting is due to take place. By that time the date in the diary has probably been taken by another fixture, not necessarily ringing.

There may be other ways of discovering the required information. For instance, some secretaries send reports of their meetings to 'The Ringing World,' although a great many do not. Even when reports are sent many of them contain no clue as to the date and place of the next meeting.

So far I have only spoken of the difficulties attending the territorial ringer, but the problem becomes even greater for the ringer who likes to attend meetings outside his own territory. Before he makes a fixture of this nature he ought to be reasonably sure that there is no other meeting which has a prior claim on his services. Secretaries, I feel sure, are always glad to see visitors at their gatherings, and the more they can do in the way of prior publicity the more attractive their meetings will be.

Now the ringer who is prepared to travel is often a peal ringer also, and from my own experience as a moderate peal ringer I find my Saturdays tend to get booked up with peal fixtures many weeks ahead. Looking down 'The Ringing World' columns at the notices of meetings I have often regretted that I could not attend a certain meeting because I already have a peal fixture which I would certainly not have arranged on that date if I had known about the meeting.

If I have made my point, is there something which might be done to improve the situation? It is the practice of some Guilds or branches only to choose the date and place of the next meeting at the previous meeting. In a great many cases the towers could be visited regularly in turn, and it then becomes a simple matter to fix a rota and to publish details in advance. These details could be published in the notice columns of 'The Ringing World.'

Would your readers agree with me. I wonder, that advance publicity would go some way to increase the attendance at ringing meetings.—Yours sincerely,

ALAN R. PINK.

Kennington, Oxford.

HOLT'S ORIGINAL

Dear Sir.—In reply to Mr. Roy D. Tomlin, an exact true 'quarter peal' from the last part of Holt's Original can be obtained as follows: Bob at 1, single at 2 and single at 5. This produces the 278th lead end of the peal.—Yours sincerely,

LOUIS HEAD.

Maidstone.

Dear Sir—In reply to Mr. Roy Tomlin's enquiry, on page 499 of 'The Ringing World,' the last quarter of the Original can be called as follows:—

From rounds	5	2D	2D 5D
This replaces the line	53		5D 5D

of the peal and has 1,330 changes.

Incidentally, it is the first time I have seen the false quarter given.—Yours sincerely,

T. E. SONE.

Paddock Wood, Kent.

FIRST PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINIMUS

Dear Sir.—With reference to the claim made in your issue of July 15th, for the peal of Plain Bob Minimus, at High Wycombe, on June 29th, I have to point out that a peal in the method was rung on handbells at Marple, on July 30th, 1938, by the brothers Jocelyn and Ivan Gardiner.

This peal was followed by others, both on tower- and handbells, and it was the advent of the Second World War which stopped progress.

Both the participants are still living; Jocelyn is farming in Norfolk and Ivan is on the staff of Reading University. (Reading University Guild please note.) I understand that neither do much ringing nowadays.

Finally, may I plead with those who make claims to read 'The Ringing World' more carefully for in your leading article of June 17th you recall the peal to which I refer.—Yours faithfully.

KENNETH LEWIS.

Timperley, Altrincham.

Details of the 1948 peal:—Marple, Cheshire, The Chester Diocesan Guild. On Saturday, July 30, 1938, in 1 Hour and 18 Minutes, at 9, Parkfield Avenue, a Peal of Bob Minimus, 5,040 changes, Being 210 extents, Tenor size 11 in F sharp. Jocelyn B. Gardiner (aged 16) 1—2. Ivan B. Gardiner (aged 13) 3—4. First peal by both. First peal by a local band 'in hand.'

BECCLES CHURCH

Dear Sir.—Re your note in 'Belfry Gossip' as to the damage to our campanile tower, at Beccles, by lightning on June 14th, I am pleased to be able to state that the damage was not serious and actually we only had to cancel one practice night and, much to our regret, the proposed visit of two outing bands due that week.

The diocesan architect examined the damage two days later and said that it was only superficial and that ringing for short periods was quite safe, so our very enthusiastic tower keeper spent a very hot Saturday afternoon clearing up the debris and the dust from the bearings (his wife tells me he made himself into an unrecognisable mess in the process), and normal ringing was resumed on Sunday morning.—Yours truly,

EDWIN R. GOATE.

Beccles.

WAKEFIELD LITTLE CATERS

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
2 1 3 5 4 7 6 9 8
2 3 1 4 5 6 7 8 9
3 2 4 1 6 5 8 7 9
3 4 2 6 1 8 5 9 7
4 3 6 2 8 1 9 5 7
4 6 3 8 2 9 1 7 5
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1 2 9 7 8 5 6 3 4

HANDBELL RINGING AND SPLIT MINDS

Dear Sir.—Following one or two recent references to handbell ringing and split minds, I note Mr. Staniforth's remarks in your issue of July 22nd with interest, and I would assure him that the Leicester ringers are by no means on their own in this respect.

However, I think that this technique does make for harder work than that outlined in the Central Council's publication 'Change Ringing on Handbells.' The basis of this is to know what internal places are being made, and to work one's bells accordingly.

Thus, for example, in Double Norwich, fourths place is made for the first whole pull of the lead, thirds and sixths for the next, and fifths for the next. The half lead is a plain hunting half lead (i.e. no internal place is made), and then the above places are made again in the reverse order. The lead end again is a plain hunting one. The places affect the working bells as follows: each odd place (thirds and fifths), made right, causes the bells below the place to do one dodge, while these above the place continue with a plain hunting path; each even place (fourths and sixths), made right, causes the reverse of this, i.e. the bells above the place dodge, and those below continue to plain hunt. At the half lead and lead end no internal places are being made, so that all bells, except those leading and lying behind, ring whole pulls of a plain hunting path.

There is, of course, much more to it than is shown by this simple example, but it is all set out in the Council's publication.

As an example of the advantages of this method over the 'split mind' or 'two blue lines' technique, I should like to refer to the recent peals of Spliced Major rung by Messrs. G. E. Feirn, J. Freeman, J. L. Millhouse and myself. To ring such a peal in 50 methods by the blue lines, it is necessary to learn seven individual leads of each of the methods, a total of 350 leads, and to be able, at each change of method, approximately every 20-25 seconds, to select any two of them and ring them.

Using the 'place' technique, it is necessary to select, at each change of method, one place notation out of fifty—a much smaller choice. (Indeed, all that has to be learnt are 50 place notations, as against the blue line of 350 individual leads.)

When ringing by this method, there is no need to know the blue lines at all, and in fact, of the 50 methods rung, I only know the blue line of some half dozen or so, which I had previously rung on tower bells.

This brings me to a further point; those people who ring handbells by two blue lines are invariably ringing methods that they have previously learnt for, and rung on, tower bells, and they have not adapted their technique for handbells. Conversely, methods which I have first learnt and rung 'in hand,' I still ring by the places when I come to ring them in the tower—thus, although I have rung a peal of Winchester Bob Major on tower bells, I could not draw out the blue line of this method.

In view of the decline in handbell ringing, and the need to interest young ringers in this aspect of change ringing, might I suggest a series of articles be published by one, or some, of the notable handbell exponents.—Yours sincerely,

A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL.

Gainsborough.

SOUTHLEIGH, OXON.—On July 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. Kinch 1, N. Allnutt 2, E. Smith 3, B. White 4, B. Coggins 5, F. White 6, J. H. Freeborn (cond.) 7, A. R. Pink 8. For the Patronal Festival.

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ANGLO-AMERICAN TOUR

THE last few days of our American friends' stay in England were spent among the magnificent towers and splendid countryside of Somerset. A week's tour, with headquarters at The Crown Hotel, Glastonbury, had been arranged by Frank C. Price, the first part of which was to be spent with our visitors.

On Saturday, July 9th, the programme began and history was to be made. Under the most able conductorship of two 'locals' the young men from across the Atlantic rang in their first quarter peal. Russell S. Young, the initiator of this great adventure, also rang a quarter peal, but it was not his first. The details of these very creditable performances—being two quarter peals of Stedman Doubles—are as follows: All Saints', Ashcott: S. Parkman Shaw III 1, John Chilcott (cond.) 2, Dennis Dix, Jun. 3, Robert H Gardiner, Jun.. 4, Daniel A. Goodenough 5, Thomas Sibley 6. St. Mary's, Shapwick: Christopher C. Angell 1, David H. Thorne 2, John Hill (cond.) 3, Michael St. J. Smith 4, Alan W. Cross 5, Russell S. Young 6.

The remainder of the party successfully managed a comparatively easier task—that of ringing a peal of Plain Bob Major at Street. After the ringing everyone gathered at headquarters and following dinner settled down to a social evening consisting chiefly of tongue-wagging, handbell ringing (conventional and unconventional), listening to the tape recorder, beer bottle walking and the tasting of table waters of Somerset. The party were especially honoured to have as guests Bill Marsh and Bill and Hilda Kingcott, of Wrington.

WELLS AND WRINGTON

On Sunday the party visited Wells and rang five Spliced Surprise at St. Cuthbert's, for Matins, and at the Cathedral, for afternoon service. The midday meal was preceded by the all too short but thirst quenching hospitality of Aunties Bea and Jean, sisters of Bill ('Somerset') Coles, who was on tour with us. Bishop Wilson, Assistant Bishop of Wells and ex-Bishop of Trinidad, honoured us by his presence in the ringing chamber of the Cathedral where he gave our overseas friends, the 'be-knighted ringers from London' and all others a warm welcome.

We rang for Evensong at All Saints', Wrington, and to cheer our leader on for the days to come we met his wishes by ringing a course of London Surprise Royal—a very worthwhile effort. After the church service, which was attended by most of the party, we began to feel that we had been bestowed the freedom of Wrington and we certainly had part of it at the generous invitation of Bill and Hilda Kingcott, who opened their doors for more kind hospitality.

Monday morning arrived and we were destined to go to the seaside. Ours was a journey to ring at Bridgwater, followed in the afternoon by a peal of Grandsire Caters, at Minehead, where we had the pleasure of meeting Jack Pugsley, hale and hearty at 88 years young and for 60 years ringing master at this his local tower. During this peal the American ringers and the remainder of the English contingent rang on the six bells at Selworthy, near Porlock. After tea we next visited Taunton and ascended the tower of St. Mary Magdalene and rang on the comparatively light ring of twelve. Even if the front four trebles are the trickiest to handle we think we managed touches of Cinques quite well. Following this we kept another social engagement at the Staplegrove Inn with Arthur Reed, George and Evelyn Coles and the Vicar and his wife, of St. John the Baptist, Hillingdon.

Still fresh, even from late nights, our travels on Tuesday took us along more side roads to Wedmore, where the 30 cwt. tenor swings in a central tower. The Vicar came into the ringing chamber and extended to us a very warm welcome. Our next stop was at Congresbury where the sizable tower surmounted by a tall spire contains an eight bell ring with the tenor 35 cwt., a ground floor ring. By special request four Spliced was rung here and was recorded on the tape. Our American friends, by keeping the most generous invitation and promise, were ringing at Ditcheat at this time. In the afternoon our peal resulted in merely an attempt. It was on the magnificent bells at Yatton and London Surprise was rung for two hours 40 minutes when....!

FAREWELL TO AMERICAN VISITORS

To complete the day's programme we rang on the octave at Backwell and this was followed by the clicking of many cameras and in turn by another session in one of the hostelries at Wrington. It signified the departure of our visitors from overseas, who were due to have a tour of the Continent. Our impressions of them and joy we had in their company cannot adequately be expressed in writing but we do regard their visit as providing a unique and wonderful experience which we would not have missed. To the Master, Russell S. Young, we offer congratulations for his initiative, courage and application in carrying through this great adventure.

Bert Gogle received a surprise during this session, that a most suitable present as this was his birthday. Arriving back at the hotel at Glastonbury, at midnight, we put paid to a birthday cake which had been sent from Norwick for the occasion. Dennis Knox also had a similar surprise, for his birthday soon followed.

On Wednesday our first call was at Mells, where, after ringing, the Vicar conducted us around his interesting church. Associated with Mells is Little Jack Horner and in the Horner Chapel is a most unusual but beautiful equestrian statue in bronze by Sir Alfred Munnings on a stone base designed by Sir Edwin Lutyens. Our second call involved crossing the county boundary to Trowbridge, where we successfully rang a peal of Stedman Cinques. During the evening among other methods was rung Spliced Plain and Little Bob and Erin, on the octave at Frome. Bill Coles excused himself from this visit in order to spend a short while with Joe Dyke talking and playing back on the tape recorder and it was gratifying to hear that Joe shows decided improvement in health.

The following day we commenced our ringing at Ditcheat followed by ringing at Shepton Mallet, both good rings with tenors well over a ton. In the latter church we were shown the underside of the nave roof to have 350 different carvings, dating from 1450, and the pulpit which has been carved from one piece of stone. After midday refreshment, we departed for Evercreech, where on these well known bells we rang a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal. In the evening we rang on our heaviest six at Bruton (tenor 25 cwt. 3 qr.). The fourth is a 15th century bell and all are hung on plain bearings, but all swing well as may be assumed when it is mentioned that Mr. White is teaching a very youthful band there.

VENUS CHOSE SATURN

On Friday, with everyone still tireless and enthusiastic, for in practically all of the towers the bells were both raised and lowered in peal, we first visited St. Andrew's, Cheddar, and then Axbridge, where in the central tower of St. John the Baptist one of the ladies was put in charge of ringing on the six bells. Venus chose Saturn Treble Bob Doubles, which was very creditably performed, and then commanded that one of Saturn's male descendants should ring the tenor behind a ladies' touch of Grandsire Doubles. We next visited another church dedicated to St. Andrew—perhaps the patron saint of Somerset—at Banwell, where a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major was achieved. The third St. Andrew for this day was at Chew Magna, where we rang this octave with a 28 cwt. tenor to touches of Triples and Surprise Major. Even if the Queens Arms is not so well known to ringers as the bells of Chew Magna we finished the day there with some good refreshments and handbell ringing.

For our last day we rang a morning-cum-afternoon peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major at Martock, and then said good-bye to Somerset in order to ring on the heaviest eight at Sherborne Abbey. This concluded our feast of ringing on some of the finest bells in the country.

Our one regret was that young Michael J. Palmer, of Hillingdon, was unable to be with us as previously arranged, due to his admission to hospital the week before.

Our sincere thanks are tendered to the Deans and incumbents, who gave us permission to ring on the bells and those who were able also to give us a welcome, and to those who met us. Special thanks to Tom Lock, the tour secretary, and Frank C. Price, the organiser.

SCRIBE.

OUTINGS

CLEWER AND WINDSOR, BERKS

The ringers of Clewer and Windsor and their friends had an enjoyable outing to Somerset and Wiltshire, on July 9th. The towers visited were Twerton-on-Avon, Chewton Mendip, Midsomer-Norton, Westbury (Wilts) and Bratton.

At the last named tower a touch of Bratton Slow Course Minor was rung; a method which had been devised for the occasion by one of the party on the coach journey between Midsomer-Norton and Westbury. Other ringing during the day ranged from rounds to Cambridge Surprise Major.

The ringers wish to express their thanks to the incumbents, the ringers who welcomed them and to the steeple keepers, whose work was manifested by the excellent 'go' of the bells and the carefully kept ringing chamber at every tower visited.

LECKHAMPTON, GLOS

Ringers from SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Leckhampton, went on a coach outing, the first for many years, on July 9th. There were 31 people in the party, of whom 18 were ringers from our own church and five from the next door parish of Charlton-Kings. The towers visited were Kemble, South Cerney, Meysey Hampton and Coln St. Aldwyn.

The party included many more 'learners' than 'experts'; nevertheless some of the ringing was of good standard, and methods rung included Plain Bob and Kent and Cambridge Surprise Minor. At Meysey Hampton, Evensong was said with the Rector, Rev. W. E. Harley. The outing, enjoyed by all, ended with refreshments at the New Inn, Coln St. Aldwyn.

We are very grateful to all ringers and clergy who made this year's outing possible. Our youngest ringers are two boys, aged 12; the oldest is Mr. Fred Pratt, now in his 87th year. The tower captain is Mr. Charles Richings.

J. B. T. H.

SHEFFIELD CATHEDRAL

On July 9th, with four cars for transport, a 6.15 a.m. start was made from Sheffield and King's Lynn was reached by 10 a.m. An hour's ringing at St. Margaret's (10) followed. There was ringing at the detached tower of East Dereham, before an excellent lunch.

Then to Yarmouth to be welcomed by the Vicar, the Rev. Gilbert Thurlow. The new bells were very much enjoyed. After tea at Yarmouth a short run to Norwich to ring on the twelve at the beautiful old church St. Peter Mancroft.

Methods rung during the day included Stedman and Grandsire Triples and Caters; Kent Major, Royal and Maximus, Cambridge and Double Norwich, etc.

Summary of the bells: King's Lynn, a nice old ten, some a little odd struck perhaps. East Dereham, a grand octave. Yarmouth, rather quiet outside, but a good way to start a new ring, very easy go; the little bells require a pull or two to get the feel; congratulations to the founders for a fine job. Mancroft, a great ring, why don't they make a few rings like these nowadays? We did not really do justice to them.

Leaving Norwich at 7 p.m. most of us were home about midnight. Our thanks go to local people for their co-operation. Distance covered, 345 miles; perhaps a record for a company outing. Quite an adventure.

H. O. C.

THE TOWERS OF THE FENLAND

By T. A. BEVIS

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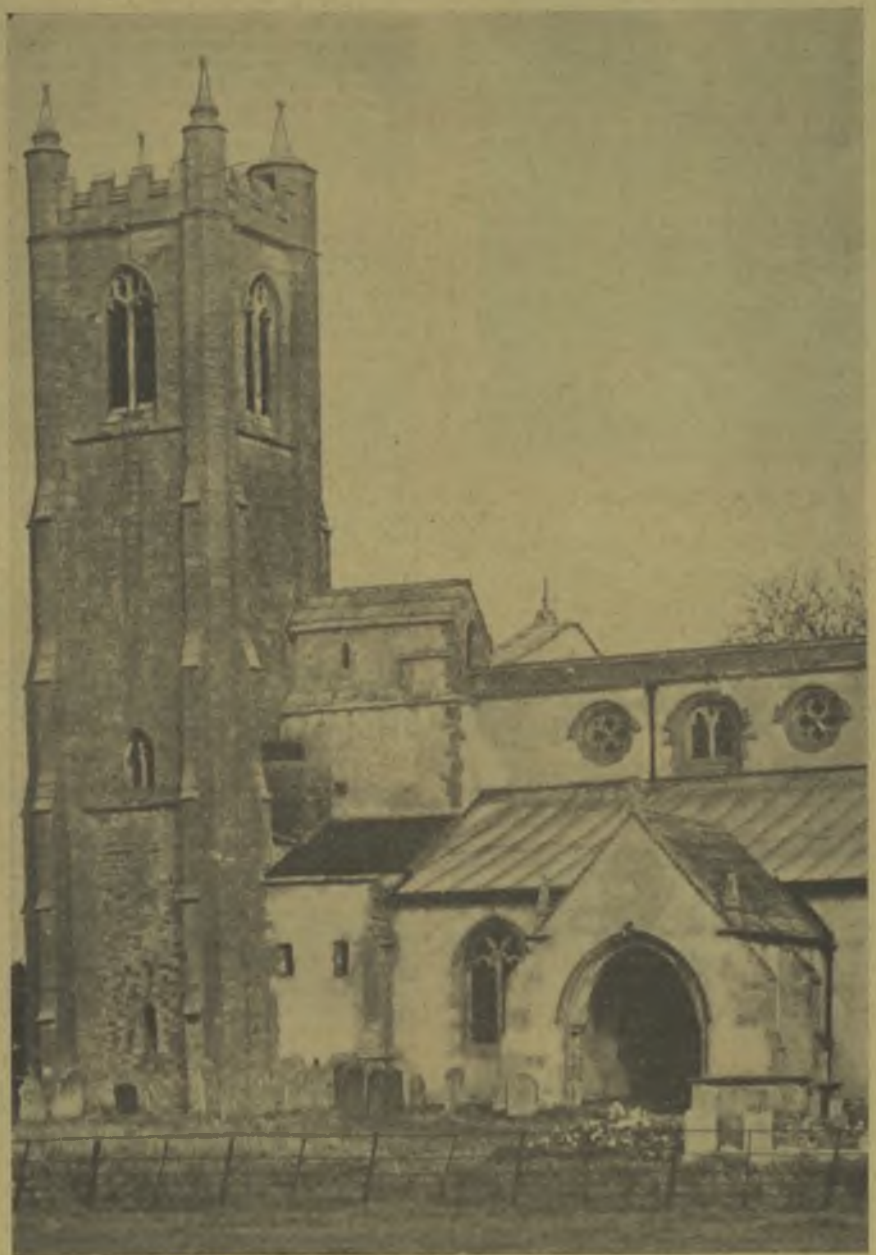
TERRINGTON ST. JOHN

THERE are many curious towers throughout the land and one of these must surely be that strange and unorthodox sentinel at Terrington St. John, Norfolk.

By all rights it is detached from the church, although at first glance the tower's slender proportions contradicts the previous statement. It will be noticed, however, that a peculiar structure rises between the tower and the church, and this does, in fact, attach the former to the latter.



THE CHURCH OF TERRINGTON ST. JOHN. [Photo: A. M. French.

It is a 'priest's house' and it was supposed to serve as a temporary lodging for the Vicar (most probably from Terrington St. Clement) in the event of floods, when oft-unruly elements were detrimental to travellers in the treacherous marshlands.

This interesting structure is unique in design and with the church dates from the 15th century. The 'house' consists of a ground floor chamber, 11 feet by 9 feet, and a small, vaulted chamber above is reached by climbing a newel stair. Over this room a vaulted passage gives access to the tiny ringing chamber in the tower which is entered from the exterior by way of a gallery exposed to all weathers. Continuing to ascend one enters a second vaulted passage leading to the nave roof and also to the stairway in the tower. It will be noticed that the tower stairway begins at the level of the church roof.

There is a pleasant ring of six bells (tenor 10 cwt. 3 qrs. 21 lbs. in F sharp), cast by Thomas Osborn in 1784. All with the exception of the treble are inscribed with the name of the then churchwarden, Thomas Wardle, who was probably a benefactor.

An Inventory made during the reign of Edward VI stated that this tower contained three bells at that time, weighing 4, 5 and 6 cwts. There were four bells until 1784 in which year they were recast to form part of the present ring. The fifth had remained cracked for many years until 1899 when it was recast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. It was again recast in 1947 by the same founders, who at the same time retuned and rehung the bells in a two-tier steel frame.

An ancient church account book is still preserved in which may be seen the original agreement for the casting of the bells:

'An Agreement made the 12th day of January, 1784, by the Churchwardens and Overseers and other Parishioners of the Parish of Terrington St. John in the County of Norfolk, and Mr. Thomas Osborn, of Downham, in the said County. Witnesseth that he the said Thomas Osborn is to run and compleat a good Peal of Six Bells so that the weight of the same do not exceed forty-five hundredweight. He, the said Thomas Osborn, is to run down the old bells and new cast the same towards the said peal and is to be allowed one pound eight shillings p hundredweight . . . is to find good and sufficient clappers for the said six Bells at the rate or price of ninepence to the pound, and also to make a new frame of good sound oak and hang the bells in a workmanlike manner for the sum of fifty pounds. And further he do agree to save and indemnify the said Bells from any harm or hurt by fair ringing for twelve months. . .'

The first peal in the tower was rung under the auspices of the old St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich Association on February 1st, 1923, and consisted of 5,040 changes of Plain Bob, conducted by A. R. Price.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, ELY

The impressive west tower of Ely's magnificent cathedral casts its shadow over the colourful 'Green' towards the Norman church of St. Mary, considerably detracting from the latter building's interest. Nevertheless, St. Mary's Church is well worth a visit and there is a very good ring of eight bells. To the observer the steeple is plain to behold, its smooth appearance due to an application of cement in 1829, the proportions and preparation being a secret which died with the workman who prepared it.

Originally there were six bells. Five of the present ring were recast and two added by Edward Arnold (cousin to Joseph Eayre), of St. Neots, in 1781. The oldest bell bears the date 1670, and another was cast in 1767. A smaller bell, known as the 'Horse Bell' was supplied by Arnold in 1788. It has been eroneously described as a sanctus bell, but was actually used during the early hours of the morning to call up Ely's horsekeepers.

The treble informs us: '5 Bells Recast and 2 added by Subscription and Rate A.D. 1781,' and the second is inscribed 'Trinity Parish Gave Me.' Number three appears to have been given by Matthew, Bishop of Ely: 'ECCLESIAE S. MARIAE DONAVIT MATHIAS EPISCOPUS ELIENSIS MDCCLXVII.'

The patriotic fourth intones 'God Bless the King and Queen' and the fifth murmurs 'I to the Poor and Needy am a friend, for whose relief I call you to attend.' The unfortunate ringleaders in the Littleport Riots—which occurred in the late 18th century—may well have heard the dismal tolling of the sixth bell as they passed St. Mary's Church on their way to the gallows. How many of them would be aware of that bell's inscription: 'May our rich good and happy be, and all our poor peace and plenty see.' (The Riots were inspired through the shortage of food.)

The seventh is inscribed: 'Thos. Pell Esq. gave me 1670,' and the tenor (17 cwt. 0 qrs. 25 lbs. in E) carries a common inscription: 'I to the church the living call and to the grave I summon all.'

Rehung in 1938 by Messrs. Taylor's, the bells are rung from the ground floor, and this space is also utilised as a choir vestry. A peal of 5,024 Kent Treble Bob Major, rung at St. Mary's Church on February 23rd, 1884, by members of the Society of Cumberland Youths, was the first in that method in Cambridgeshire.

It is a great pity that Fenland's well known shrine—the cathedral at Ely, dedicated to Etheldreda—has not a ring of bells. It is certain, however, that there were six bells prior to the great restoration in the second half of the 19th century. Four of these have been retained and two act as clock bells, the largest (approximately 12 cwts.) inscribed: 'Henry Penn made me 1723.' The cathedral had two bells in the 14th century, named 'Bounce' and 'Peter,' and great works in bell casting were carried out during that century under the supervision of the 'Flower of Craftsmen,' Alan de Walsingham, the designer of the unique lantern tower.

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OBITUARY

MR. FRANK SKIDMORE

THE news of the death of our Master, Frank Skidmore, came as a very great shock to the members of the Gloucester and Bristol Association. He had been ringing at St. Ambrose for Matins and Evensong on Sunday, July 17th, looking as fit and well as he ever had, and in the small hours of Monday morning he was taken from us. There is now a great void, for who can replace such a man?

He joined the Association in 1911, having learned to ring at Stapleton, at the age of 19. For a number of years we knew little or nothing of his activities, except that he served in the first world war, but from 1928 until his death his career is almost a history of the G. & B. Association. Chairman of the Bristol Branch 1929-30 was his first office, secretary of the Branch 1930 until it was divided in 1934, tower secretary of St. Ambrose 1929-54, auditor to the Association 1945-49 and for a short time during this period he acted as treasurer, the only office he never held. He was also representative on the Management Committee for the Bristol Rural Branch 1945-49.

For twelve years, 1948-59, he was one of our representatives on the Central Council and almost the whole of the organisation for the meeting of the Council in Bristol was carried out by him. In 1950-51 he was Ringing Master of his Branch, and he had been a vice-president since 1949. He became general secretary of the Association in 1950, filling that office for six years, then in April last year he was made Master and before his re-election for this year he was presented with an armchair as a token of the esteem in which he was held.

A measure of his popularity, and of the respect which our members had for him, was that over 100 were present for the funeral service at St. Ambrose, on Thursday, the majority of the branches being represented, and letters of apology were received from the Archdeacons and others who were unable to get to Bristol.

In a short address, the Vicar of St. Ambrose (the Rev. H. M. W. Hocking) said of him that he was a perfectionist in all that he undertook to do, the standard of ringing had to be high, no bad striking would be tolerated, and it was largely by his efforts that St. Ambrose bells were kept going so well. But he was also a great churchman, a member of the Parochial Church Council for many years, where he would be missed. They must not be sorry for him, because they knew where he had gone, to higher service, but only sorry for those left behind.

When Frank became Master and I general secretary almost his first instruction was never to leave the belfry office out of the annual report, and to take all steps possible to ensure its use. 'I have been,' he said, 'into a number of our towers where they do not start with prayer both for practice meetings and service ringing, and it is all wrong. Do what you can to get it put right.' Let us remember that whenever we meet, as a lasting memorial to his wishes.

The bells of St. Ambrose were rung half-muffled before the service and again after the muffles removed.

CHARLES ROUSE.



MR. FRANK SKIDMORE

ALBERT E. LOCK

AN APPRECIATION

Albert Lock was one of the finest ringers I ever knew and I have never met one whom I respected and admired more. Latterly, I had only met him infrequently but no visit to the Central Council or the Abingdon area was quite complete without a chat with Albert Lock. Whether in his home in East St. Helen's Street, in his stonemason's yard, in the belfry or anywhere else it was always worth while hearing what he had to say in that beautiful mellifluous voice with its rich Berkshire accent.

To anyone who has ever lived in North Berkshire, Albert Lock was the 'Boss' and no ringer in that area over a very great number of years can have failed to have benefited from his patient and untiring labours. In an area so scattered and so poorly served with public transport only a perennial enthusiast with a stout heart could carry on for so many years without despairing. But an enthusiast throughout his long life Albert Lock remained and those of us who knew him are the richer for it.

I never knew him when he was not teaching some beginners somewhere. To keep on keeping on is perhaps the hardest craft of all for a ringer to learn and Albert Lock was the master of his craft as none other I have known. I shall remember him as the man who was everything a ringer should be and I am grateful for having known him.

P. G.

TOWERS OF THE FENLAND

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There is evidence to the effect that this impressive tower—supported by eight of the largest timbers (60 feet oak trees) from Bedfordshire—contained four bells at one time, rope-marks having been found in the woodwork. An industrious 18th century topographer has written: 'The Lanthorn . . . is a masterpiece of architecture: when the bells ring the woodwork shakes and gapes, which is no defect but the perfection of architecture, and exactly falleth into the joints again.'

5,042 Yorkshire Surprise Maximus

Arranged by PETER BORDER

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Rounds at treble's back-stroke snap immediately after Single.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

West Lindsey Branch

Although some 40 ringers attended the West Lindsey Branch meeting held at Saxilby, on July 16th, the number of member towers represented was disappointingly small. Evensong was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. H. Dight), the singing being led by the church choir, many of whose members are also ringers.

The business meeting followed an excellent tea in the Schoolroom and was presided over by the Rev. H. Dight; the chief item of interest being a report of the Central Council meeting by the Ringing Master (Mr. G. E. Feirn).

Referring to the recent death of Archdeacon Marsden, Mr. J. M. Blaikie spoke of his many years' service as president of the old Northern Branch and the meeting then stood in silent tribute to his memory.

Ringing continued during the evening in a variety of methods up to London Surprise.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Northern District

As ringers and friends came to the meeting at Knebworth, on July 3rd, they were greeted by a truly rural setting. In pleasant weather a cricket match was being played nearby, the smell of the hay drifted across, and behind all the imposing mass of Knebworth House.

After an hour's ringing, the Rev. D. L. Hewells conducted the service, with Mr. J. Pluck at the organ. At the business meeting which followed tea in the Lytton Hall, Mr. J. Mayne, Ringing Master of the Middlesex Association, was chairman. Mr. Robert Dymond, of Welwyn, was elected a member; Mr. C. A. S. Harwood remains as Ringing Master.

The arrangements for the August meeting were altered: only Wallington will now be visited. Some anxiety has been expressed in the past that any individual member can 'spring' a proposition at the annual general meeting without having given notice other than to the honorary general secretary of his intentions. This was discussed, and it was finally decided that the District Committee should meet to discuss this important matter.

Many Surprise methods were rung later, and it was considered a very successful meeting.

J. S.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION

The North Wales Association had an attendance of 40 ringers at its annual meeting at Machynlleth. The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. Leslie Evans).

Officers elected were: Rev. J. Knighton Jones, Rhyl, president; Mr. F. R. Evans, Wrexham, Ringing Master; Mr. W. Cathrall, Wrexham, secretary and treasurer; Mr. D. H. B. Millward, Buckley, Central Council representative. District secretaries are Mr. L. S. Griffiths, Llandudno (Bangor and Rhyl); Mr. Millward (Wrexham); District instructors: Mr. L. S. Griffiths (Bangor and Rhyl); Mr. F. R. Evans (Wrexham).

The autumn meeting will be at Rhyl and the next annual meeting at Portmadoc. The Association decided to make grants towards the restoration of Barmouth and Beaumaris bells.

REDEDICATION

WOODBURY, DEVON

On the evening of July 19th, in the presence of a large congregation, the bells of St. Swithun's Church, Woodbury, were rededicated by the Right Rev. W. A. E. Westall, Bishop of Crediton. The Vicar, the Rev. A. E. Ormond, officiated at the service.

The eight bells (tenor 23 cwt.), have been retuned, the seventh recast and all rehung in a new frame which has been fitted lower in the tower. The work has been carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank and the cost of over £2,000 has been raised in a little over 12 months by the villagers. The improvement is most marked and the oscillation of the tower largely eradicated.

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BIRTHS

BERESFORD.—On July 15th. 1960, to Mary (née Ward), wife of Dennis Beresford, a daughter (Hilary Ann). 326, Brampton Road, Bexleyheath Kent. 6361

DEW.—On July 14th. 1960, at Perivale Maternity Hospital, to Beryl (née Cowlin), wife of Trevor, a daughter, Elizabeth, sister for Angela. 6375

HAYNES.—To Jane, wife of Frank E. Haynes, at 102, Vicarage Road, Smethwick, on July 18th, 1960, a son (William Richard), a brother for Frances. 6372

ENGAGEMENT

YORK—POWELL.—The engagement is announced between Mary Suzanne, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B Powell, The Paddock, Old Church, Nailsea, and Anthony John Richard, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. J. York, 22 Grange Lane, Lichfield. 6374

RETURN THANKS

Mrs. Frank Skidmore and family wish to express their thanks for the many floral tributes and kind letters of sympathy received in their sad bereavement. 6362

PERSONAL

'FOR I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.' (Rom. viii. 18.)

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Branch practice not Minehead, August 6th for 10 bell methods 7 p.m.—A. R. Tudball, Hon. Sec. 6378

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Practice meeting Saturday, August 6th. Stoke Goldington (6) 5.30 p.m.—F. Vickers. 6363

SUFFOLK GUILD.—S.E. District.—Meeting, Saturday, Aug. 6th, at Ufford (8). Ringing 3 p.m. Meeting and tea, Crown Inn, 4.30. Service 6. Ringing 7 p.m. 6340

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Saturday, August 6th, Fairwarp (8) 3 p.m. 6338

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Quarterly meeting, Godshill, August 6th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—A. M. Guy, Hon. Dis. Sec. 6349

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Elmley Castle, on Saturday, August 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. p.m. Tea and meeting. 6344

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—The meeting at Elmley Castle, on August 6th, is **cancelled**, it will be held at Offenham instead. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Meeting.—W. J. Newman, 7, New Road, Hampton, Evesham. 6380

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting Eastwood, near Rotherham, Saturday, August 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Please bring food.—J. W. Buxton. 6371

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Meeting, Northill, August 13th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea for those who notify, by Thursday, August 11th. Mr. W. Wagstaff, Ickwell Green, Northill.—A. Smith, Dis. Sec. 6381

INSTRUCTION COURSE

The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association of Church Bell Ringers in conjunction with the Gloucestershire Education Authority announce a course of instruction to be held at Hartpury House, near Gloucester, September 16th-18th.

The fee for the course is £2 7s., and covers residence for two nights, meals and tuition.

Applications as soon as possible to P. M. J. Gray, Orana, Eastmead Lane, Stoke Bishop, Bristol 9.—Charles Rouse, Gen. Sec. 6348

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Nunburnholme, Saturday, August 13th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea as early as possible, please, and not later than Wednesday, August 10th, to Mr. F. L. Barnes, Church View, Nunburnholme, York. 6366

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.—A joint branch meeting will be held at Crosthwaite, Keswick, on Saturday, August 13th. Bells (8) from 2 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers are welcome. Please notify numbers for tea by Wednesday previous to J. W. Brownrigg, 14, Greta Hamlet, Keswick, Cumb. 6364

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Old Whittington, August 13th. 3 p.m. Bring own food; cups of tea provided.—A. B. Cooper. 6382

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Meeting at Tonbridge, August 13th. Sevenoaks not available. Names for tea to C. Hancock, Ridgefield, Highams Lane, Tonbridge. Those intending to go on the outing on September 10th, please notify me, in writing, as soon as possible.—C. A. Bassett. 6373

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Meeting, Wanborough (6), Saturday, August 13th. 3 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, August 10th, to R. Luton, 169, Cheney Manor Road, Swindon. 6365

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting at Braughing, August 13th. 3 p.m. Tea 4.45. Service 6 p.m. Further ringing to 8 p.m. 6369

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Redbourn, Saturday, August 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, August 9th, to Mr. G. Reading, 'Hatchfield,' 57, Hempstead Road, Redbourn. No names no tea.—J. Good, Dis. Sec. 6303

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Hoghton, Saturday, August 13th. Bring own food. Preston-Blackburn Old Road. Bus 158 direct, bus 298 alight Brindle Bar.—L. Walmsley 6343

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Meeting at St. Michael's, Wood Green, on Saturday, August 13th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting and evening ringing until 8 p.m. Names for tea must be received by August 6th, by Miss J. Spreadbury, 30, Harlech Road, N.14 (Palmers Green 3307). 6370

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting, Marston Trussel, Saturday, August 13th. Names for tea by Tuesday previous, to E. Thresher, Watson Road, Long Buckby, Rugby. 6377

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Notts District.—Meeting Saturday, August 13th. Dunham-on-Trent (5) 2.30 to 5 p.m. Tea can be had at Bridge Inn, East Drayton (6) 6 to 9 p.m.—H. Denman. 6367

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Ringing meeting at Newmarket St. Mary's (6), Saturday, August 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting follows. Names for tea by August 10th, to A. F. Ballam, Hall Cottage, West Stour, Bury St. Edmunds. 6347

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting, Kirdford, on Saturday, August 13th. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 'The Foresters Arms.' Names for tea to R. G. Blackman, 'Lednura,' Turnbull Road, Chichester. 6379

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting, Saturday, August 20th. Blackhill St. Aidan's 2.30 p.m. Names to C. T. Lamb, 26, St. Mary's Crescent, Blackhill, Co. Durham. 6359

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Branch.—Meeting at Martin (6), August 20th. Tea for those who notify me by Tuesday previous, S. Chambers (hon. sec.), 64, Goldsmith Walk, Lincoln. Timberland bells available after tea. 6368

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting, Lilleshall, Saturday, August 20th. Ringing from 6 p.m. All welcome.—F. Cattell.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Section.—Practice meeting at Charlwood (6), August 20th. 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., ringing after until 9 p.m. Names for tea by August 18th, to Mr. Ede, Claremont Villas, Charlwood.—G. A. West, Hon. Sec. 6376

OUTINGS

TALGARTH, BRECON

Accompanied by the Rev. I. J. and Mrs. Richards, who acted as pilot and joined the party at the first tower, Blaenavon, the members of St. Gwendoline's Church, Talgarth, had an enjoyable ringing trip into Monmouthshire and Glamorgan, on Wednesday, July 13th, 13th.

Before lunch at Newport, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung at All Saints' Church. In the afternoon the sixes at St. Mellons and Rumney were visited but the highlight of the day was Llandaff Cathedral. Tea was provided by ladies of the Cathedral, who were thanked by Mr. W. Chick, and afterwards the party attended Evensong before going to the tower. Members of the Cathedral band joined in the ringing and this enabled some of the party to ring their first touch of Caters. The party would like to thank, through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' those who met them and incumbents for the use of the bells.

D. H. B.

NEWBURY AND ANDOVER

A party of about 20 ringers, from Newbury and Andover districts, enjoyed a half-day ringing tour to Adderbury, Banbury, Bloxham, and the lightest ring of six in the world, at Home Farm, Balscott, on July 16th.

The tricky six of Mr. Jarvis, at Home Farm, Balscott, with a tenor of 134 lb., were (in our opinion) rung reasonably well. We also saw further proof of Mr. Jarvis' enthusiasm in the form of a new frame and an entirely new ring of bells, with a tenor of about 2 cwt. Methods rung during the day included Grandsire, Plain Bob, Kent, Stedman and Double Norwich. Incumbents and tower foremen are thanked for their helpful co-operation.

A. S.

Leicester Diamond Wedding

Mr. William H. Clarke, of St. John-the-Divine, Leicester, and Mrs. Clarke, celebrate their diamond wedding on August 8th. A peal in their honour will be attempted later in the month at St. John's.

Late News

We regret to record the death of Mr. Charles Henry Woodberry, of Wolverley, Worcs, on July 13th, aged 75. Mr. Woodberry represented the Worcestershire Association on the Central Council from 1936 until 1944.

5,024 ESHER SURPRISE MAJOR

By R. F. B. SPEED

23456	M	B	W	H
54326			2	2
45623	2			2
26543			2	2
62345	2			2
43265			2	2
34562	2			2
63542			1	
42635		—	2	
36524	2	—	2	
25463	2	—	2	
64352	2	—	2	
45236	2	—		
56234	1			2
32654			2	2
23456	2			2

5,056 ISLINGTON SURPRISE MAJOR

By R. F. B. SPEED

23456	M	B	W	H	
35264		—			A
35642		—		1	A
46325					2A
64523	2			2	
65243			1	2	
53246	1			2	B
52436			1	2	B
43652					2B
56234	1		1		
63542		—			
34625		—			
23456		—		2	

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THE STORY OF THE KENT VETERANS' PEAL

THERE is no doubt that for nearly 30 years there have been a sufficient number of members in the Kent County Association with 50 or more years of continuous membership to warrant a peal attempt, but the thought never occurred to anyone until 1954 when Mr. F. S. Macey, of Sutton Valence, who had attained his 50 years' membership that year, mentioned it to the writer.

Various names were suggested, but the difficulty then was to find a conductor of sufficient experience to justify making the necessary arrangements. The late Mr. F. W. Richardson was approached, but owing to indifferent health he had to decline; so it was decided to wait a year when Mr. Louis Head, of Maidstone, would complete 50 years' membership.

However, no serious attempt to arrange the peal was made until last year, when it was realised we were five years older than when it was first moooted, and an attempt was arranged at Linton last October, when a telegram, two hours before the start, told that one of the band had been taken ill. Fortunately Mr. Gosling, of Boxley (a member since 1904), had come to listen, but felt unable to stand three hours, so a quarter peal was rung instead.

When another attempt was suggested, two of the band (Mr. Unwin and Mr. Walter) felt that they too would be unable to stand the time, but it was realised that Mr. Grensted, of Sittingbourne, and Mr. Spice, of Bromley, had unfortunately been overlooked, and also that Mr. Sone would qualify in 1960, so the peal was again arranged at Linton on July 2nd.

Here disaster nearly overtook the band again, when Mr. Head was informed the day before that a case of serious illness near Linton Church would preclude any ringing there. This caused him to make a hurried journey to West Malling to see whether the attempt could be made at that tower.

Permission to do so was immediately given by the Rector and Mr. Carter, captain of the local ringers, with the happy result the peal was successful, and one in which those taking part can be justifiably proud. It was never in doubt from the start; but the greatest honour must be accorded to the conductor, Mr. Louis Head, who again showed the complete master of Holt's Original he has always been acknowledged to be. E. B.

GLORY HOLES

RECENTLY in a remote church of the Truro diocese some dusty boards were discovered, which on cleaning turned out to be the old Royal Arms, dated 1660. It may seem astonishing that such treasure could find a place in which to lie for at least a considerable number of years, since such arms ceased to be valued, were it not for the fact that every church would appear to have some sort of similar glory-hole. Organs are very much disposed to collect odds and ends behind themselves—such things as coverless hymn books, tattered hassocks spilling their intimate contents over the floor, brass candelabra, once the joy and pride of a brass-cleaner's soul. At one time such odds and ends were kept partly at bay by the necessity of providing a lurking-space for the blower, on whose scope for movement the vital parts of a service might depend. But now the tide sweeps right in, and the flotsam and jetsam are in greater supply since ecclesiastical taste decrees simplicity rather than a full display of the brass-worker's art.

Then there are the middles of towers. Many a parish whose ringing chamber is immaculate and whose bells almost shine possesses a tower-middle where anything might be found. It was in fact in such a space that the Royal Arms mentioned above were discovered. No rector of that parish had even been suspected of Republican tendencies, it was just the way of disposing of dilapidated stuff common to Anglican parsons and church cleaners. In towers unfortunate not to possess bells, it is sometimes the habit of the lower parts of the tower stairs to collect a mass of old jam jars, etc., from the harvest decorations. It was once the lot of the present writer to place an unwary foot on descending such a stair, and to be propelled as from a rifle barrel into the church to the accompaniment of a shower of such reminders of the breakfast table. . . .

The drawer in the table by the door is a fruitful source for knick-knack hunters. With the key of the tower (if not under the mat) there will be such trivia as the left-over magazines for Jubilee Year (Queen Victoria's), foreign coins rejected by keen-eyed churchwardens, a single glove hopefully awaiting a blessed and joyful reunion, some woodworm dust from the table top, and a couple of old pens once associated with the visitors' book but now relegated to cross-nibbed despair.

And so forth. All very typical of the ways of Ecclesia Anglicana. One would like to know what are the corresponding junkholes of the local chapel, or the Papal church. I am sure they must have them. The ecumenical movement might look into this. . . . H. M. B.

[From *Truro Diocesan Leaflet*]

TWELVE BELL PEAL

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 1, 1960, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 26 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

Claudia A. Critchley	*Treble*	Arthur G. Mason	7
Norah M. Randles	2	Leslie W. G. Morris	8
Basil Jones	3	George H. Randles	9
Patricia M. Bourn	4	Leslie Boumphrey	10
John Worth	5	Jack L. Millhouse	11
G. William Critchley	6	Brian Harris	*Tenor*

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by Basil Jones.

TEN BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., July 18, 1960, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,
A PEAL OF 5040 XAYMACA SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

Ernest Morris	*Treble*	Joseph W. Cotton	6
John M. Jelley	2	Gordon A. Halls	7
Richard J. Clifton	3	A. James Poynor	8
John A. Acres	4	Russell S. Morris	9
Pat A. M. Halls	5	G. Ronald Edwards	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. Wilde. Conducted by John M. Jelley.
First peal in the method.

CHEPSTOW, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 23, 1960, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

*Patricia H. Morgan	*Treble*	J. Arthur Hoare	6
Jacqueline S. King	2	Leslie Barry	7
Ivor Goulter	3	David J. King	8
George Davis	4	Robert E. Coles	9
Austin T. Wingate	5	*John E. Morgan	*Tenor*

Composed by Edgar Guise. Conducted by David J. King.
* First peal on ten bells. First on the ten bells since augmentation.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Joyce Johnson and Clive G. Bryant, both Chepstow ringers, who were married earlier this day. Also a birthday compliment to Mrs. R. E. Coles, wife of the ringer of the ninth.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., July 27, 1960, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 10¼ cwt. in G.

*Tom Chapman	*Treble*	†David E. House	6
*M. Elizabeth Chapman	2	Michael J. Thomas	7
John R. Faithfull	3	Maurice J. Butler	8
Ann M. Cox	4	R. Roger Savory	9
Norman Hayes	5	Robert C. Kippin	*Tenor*

Composed by Edgar Bennett. Conducted by R. Roger Savory.
* 25th peal together. † First of Caters.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Walter E. Rowe, a founder member of the Guild and sexton at North Stoneham for many years, who died on July 21st.

BECCLES, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., July 30, 1960, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 25½ cwt. in D flat.

George W. Howlett	*Treble*	William B. Duncan	6
Edwin R. Goate	2	Godfrey G. Walpole	7
*Norman P. J. Cossey	3	†Thomas Cooke	8
Charles Bailey	4	John W. Blythe	9
Harold W. Rogers	5	Trevor T. J. Bailey	*Tenor*

Composed by Wm. E. Bason. Conducted by Edwin R. Goate.
* First peal on ten bells. † First of Royal.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 30, 1960, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
At Christ Church,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

Arthur G. Mason	*Treble*	G. William Critchley	6
Claudia A. Critchley	2	John Worth	7
Basil Jones	3	Leslie Boumphrey	8
Patricia M. Bourn	4	Jack L. Millhouse	9
Leslie W. G. Morris	5	Brian Harris	*Tenor*

Composed by C. K. Lewis. Conducted by John Worth.

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BEDFORD.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Aug. 1, 1960, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 WINCHESTER SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in D.

June Sinfield	*Treble*	Dennis Knox	6
John W. Sinfield	2	Robert L. Piron	7
Celia F. Whitfeld	3	James R. Taylor	8
Jennifer M. Davies	4	J. Richard Castledine	9
Christopher W. Woolley	5	John R. Mayne	*Tenor*

Composed by Frank Bennett. Conducted by John R. Mayne.
First peal of Winchester Surprise Royal by all the band, in the county, and for the Association. 300th peal as conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

WEST MALLING, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 2, 1960, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 12 cwt.

Edwin Barnett	*Treble*	Frederick S. Macey	5
Joseph E. Grensted	2	Stanley B. Dobbie	6
Thomas E. Sone	3	Louis Head	7
Percy J. Spice	4	Charles E. J. Norris	*Tenor*

Conducted by Louis Head.
All the band have been members of the Kent County Association for 50 years or more.
Dedicated to the memory of Mr. F. M. Mitchell, of Milton-next-Gravesend, for 17 years general secretary of the Association.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., July 8, 1960, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
A PEAL OF 5152 OSGATHORPE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

Patricia A. Wardle	*Treble*	A. James Poynor	5
John M. Jelley	2	John A. Acres	6
Richard J. Clifton	3	Russell S. Morris	7
Joseph W. Cotton	4	G. Ronald Edwards	*Tenor*

Composed by Shirley Burton. Conducted by John M. Jelley.
First peal of Major in the method.

CONISBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)
On Fri., July 22, 1960, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in G.

*Jacqueline A. Dye	*Treble*	Ian Tilling	5
†Eileen J. Osborne	2	‡Michael R. Meadows	6
Patricia Walker	3	Norman Chaddock	7
John N. D. Chaddock	4	David G. French	*Tenor*

Composed by John E. Burton. Conducted by David G. French.
* First peal. † First in the method. ‡ First on eight bells. First as conductor.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., July 22, 1960, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,
A PEAL OF 5088 XENIA SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

Patricia A. Wardle	*Treble*	A. James Poynor	5
Sandra E. Chesterton	2	John A. Acres	6
John M. Jelley	3	Russell S. Morris	7
Richard J. Clifton	4	G. Ronald Edwards	*Tenor*

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by John M. Jelley.
First peal in the method by all the band, and for the Guild.

MORPETH, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., July 25, 1960, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
At the Watch Tower.
A PEAL OF 5000 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

Robin G. Turner	*Treble*	*Kenneth W. Cheeseman	5
*John E. Anderson	2	*Nicholas I. Wright	6
*Norman Errington	3	Eric N. Harrison	7
*George S. Deas	4	J. Alan Ainsworth	*Tenor*

Composed by George Lewis. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.
* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.

OSGATHORPE SURPRISE MAJOR
—38—14—58—16—12—38, 56.14.56. 18. L.H. 2nds 1352.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., July 25, 1960, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 13¼ cwt.

REGINALD G. HOOPER	*Treble*	ALAN A. J. BUSWELL	5
D. JOHN HUNT	2	HERBERT W. WOOLVEN	6
W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	3	*BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON	7
*GEOFFREY C. RIX	4	GEOFFREY R. CRISP	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT W. WOOLVEN.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples. First in the method as conductor.

NORTHOP, FLINTSHIRE.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 27, 1960, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. EURGAIN AND PETER.
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.

GEORGE F. SPERRING	*Treble*	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON	5
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	2	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	6
JOHN F. HUGHES	3	*ROBIN J. LEE	7
JOHN S. DEAN	4	PERCY SWINDLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.
* First peal in the method.
Rung to celebrate the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. C. Gudgeon.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)
On Wed., July 27, 1960, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 34¼ cwt. in C sharp.

RAYMOND WOODWARD	*Treble*	DAVID G. FRENCH	5
MRS. N. CHADDOCK	2	PHILIP COOTE	6
SUSAN CHADDOCK	3	JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK	7
IAN TILLING	4	NORMAN CHADDOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN COX. Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.
Rung by the Sunday service band, all of whom were trained to ring by the conductor.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., July 28, 1960, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 LOUGHBOROUGH BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18¼ cwt.

MRS. C. BARTLETT	*Treble*	ANDREW T. BECKWITH	5
ROSEMARY J. SEABROOK	2	ALAN R. SYDER	6
SAM J. TWITCHETT	3	WALTER ARNOLD	7
JACK H. BRETT	4	URBAN W. WILDNEY	*Tenor*

Composed by A. T. KING. Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.
First peal in the method by all, on the bells, and for the Essex Association.
A wedding anniversary compliment to the Rector (Rev. G. Howard Davies) and Mrs. Howard Davies.

BROUGHTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 30, 1960, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

RICHARD J. WARRILOW	*Treble*	F. HECTOR BENNETT	5
*K. PETER JONES	2	DAVID W. FRIEND	6
*CHARLES A. S. WEBB	3	JOSEPH W. COTTON	7
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD
* First peal in the method.

HOOK NORTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 30, 1960, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5184 OXFORDSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in E flat.

H. GEORGE HART	*Treble*	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	5
ELSIE K. HART	2	DENNIS KNOX	6
JOAN BERESFORD	3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	7
PETER D. BEEDIE	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
First peal in the method by all the band, and on the bells.

MELLS, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 30, 1960, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5056 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 26 cwt.

ERIC NAYLOR	*Treble*	GWILYM SALMON	5
RONALD G. BECK	2	VICTOR ROBERTS	6
ERIC C. WADMAN	3	EDWARD J. CHIVERS	7
MICHAEL ROSE	4	DAVID HOARE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERIC NAYLOR.

NORTHOWRAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 30, 1960, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

SAM LONGBOTTOM	*Treble*	ROBERT E. MOULDS	5
GEOFFREY F. BRYANT	2	JOHN F. BRYANT	6
*J. NEVILE PARKIN	3	COLIN SWEENEY	7
SHEILA M. MOULDS	4	J. HENRY FIELDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by GEOFFREY F. BRYANT.
* First peal 'inside.'

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 30, 1960, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PORTSEA,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

JESSIE M. KIPPIN	*Treble*	TOWER R. TAYLOR	5
R. ROGER SAVORY	2	FREDERICK W. ROGERS	6
M. ELIZABETH CHAPMAN	3	JOHN HARTLESS	7
KATHLEEN S. M. KNIGHT	4	TOM CHAPMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by R. ROGER SAVORY.
First peal of Yorkshire as conductor.

TAMWORTH, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., July 30, 1960, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. EDITHA,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in E flat.

*WENDY E. RHODES	*Treble*	ALFRED A. RACKHAM	5
BERYL E. CAWSER	2	GEORGE H. PEERS, SEN.	6
*DAVID C. OATES	3	NORMAN W. ATTAWAY	7
J. EDWARD CAWSER	4	GEORGE H. PEERS, JUN.	*Tenor*

Composed by G. F. WILLIAMS. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.
* First peal and first attempt.
Rung by members of the Sunday evening service band at the request of the Vicar to commemorate the 1,000th anniversary of the death on July 26th of St. Editha, who was born, lived and died in Tamworth.

WOBURN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 30, 1960, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in D.

HELEN B. NEVIN	*Treble*	KEITH WAKEFIELD	5
JENNIFER M. DAVIES	2	JOHN B. LONG	6
ANGELA GRAINGER	3	JAMES R. TAYLOR	7
J. ANTHONY BENNETT	4	BRYAN PATTISON	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.

WELLS, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Aug. 1, 1960, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 27 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb. in D.

ERNEST J. MUNDAY	*Treble*	GWILYM SALMON	5
WILLIAM S. DEASON	2	RALPH G. EDWARDS	6
BARWELL B. DIBBEN	3	RONALD N. MARLOW	7
LEWIS F. COBB	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
First peal of Yorkshire on the bells.

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SIX BELL PEALS

GRIMLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 25, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Bartholomew.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being extents in seven variations of callings, with no 6-5's at backstroke.
Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb. in F sharp.

Paul Cattermole	*Treble*	William J. Newman	4
Arthur D. Cook	2	Robert W. Cole	5
James E. Pullon	3	Harold E. Raxter	*Tenor*

Conducted by Paul Cattermole.
Rung within the octave of the Feast of St. Peter.

RIPPINGALE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 9, 1960, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Single Oxford and two each of Kent Treble Bob, Single Court and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

William R. Marsh	*Treble*	Edgar A. Cole	4
Ronald G. Russell	2	Frederick Derry	5
Percy D. Baldock	3	James H. Musson	*Tenor*

Conducted by James H. Musson.
A wedding compliment to Mr. Neville France and Miss June Booth (the conductor's niece), married this day at Dunsby, near Rippingale.

SELSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 13, 1960, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Helen,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

Thomas H. Radford	*Treble*	Cyril Wright	4
E. Glyn Holdgate	2	Brynley A. Richards	5
William Swain	3	Herbert T. Rooke	*Tenor*

Conducted by Herbert T. Rooke.
Rung in honour of the 85th birthday of Mr. W. Wilson-Dobb.

BASSINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 16, 1960, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Single Oxford, and two of Single Court and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 4 lb.

William R. Marsh	*Treble*	*Philip C. Pitchford	4
Ronald G. Russell	2	*Frederick Derry	5
Percy D. Baldock	3	James H. Musson	*Tenor*

Conducted by James H. Musson.
* First peal in five methods 'inside.'
A birthday compliment to the conductor's wife.

WHIXLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Sat., July 16, 1960, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
At the Church of the Ascension.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 5¼ cwt. in G sharp.

*Peter F. Clayton	*Treble*	Peter M. Dawson	4
Roger J. Lumley	2	Laurence Sheard	5
Shirley Mudd	3	John Rhodes	*Tenor*

Conducted by John Rhodes.
* First peal.

RAMPTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 23, 1960, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 9½ cwt.

Pat Grady	*Treble*	John Coates	4
Valerie Waterfield	2	Margaret Ross	5
Harold Denman	3	Richard Hobbs	*Tenor*

Conducted by Richard Hobbs.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringers of the second (July 25th) and tenor (June 21st).

STOKE BISHOP, BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 23, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In five methods, viz.: One extent each of Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Kent, Oxford and Combined Kent and Oxford, and two extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 16 lb. in G.

Joan Gray	*Treble*	*James K. Laver	4
*Robert J. Brocklehurst	2	*Michael A. Hill	5
*Edith Brocklehurst	3	Philip M. J. Gray	*Tenor*

Conducted by Philip M. J. Gray.
* First peal in five methods.
Rung for the Patronal Festival in the church's centenary year by a Sunday service band.

WENTWORTH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)
On Mon., July 25, 1960, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
At the Church of The Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents (four callings). Tenor 10 cwt. 12 lb. in G.

Michael King	*Treble*	Michael R. Meadows	4
*Jacqueline A. Dye	2	*Raymond Woodward	5
*Eileen J. Osborne	3	*David G. French	*Tenor*

Conducted by David G. French.
* First peal of Minor.
Rung on the 87th anniversary of the birth of the late seventh Earl Fitzwilliam of Wentworth, who donated the bells.

LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 27, 1960, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Paul
A PEAL OF 5040 BRENTFORD SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout.
Tenor 8 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

Rosemary Fleming	*Treble*	Raymond G. Smith	4
*John R. Mayne	2	†Kenneth R. Dunstan	5
Michael Hatchett	3	Frank C. Price	*Tenor*

Conducted by John R. Mayne.
* 400th peal of Surprise. † 50th peal on these bells. First in the method.

OLD SWINFORD, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., July 28, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
A PEAL OF 5040 REVERSE CANTERBURY PLEASURE BOB MINOR
Being extents in seven variations of calling, with no 6-5's at backstroke.
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in F sharp.

Paul Cattermole	*Treble*	Heather M. Pullon	4
James E. Pullon	2	*John Eisel	5
Yvonne Edwards	3	Martin D. Fellows	*Tenor*

Conducted by Paul Cattermole.
* First peal. First in the method by all, on the bells, and for the Association. First peal on the bells since rehanging.
Believed to be the youngest band to ring a peal of Minor for the Association (average age 16¼ years).

HAYFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 30, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Matthew.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents (four callings).
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in G sharp.

E. Michael Quinn	*Treble*	Peter Dale	4
*Frederick Howard	2	Bernard F. L. Groves	5
Bryan Rumney	3	John Robinson	*Tenor*

Conducted by John Robinson.
* First peal. First as conductor.

BRENTFORD SURPRISE MINOR
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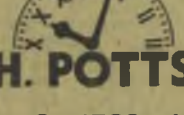

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NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 30, 1960, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, BENWELL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 16¼ cwt.

*IRIS THOMSON	*Treble*	KENNETH W. CHEESEMAN	4
NORMAN ERRINGTON	2	FREDERICK ROSS	5
ROBIN G. TURNER	3	DENIS A. BAYLES	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.
* First peal.
Rung for the Feast of St. James.

NORTHAW, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 30, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-A-BECKET,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent T.B., and three of Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

*DUDLEY C. WELLINGTON	*Treble*	ERIC EDMONDSON	4
E. BRUCE MCKIE	2	GERALD PENNEY	5
†CHRISTOPHER E. HAYTER	3	‡STANLEY HUCKLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by STANLEY HUCKLE.
* First peal of Minor. † First in three methods. ‡ 50th peal. First of Minor as conductor.

WATH, RIPON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 30, 1960, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Surfleet, Single Oxford, Beverley, Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 7 cwt. 80 lb. in A.

*MARION S. AINSWORTH	*Treble*	JOHN A. BROWN	4
JOHN E. ANDERSON	2	ERIC N. HARRISON	5
GEORGE S. DEAS	3	*J. ALAN AINSWORTH	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.
* 50th peal together.

WEST HANNEY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 30, 1960, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Comprising an extent each of College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk, Ockley, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob.
Treble 17 cwt.

ERIC SUTTON	*Treble*	ERNEST J. MUNDAY	4
LESLEY BLADON	2	BRIAN BLADON	5
CHARLES G. JONES	3	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
Second peal on the bells, and the first in seven methods.
Rung within the octave of the Feast of St. James.

GLASBURY-ON-WYE, BRECONSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., July 31, 1960, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. CYNIDR AND PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.
Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

*COLIN A. LEWIS	*Treble*	‡PHILIP M. SAUNDERS	4
†ROBERT A. HATCHER	2	A. BRYAN ELLSMORE	5
MAGNUS PETTERSON	3	†JOHN W. HOPE	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. BRYAN ELLSMORE.
* First peal. † First of Minor. ‡ First of Minor 'inside.' Believed to be the first of Minor on the bells.
Rung for Evensong.

LAVERSTOKE-CUM-FREFOLK, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 1, 1960, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise and St. Clement's, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob, each called differently.
Tenor 11 cwt.

ERIC WOOLGROVE	*Treble*	REGINALD F. CROOK	4
M. ELIZABETH CHAPMAN	2	GEOFFREY K. DODD	5
DAVID E. HOUSE	3	TOM CHAPMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.
First peal in more than one method on the bells.

MADELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Aug. 1, 1960, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents: (1) Double Bob and Plain Bob, (2) Kent T.B., (3) Oxford T.B., (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) Single Oxford Bob, (6) Double Oxford Bob, (7) St. Clement's College Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt. 26 lb.

G. ARNOLD MOORE	*Treble*	CHARLES A. S. WEBB	4
K. PETER JONES	2	GEOFFREY DAVIES	5
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	3	F. HECTOR BENNETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY DAVIES.
First peal in eight Minor methods on tower bells, for the Association.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to L. Keith Moore, and for the wedding anniversary of the conductor's parents.

TAXAL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 1, 1960, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B., and three of Plain Bob.
Tenor 11¼ cwt. in G.

*PETER DALE	*Treble*	BERNARD F. L. GROVES	4
E. MICHAEL QUINN	2	†GORDON RUMNEY	5
JOHN ROBINSON	3	FRANK OSBALDISTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by BERNARD F. L. GROVES.
* First peal in three methods. † First in three methods 'inside.'

HANDBELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., July 17, 1960, in 1 Hour and 25 Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-DIVINE,
A PEAL OF 5068 PLAIN BOB MINIMUS

Being 211 extents.
Tenor size 12 in F.

A. JAMES POYNOR	1—2	JOHN M. JELLEY	3—4

Rung non-conducted.
Umpire: KEITH B. TOWNSEND.
First peal of Minimus by both the band and for the Guild. Believed to be the longest peal of Minimus ever rung.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., July 28, 1960, in 2 Hours,
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

*ERNEST MORRIS	1—2	JOHN A. ACRES	5—6
PETER J. STANIFORTH	3—4	*B. STEDMAN PAYNE	7—8

Composed by E. J. LINDLEY. Conducted by JOHN A. ACRES.
* 100th peal together.
A 71st birthday compliment to Ernest Morris.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On July 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss J. I. Dear 1, D. Sutcliffe 2, P. Flack 3, J. R. Castledine 4, L. B. Hughes 5, C. A. S. Harwood 6, J. S. Dear (cond.) 7, R. Haynes 8. First in method for 1 and 5.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.—On July 18th, 1,320 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob, 600 Plain Bob): J. J. Prentice 1, R. F. Taylor 2, A. E. J. Lester 3, H. A. Mitson 4, R. E. Lester (cond.) 5, E. A. Cracknell 6. Rung half-muffled as a last token of respect to Mrs. Webb, wife of a churchwarden, whose funeral took place earlier in the day.

BEDFONT, MIDDX.—On July 30th, 1,247 Spliced Single Oxford and Plain Bob: D. Morgan 1, C. Fynes (cond.) 2, D. Pickett 3, E. Skipsy 4, M. Lane 5, D. Boniface 6.

CHISWICK, MIDDX.—On July 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Lane 1, D. Pickett 2, D. Boniface 3, D. Morgan 4, E. Skipsy 5, C. Fynes (cond.) 6.

EGERTON, KENT.—On July 25th, 1,272 Treble Bob Minor: (772 Oxford, 552 Kent): Miss P. Turk 1, P. Batchelor 2, P. Deverill 3, P. Smith 4, C. T. Hillis (cond.) 5, A. Waddington 6. Rung on St. James' Day for the Patronal Festival.

QUARTER PEALS

HANBURY, WORCS.—On July 17th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Margaret Eachus 1, H. E. Raxter 2, Sheila Keyte 3, M. Hawkes (cond.) 4, W. Newman 5, E. W. Penn 6, P. Cattermole 7, J. Nash 8. Rung as a coming-of-age compliment to Miss Joyce Hill, of Hanbury local band, also to celebrate the birthdays of David Enticott and Richard Ford.

HARMONDSWORTH, MIDDX.—On July 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Pickett 1, M. Lane 2, E. Skipsy 3, D. Morgan 4, D. Boniface 5, C. Fynes (cond.) 6.

HATHERN, LEICS.—On July 31st, 1,440 Minor (720 St. Clement's and 720 Plain Bob): R. Atkins (first quarter) 1, V. Lacey 2, C. Cowley 3, D. Swift 4, B. H. Smith 5, T. Harris (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

HEAVITREE, EXETER.—On July 24th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: G. Skinner 1, Miss P. Sedgwick 2, N. Mallett (cond.) 3, F. A. Sedgwick 4, J. Manley 5, F. Wreford 6, F. Mack 7, C. M. Smith 8. Rung as a thanksgiving on completion of a successful Christian Stewardship Campaign.

HUCKNALL, NOTTS.—On July 22nd, at the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Marriott 1, H. Lewin 2, Mrs. S. P. M. Nix 3, B. Hinchliffe 4, F. A. Salter 5, F. N. Palling 6, P. Nix (cond.) 7, G. Gibson 8. Rung for the Patronal Festival.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On July 31st, 1,280 Oxford Treble Bob Major: M. Hallett 1, Miss E. Hatch 2, Miss V. Hester 3, F. May 4, E. Blower 5, G. Sandwell 6, M. Hatch 7, A House (cond.) 8. First in the method by 2, 3, 5. Rung for Evensong.

SOUTH LEIGH, OXFORDSHIRE.—On July 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. H. Kinch 1, N. I. Allnatt 2, E. J. Smith 3, B. R. White 4, B. J. Coggins 5, F. A. White 6, J. H. R. Freeborn (cond.) 7, A. R. Pink 8. Rung for the Feast of St. James.

STANWELL, MIDDX.—On July 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Pickett 1, C. Fynes (cond.) 2-3, Miss M. Gibson 4, M. Lane 5, D. Pickett 6. For Matins.

STRENSHAM, WORCS.—On July 20th, 1,260 Shipway's Place Bob Doubles: Christine Halling 1, C. Haylings 2, M. Hawkes (cond.) 3, A. Halling 4, E. W. Penn 5, J. Firkins 6. First in the method by all the band.

RINGERS' OUTINGS

ST. PAUL'S, BEDFORD

July 23rd will long be remembered by those who took part in the splendid outing organised by Bryan Pattison.

The long journey to Norwich was broken by a welcome stop for coffee, after which we went straight to the famous tower of St. Peter Mancroft, where various touches were enjoyed, finishing with a course of London, on the back eight, which was struck with almost mechanical precision.

Next stop was Great Yarmouth, where, under the guidance of the Rev. Gilbert Thurlow, the magnificent Parish Church, the largest in England, is now almost completely restored.

Here, on the splendid ring of 12, a half-course of Cambridge Maximus was rung in grand style, but the high spot of the day was probably the touch of five Spliced Major, on the back eight.

A cross-country trip brought us to Beccles, whose detached tower contains a fine ring of 10, which were made good use of, after which came Stradbroke, another 10, and then our last tower, the fine eight at Diss.

This party was composed almost entirely of ringers, and good ringing seemed to be the keynote, the touches mentioned being quite exceptional.

With lovely weather, excellent meals, bells worth ringing and a party of ringers with the ability to do them justice, and on top of all this the slide-rule-perfect arrangements of Bryan Pattison, this outing was indeed one to remember.

Our grateful thanks are extended to the incumbents of the places where we rang, for their kind permission, and also to the local ringers, who welcomed us.

A. G. R.

BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

Birmingham University Society had an outing to the Warwick and Leamington area, on July 2nd. After the first tower, St. Nicholas', Warwick, we were met by Mr. Garner-Hayward, who joined in the ringing on this very fine Taylor eight. This was followed by lunch and then on to Sherborne, where there is a very rough ring of six, which we were not altogether sorry to leave and proceed to Wellesbourne, which church contains a much more amiable set of six.

At Whitnash we were met by Mr. Hawley, aged 95, who joined in the ringing. Tea was had in Warwick and then on to Lillington, our last tower and the only other eight of the day. Transport was provided by three cars, two of recent years and one of 1929 vintage, which carried over half the party of eleven for most of the day. Methods rung were: Plain Bob Major: Plain Bob and Grandsire Triples: Plain Bob, Cambridge, Double Court, Little Bob, St. Clement's, Double Oxford and Kent Minor: and Grandsire Doubles.

Thanks are due to Mr. Alan Collings, who arranged the trip so ably and to the incumbents and ringers of the towers visited.

C. A. C.

BRISTOL CATHEDRAL GUILD

Five towers near Bath were visited by Bristol Cathedral Guild during their outing on July 18th. At the late Canon Ellacombe's tower, Bitton (8), several touches of Grandsire and Stedman were attempted, but striking was better in call changes and rounds. Bob Major was well struck at Twerton-on-Avon, and on the heavy six at Priston, several good touches including a half-course of Cambridge.

Mrs. Palfrey met the party at Corston (a fine Taylor eight), where Stedman was finally attained and a musical touch rung. Ringing for the day ended at Marksbury, with touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Kent and Cambridge. Thanks are extended to the incumbents and to C. J. R. for arranging the towers.

J. R. G.

ST. KEA, TRURO

An early start was made by St. Kea ringers and friends on their annual outing, on August Bank Holiday. The coach was accompanied by the Vicar, the Rev. W. H. Biscoe, in his car. Two more cars joined us at St. Austell, including Mr. D. Burnett, Ringing Master of the Guild.

The first tower was Lanneath, a mellow six (8 cwt.), where some good Cornish rounds were rung by our young ringers. A short ride brought us to Pelynt church, where the pastoral staff of Bishop Trelawney is displayed in the church. Rounds and Plain Bob were rung on the pleasant six (13 cwt.).

We had lunch at Looe and then after the coach had successfully negotiated a traffic jam we arrived at the most anticipated church of the trip—St. Germans. The ringers admired the twin towered Norman church (tenor 13¼ cwt.) and rounds, call changes and a good touch of Grandsire Triples were rung.

The next tower was St Stephen's-by-Saltash (6, 16 cwt.), where the ringing chamber is on the first floor of the spacious tower. Many climbed the spiral staircase to the doorway from which one could look down on the bells ringing Grandsire Doubles: and also climbed to the parapet of the tower which commands a wonderful view.

After tea in Saltash we rang on the newly-restored ring at SS. Nicholas and Faith. The tower of this unusually shaped church is in the place of the north transept and has to be entered from outside the church. Some well-struck rounds and Grandsire Doubles were rung on these bells. The final tower visited was St. Mellion (6, 7 cwt.).

All were agreed that the trip, which had taken us over 170 miles and 16 hours, was very enjoyable. We would like to thank Clement W. Jose for making the arrangements, the various incumbents for allowing us to ring and all those local ringers who turned out to greet us.

H. J. P.

WOLVEY, WARWICKS

Wolvey bellringers' outing was held on July 23rd, and our ringers were joined by others from Market Bosworth, Tamworth, Kenilworth, Hatton, Stretton-under-Fosse and Harbury. A start was made at 12.45 p.m., the first tower being Priors Marston, where we found a rather noisy ring of six bells. Here we had to wheel the church bier from the belfry into the churchyard, to make room for the ringers.

The next tower was Cropredy, where the bells are soon to go to the bell foundry to be tuned and rehung. They proved to be in need of this attention, but despite this, some good ringing was enjoyed on these heavy going bells. Middleton Cheney was the prize piece for the day, the tenor being 22¼ cwt., which, with thirty feet of rope before the first guide, provided us with some excitement. One of our ringers accepted local ringers' challenge to ring the tenor up, properly clappered, single handed. Needless to say he failed.

Tea, at Banbury, was very welcome after the heavy bells at Middleton Cheney. Although everyone had more than enough to eat, we left with a miscellaneous collection of Banbury cakes, peanuts and sweets. At Steeple Aston, our conductor was given the task of producing certain well known changes in a touch of Plain Bob Minor, and failed miserably to do so. He spent the rest of the evening writing out coursing orders on the back of his programme, and appeared to have composed a 720 in order to accomplish his object. The bells went quite well to Cambridge and Kent, and were a welcome change to the heavier ones of the afternoon.

The last tower was the light six at Lower Heyford (7 cwt.). These were in very good condition, and an hour's ringing proved very enjoyable.

We returned home feeling very satisfied with the day's ringing and offer our sincerest thanks to the incumbents, who so readily allowed us to ring, and to the local ringers who turned up to keep us in order.

H. M. W.

The Family Spirit At Chepstow

During July there have been two ringers' weddings at Chepstow. On July 9th, Patricia Jones married John Morgan and on July 23rd Joyce Johnson married Clive Bryant, thus bringing the number of married couples in the band to three!

Relationships seem to abound in the tower: in addition to three married couples, there are one set of brothers, one set of sisters, one brother and sister, one father and daughter, and numerous cousins! Odd persons seem the exception—and they appear eventually to marry each other!

Peal attempts were successful after both weddings and now, who knows where Cupid will strike next?

24 Years' Silence of Bells Broken

Inkberrow, Worcestershire, villagers were agreeably surprised to hear their bells rung on July 16th, as they had not been rung since the funeral of King George V in 1936!

The bells had previously been rung from the ground floor, but when the church organ was installed in the ringing room all ringing ceased, despite the fact that the bells were rehung in 1928.

On July 16th, three young ringers from Wychbold and Droitwich climbed the tower, oiled the bearings, tightened every bolt visible and adjusted the ropes so that ringing could take place from the chamber immediately beneath the bells.

At the Vicar's request this activity was a carefully guarded secret, even to the extent that the bells were raised with the clappers tied so that the first ring heard could be a touch on the six bells. Ringers were present from Badsey, Hampton, Hinton, Packwood, Stourbridge, Wychbold and Droitwich. Ringing included rounds, Double Court Bob Minor, Cambridge Surprise.

The bells went reasonably well, in spite of the short draught, and the fact that the sallies on the two trebles stuck in the holes in the beams! (a condition which has now been remedied). The bells were cast by Taylors in 1868 with a tenor of 10 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in G, and are of excellent tone.

It is pleasant to feel that the bells are once more ringable in this magnificent 13th century church. Mr. A. Brazier, of Badsey, has arranged for the bells to be rung monthly by his band, until such time as a band can be formed in Inkberrow.

Our thanks are due to the Vicar for allowing this venture, and who has now heard the bells for the first time in his 17 years as incumbent of St. Peter's.

P. C. and A. D. C.

HANLEY, STAFFS

East Shropshire was visited by the Hanley ringers for their annual outing on July 16th. The day was dull and Cheswardine, our first tower, was reached in good time. Here the light eight were put to good use.

Unfortunately, at Stoke-on-Tern we failed to do justice to the very light six. Afterwards we were invited to tea by Mr. Frank W. Morgan, a local ringer, and enjoyed an exceptional repast.

This was followed by tea at the 'Elephant and Castle,' Grinshill, and after a short journey we arrived at Clive, the heaviest six in Shropshire. The best ringing of the day was in this tower and the time passed all too quickly. Ringing for the day concluded at Moreton Corbet, where the excellent 'go' of this light six was much appreciated.

Thanks are due to incumbents, local ringers and Mr. Charles A. S. Webb, who made all the arrangements.

K. P. J.

HALF PEAL

HIGHER WALTON, LANCS.—On July 25th, 2,592 Goldhanger Bob Major: D. Harwood 1, M. R. Crossthwaite 2, J. Moir 3, B. Faunch 4, D. Lawson 5, W. J. Couperthwaite 6, C. Crossthwaite (cond.) 7, F. Stead 8. First in the method for all the band. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. J. Couperthwaite.

DATE TOUCH

OVERBURY, WORCS.—On July 29th, 1,960 Doubles (480 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 480 Plain Bob, 480 Grandsire, 520 Reverse St. Bartholomew): Christine Halling 1, M. Hawkes (cond.) 2, F. Hawkes 3, J. Firkins 4, F. E. Wood 5, D. J. Devereux 6. First 'date touch' by all except the ringer of the third.

ABBOT'S-LEIGH, SOMERSET.—On July 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Monica Horseman 1, M. Horseman 2, C. V. Coombs (first quarter) 3, N. H. Coombs (cond.) 4, F. Neate 5, G. Moore 6. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to George Chamberlain, a ringer at this tower for 56 years, interred earlier this day.

ASFORDBY, LEICS.—On July 28th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each Stedman, St. Simon's, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob, 300 Grandsire): J. H. Cook 1, A. Stimson 2, H. T. Bonshor 3, R. C. Tyler 4, R. H. Cook (cond.) 5, K. J. Panter 6. Rung with the best wishes of the band to Mr. Ernest Morris, on his 71st birthday.

BINFIELD, BERKS.—On July 23rd, 1,320 Doubles (660 Plain Bob and 660 Grandsire): K. Goddard 1, Miss M. Longhurst 2, Mrs. K. Fleming (first quarter) 3, Mrs. D. Stopps 4, C. Stopps 5, F. Tomlinson 6. Rung as a compliment to the Rev. C. J. Ellwood, on completing 25 years at All Saints', Binfield, as Rector, and Mrs. Ellwood.

BUCKFAST, DEVON.—On July 27th, at the Benedictine Abbey, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: E. M. Atkins (cond.) 1, Rev. P. Angold 2, Rev. O. Mowan 3, Heather Hood 4, Mary Russell 5, W. G. Lavers 6, Rev. P. Dowling 7, Rev. A. de Guingand 8. Rung for the ordination to the priesthood of the Rev. Michael Craig-McFeely.

QUARTER PEALS

BRISTOL.—On July 25th, at Christ Church (City), 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Elizabeth Bowden 1, Monica Horseman 2, S. G. Riches 3, J. H. Stallard 4, C. J. Richards 5, J. H. Gilbert (first of Caters as cond.) 6, J. Brian (100th quarter) 7, R. J. Bowden 8. M. J. Horseman 9, L. Derrick 10. Rung for St. James' Day, and also a tribute to the memory of Frank Skidmore, late Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association. Also on July 27th, at Bristol Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Osmond 1, M. Hobbs 2, F. Carter 3, H. Evans 4, P. Parry (cond.) 5, I. Buckland 6. Rung by boys and staff of the Cathedral School, as a token of respect and affection for Rev. W. G. Wood, on his retirement after 31 years a master at the school.

DUDLEY, WORCS.—At St. Thomas' Church, on July 29th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: P. J. Brown 1, Yvonne Edwards 2, D. Downing 3, M. J. Fellows 4, J. C. Eisel 5, M. D. Fellows (cond.) 6. On the front six.

ECCLESTON, CHESHIRE.—On July 21st, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: G. F. Sperring 1, Miss R. J. Seabrook 2, J. S. Dean (first in method) 3, J. F. Hughes (first in method) 4, S. Jones 5, D. H. B. Millward 6, J. W. Griffiths (cond.) 7, P. Swindley 8.

EDMONTON, MIDDX.—On July 31st, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob and 660 Grandsire): Judith Burden 1, Trudy Newcombe 2, W. George 3, T. Hawkins 4, J. Weeks (cond.) 5, J. Bacon 6. For Evensong.

MANGOTSFIELD, GLOS.—On July 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Beakes 1, Mrs. N. Dart 2, J. G. Jefferies (cond.) 3, C. E. Jefferies 4, M. J. Jefferies 5, J. W. Jefferies 6, W. Richings 7, E. Cooksley 8. Rung in memoriam Mr. F. Skidmore, Master of Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On July 30th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: H. Hardwidge 1, Mrs. R. Quint 2, Mrs. D. Strong 3, L. Derrick (cond.) 4, C. Kortright 5, Miss O. Quint 6. Rung as a compliment to Miss Mary Powell (ringer at this tower), and Tony York, on the occasion of their engagement.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On July 31st, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Ann Hancock 1, Wendy Bowak 2, M. McQuistan 3, R. Bridges 4, J. McPhail 5, W. Wedlock (cond.) 6. Rung at Matins for the christening of Mary Rose Reeve, at West Ham Parish Church

OLD SWINFORD, STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—On July 27th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: P. J. Brown 1, M. J. Fellows 2, Yvonne Edwards 3, F. V. Nicholls 4, J. C. Eisel 5, M. D. Fellows (first of Minor as cond.) 6. Rung within the octave of the Feast of St. Anne.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—On July 26th, at St. Andrew's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. W. Milford 1, H. F. Myers 2, T. G. Myers 3, D. R. Bould (first of Stedman Triples) 4, D. F. Wheeler 5, S. O'Shaughnessy 6, F. E. Collins (cond.) 7, W. H. Marks 8.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On July 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Bull 1, F. Webber 2, A. Clayton 3, L. Allen 4, B. Coatsworth (first of Minor as cond.) 5, C. Mew 6. For Evensong.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.—At the Church of St. James, on July 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. H. Reed 1, R. Beale 2, J. Brewer 3, P. Tubbs 4, F. Morris 5, E. Langley 6, W. G. Gigg (cond.) 7, T. James 8. Rung for the Patronal Festival of the Church and also as a birthday compliment to the tenor man.

WENTWORTH, YORKS.—On July 10th, 1,440 Plain Bob Doubles: A. King 1, M. A. Beaumont 2, M. King 3, E. King 4, M. Meadows (cond.) 5, A. Beaumont (first quarter) 6. All members of the Wentworth company of ringers, which was formed six months ago, have now succeeded in ringing a quarter peal.

WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKS.—1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: A King 1, M. A. Beaumont 2, M. King 3, E. King 4, M. Meadows (cond.) 5, R. West 6.

YORK.—At York Minster, on July 18th, a quarter peal of Plain Bob Major: S. H. Steel 1, D. Clegg 2, I. Lamere 3, F. Atkinson 4, M. E. Wilkinson 5, H. Walker 6, C. Reeves 7, J. A. D. Woolford (cond.) 8. Also on July 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. A. D. Woolford 1, M. E. Wilkinson 2, D. Clegg 3, F. Atkinson 4, S. H. Steel 5, C. Reeves 6, H. Walker (cond.) 7.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The popular young secretary of the St. John's, Hillingdon, Guild, Michael J. Palmer, is in hospital and likely to be out of ringing for some months. He would no doubt welcome letters and visitors at Ward E, Cubicle 9, Harefield Hospital, Middlesex.

Mr. Ranald W. M. Clouston has just completed the inspection of his 200th tower in Suffolk.

The peal of Delight Minor, rung at Fulmer, on June 8th, was named Alderbourne (not Aldbourne, as printed).

Mr. A. R. Bridge, secretary of the North East District of the Suffolk Guild, is moving to Nayland, at the end of August. He is willing, however, to carry on his duties until the end of the year.

An order for 'The Ringer's Diary,' addressed to Messrs. Wiggers and Hodgers, 37 High Field Gardens, Andershut, England, has been received at the proper address from Uppsala, Sweden.

Who is the South Yorkshire ringer whose other hobby is steam traction engines? . . Who regularly leaves his steed parked outside the tower with oil parking lights on practice nights. Let's hope he remembers to 'bank up' before standing in for a peal.

An 'Open Day' at Rotherham Parish Church, on July 9th, produced £40 for the repair fund. The High School Handbell Ringers rang tunes in the churchyard and a small charge was made for admission to the tower, where ringers explained points of interest. In the evening the visitors were able to watch the 10 bells rung to various methods.

On Saturday, July 16th, ringers from the villages of Dorchester-on-Thames and Warborough, Oxfordshire, spent a very enjoyable afternoon at the Whitechapel Bell Foundry. They would like to thank the Master Founder, Mr. A. A. Hughes, for allowing them to look around the foundry and for giving them such an interesting talk about church bells and handbells.

In honour of the 85th birthday of Mr. W. Wilson-Dobb, vice-president of the East Derbyshire & Notts Association, a peal of Minor was rung at Selston, Notts, on July 13th. When the three bells at Selston were augmented in 1905, Mr. Wilson-Dobb joined the East Derbyshire and Notts Association, and although he does not now ring he takes a great interest in the affairs of the Association. He learnt to handle a bell at Selston, when a boy of 15.

Now that peals of Minimus are recognised by the Central Council, will Mr. Ronald Dove include in his excellent production four-bell towers? asks an enthusiastic tower grabber.

Bristol Cathedral Guild are very fortunate in having three members of the staff who are keen change ringers and it is largely due to their interest that an outing is arranged on an average once a term.

With the peal of Minor at Laverstoke-cum-Frefolk, Mr. Geoffrey K. Dodd has rung peals on every ringable ring of bells in the Andover District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, from four bells upwards. No other ringer has, so far, this record.

From 'Ringing Towers' we learn that 'things are beginning to move again' in Hobart, Tasmania. A quarter peal has been rung 'in hand' of Doubles and also two 360's of Plain Bob Doubles on tower bells. We look forward to hearing more about the bells of St. David's and Holy Trinity, Hobart.

The peal at Old Swinford, Worcs, by a band with an average age of 16½ years will be remembered by all. Despite a cement mixer's efforts to drown the sound of the bells, a well-struck peal was scored. Proceedings were enlivened by the steeplejacks at work on the tower coming to watch the ringers and afterwards shutting the tower door, which made the bells almost inaudible. The peal was the first blow of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Minor by all the band.

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ALPHABET FOR BEGINNERS

By T. J. LOCK

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OBSERVATION BELL.—Compositions of peals rung these days are, with possibly the singular exception of Holt's Original, set out on paper with the calls and all the working bells noted in relation to, or in the relative position of, one particular bell—usually the tenor. This bell is the 'observation bell.' If, for instance, the composition requires a Bob to be called at Home, then the Bob would be called at the time the tenor bell is in its Home position. Look up Parker's Twelve-part peal of Grandsire Triples and you will find that the composition can be called with either the second, the sixth or the seventh bell as 'observation.' It may be that the starting off points will be different in each case but, nevertheless, the composition is the same. Some conductors have no direct need of an observation bell—they do not learn the peal composition by the way usually set out on paper—they transpose the composition into coursing order, or into lead ends and course ends.

OPEN LEAD.—Depending upon which part of the country you are in or which part you have been taught to ring, will decide whether you ring your bell with an open lead at hand-stroke or not. Also, I might add, it will decide whether your open lead is wide or not so wide. Ringing with a close handstroke lead entails each bell to be struck at the same interval of time one after the other. It would be similar to the ticks of a metronome, being without any pause whatever in the rhythm. Ringing with an open handstroke lead entails the rhythm to be broken only by the bell which is leading and, remember, it is the handstroke alone which is 'open'—the back-stroke is always 'closed.' So the ultimate effect of open lead ringing on six bells is that each striking at handstroke and back-stroke gives twelve strikes at equal (or x) distances of time apart, then a pause of one x, then 12x, 1x, 12x, 1x, and so on. On eight bells it would, in similar terms, be 16x, 1x, 16x, 1x, and so on.

Generally speaking, in the West Country towers, where call changes are rung, there is no open lead; in districts and towers where odd-bell methods, with tenor covering, are rung the open lead is not so pronounced; and in six bell and other towers where even-bell methods are rung the open lead is the widest. But, do not forget, it is often only a matter of a fraction of a second which makes for all this difference.

OUT OF COURSE.—Please do not read this as 'Out, of course,' which is the wife's answer to a visitor who has called to see her peal ringing husband! Whilst 'Out of Course' has been described as the nature, or inherent peculiarity, of a row (of changes) when by an odd number of transpositions, place by place, the figures composing it can be brought to rounds—further information can be gained by referring to the complementary term 'In Course,' which was dealt with in a previous article.

OUTINGS.—This is not a technical term but I hope it will not be received as being out of place in this alphabet. No doubt, quite a number of readers have not yet even had the opportunity to arrange an outing but, assuming the chance will come one day, the following remarks are intended to be helpful. Should the chance never turn up and you are always just a member of the party, please remember that although you carry no responsibility in the organisation of the outing you can quite easily carry the responsibility in the disorganisation of it. Keep strictly to the programme, be punctual, carry out the wishes of the organiser, do nothing that would cause delay and put on your best behaviour.

There are no rules governing the arranging of, and conduct on, outings but everyone is expected to comply with etiquette. I, personally, apply to the tower secretary or correspondent for his incumbent's permission to ring the bells expressing the hope that it is also acceptable to the local band. If there is no known tower secretary I apply direct to the incumbent expressing the desire that the local band would be in agreement if permission is given (I have had only one 'ticking off' for such a desire). If I apply for a peal attempt I quite often state a 'full peal' and also the Association for which the peal would be rung.

One's conduct and manners cannot be too high when on an outing and it is preferred that everything is left as it is found. If you shorten or lengthen a rope put it back as it was: if the bells were down when you arrive leave them down when you go; if a rope is tied for chiming, say, by the verger, then tie it back again, and tie it securely! Of course, never leave litter and always report damage with an offer to pay the cost of repair. It is my custom to write a letter of thanks to each tower which has been visited.

OWNERSHIP OF BELLS.—As such, there is no direct ownership of bells—this sounds a bit Irish but they will understand! There is, however, sufficient legislation to make it clear that a bell ringer has no authority in the purchase, control, maintenance or disposal of any bell. In fact, most ringers, even when in their 'own' ringing room, are invitees with the permission of the incumbent who has control over the rights of access to the belfry. Bells should only be rung with the incumbent's consent (though happily this is often implied!) and they must not be rung against his to accord with Church law. To complicate matters the churchwardens have the responsibility of the church fabric and ornaments, on which they have to give an annual report. The churchwardens also have the custody of the keys of the belfry—so this is one very good reason why ringers should become churchwardens, surely!

SERVANTS OF THE EXERCISE – No. 33



MR. SAMUEL SCATTERGOOD

Chesterfield.

Mr. Samuel Scattergood bears a very honoured name, for he is in direct line of descent from Samuel Scattergood, who was Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths in 1685, and also a personal friend of Fabian Stedman. Sam is a very likeable man, a good mixer, and is very popular in Derbyshire. He has worked hard and long to raise a band capable of ringing the fine ring of ten at Chesterfield.

At this famous church, with the crooked spire, the bells were silenced in 1925, owing to the instability of the spire, but prior to that many peals had been rung by Arthur Knights and his contemporaries. It was not until 1946 that, on the advice of Sam Scattergood, the bells were recast and rehung in a steel frame by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank and much work was done to make the crooked spire safe. Whilst all this work was going on, Sam was busy teaching youngsters who were to form a completely new band, and they the bells were rededicated in 1947, they were able to ring all 10 bells. Sam was appointed Ringing Master by the Archdeacon of Chesterfield, and under his direction the bells have been rung regularly on Sundays ever since.

He was born in 1904 at Old Whittington, commenced Sunday school and day school there at the age of 5 years, and has unbroken service in church work to the present day. He learned to ring on the four bells there in 1919, and after they were recast and augmented to five, he conducted a peal of Grandsire Doubles which was the first by all the band, rung at first attempt. This peal was on the occasion of King George V and Queen Mary's silver jubilee, in 1935.

Sam has always been prominent in ringing affairs in Derbyshire and was district secretary of the Chesterfield District of the old Midland Counties Association. He assisted the late W. Lancaster in the preliminary work and formation of the new Derbyshire Association, and acted as secretary of the Chesterfield District in 1947-8. He is also an active member of the Sheffield and District Society, and an out-county member of the Yorkshire Association. It is his great pride to be a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and the Society is equally proud to have him as a member—indeed it is most fitting that a man with such an illustrious predecessor should hold an honoured place in its ranks.

By profession he is an engineer's buyer, and having served an apprenticeship in a large engineering works was appointed buyer in 1936. He was responsible for the purchase of machinery, cutting tools and equipment for the production of all types and sizes of bomb, shell and shot, from two pounder to two thousand pounder. He is as thorough and reliable with his work as he is with his ringing.

For the past 10 years he has spent two evenings a week helping and instructing learners in neighbouring towers with a view to attaining proficiency in Sunday service ringing. He has rung more than 60 peals, from Doubles to Royal. His great love, however, is ringing for Sunday services, and he is never so happy as when he is surrounded by a belfryful of eager youngsters who want to become Sunday service ringers.

JAFUS.

Exeter Cathedral Bells To Be Rehung

The Council of the Friends of Exeter Cathedral have agreed to meet the cost, estimated at £910, for rehanging some of the bells of the Cathedral and doing work to the others.

The Council had previously agreed that £260 should be spent on the bells' chiming apparatus.

The Council also agreed to obtain an estimate and full report upon work necessary to the organ, Archdeacon E. F. Hall stating that the mechanical action would have to be overhauled as it had not been done since 1933.

SILVER WEDDING

The silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. C. Gudgeon was a happy occasion, on July 27th, with a peal on Northop, Flintshire, bells, followed by supper at which they were the genial hosts to the band. Afterwards came handbell ringing and the showing of slides of colour photographs taken during a trip through Shropshire, Montgomeryshire and Staffordshire, earlier in the year. Their wedding was at Worsley, Lancs, where Mr. Gudgeon was then a regular ringer, but unfortunately the bells at that time were at the Loughborough foundry. The band extend to them every happiness in the years ahead.

KIDDERMINSTER AND SYNTHETIC BELLS

THE petition from the Vicar and churchwardens of St. John's Church, Kidderminster, for a faculty for the installation of 'synthetic' bells at their church was heard by the Chancellor of Worcester Diocese, Mr. E. T. S. Boydell, at a Consistory Court held at Worcester on July 23rd. The hearing was adjourned, after lasting nearly three hours, the Chancellor stating that he would only grant a faculty in the most exceptional circumstances.

The Chancellor said that although there was no formal appearance in opposition to the petition, it had not secured the approval of the Diocesan Advisory Committee or the Central Council for the Care of Churches.

Ald. F. C. Adams, who represented St. John Church, said the parishioners looked forward with considerable excitement and anticipation to the installation of recorded bells as a gift from their benefactor, Sir George Eddy, who would defray the cost as an act of thankoffering for reaching his 82nd birthday.

Continuing he said the tower and steeple were part of the original church built in 1840. It only had 9-12 inch brickwork, and, in the opinion of architects, was not strong enough to take a ring of bells capable of being swung.

'The parishioners would like such bells but cannot afford to have the steeple strengthened or rebuilt,' said Ald. Adams. 'The tower is all right for the one existing large bell and the small ting-tang. We cannot find a bellringer to ring the large bell and it is only being tolled for services on Sunday by a youth who charges 5s. to perform that service.

MOURNFUL SOUND

'I think it is a most mournful sound—as if someone were being buried rather than calling people to church. The worst effect is on patients in Blakebrook Hospital, the grounds of which are on the opposite side of Bewdley Road. I should think anything would be better for them than this mournful tolling.

'Kidderminster has probably never experienced such unparalleled prosperity as the town enjoys at the present time, and people are less prepared than they used to be to take on voluntary jobs such as bellringing or do anything of that nature. The churches even find it difficult to get male choristers.'

The speaker pointed out that the Parish Church of St. Mary and All Saints had an excellent ring of 12 bells, which had been virtually idle for years until Sir George Eddy arranged for them to be electrically operated and had chimes installed. The only time the bells were rung by hand was when teams of visiting bellringers came along, usually on Saturday afternoons.

Referring to the argument that synthetic bells were something 'unworthy in the sight of God,' Ald. Adams said if that were accepted it would be rather like saying that a church which could not afford an organ ought not to have a harmonium!

'NEXT BEST THING'

He hoped that the stage had not been reached at which the Church of England ceased to move with the times, and he suggested that the outcry against recorded bells was 'notional rather than rational.' He realised that the Church Assembly deprecated the introduction of recorded bells, but said it would be wrong to deprive St. John's of 'the next best thing' to real bells.

The Chancellor: I shall not hold myself bound by anything said by the Church Assembly or the Council for the Care of Churches, and I don't always accept the advice of the diocesan committee, grateful though I am to receive it.

Answering the bellringers' objection that gramophone bells would deprive them of the pleasures of campanology, Ald. Adams said that was not the case in Kidderminster because bells could only be rung there when a band was collected from all parts of the diocese.

When the Chancellor suggested that gramophone bells could be 'an awful nuisance,' Ald. Adams said there was the mechanical safeguard of volume control; if there were a complaint it was only a question of turning a knob to get it as quiet as one wished. He asked the Chancellor to allow the prayer in this petition.

'RETROGRADE STEP'

The Chancellor read a letter he had received from the Worcestershire Change-ringing Association which criticised the proposed installation of recorded bells as 'a retrograde step,' and stated: 'Calling for no human endeavour, they can only be described as an unworthy sham.'

The Association claimed that its view that recorded bells were 'wrong in principle' was shared by most church organisations, but the Chancellor said he would not attach nearly as much weight to the bellringers' objections as if they had appeared in person.

Sir George Eddy supporting the petition, said he did so purely on humanitarian grounds.

To support his contention that there were bellringers to be had in Kidderminster, Sir George read a letter from Mr. Keith Salter, who was captain of the former St. Mary's band of ringers.

NO RECRUITS

'The question of finding bellringers is a sore one with me,' wrote Mr. Salter. 'For 15 years I tried to keep St. Mary's bells going with new recruits, but none stayed long enough to be any use, and I have given up any idea of recruiting a band again.'

Sir George told the Chancellor that as a result of the electrical apparatus installed at St. Mary's the bells there were ringing within a matter of minutes of the recent birth of the new Prince, because they only had to be switched on.

The Chancellor: One of the criticisms made is that a gramophone apparatus is often used for wholly inappropriate recordings or passages of music.

Sir George: We can give an absolute guarantee that nothing of the sort would occur at St. John's.

Preb. S. F. Linsley, as patron of St. John's living, said he wholeheartedly supported the innovation.

NO LOCAL OBJECTION

The Rev. W. A. Trippass, Vicar of St. John's, said a similar apparatus at St. Michael's Church, Stourport, was installed when he was Vicar in 1938. Notices had been posted on the church doors at St. John's to ascertain if there were any objectors, and there had not been any.

Mr. W. A. Greenway, of Messrs. Godwin, Clist and Greenway, architects, reported that he had inspected the tower at St. John's and it would be unwise to install proper bells. The walls of the tower were only 9 inches and considerable strengthening would have to be done. The room was 11 feet by 11 feet and there would be considerable vibration if bells were installed. He estimated that a considerable sum of money would have to be spent to make the belfry suitable for a small ring of bells.

The Chancellor, in summing up, mentioned several parishes where similar bells were functioning, but said he was not satisfied in his mind that in this case every avenue had been explored in regard to the installation of church bells.

The cost of installing bells and strengthening the tower would be considerable but he would like the Parochial Church Council to investigate the matter still further.

At one church the 'Messiah' had been rendered on Christmas morning, with the recording of a marriage service, and objection had been taken to this.

Mr. F. C. Adams after consultation, agreed to the deferment sine die, and the Chancellor said he would sit again if the occasion arose.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

North East District

A meeting of the North East District was held at Southwold, on July 23rd. The attendance was low in the afternoon perhaps because of a meeting on the same day in the next district. Thanks to our friends from over the border and some Sheffield ringers staying at Lowestoft, more varied ringing was obtained in the evening ranging from rounds to Cambridge Major and Double Norwich Court Bob Major.

The service was taken by Canon A. D. Thompson, of Walberswick and Blythburgh, who quoted in his sermon the story of the spider in the roof of the cow shed. The spider came down onto the floor and cast away his thread which would have taken him back up to the roof. In consequence he was trodden on by the cows, the moral being that we must not give up our bell ropes if we are to survive.

After tea the chair was taken by Mr. P. Bedford, who gave a warm welcome to all present. The district secretary, Mr. A. R. Bridges, announced that the proposed outing to Lincolnshire had been cancelled owing to lack of support—a great pity after all the preparations.

The election of new members shows that youth is in the fore—Vernon Bedford, John Marjoram, David Blomfield, Terence Page, Paul Muttitt and Marion Branch were ratified as junior members. Mr. Robert Preston, of Nottingham, and Mr. John Aire were ratified non-resident life members. John R. Knights was also elected a junior member and Mr. G. R. Wesby, of Saxmundham, an honorary member.

Mr. John Blythe, general secretary and treasurer, said that in selecting the place of the next meeting something would need to be done at a higher level to avoid a clashing of dates. The district secretary said that the dates for 1960 were chosen in January and had been published in 'The Ringing World,' but little notice appeared to have been taken. It was agreed that the next meeting be held at Beccles, on October 22nd, with a practice meeting at Wickham Market and Marlesford on September 17th. The district secretary gave notice that as he was now working at the British Legion Hospital, Nayland, it would be wise for the District to elect a new secretary as he would be moving to Nayland at the end of August, but was willing to carry on until the end of the year. Mr. P. Bedford thanked the secretary for all he had done for the District, and said that they could not have had a more keen and hard working member and he would be greatly missed. He also thanked the Vicar, Canon A. D. Thompson, the organist and Mr. R. S. Payne for arranging the meeting.

A. R. B.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SPLIT MIND FOR HANDBELL RINGING

Dear Sir.—I am pleased that some correspondence has resulted from the series 'Alphabet for Beginners.' Whilst most of mine in reply could be dealt with at the conclusion of the series. I feel that the 'Handbells' article is more of a current matter.

I acknowledge with appreciation the references of Peter J. Staniforth, but he calls for other handbell bands to make a reply.

So, in answer to F. I. and E. L. Hairs, my last sentence in the article starts. 'Much more can be read in. . . . 'Change Ringing on Handbells.' If they would open page four of this booklet they will see how much I have quoted. On my part, I considered I had sufficient licence to use the words. 'The experts say' when it is known that the authors of the offending words must have been approved and accepted by the Central Council as being amongst the leading handbell ringers of the time (1949), before members of that body voted and agreed to expend money in the printing and distribution of the booklet. As regards what I could have explained under the letter 'E.' the suggestion is so extravagant that I would rather not have made any such attempt! The last paragraph of this letter is just not appreciated or understood by me, and I consider it to be irrelevant.—Yours faithfully,

T. J. LOCK.

North Mymms.

RINGERS' SERVICE AT WORCESTER CATHEDRAL

Dear Sir.—The report in July 29th 'Ringing World' of the Ringers' Sunday, at Portsmouth Cathedral, prompted me to write about a similar service which we held at Worcester Cathedral on July 3rd.

As with the Portsmouth service, ours also was a great success. The service was combined with the 6.30 Evensong and was previously announced in the Cathedral notices and the local press. Visitors were invited to the tower and ringing commenced half-an-hour early at 5 o'clock. The number of people who took the opportunity of the visit greatly exceeded our expectations: in fact we were overwhelmed, since at least two hundred people must have ascended the tower. They were conducted to both the ringing chamber and the bell chamber and were given a few words of explanation. Also present were the Dean, the Very Rev. R. L. P. Milburn, and several members of the chapter and their families.

During the service which followed, the first lesson was read by one of the ringers and the Dean offered prayers for the Cathedral Guild. It had been hoped that the address would be given by the Rev. Albert Webb, Chaplain of the Worcestershire Association, and a keen ringer. Unfortunately, he was not able to be present, the address therefore being given by Bishop C. E. Stuart, a member of the Chapter and a great friend of ringers.

Afterwards, the Dean said how pleased he was with the success of the occasion and which we hope will become an annual event for the Cathedral Guild of Ringers. Certainly, the enthusiasm and interest shown was in marked contrast to the controversy in the local press last November after a peal of Stedman Cinques.—Yours faithfully.

DAVID BEACHAM.

Worcester.

ST. MARTIN'S, YORK

Dear Sir.—The ring of eight bells of this church was described in your issue, dated April 23rd, 1954. They were cast in the York foundry of Edward Sellers, in 1729-30, and not by Rudhall, as stated by Mr. J. W. Clarke.

After the fire which destroyed the church in the blitz of 1942 the bells were placed in the south aisle, the roof of which remained. Access could only be obtained through the south door which was kept locked or by climbing through a window.

Several bells were broken and the others were cracked in the fire. All that now remains is the tenor (15 cwt.) and the crowns of four other bells. It is evident the thieves broke the bells up into small pieces before removal.

A start has now been made with the work of restoration of the tower and of the south aisle which is to be a chapel-of-ease. The site of nave and north aisle is to be cleared and laid out as a rest garden.

At one time it was thought it would be possible to restore the bells as a ringing peal but money is not now available and the latest plan is to install a frame for a ring but with only one bell for the time being. No doubt the value of some of the bell metal would have gone towards the cost of the new frame.

The church is in the main shopping street of the city and the church authorities could have sold the site for a six figure sum but instead decided on a scheme of restoration which would preserve for posterity a bit of old York, and a riverside landmark, and at the same time satisfy the requirements of the War Damage Commissioners.

The York Minster Society rang a peal of Kent T.B. on the bells in 1888, but the bells had not been rung during this century. However, I remember hearing them being chimed to hymn tunes some 25 years ago.—Yours sincerely,

HAROLD WALKER.

Clifton, York.

Dear Sir.—With reference to Mr. J. W. Clarke's letter in 'The Ringing World' of July 29th, may I point out that the details he gives are incorrect. Five of the eight bells were cast by Edward Sellers, at his foundry in Jubbergate, York, in 1729, and were the gift of a Mr. William Thompson. In 1730 Sellers added two treble bells, and at the same time recast the old tenor. The new trebles were provided by the Minster ringers and friends, at a cost of £59 10s.

Thus there is no question of their being Rudhall bells

I saw these bells the morning after the blitz; four were whole and the remainder in pieces. All the bells were inscribed and hung in three tiers before they were destroyed. —Yours faithfully.

J. M. HUTCHINSON.

Stillington, York.

EXTENT OF BRISTOL

Dear Sir.—I must confess that I do not even pretend to understand anything about method construction and composition, and I acknowledge my error concerning the extent of Bristol (Mr. Segar, page 483).

I was amused to note, recently, that the 21,600 of Bristol, at Over, 1950, was rung on my birthday!—Yours sincerely,

R. BROWN.

Leeds 8

COVENTRY GUILD

Dar Sir.—The recent article by Mr. Henry Allen is interesting, but somewhat inaccurate. The founding of the Warwickshire Guild did not take place as he describes. The simple story is that in 1907, whilst I was living in Coventry, I wrote a letter to the 'Bell News,' suggesting the formation of a Guild to cover the county of Warwickshire. This suggestion was taken up enthusiastically by Hervey Reeves, the editor, and, encouraged by this, I toured the county (on a bicycle) to test reactions and work up interest.

Very little interest or help came from the town of Warwick, whilst Rugby was most enthusiastic, and Nuneaton definitely hostile. At Rugby, Arthur L. Coleman was tower secretary. I had many conferences with him, and we arranged a meeting at the Dale Temperance Hotel, Warwick, in 1907, when the new Guild was formed. In order to capture a little support from Warwick, we elected Mr. E. H. Adams as first Master.

Mr. Allen seems to have got the facts mixed. The Mr. Matthews he mentions was John D. Matthews, who was not working for Messrs. Mears. He was a linotype operator, engaged on 'The Warwick and Leamington Chronicle.' Later, he became Master of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths. Mr. A. L. Coleman was elected first secretary of the new Guild, and in a year or so Nuneaton became a strong centre of ringing activity in Warwickshire. Those two great ringers, Harry Argyle and Tom Chapman, proved to be staunch supporters. Warwick became more co-operative, and Rugby was making rapid progress with Surprise methods under Joe Fenton.

In 1908 the Guild rang its first peal at Stoke-in-Coventry—which I had the honour to conduct. Mr. Adams called the first peal of Bob Major, at Bedworth, a little later. The arrival of a young curate at Shottery (Rev. C. C. Cox), gave a great fillip to the new Guild's activities—and he took part in several of its first performances, conducting Treble Bob Major and Stedman Caters. He was closely followed by Adolphus Roberts and Frank Pervin. About 1910 my work took me away from Coventry—and on leaving I was presented with a magnificent tea service by the Guild, at the Dale Temperance Hotel, Warwick. The whole story can be read up in the columns of the old 'Bell News.'—Yours sincerely. J. FRANK SMALLWOOD.

Darley Dale.

BELTON, ISLE OF AXHOLME

Dear Sir.—In the article on points from recent peals, by the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, which appeared in 'The Ringing World' on July 29th, it states that the peal at Belton, with the footnote that reads 'First on the bells which have been augmented from 4 to 6,' cannot be claimed as first. The reason given is that Dove gives Belton as a 5 bell tower and that a peal was rung on these bells in 1911.

I would like to point out that Lincolnshire has two Beltons, one near Grantham, which is the one that Dove gives as a five bell tower and still has five bells, the other Belton is in the Isle of Axholme and is about 16 miles east of Doncaster. Besides these two Beltons there is a Belton, Rutland, and a Belton near Great Yarmouth.

The Belton, Isle of Axholme, had its four bells tuned, quarter turned, and rehung on ball bearings in a new steel frame in 1955, by Taylor's, of Loughborough. In October, 1959 two new trebles were added to complete a ring of six. The first peal on these bells was in January, 1960, being a peal of Minor in seven methods, conducted by George E. Feirn. Since then two more peals have been rung, one in May and one in June, making a total of three.—Yours faithfully.

M. ROSE.

(Ringer, Belton, Isle of Axholme).

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OBITUARY

MR. C. H. WOODBERRY

North Worcestershire has lost a well known ringer in the person of Mr. Charles Henry Woodberry, whose death occurred on July 13th, at the age of 75.

He learned to ring under his father, the late Mr. John Woodberry, at the beginning of the century, in Wolverley, near Kidderminster, and was a member of the Kidderminster band for nearly forty years until the ban during the war years put a stop to his ringing activities. After the war, chiefly due to his business demands, he never really got going again although, until the last two or three years, he was still turning up at meetings, and practices in various parts of North Worcestershire, whenever he was able to do so.

His peal total for the Worcestershire Association was 77, of which he had conducted 21. Details of his peals for other Associations are not at present available.

He represented the Worcestershire Association on the Central Council from 1936 until 1944, and was also a past Master of the Dudley and District Guild.

The funeral was at Wolverley, on July 16th, and the spacious church was filled almost to capacity. The very beautiful floral tributes numbered over seventy.

The six bells were rung half-muffled by members of the Association, who were among his oldest friends, and the pre-service ringing included the 'whole-pull and stand,' while the cortege was approaching the church. After the interment handbells were rung over the grave by John Lloyd, Clifford Skidmore and Bernard Ashford, followed by further ringing on the tower bells.

'Charlie,' as he was familiarly known, will long be remembered for his invariable good humour, his fund of anecdote in connection with many bygone ringing 'characters' and his 'Quaker Touches.' In these, to quote Charlie, anyone who could do so called a bob 'when he felt like it,' after which, upon a given signal, Charlie would proceed to call the bells round in a surprisingly short space. He could do this equally well in Plain Bob, Grandsire or Stedman, although the former sometimes took a little longer if someone had parted the tenors for him.

MR. ALBERT E. LOCK

AN APPRECIATION

To the memory of Albert E. Lock, of Abingdon, the following members of the Sutton Courtney, Berkshire, band rang a half-muffled quarter peal of 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Walter Webb 1, John Barnes (conductor) 2, George Allam 3, John Greenwood 4, William Hewes 5, Geoffrey Leyland 6.

This tribute was fittingly rung on July 12th, in the beautiful village where Albert Lock was born, baptised and lived for several years, and it was on these bells that he learned to ring. Amongst us there are ringers who, for one reason or another, seldom ring at any tower but their own, but Albert Lock was far from being one of these; his evenings were spent visiting villages in the neighbourhood and giving a hand to struggling bands, imparting to them instruction and encouragement.

Sutton Courtney was one such place where ringers have benefited from his help, not only earlier in the century but more recently, for two years ago when the local branch of the Church of England Men's Society provided a number of recruits to ring Albert Lock paid occasional visits to help with instruction. In fact only a few weeks prior to his death, at the age of 81 years, he was ringing the fifth of this not-so-easy-going ring to Plain Bob Minor, thus enabling the band to progress from Doubles to Minor. He was indeed a great help to us in Sutton Courtney and we were never tired of his endless supply of stories related in 'The Swan,' after practices. In Abingdon, where one of the Sutton ringers, Mr. Armitage, has his office, Mr. Lock was a frequent visitor and here too his discussions on ringing and ringers will be missed.

Mr. Lock will be greatly missed; we are very grateful for the assistance and encouragement we have received from him and we are proud and pleased to have shared his company. May he rest in peace.

J. S. B.

ALDERSHOT BELLS REDEDICATED



THE Archdeacon of Surrey (the Ven. A. J. de C. Studdert) is here seen dedicating the recast bells of St. Michael's, Aldershot, on July 16th. With the Archdeacon is the Vicar, the Rev. T. H. Dart. The captain of the ringers, Major F. J. Bragg, stands on the left and next to him is Mr. J. P. Fidler, the representative of the founders, Messrs. John Taylor and Co.

The rededication service began with the singing of Compline, by members of the local chapter of the Guild of Servers. During the singing of Psalm 150 the churchwardens led the clergy to the bell tower where they were met by Major Bragg, who has been a ringer for 40 years.

The founders' representative then handed the rope of the tenor bell to Mr. F. G. Lesiter, churchwarden, who in turn handed it to the Archdeacon. After the dedicatory prayers the Archdeacon in turn handed the rope to the Vicar.

As the clergy returned to their places the new bells were rung. In his sermon the Archdeacon spoke of the place of bells in Church worship.

July 16th was observed at St. Michael's as a gift day for the bells, the Vicar standing at the church gate to receive the offering of parishioners. These and the collection at the service amounted to over £70. A welcome surprise for the Vicar was a promise of £50, a final gesture, which completely liquidated the cost of recasting.

After the service there was further ringing, the local band being joined by ringers from Farnham and neighbouring churches.

[Illustration by courtesy of 'The Aldershot News.'

MR. PETER CROOK IN CANADA

Dear Sir,—During my flight over Canada I had to change places at Calgary, and whilst waiting for the next, I rang up Miss Judy Midgley, of Calgary. Unfortunately she had another engagement. I would have enjoyed meeting her and seeing the new ring of eight in that town.

It is my intention to visit Victoria and Vancouver, but the weather here at present is not suitable for ringing. Wednesday, this week, was 100 degrees, Thursday 99. It has not been below 90 in the day time since I arrived on June 28th. I am about 12 hours' journey by train or bus and about one hour by air.

I had a request to visit a former Lancashire woman, Mrs. Ellen McTaggart, nee Ogden, and formerly of Moorside, Oldham, Lancs. What an interesting woman she is! A highly trained nurse, now retired, she has spent the last 47 years moving around Canada. She has worked in many hospitals but she had a great love for the wild, north places beyond the railways, where she had to travel on horseback, sometimes away from home for many days.

When I mentioned that I was a ringer from Lancashire and that I knew her brother, John, tears filled her eyes, she was so overcome. She informed me that when her two brothers began to learn to ring at St. Thomas' Church, Moorside, Oldham, Lancs, she also learned to handle a bell, and her one desire now is to hear those bells again. She is 77 years of age and not well, and thinks she could not stand the long journey in her present state of health.—Yours faithfully,

PETER CROOK.

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BAKEWELL BELLS RESTORATION

After a silence of five months, the bells of Bakewell, Derbyshire, are ringing again. Examination earlier in the year had disclosed that the wooden headstocks were rotting and it was decided to replace them with steel ones. The bells have now been rehung, with modern fittings and the bells quarter turned. The result is very satisfactory and Bakewell folk may feel justly proud of their bells. The work has been carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. Many congratulations were received by Mr. Arthur Fidler, who carried out the restoration.

On Saturday, July 30th, a large and representative body of ringers from all parts of the county attended a brief reconsecration service in the belfry, which was conducted by the Vicar of Bakewell, the Rt. Rev. G. Sinker, Assistant Bishop of Derby. After the prayers the local band raised the bells and rang the first touch of 360 Bob Minor with two bells covering. Then the visitors took over the ringing and touches in methods from Grandsire to London, Bristol and Spliced Surprise were rung. Generous refreshments were provided in the Parish Hall, and a happy time was enjoyed by all present. Ringing throughout the day was organised by Mr. J. F. Smallwood. Messrs. John Taylor and Co. were represented by Mr. J. Fidler.

Since the break up of the old Midland Counties Association, Bakewell ringing has not been so prominent as it was, but it is hoped that now the bells are restored the local company will become participants in the activities of the Derbyshire Association.

JAFUS.

50 YEARS' K.C.A. MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATION FOR ROPE IN PEAL



BOLSOVER RINGERS VISIT LIVERPOOL

In accordance with tradition, one of the hottest days of the year, June 25th, was chosen for the annual outing of Bolsover ringers, with Liverpool as the objective.

At the first tower, Lymm, Cheshire, the heavy bells presented some difficulty and although the striking was not up to the recognised standard another record was created by ringing a touch of Stedman Triples, with Bolsover ringers in the band. This was mainly due to the presence of 'Jafus,' who stayed two nights in Bolsover to ensure being available for the outing. Under his influence several of the Bolsover band have been temporarily converted to Stedman and one shudders to think what John Flint would have said if he had heard the tenor not being turned in. The light eight at Halewood were a welcome change after Lymm.

A substantial lunch was enjoyed in very comfortable conditions at the Strand Hotel, Liverpool, and the coach then conveyed the whole party to Liverpool Cathedral. Ringing had been arranged for a special service and Mr. J. Ridyard kindly agreed to allow members of the party to join the Cathedral ringers for a short time. It is obvious that considerable practice is needed to enable ringers to perform satisfactorily under the existing conditions at the Cathedral but those who rang were very grateful for the opportunity and the experience. The non-ringers were much impressed by the grandeur of the building. Several members of the party took advantage of an invitation to ring for a wedding at St. Nicholas'.

The best ringing of the day came at Woolton, in which several young ringers of the local band joined in. The interior of the church was really beautiful and the young local ringers were obviously very proud of their bells.

High tea was taken at Prescot, at which the party were joined by Mr. Hesketh (junior) and Mr. Mawdsley, who had kindly arranged for evening ringing at the Parish Church. During the meal Mr. H. T. Rooke expressed the thanks of the party to Mr. A. B. Cooper for organising the outing. A short break was made for Evensong, said by the Senior Curate of Prescot. The bells at Prescot proved to be in rather a rough condition and much energy was required to strike the heavy end.

A UNIQUE event took place at the Parish Church of St. Mary, West Malling, on July 2nd. Thought to be the first by such a distinguished band of one Association, a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by eight members of the K.C.A., all of whom have been members for 50 years or more.

Mr. Louis Head conducted and called Holt's Original, from No. 7. He has now called this particular composition 40 times and has rung 107 peals for the Association.

Mr. Edwin Barnett, of Crayford, rang the treble, this peal being his 590th. No. 2 was in the hands of Mr. Joseph E. Grensted, who records 108 peals and was the oldest at 78 years. He rings at Borden, Sittingbourne.

Next on the third was Mr. Thomas E. Sone, of Paddock Wood, who is well known in ringing circles and is the member of the band with most peals to his credit (645).

Mr. Percy J. Spice, captain of Bromley, has rung 187 peals and rang number 4.

The fifth engaged Mr. Frederic S. Macey, who journeyed from Sutton Valence. Although he has no bells in his home church he has rung 85 peals.

Mr. Stanley B. Dobbie, captain of St. Michael's, Sittingbourne, chose the sixth bell for the peal. He is unable to quote the exact number he has rung, but can confidently speak of 300 plus.

Mr. Charles E. J. Norris travelled from Chatham, where he is captain of St. Mary's. He is proud of having rung in 187 peals. On Saturday he rang the 12 cwt. tenor.

The time taken was 3 hours 7 minutes and waiting to congratulate the band were the general secretary, Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, the local captain, Mr. Peter Carter, and members of his band—Miss P. Walter and Mr. K. Wallis. Mr. R. T. Sills, district secretary, was in attendance before the commencement.

A splendid tea, befitting the occasion, was provided by Mr. Peter Carter and family at their home. During the meal it was unanimously agreed to dedicate the peal to the memory of the late F. M. Mitchell, of Milton-next-Gravesend, for 17 years general secretary of the Kent County Association. It is hoped to erect a peal board in West Malling tower to commemorate the occasion.

The peal was to have taken place at St. Nicholas', Linton, but had to be transferred owing to illness adjacent to the church.

[Illustration by courtesy of 'Kent Messenger.'

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Ashford District

The third quarterly meeting of the Ashford District was held jointly with the Kent branch of the Ladies' Guild at Cheriton on July 23rd.

The Association service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Cyril Munt, who has recently been inducted to the living after the somewhat stimulating experience of being curate for five years to the flock which numbers Mr. Pat Cannon among its company. Mr. W. Chandler, who in addition to being captain of the Cheriton ringers is also choir master, was at the organ. The choir was in attendance. The visitors enjoyed an excellent tea in the nearby school.

At the business meeting the secretary gave the apologies of Mr. Tom Cullingworth, which stated this was the first meeting Mr. Cullingworth had missed since the war.

Speaking on behalf of the district, Mr. J. R. Cooper extended a cordial welcome to the Ladies' Guild. Mrs. Mitchell responded. Mr. Cooper also said how pleased members were that the Rev. C. Munt, a competent change-ringer, has now returned to the district as priest-in-charge of churches which contain such fine rings as St. Martin's, Cheriton, and St. Nicholas', Newington.

After the votes of thanks the gentlemen adjourned to the tower, where the ladies joined them after completing their own deliberations.

Lewisham District

Fifty members and friends attended the Lewisham District quarterly meeting at Downe on July 23rd. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. L. G. Vedy). Mr. M. Pound, a member of the local band, played the organ and the lesson was read by Mr. E. Barnett.

After tea at the business meeting 17 new members were elected. This number included nine Downe ringers, thus bringing the tower back in union with the Association. The Vicar, while fulfilling the office of chairman, expressed sincere thanks to Mr. A. S. Richards and the West Wickham ringers for their help in making this possible.

Ringing, which ranged from rounds to Surprise, was under the leadership of Mr. I. H. Oram, District Ringing Master.

ESSEX RINGERS' PEAL TOUR IN DERBYSHIRE

ORGANISED by Mr. Joe Roast a successful peal tour in Derbyshire started from Chelmsford, on June 11th, during which seven peals were scored out of eight attempts (see page 442). Headquarters for the week was the Temple Hotel, Matlock Bank. The failure was Cornwall Surprise at the Bell Foundry after two hours when one of the band became faint and had to set up his bell.

Arriving at headquarters in time for dinner, this was followed by a welcome to Derbyshire by Mr. Burley Morris, the genial secretary of the Derbyshire Association, and Messrs. Bullen, Smallwood and Woolley.

Sunday was a quiet day with ringing at St. Giles', Matlock, for morning service and sightseeing in the afternoon and ringing Grandsire Doubles with extremes at Ilam. 'The great ouslaught' started on Monday with ringing at Wirksworth, Youlgreave and Great Longstone, before lunch at Bakewell.

KEEPING UP MORALE

The peal attempt was at Tideswell, justly termed 'The Cathedral of the Peak.'

Having lost the first peal of the tour it was essential to the morale of the party that we should be successful here. Consequently Geoff kept his tie on—'Never rung a peal without one'— and Peter wore his bright red shirt—'Never lost a peal in it'—and John wore a look of profound wisdom! Anyway, the luck of the red shirt and the tie held and John kept a watchful eye on the proceedings, and Bristol was brought round, the first peal on the bells for many years.

It was on the programme to visit Alfreton on Tuesday morning, but due to a recent mishap there we were unable to ring, and so our first stop at Ripley was extended and a local coffee shop well patronised. Although the scenery in the area is not very inspiring, Ilkeston bells are well worth a visit and we spent a pleasant hour on them before lunch.

In the afternoon the non-pealers heard a peal of London Minor start off at a steady pace at Sandiacre, before skirting Nottingham to ring on the quiet little five at Farnsfield. The rest of the afternoon was spent exploring the glorious wooded countryside at Clumber, and in the Dukeries, and although we did not catch a glimpse of the legendary 'shadowy man that winds a shadowy horn,' we did find a tea shop that may well have been run by his descendants!

The successful pealers enjoyed a bachelors' tea—and helped with the day's washing up—at the Vicarage. All meeting together at West Hallam later, we rang a few short touches and the evening concluded with a very cross-country tour to Matlock!

After ringing at Crich, on Wednesday morning, we took the road through Chatsworth Park to Hathersage, where Little John is buried in the church yard, and thence to Eyam, tragically famous as the Plague Village. The easy going six bells here were put to good use before partaking of lunch at Grindleford and then the party split up for the afternoon.

JAFUS WAS LISTENING

One group, dedicated to the art, scorned the paths of idleness and returned to the Temple where John officiated in a peal of Plain Bob Major, on handbells. The remainder of the party admired the view from The Surprise, visited the Derwent and Ladybower Reservoir, wandered through Edale in the High Peak and came over Rushup Edge, and eventually all met again at Darley Dale in the evening to ring a peal of London, conscious of the keen ear of Jafus, who afterwards reprimanded the last lead defaulter.

On Thursday we visited Belper, Duffield, and Ashbourne, where the bells are rung from the crossing, within some seventy feet of springy ropes. Burley Morris showed us how to ring these tricky bells and a touch of four spliced was successfully accomplished.

In the afternoon a peal in fourteen Surprise Minor methods was rung on an excellent little six at Brassington, while those not engaged in the ringing walked in Dovedale. At Bradbourne (another good six in a fine Norman tower) we were met by the churchwarden, who did a brisk trade in draw tickets in aid of the local church heating and roof repair fund.

A good start was made, on Friday, at Ashover, probably the best eight of the week, then to North Wingfield, and afterwards to the famous ten under the crooked spire at Chesterfield. Unfortunately, due to a misunderstanding, there was no one to unlock the tower door for us, but our dampened spirits were revived when a notice of Friday evening practice was discovered and we decided then to return later.

'A GALA PERFORMANCE'

The peal attempt in the afternoon was at Clay Cross—fifty-six Minor methods—the new boy of the multi-minor band very capably ringing the third without a stay. Many ringers have remarked upon the rather unusual style of Egglestone, and during the week we had occasionally seen the deft flick of the rope sending the sally across the rope circle, and the neat side step, but here at Clay Cross, his fellow peal ringers were treated to a gala performance—the full Quasimodo routine. It was all there, complete with the dreadful facial contortions—the step dance, the upturned tail end, the rope circling the body, the truculent flourish of the sally, and the haymaker sweep. Despite all this an excellent peal was rung, with the tenor bell always in place—a masterly performance!

The non-pealers spent a restful afternoon in the grounds of Chatsworth House, joining together after tea to ring on the excellent eight at the recently fire gutted church at Bolsover. Later in the evening we returned to the Chesterfield practice and we were very pleased to have the opportunity to ring on the fine ten.

Our last full day was spent in the High Peak area. Starting off at Buxton, we rang on the merry little eight at Fairfield, and then proceeded to Castleton, where we found an eight of most peculiar tone.

Geoff, who was wearing an open-necked shirt, had purchased a tie in Buxton especially for the afternoon peal attempt, and so a peal of Stedman Triples was successfully brought round, at Hope

Canon Hooley, who admitted knowing nothing of change ringing, nevertheless proved to have a very good ear for picking out the changes. He had been cutting grass in the churchyard throughout the peal, and he had noted that we rang three 'sets' of changes, and then changed places, each 'set' consisting of sixteen notes and then a pause!

A high tea at the Peveril Restaurant, in Castleton, followed, and an excursion then made to the Winnats to climb the steep cliffs of the gorge.

Back at the Temple later in the evening the handbells were put to work again and ringing ranged from Minor on the 'ragged' six, to touches of Stedman Triples, Bristol and Grandsire Caters.

Sunday morning dawned bright and clear, and after pausing for a few group photographs outside the Temple we were off to Derby Cathedral, where a 'bobbed' course of Grandsire Caters concluded the ringing side of the tour and we turned homewards.

Our thanks are extended to the local secretaries, Mr. Morris and Mr. Taylor, whose co-operation and advice in the planning of the tour ensured that all went smoothly, to all the incumbents and ringers who met us and welcomed us to their towers, to our navigators and drivers, and particularly to Joe Roast, the hard-working organiser—long may he lead us to fresh fields and pastures new.

P. J. E.

RADLEY, BERKS.—On July 24th, 1,260 Doubles (420 Grandsire, 240 Reverse Canterbury, 240 St. Simon's, 360 Plain Bob): C. D. Vere-Hodge (first on working bell) 1, R. N. E. Raven 2, Daphne Pollard (cond.) 3, R. N. Grange 4, Marie R. Cross 5, M. Gilbertson 6. Rung for the Patronal Festival and as a farewell to Mr. R. N. E. Raven, who is joining the staff of Shrewsbury School, in September.

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PERSONAL

'FOR he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile: Let him eschew evil, and do good; let him seek peace, and ensue it.' (I Peter iii. 10, 11.)

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MISCELLANEOUS

BELLRINGERS' DIARY, 1961.—To all Guild secretaries: Please send lists of officers, dates of annual meetings, dinners, etc., for free insertion into the above diary, by August 30th latest, otherwise this year's 'copy' will be repeated.—W. H. Viggers, 37, Highfield Gardens, Aldershot. 6354

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MEETINGS

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Old Whittington, August 13th, 3 p.m. Bring own food; cups of tea provided.—A. B. Cooper. 6382

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Meeting at Tonbridge. August 13th. Sevenoaks not available. Those intending to go on the outing on September 10th, please notify me, in writing, as soon as possible.—C. A. Bassett. 6373

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton Branch.—Meeting, Tortworth, August 13th, 3 p.m. Tea, service.—B. T. Cooper, Rangers House, Dursley. 6400

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting at Braughing, August 13th, 3 p.m. **Please make own tea arrangements.** Service 6 p.m., followed by further ringing until 8 p.m. 6369

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Meeting at St. Michael's, Wood Green, on Saturday, August 13th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting and evening ringing until 8 p.m. 6370

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting, Kirdford, on Saturday, August 13th. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 'The Foresters Arms.'

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Practice meeting at Wraxall (8), on Saturday, August 20th. Bells available 5 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 6415

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Meeting, Flitwick, Saturday, August 20th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (about 2s. 6d.) 5 p.m. Names **must** be sent by 18th. to Mr. Swannell, 76A, Steppingley Road, Flitwick. No names no tea.—K. G. Spavins, Dis. Sec. 6398

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Marbury, August 20th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by August 17th. (No name no tea.)—W. Kerr, 102, Moreton Road, Crewe. 6404

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Leverington, Saturday, August 20th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis Sec. 6409

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Great Staughton, Saturday, August 20th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea, Village Hall, 5. Service 6 p.m.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 6426

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Forest Branch.—Meeting, Ruardean, Saturday, August 20th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Coombe, Oaklands Farm, Newnham, Glos. 6402

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Seale (6), on Saturday, August 20th, from 6 to 9 p.m. 6399

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton Districts.—A combined practice, Stokesay, Saturday, August 20th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Teas.—G. Randle, Ashford, Ludlow. 6412

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting, Flookburgh, Saturday, August 20th. Names to A. Edgar, Holker, Grange-over-Sands.—N. M. Newby. 6428

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Meeting at Radcliffe, on Saturday, August 20th. Ringing at 3 p.m. Cups of tea at 5 p.m.—J. Porter, Branch Sec. 6425

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Meeting, Witherley, Saturday, August 20th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Fenney Drayton should also be available 3-4 p.m., 7-8 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea please by the Wednesday previous, to the district secretary, M. Vernon, Long Street, Stoney Stanton, Leics. 6392

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Evening ring at Birstall, on Saturday, August 20th. Bells 6 p.m. Wanlip may also be available. Names for outing must be in by September 1st. 6405

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Hallaton, Saturday, August 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., Berwick Arms. Names for half day outing on September 17th.—L. W. Allen. 6401

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Branch.—Meeting at Martin (6), August 20th. Tea for those who notify me by Tuesday previous, S. Chambers (hon. sec.), 64, Goldsmith Walk, Lincoln. Timberland bells available after tea. 6368

LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL Open Day, Saturday, August 20th, 1960. Ringing 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m., 2.30 p.m. to 4 p.m. St. Nicholas' (12) open afterwards.—J. Ridyard, 16, Vaughan Road, Birkdale, Southport. 6423

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—South and West District.—Evening meeting, Saturday, August 20th, at St. Mary Abbots, Kensington (near High Street, Kensington, Underground). Ringing 6.30 to 8 p.m.—E. R. Gotham, Hon. Sec. 6420

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Ringing meeting, Saturday, August 20th, Alton. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, August 17th, to Mr. T. K. Swinson, Gallows Green, Alton, Stoke-on-Trent.—J. G. Burton, Hon. Sec. 6394

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Combined practices will be held at Waltham St. Lawrence, on August 20th, and Sonning, on September 3rd. Both at 6 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 6403

SUFFOLK GUILD.—West Central District.—Evening meeting at Oakley (6), Saturday, August 20th. Bells 6.30 p.m. 6413

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Section.—Practice meeting at Charlwood (6), August 20th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., ringing after until 9 p.m. Names for tea by August 18th, to Mr. Ede, Claremont Villas, Charlwood.—G. A. West, Hon. Sec. 6376

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Ringmer (8), Saturday, August 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., Brewer's Arms, for those who notify by Tuesday, August 16th.—George North, 11, Richmond Terrace, Brighton, Sussex. 6391

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Derby District) & MIDLAND COUNTIES' GUILD.—Annual joint meeting at Repton, Saturday, August 27th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. S. Jones, 24, Brook End, Repton.—W. A. Morley, Dis. Sec. 6419

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Wittersham, on Saturday, August 27th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Thursday, to Mr. K. Hamilton, 9, Forge Meads, Wittersham, near Tenterden.—C. T. H. 6375

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Otley (8), on Saturday, August 27th, at 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided, bring own food. 6397

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Heydour, Saturday, August 27th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea by Monday 22nd, to Rev. L. B. Impson, The Rectory, Welby, Grantham, Lincs.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 6407

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Wells, August 27th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by the business meeting. Names for tea by Thursday, August 25th, please, to J. Williamson, 47, Staith Street, Wells, Norfolk.—C. Tovell, Hon Sec. 6422

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Meeting at Chalfont St. Giles, Saturday August 27th. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by 23rd.—Miss Hague, 6, Stompits Road, Holyport, Maidenhead. 6390

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS 1672.—Meeting at Duffield (10), on August 27th, at 3 p.m. No service. Tea available at the cafe. All welcome. 6395

NATIONAL POLICE GUILD.—Special attention is drawn to the fact that the secretary will not be available from now until the end of October. All correspondence respecting the annual meeting in Leicester, on Saturday, September 24th, to be sent to E. C. Turner, 173, Dominion Road, Glenfield, Leicester. Details of annual general meeting will be published later 6414

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The autumn meeting will be held at Newbury, on Saturday, October 1st. Any motions for inclusion on the agenda must be received by the general secretary before August 19th. The eightieth anniversary of the Guild will be held during 1961. The Guild Festival will be held in Oxford, on Saturday, July 1st, 1961. Will all members please make a note of this date.—M. R. Cross. 6385

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual dinner will be held on Saturday, October 8th, 1960, at The Queen Hotel, Chester (opposite General Station). Tickets 17s. each. Meet 6 p.m. for 6.30 p.m. All applications for tickets together with remittance and stamped addressed envelope obtainable from September 14th-28th, inclusive, through general secretary, Henry O. Baker, 63, Parkgate Road, Chester.

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SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

The Mansfield District meeting at Mansfield Woodhouse, on July 16th, was attended by 28 ringers representing nine towers. The Rev. R. S. Bennett (Vicar) conducted a short service and local ladies provided an excellent tea in the Turner Memorial Hall.

The Vicar presided at the business meeting when a silent tribute was paid to Mr. H. Prout, formerly of Warsop, who died the previous Monday, at Salisbury, during a ringing practice. Later, Mr. H. T. Rooke paid a tribute to his memory mentioning his enthusiasm towards ringing and his strict punctuality whatever the occasion.

The Rev. H. Pettinger, of Mansfield, was elected a ringing member and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Kirkby-in-Ashfield, on September 24th. After the customary votes of thanks, ringing was continued until 9 p.m. in a wide variety of methods, ranging from rounds to London Surprise.

LATE NEWS

The many friends of Mr. W. J. Prescott, tower master of Bath Abbey, will be sorry to learn that he is seriously ill in the Manor Hospital, Bath.

It is hoped to hear, on the A.B.C. programme next Sunday at 11 a.m., the bells of St. Mary's, Scarborough (Networked excepting STV/UTV). The service will be conducted by the Rev. M. J. Thestlewood and the preacher will be the Rev. D. Oxley Parker, Rural Dean.

We regret to record the death, on August 4th, of Mr. P. H. Marshall, secretary of Yatton Bellringers.

QUARTER PEALS

ROCKWELL GREEN, SOMERSET.—On July 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Brice 1, A. Chapman 2, Gladys Stevens 3, G. Hutchings 4, A. Cooke (first as cond.) 5, F. Taylor 6. Rung for the wedding of Miss V. M. Churchill and Mr. K. Troake.

ROUSHAM, OXON.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. L. Roper 1, M. Sayers 2, J. Moreton 3, B. Davies 4, J. H. Gregory 5, W. F. Morcton (cond.) 6. First of Minor for 2 and 4. Witnessed by Adrian Michael Moreton.

WYCHBOLD, WORCS.—On July 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Powell (first quarter) 1, P. Cattermole 2, J. E. Pullon 3, A. D. Cook 4, Heather M. Pullon 5, L. H. G. Gittins 6. Jointly conducted by 2, 3, 4. Ringer of 5th 'completes circle' to quarter peals.

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By NORMAN SMITH

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'RING OUT THE FALSE, RING IN THE TRUE'

THE 14th report of the Central Council for the Care of Churches, entitled 'Both Old and New' (Church House Bookshop, Great Smith Street, S.W.1; 3s. 6d., by post 4s.), indicates from its title the twofold function of the Council. The more familiar aspect of their work is the preservation of ancient churches, their fittings and furnishings, but they are called upon to encourage the architect and artist of today to give of their best in the service of the Church.

Our Central Council of Church Bellringers have a very firm ally in 'the Four C's' with regard to mechanical devices to simulate bell music. An article, 'Ring out the False, ring in the True,' sets out the strong condemnation of artificial bell devices. Their view is 'To use a potentially great source of new musical expression to provide an inferior substitute for an existing instrument with its own long history of development is a distasteful misapplication of a gift of God.'

'The use of something false in connection with worship is what is disturbing,' continues the writer. 'The tradition of calling people to prayer by the ringing of a bell is a very ancient one, and since the art of change-ringing has developed, two distinct factors have become involved: the music of the bells and the offering of their personal service by a band of ringers.

'The Church is dependent on the goodwill of ringers throughout the country, a very close-knit fraternity. They most strongly deprecate these mechanical simulations (electronic or gramophone type). As, save in the case of a few cathedrals, they are all volunteers, and have therefore no selfish interests to serve or safeguard, there seems good reason both to give weight to their condemnation of these substitutes on musical grounds and to avoid alienating their sympathies, for the sake of the majority of towers in which real bells still need ringers.'

Much has been made of the economic factor in regard to these installations. The writer points out that the life of electronic apparatus is very limited and depreciates, and maintenance (including the use of electricity) must be reckoned with. 'The life of a well-cast bell will be anything up to six centuries: a major overhaul of framework, wheels and headstocks and quarter-turning of bells will be needed only once a century at most, and running repairs and maintenance can be done by the ringers themselves.' Personally, we think major overhauls of bells are needed more frequently than once a century. At present we have only 19th century installations to base our conclusions on, but the great advances in the bell-founding art and the hanging of bells in recent years encourages one to think that the writer's comments in the report are not an overstatement.

On the attitude of the general public to bells, the report states: 'While orthodox ringing is generally protected from complaints against it as constituting a public nuisance, by its long establishment as a national tradition linked to custom, literature and convention, as well as to religion, and also as the recognised pastime of a group of members of the local community, mechanical devices cannot expect the same toleration. They really deserve no more indulgence from the public than the neighbour's over-loud radio, or the street loudspeakers of election campaigns. If their use leads to applications for injunctions against mechanical substitute bells, it may then be a short step to objection being sustained against real bells.'

The article is equally severe on gramophone bells, and points out that there is a temptation to misuse this type of apparatus by employing it for unsuitable purposes. A London church aroused some criticism by broadcasting the royal wedding service over the house-tops: a Gloucestershire church played a chorus from 'Messiah' at midnight to welcome the birth of Prince Charles.

In regard to churches that have no tower, and the provision of a tower and a ring of bells is out of the question on financial grounds, the writer points out that the only possible alternative is some kind of artificial bell apparatus. In one modern church the gable roof from a porch has been removed and a small tower built above it to contain a chime of bells operated from a manual keyboard. This chime of eight bells has a tenor weighing 4 cwt. and having a diameter of 2ft. 3in., and in 1957 cost £860, and the tower approximately another £500. The solution has given great pleasure locally and the appearance of the church has also been enhanced.

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SYSTON DISTRICT PEAL WEEK

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On Sat., July 30, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
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E. ALAN JACQUES	3	ROYSTON WILMORE	7
†CLAIRE DILLAMORE	4	B. STEDMAN PAYNE	*Tenor*

Arranged by HARRY POYNER. Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.
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On Tues., Aug. 2, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being three extents each of Spliced New and St. Vedast, Huntspill and St. Vedast, Westminster II and St. Hilary, Blackburn Place and St. Hilary, Stedman, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure and Grandsire; two each of St. Simon's and St. Osmund, St. Albans and St. Osmund, Eynsham and St. Osmund, and Rev. St. Bartholomew; one each of St. Martin's and St. Osmund, St. Paul and St. Osmund, St. Leonard and St. Osmund, St. Nicholas and St. Remigius, St. Giles and St. Remigius, St. Andrew and St. Remigius, Winchendon Place, St. John, St. Miles, Clifford's Pleasure, April Day, Southrepps and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in G sharp.

ERNEST F. PAYNE	*Treble*	ERNEST MORRIS	3
MARY C. POYNER	2	B. STEDMAN PAYNE	4
ROYSTON WILMORE	*Tenor*		

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.
The treble ringer has now 'circled the tower,' and is the first person to do so.

SYSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
On Tues., Aug. 2, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
H. Hubbard's Ten-Part. Tenor 15 cwt. 26 lb.

MALCOLM D. BARSBY	*Treble*	DEREK M. SAWYER	5
MARY C. POYNER	2	ERNEST F. PAYNE	6
ROYSTON WILMORE	3	B. STEDMAN PAYNE	7
ERNEST MORRIS	4	FREDERICK T. BINDLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

MOUNTSORREL, LEICESTERSHIRE.
On Wed., Aug. 3, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 24 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's No. 1 variation. Tenor 8 cwt. 27 lb. in A.

*ROYSTON WILMORE	*Treble*	†ERNEST MORRIS	5
B. STEDMAN PAYNE	2	DEREK M. SAWYER	6
MARY C. POYNER	3	PETER J. STANIFORTH	7
ERNEST F. PAYNE	4	FREDERICK T. BINDLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.
* First peal of Stedman. † 800th peal for the Guild.

BARKBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
On Thurs., Aug. 4, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 REVERSE CANTERBURY PLEASURE BOB MINOR
Being seven extents differently called. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb. in E.

ERNEST F. PAYNE	*Treble*	ROYSTON WILMORE	4
ERNEST MORRIS	2	B. STEDMAN PAYNE	5
DEREK M. SAWYER	3	HARRY POYNER	*Tenor*

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.
The treble ringer has now 'circled the tower,' and is the first person to do so.

SILEBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
On Sat., Aug. 6, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 12 lb. in E flat.

MALCOLM D. BARSBY	*Treble*	*ERNEST F. PAYNE	5
MARY C. POYNER	2	*ROYSTON WILMORE	6
DEREK M. SAWYER	3	HARRY POYNER	7
ERNEST MORRIS	4	B. STEDMAN PAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.
* 50th peal together.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.
On Mon., Aug. 8, 1960, *in* 1 *Hour and* 37 *Minutes.*
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents differently called. Tenor size 15 in C.

DEREK M. SAWYER	1—2	ERNEST MORRIS	3—4
		B. STEDMAN PAYNE	5—6

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.
100th peal as conductor.

TEN BELL PEAL

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 3, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT THE CITY PARISH CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt.

FREDERICK G. LEAKER	*Treble*	FRANK E. HANSFORD	6
ALBERT M. TYLER	2	ELISABETH A. G. BOWDEN	7
DONALD E. COBB	3	PATRICK J. BIRD	8
SIDNEY G. RICHES	4	D. JOHN HUNT	9
ALAN A. HILLIAR	5	FRANCIS C. MOGFORD	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by ALBERT M. TYLER.
Rung half-muffled as a mark of respect for Mr. Frank Skidmore, Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, who passed away on July 18th, 1960.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., June 4, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21¼ cwt. in E flat.

JAMES BENNETT	*Treble*	ERNEST G. PEARCE	5
WILLIAM J. BUTTON	2	THOMAS E. SPIGHT	6
ROGER L. K. WHITTELL	3	GEOFFREY DREW	7
PETER M. ADCOCK	4	LESLIE N. MELTON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by LESLIE N. MELTON.

EBBW VALE, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 30, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in D.

WILLIAM A. THEOBALD	*Treble*	PETER BORDER	5
RUTH M. BORDER	2	*ROBERT C. KIPPIN	6
TUDOR P. EDWARDS	3	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM	7
WILLIAM T. COOK	4	WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.
* First peal in the method.

BARTHOMLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 23, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BERTOLINE,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13¼ cwt.

GEORGE ASTBURY	*Treble*	SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN.	5
*MRS. H. D. HOLLAND	2	FRANK OSBALDISTON	6
ERIC B. ALLMAN	3	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD	7
BRIAN SCHOFIELD	4	H. DAVID HOLLAND	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.
* First peal 'inside.'
A birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)
On Sat., July 23, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

*LYNNE THOMPSON	*Treble*	JOHN S. SEAGER	5
S. JAMES DUNN	2	CYRIL RUSBY	6
†JACQUELINE A. DYE	3	DAVID G. FRENCH	7
EILEEN J. OSBORNE	4	JOHN J. L. GILBERT	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by JOHN J. L. GILBERT.
* First peal. † First 'inside.'
A birthday compliment to the conductor, who has now rung 100 peals on these bells.

RATBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., July 25, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in G.

S. MARIE DAVENPORT	*Treble*	PETER J. CHILTON	5
*JUDY A. M. COX	2	KEITH B. TOWNSEND	6
SANDRA E. CHESTERTON	3	BRIAN M. SMITH	7
ERIC ROBERTS	4	A. JAMES POYNOR	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN HOWES. Conducted by A. JAMES POYNOR.
* First peal 'inside.' First in the method as conductor. Average age of band 15 years 6 months. Believed to be the youngest band to ring a peal of Major.
Rung, on the Feast of St. James, as birthday compliments to Peter J. Chilton and Keith B. Townsend.

DAVENTRY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., July 28, 1960, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in E flat.

HILLARY M. JOHNSON ..	*Treble*	†RICHARD DANBY	5
*G. BONSOR	2	HUGH M. JOHNSON	6
MARY J. MARSHALL	3	‡MALCOLM CHOWN	7
PATRICK IVAN CHAPMAN ..	4	DAVID J. MARSHALL ..	*Tenor*

Composed by J. HOWES. Conducted by DAVID J. MARSHALL.
* First peal of Major. † First of Major 'inside.' ‡ 30th peal.
Rung as a welcome home to Malcolm Chown.

BILLINGBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., July 30, 1960, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

DENIS A. FRITH	*Treble*	*J. MICHAEL SIMPSON ..	5
*PATRICIA A. SIMPSON ..	2	WALTER TOMLINSON	6
JOHN E. ALLEN	3	LOUIS WILLDERS	7
JOHN FREEMAN	4	RAYMOND F. SMITH ..	*Tenor*

Composed by J. S. WILDE. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.
* First peal of Surprise Major. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

USK, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., July 31, 1960, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, containing 1,120 Rutland, 1,280 Cambridge and Lincolnshire, and 1,440 Yorkshire, with 69 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 14¼ cwt. in F sharp.

*JACQUELINE S. KING ..	*Treble*	WILFRED WILLIAMS	5
RUTH M. BORDER	2	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM ..	6
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD ..	3	*DAVID J. KING	7
WILLIAM T. COOK	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by P. G. K. DAVIES Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise.
To mark the occasion of the marriage of Cyril A. Wratten and Margery A. Birch.

KENWYN, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 1, 1960, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KEYNE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in F.

*R. JILL SOUTHWOOD ..	*Treble*	REV. A. S. ROBERTS	5
GEOFFREY W. TAYSOM ..	2	ARTHUR F. BURLEY	6
V. MARY MATTHEWS ..	3	ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD ..	7
PHILIP WALKER	4	PETER A. ROWE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD.
* First 8-bell peal.
Rung in honour of the wedding, on Saturday, July 30th, at Hartley, Kent, of Cyril A. Wratten, of Cheltenham, and Margery A. Birch, a former Kenwyn ringer.

CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Aug. 2, 1960, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT.
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

*JACK L. MILLHOUSE ..	*Treble*	GEORGE H. RANDLES ..	5
NORAH M. RANDLES ..	2	*PETER A. SHARP	6
†CLAIRE DILLAMORE	3	GEOFFREY PAUL	7
ARTHUR G. MASON ..	4	GEOFFREY R. PARKER ..	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* 50th peal together. † First of London Surprise Major.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Aug. 2, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

LAVINA MUMFORD	*Treble*	*GRACE BURCHNALL	5
NATHANIEL T. MOXON ..	2	*KATHARINE BURCHNALL ..	6
WILLIAM F. MIDWINTER ..	3	WILLIAM H. EXTON	7
ELEANOR ROSE	4	ROGER MUMFORD	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM H. EXTON.
* 275th peal.
Specially arranged and rung on the 100th birthday of Mr. Nathaniel Moxon, father of the ringer of the second, a regular ringer and chorister for many years at this church.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Aug. 4, 1960, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON	*Treble*	*KENNETH M. DUROW ..	5
GARY WIGNALL	2	ANTHONY R. MANN	6
JOHN FROOME	3	W. JOHN COUPERTHWAITE	7
M. JOHN HALLIWELL ..	4	FRANK BIRKETT	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by W. JOHN COUPERTHWAITE.
* First peal of Major.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD
On Thurs., Aug. 4, 1960, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 UCKFIELD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER ..	*Treble*	TERRY EARLE	5
JOAN BERESFORD	2	*G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ..	6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY ..	3	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE ..	7
ALICK CUTLER	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by RICHARD F. B. SPEED. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
* 500th peal. First in the method.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Aug. 5, 1960, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 lb.

*JOHN E. WARNER	*Treble*	MAURICE E. DOWNS	5
MARGARET A. LADD ..	2	DORIS E. COLGATE	6
CHARLES A. BASSETT ..	3	BERNARD V. COLLISON ..	7
THOMAS E. SONE	4	ERNEST J. LADD	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. MIDDLETON. Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.
* First peal of Surprise.

WOODBRIDGE, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., Aug. 5, 1960, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 25¼ cwt.

A. STANLEY WOODARD ..	*Treble*	BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD ..	5
ADRIAN SEMKIN	2	FRANK B. LUFKIN	6
JAMES BENNETT	3	RONALD W. STEWARD ..	7
GEORGE E. SYMONDS ..	4	URBAN W. WILDNEY	*Tenor*

Composed by A. T. KING. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

ANDOVER, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 6, 1960, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5056 CANTERBURY PLEASURE MINOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

ERIC WOOLGROVE	*Treble*	REGINALD F. CROOK	5
REGINALD W. REX	2	ARTHUR SAYERS	6
MICHAEL HATCHETT	3	MALCOLM S. CLOKE	7
RONALD K. RUSS	4	GEOFFREY K. DODD	*Tenor*

Composed by WALTER CHARMAN. Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.
First peal in the method by all the band except R. W. Rex, in the county, and for the Guild.

ESHER, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 6, 1960, in 3 Hours,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in A flat.

*SUSAN BELL	*Treble*	GEORGE W. MASSEY	5
A. PATRICK CANNON ..	2	FRANK OAKSHOTT	6
†J. MARILYN A. GIBBS ..	3	CHRISTINE M. HARBOTT ..	7
‡CHRISTOPHER F. MEW ..	4	JOHN F. M. MAYBREY ..	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by JOHN F. M. MAYBREY.
* First peal. † First on eight bells. ‡ First of Major. First as conductor and first attempt.

UCKFIELD SURPRISE MAJOR
—56—4—56—38.14—34.5.16—36.5.
8ths place lead-end. 4ths place bob

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THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 6, 1960, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

RAYMOND P. SELWAY	*Treble*	JAMES C. TAYLOR	5
ROGER KEELEY	2	ALBERT W. DYRE	6
WALTER H. POOLE	3	GEORGE H. E. JEANES	7
ROBIN N. PITTMAN	4	WILLIAM E. TURNER	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.
70th peal as conductor.
Rung as a 72nd birthday compliment to Mr. T. W. Jeanes.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 6, 1960, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9¼ cwt.

RON DUESBURY	*Treble*	*ANDREW BECKWITH	5
FRANK B. LUFKIN	2	BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD	6
ROSEMARY SEABROOK	3	URBAN W. WILDNEY	7
*SAMUEL J. TWITCHETT	4	WALTER ARNOLD	*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN
* First peal of London. First in the method as conductor.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 6, 1960, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's variation. Tenor 16¼ cwt.

TREVOR A. CROSS	*Treble*	JOHN W. SMITH	5
CYRIL S. JARRETT	2	HUBERT H. FURMINGER	6
DORIS E. COLGATE	3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	7
PAUL J. DYE	4	PETER G. RIGHARDS	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.
The treble ringer has now 'circled the tower.'

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

BURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., June 13, 1960, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. ANDREW AND BOTOLPH.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Cambridge, Kent, Oxford, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Double Court and Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt. in A.

ERNEST G. PEARCE	*Treble*	GEORGE E. SYMONDS	4
DAVID H. BUXTON	2	CECIL W. PIPE	5
RODERICK W. PIPE	3	LESLIE N. MELTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE N. MELTON.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 16, 1960, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET OF ANTIOCH,
A PEAL OF 5160 DOUBLES
Being ten six-scores Plain Bob (four callings) and 29 six-scores and two 240's Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

*M. FERNYHOUGH	*Treble*	†S. J. WITHEY	4
†H. AUSTIN	2	V. GRIFFIN	5
C. G. JONES	3	*A. HATHERALL	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. G. JONES.
* First peal. † First in two methods. First of Doubles as conductor.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

BURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., July 22, 1960, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. ANDREW AND BOTOLPH,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of Cambridge and Plain Bob and one each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Kent. Tenor 8¼ cwt. in A.

ALAN CLARKE	*Treble*	RODERICK W. PIPE	4
ERNEST G. PEARCE	2	ROBERT DOWNING	5
JAMES BENNETT	3	LESLIE N. MELTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE N. MELTON.

SWAVESEY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 23, 1960, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 720 each of London, Ipswich, Norwich, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

HAROLD S. PEACOCK	*Treble*	GEORGE E. THODAY	4
R. FRANK BAKER	2	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS	5
DONALD F. MURFET	3	MANSFIELD GINN	*Tenor*

Conducted by MANSFIELD GINN.
Rung as a farewell to the Rev. H. C. Franklin (Vicar of this parish) and Mrs. Franklin, upon their departure to Milton, Cambs.

CARLTON-JUXTA-SNAITH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Selby and District Society.)
On Sat., July 30, 1960, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 6 cwt.

*VALERIE WILSON	*Treble*	RONALD R. WARFORD	4
BARBARA HALL	2	‡ELIZABETH MARTINSON	5
†ALAN GRUNDY	3	THOMAS H. FOSTER	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS H. FOSTER.
* First peal. † First 'inside.' ‡ First on tower bells.

CORBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 30, 1960, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 13 cwt.

*S. MARIE DAVENPORT	*Treble*	ERIC ROBERTS	4
JOHN M. JELLEY	2	ALAN E. HARTLEY	5
DAVID LEE	3	A. JAMES POYNOR	*Treble*

Conducted by A. JAMES POYNOR.
* First peal on six bells.
Rung as a compliment to Jennifer M. M. Cox and David T. Darby, both ringers at Humberstone, Leicester, on their engagement. Also a birthday compliment to Ernest Morris.

NORTON DISNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 30, 1960, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Single Court and Single Oxford, and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 27 lb.

RONALD S. RUSSELL	*Treble*	*PHILIP C. PITCHFORD	4
WALTER WESTON	2	*FREDERICK DERRY	5
PERCY D. BALDOCK	3	JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.
* First peal in six methods 'inside.'
A compliment to Paul, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Derry, on his first birthday.

PENN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 30, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, comprising an extent each of Single Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Double Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

ERIC P. WOOLGROVE	*Treble*	MICHAEL HATCHETT	4
REGINALD W. REX	2	GEOFFREY K. DODD	5
WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	3	MALCOLM S. CLOKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by MALCOLM S. CLOKE.
Rung for the collation of Fr. N. W. Hill to the parish of St. Mary's, Rickmansworth, which took place while the peal was being rung. Also as a birthday compliment to Misses Hazel and Cherry White, of Dunsfold.

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STISTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., July 31, 1960, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5040 STISTED DELIGHT MINOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

Mary Roast	*Treble*	Alan R. Syder	4
*Mary Carveth	2	Joe E. G. Roast	5
James Towler	3	Alan Carveth	*Tenor*

Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.
* First peal of Minor.
Rung with the congratulations and best wishes of the band to Cyril A. Wratten and Margery A. Birch, who were married the previous day at Hartley, Kent.

HINTON WALDRIST, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 1, 1960, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Margaret-of-Antioch.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 30 extents of Grandsire and 12 of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 27 lb.

*Robin Hayden	*Treble*	Denis Leslie	4
Norman Leslie	2	Michael Edney	5
*Pam Rooney	3	*Allen O'Shaughnessy ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by Michael J. Edney.
* First peal.

HORBLING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 1, 1960, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being ten extents each of St. Martin's, St. Simon's and Grandsire, and 12 of Plain Bob. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

Alan G. Payne	*Treble*	John Thorley	3
Josie R. Hutchings ..	2	F. Keith Williamson ..	4
J. Martin Thorley	*Tenor*		

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.
First peal of Doubles by all except the conductor.

MISSON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Doncaster and District Society.)
On Tues., Aug. 2, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
At the Church of St. John,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Kent T.B. and six of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

Nancy Worsdall	*Treble*	Harold Denman	4
Alec Wilson	2	Robin Worsdall	5
Frank Brunt	3	Frederick J. Jackson ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frederick J. Jackson.
Rung on the 100th birthday of N. Moxon, Sutton-on-Trent.

GREAT DALBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 3, 1960, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Swithun,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being eight extents each of St. Simon's, April Day, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob (four callings), and ten of Grandsire (ten callings). Tenor 10 cwt.

*John T. P. Thorpe	*Treble*	Roland H. Cook	3
Mrs. C. E. Cooper ..	2	Harold T. Bonshor	4
Charles E. Cooper	*Tenor*		

Conducted by Harold T. Bonshor.
* First peal.
Rung after the christening of Janet Margaret Wyckoff, first grandchild of the conductor and Mrs. Bonshor.

GOSBERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Aug. 5, 1960, in 3 Hours.
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in five methods: (1) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (2) Oxford Treble Bob, (3) Kent Treble Bob, (4), (5), (6) and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 17¼ cwt.

J. Aloysius Thorley ..	*Treble*	A. Godfrey Payne	4
J. Rosemary Hutchings	2	A. W. Alan Leggett ..	5
James M. Thorley	3	Francis K. Williamson ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by James M. Thorley.
The conductor has now called a peal from each bell in this tower.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 6, 1960, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being an extent each of London, York, Beverley, Surfleet, Norwich, Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

Colin F. McGill	*Treble*	Andrew M. Macve ..	4
John E. Cannell	2	*Alan E. Bagworth ..	5
Ralph Bird	3	*Frank E. Darby	*Tenor*

Conducted by Ralph Bird.
* First peal in seven Surprise methods.

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CHATHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 6, 1960, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 720 Oxford Bob and 4,320 Plain Bob in six different callings, rung on front six. Tenor 14 cwt.

*Derek Norris	*Treble*	†Alan Wrigley	4
Albert Dunk	2	William A. J. Knight ..	5
Christopher T. Lamb ..	3	Charles E. J. Norris ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by William A. J. Knight.
* First peal of Minor, also on six bells. † First of Minor in two methods.
Rung for the Queen Mother's 60th birthday.

LEVERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Eastern Branch.)
On Sat., Aug. 6, 1960, in 3 Hours,
At the Church of St. Helena,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. in G sharp.

*H. Lakin	*Treble*	*T. Mottram	4
*Miss N. Willingham ..	2	*W. H. Lakin	5
*C. Askew	3	*A. Pickwell	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. H. Lakin.
* First peal and first attempt. First as conductor. First peal on the bells.

MARKET WEIGHTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(The Beverley and District Society.)
On Sat., Aug. 6, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Beverley Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent T.B., Kent T.B., Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

Barbara J. Fisher	*Treble*	John S. Rank	4
Janet I. Porter	2	A. Harry Hawcroft ..	5
David Johnson	3	Ronald Ducker	*Tenor*

Conducted by Ronald Ducker.
First peal in seven methods by all except ringer of fifth.

SHELLEY, HUDDERSFIELD.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Barnsley and District Society.)
On Sat., Aug. 6, 1960, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
At the Church of Emmanuel,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven extents in nine methods: (1) College Exercise, (2) London Scholars', Sandal and Kingston, (3) Duke of York, (4) Woodbine, (5) Kent, (6) Merchants Return, (7) Oxford. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

James W. Buxton	*Treble*	Herman Rusby	4
*Rodney Pagden	2	Trevor Tarbatt	5
*Peter Carbutt	3	Noel F. Moxon	*Tenor*

Conducted by Noel F. Moxon.
* First peal in nine methods.

STOKE-ON-TERN, SALOP.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 6, 1960, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being 720 each of Norwich, Ipswich, Durham, York, London, Wells and Cambridge. Tenor 8 cwt.

G. Arnold Moore	*Treble*	F. Hector Bennett ..	4
K. Peter Jones	2	Frederick E. Wilshaw	5
*Charles A. S. Webb ..	3	*Geoffrey Davies	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frederick E. Wilshaw.
* 25th peal together. First in seven Surprise methods by all except the conductor.
A 27th wedding anniversary peal for the parents of the second ringer.

HANDBELL PEALS

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
On Tues., Aug. 2, 1960, in 1 Hour and 57 Minutes,
At Whingarth, Ridge Road,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

Frank Osbaldiston ..	1—2	Bernard F. L. Groves ..	3—4
Robert B. Smith	5—6		

Conducted by Robert B. Smith.
First peal of Oxford T.B. Minor 'in hand' by all.

HUTTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Aug. 4, 1960, in 1 Hour and 45 Minutes,
At Brentwood, 7, Skip Lane,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor size 11 in G.

*W. John Couperthwaite	1—2	Anthony R. Mann	3—4
Cyril Crossthwaite ..	5—6		

* First peal 'in hand' away from tenors.
Rung with one extent non-conducted and each of the band conducting two extents.

DATE TOUCHES

COLERNE, WILTS.—On July 23rd, 1,960 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. D. Evans 1, A. F. Lee 2, C. J. A. Brown 3, W. H. Hurford 4, S. A. Read 5, J. R. C. Tiley 6, P. W. Weeks (cond.) 7, G. J. Hawkins 8.

OCKHAM, SURREY.—On July 10th, 1,960 Grandsire Doubles: C. Cobbett 1, Miss J. Drury 2, Miss P. Drury 3, J. Martin 4, B. Priestley (cond.) 5. For Evensong.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On July 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Elizabeth Hickman (first quarter) 1, Ann Sharpe 2, Pamela R. Gough 3, Diana M. Gough 4, R. D. Brown (cond.) 5, V. F. Gough 6. For Evensong.

BAWTRY, YORKS.—On Aug 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss A. Godley 1, M. Ball 2, A. Jowett 3, F. Watkinson 4, A. Wilson 5, F. J. Jackson (cond.) 6.

BRIDGERULE, DEVON.—On July 31st, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: J. Clark 1, J. Bowden (first in method) 2, Miss M. Prockson 3, J. Tomsett 4, H. Spencer 5, C. Sangwyn 6, R. Sanders 7, M. Sinden (cond.) 8.

BRISTOL.—At St. Mary Redcliffe, on July 28th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Miss M. A. Hancock 1, A. M. Tyler 2, Miss M. D. Hancock 3, Mrs. M. Mayell 4, W. Abraham 5, D. Helliwell (first of Caters) 6, A. A. Hilliar 7, F. Hansford 8, E. F. Hancock (cond.) 9, S. Gillett 10. In memoriam Frank Skidmore, Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association and friend of all.

BURMARSH, KENT.—On July 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. Fagg 1, Miss A. Rayner 2, Mrs. M. Watts 3, Mrs. R. Wratten 4, A. Berry 5, C. T. Hillis (cond.) 6. Rung for the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. J. Willis, vice-president and chairman of the Kent County Association, and Mrs. Willis, an honorary member.

CHELSFIELD, KENT.—On Aug. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (780 Plain Bob, 480 Grandsire): Mrs. J. Parker 1, Jullian Outhwaite 2, D. C. Manger (cond.) 3, M. Legg 4, J. Parker 5, A. Smith 6. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Miss V. Cott (a local ringer) to Mr. M. Midgley.

CHURCH GRESLEY, DERBYS.—On July 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. W. Cotton 1, N. Cotton 2, W. F. Woodward 3, D. P. Jones (cond.) 4, David Eames (aged 15) 5. A birthday compliment to the conductor and to his niece.

CRANLEIGH, SURREY.—On Aug. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Gregory (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Enticknap (first quarter) 2, E. R. Warner 3, Miss C. White 4, E. Woolgrove 5, O. L. Warner 6, W. Beeson (cond.) 7, Miss J. Beeson 8.

EDMONTON, MIDDX.—On Aug. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jean Hilton (first of Triples) 1, Trudy Newcombe 2, T. Hawkins 3, W. George 4, D. Langdon 5, J. Duggan (cond.) 6, J. Weeks 7, J. Bacon 8. For morning service.

FLITTON, BEDS.—On Aug. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: M. Anthea A. Munday 1, Angela Grainger 2, B. Grainger 3, T. P. Harris (cond.) 4, P. J. Lawton 5, Janet Wilkinson 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Frederick Northwood, some time churchwarden, bellringer and chorister at this church, also Thomas Edward Willingham, a bellringer of long standing in the district. Requiescat in pace.

HANBOROUGH, OXON.—On July 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. H. Franklin 1, J. Keyte 2, W. Butler 3, H. Floyd (cond.) 4, A. Leach 5, W. Franklin 6. Rung half-muffled in respect for the Rev. G. T. Gillman, of Kidlington, who was interred at St. Thomas', Oxford, the same day.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On May 15th, 1,440 Ipswich Surprise Minor: P. E. Wells 1, E. J. Parish 2, A. J. Davey (first in method) 3, J. R. G. Spicer 4, F. R. Nicholls 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service. Also on June 19th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: P. E. Wells 1, E. J. Parish 2, A. J. Davey 3, J. R. G. Spicer 4, F. R. Nicholls 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service. Also on July 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. A. Howes 1, E. J. Parish 2, M. J. Dyer 3, J. R. G. Spicer 4, F. R. Nicholls 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service on Feast Sunday. Also on July 31st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: C. Bell (first quarter) 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, A. J. Davey 3, D. F. Murfet 4, F. R. Nicholls 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service.

HIGHER WALTON, LANCS.—On Aug. 3rd, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: K. Durow (first of Major) 1, C. Crossthwaite 2, Maryl Crossthwaite (first of Cambridge 'inside') 3, D. Lawson (first of Surprise) 4, T. Barker 5, A. R. Mann (first of Cambridge Major) 6, F. Stead 7, W. J. Couperthwaite (first of Surprise as cond.) 8.

QUARTER PEALS

HILLINGDON, MIDDX.—On Aug. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Parkman Shaw III (first on eight) 1, Marjorie Hill 2, J. Hill (cond.) 3, A. R. Turley 4, F. W. Goodfellow 5, N. D. Robinson 6, F. C. Price 7, W. H. Coles 8 For Evensong.

HOLSWORTHY, DEVON.—On July 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. Prockson 1, J. Tomsett 2, C. Taylor 3, W. Prockson 4, H. Stacey 5, R. Sanders 6, M. Sinden (cond.) 7, H. Heard 8. First in method for 3, 5, 8.

LILLINGSTONE LOVELL, BUCKS.—On July 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Ann Holland 1, Gill Smith 2, A. Stanton 3, C. Stopps 4, G. Holland (cond.) 5. First quarter 1, 3 and 4. Rung to welcome baby daughters born to Mr. and Mrs. D. Robarts and Mr. and Mrs. H. Green, of this parish.

LUPPITT, DEVON.—On Aug. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Middleton 1, Miss M. P. Barnard 2, Dr. F. H. W. Crabb (first quarter) 3, C. Churchill (cond.) 4, L. Marker 5, A. J. Crabb 6. Also on Aug. 2nd, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: F. J. Sage (cond.) 1, E. Broom (first quarter) 2, A. Wright 3, L. Marker 4, T. J. Thorne (first 'inside') 5, E. Thorne 6.

MAIDSTONE.—At All Saints' Church, on Aug. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Janet Woodruffe 1, Kathleen Yeo 2, L. Head 3, F. Leeson 4, L. Mannering 5, M. Downs (cond.) 6, T. Cross 7, F. Hogan 8. For Evensong.

MERROW, SURREY.—On July 31st, 1,260 Doubles (240 Grandsire, 1,020 Plain Bob): D. A. R. May (cond.) 1, Jill M. Lane 2, B. A. Todd (first 'inside') 3, B. G. Grover 4, G. L. Grover 5, A. Pamela Warren 6. For Evensong. Also on Aug. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (120 St. Nicholas', 120 St. Simon's, 120 Reverse Canterbury, 480 Plain Bob and 420 Grandsire): B. A. Todd 1, Jill M. Lane 2, D. A. R. May 3, A. Pamela Warren 4, R. I. Vaughan (most methods, cond.) 5, E. J. Mitchell (first quarter) 6. For Evensong. Also on Aug. 6th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: D. A. Hughes (first quarter) 1, E. Warner 2, Miss J. Lane 3, Miss P. Laycock 4, D. Tubbs 5, S. Ponting (cond.) 6. Rung following the marriage of Miss M. Smith (a ringer at Holy Trinity, Guildford), to Lieut P. Duppa-Miller, R.N.

MILVERTON, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss F. M. Hartley 1, Mrs. E. S. Powell 2, Miss J. Taylor 3, E. Ford 4, H. V. Young 5, C. Tarr 6, J. Taylor (cond.) 7, H. Taylor 8. A coming-of-age compliment to the ringer of 3rd.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 2nd, 1,284 Grandsire Minor: H. Hardwidge 1, Mary Powell 2, L. Derrick 3, M. J. Horseman 4, J. Brain 5, C. Kortright (cond.) 6. Rung to celebrate the engagement of Mary Powell to Tony York.

OLD HEADINGTON, OXFORD.—On Aug 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Bruce (first of Minor) 1, J. Cruickshank 2, Cherry Withell 3, E. Parsons 4, T. Smith 5, R. Trebilcock (cond.) 6. Rung as a compliment to the Rev. G. D. and Mrs. Staff, following their recent marriage.

OXENDON, NORTHANTS.—On July 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: R. Martin (first quarter) 1, E. Martin 2, A. Millward 3, C. Swann 4, D. Griffin (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect for Michael A. Messam, aged 27, ringer of this tower.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—On Aug. 3rd, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Davis 1, L. Brighton 2, Mrs. M. Parker 3, F. Sisney 4, J. Roffe 5, M. Parker (cond.) 6. Rung for the third wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Parker.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On Aug. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Coatsworth 1, F. Webber 2, A. Clayton 3, L. Allen 4, C. Mew (cond.) 5, B. Bull 6. Rung for Evensong in 39 minutes, the fastest known quarter on the bells.

RICKMANSWORTH, HERTS.—On July 30th, 1,280 Kent T.B. Major: D. M. Hibbert (first of Major) 1, Miss P. Doorn 2, Miss S. J. Slade 3, G. Dodds (cond.) 4, A. Cornell 5, H. A. Bradbury 6, M. Hatchett 7, W. J. Arnold 8. First of Kent T.B. Maior for 2, 3, 5 and 6. Rung as a compliment to Fr. Norman William Hill, late Precentor of St. Albans Cathedral, on his collation to the parish of St. Mary's, Rickmansworth.

ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK.—On July 30th, 1,440 Kent and Oxford Treble Bob: Marion Greaves 1, Anthea Greaves 2, L. Wright 3, L. Nice 4, R. Rose (cond.) 5, E. Nice 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. Rose, on their silver wedding anniversary.

SHEPTON MALLET, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 4th, 1,344 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Bridget Sanger 1, R. Beck 2, V. Roberts 3, E. Wadman 4, D. Hoare (cond.) 5, M. Rose 6, D. Lee 7, Gwilym Salmon 8.

STAPLETON, BRISTOL.—On Aug. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob): C. J. Richards 1, Gillian M. Hussey 2, F. C. Mogford 3, J. R. Ketteringham 4, D. J. Hunt 5. Conducted by all. Rung as an appreciation of the life and work of Frank Skidmore—this being the tower where he learnt to ring in 1911.

SWANSEA, GLAM.—On July 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. M. Roderick (cond.) 1, M. Larcher 2, B. Cousins 3, Hazel Way 4, J. A. Hoare 5, E. Morris 6, G. I. Lewis 7, J. T. Williams 8. First quarter in the method for 2, 3, and 4, and on the bells.

SOUTHPORT, LANCS.—On Aug. 6th, 1,440 Minor (720 London Surprise, 720 Cambridge Surprise): Margaret Forrest 1, W. E. Court 2, P. Coxal 3, R. Kenrick 4, T. Hesketh 5, J. Ridyard 6, N. Heaps tenor covering. Rung after meeting short for Major, in honour of the wedding of Doreen Dutton and John Hunting, which took place at Emanuel Church, Southport, earlier.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church, on July 19th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: W. W. T. Daniell 1, Mrs. J. Minchin 2, Mrs. L. Bladon 3, Mrs. H. J. Sutton 4, Miss M. Wright 5, C. G. Jones 6, V. Griffin 7, B. Bladon 8, E. Sutton (cond.) 9, P. Minchin 10. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Frank Skidmore, late Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association. Also on July 31st, 1,263 Stedman Caters: Mrs. H. J. Sutton 1, Miss M. Wright 2, M. Stanley (first of Caters) 3, E. Sutton 4, Rev. R. G. Bryant 5, C. G. Jones 6, R. Townsend 7, A. G. Wells 8, R. O. Fry (cond.) 9, R. Drewitt (first quarter on ten bells) 10. Rung for Evensong.

THORPE BAY, ESSEX.—On July 30th, 1,296 Duffield Major: W. Ellis 1, R. Tomlin 2, M. Hatch 3, F. May 4, M. Hallett 5, G. Sandwell 6, W. Smith 7, A. House (cond.) 8. First by all except 8.

THRUMPTON, NOTTS.—On July 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. J. Fisher 1, L. Harrison 2, Mrs. Margaret E. Pollard 3, S. Adams 4, C. W. Towers (cond.) 5. Rung in honour of the wedding of A. Ronald Priestley and Rae Marjorie Jones.

TWYNING, GLOS.—On July 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Hawkes 1, F. Hawkes 2, Christine Halling (first 'inside') 3, W. Williams 4, M. Hawkes (cond.) 5, D. Williams 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. Newman, wife of a former Vicar's warden, who was interred this day. Also on July 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Christine Halling 1, M. Hawkes (cond.) 2, A. Hawkes (first 'inside') 3, W. Williams 4, E. W. Penn 5, D. Williams 6. Rung for Evensong on the Patronal Festival.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.—On July 14th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. Davy (first quarter) 1, B. V. Collison 2, Miss A. George 3, J. Warner 4, C. Hancock 5, E. Brunger 6, E. J. Ladd (cond.) 7, S. Jenner 8. Arranged for the treble ringer, on his 14th birthday.

WALDEN, HERTS.—On Aug. 1st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Joyce Dodds (cond.) 1, A. Day 2, M. Amy Coburn 3, R. Hardy 4, F. C. Jacklin 5, G. Dodds 6. Rung with the loyal greetings of the band to H.M. Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, a native of this parish, on the occasion of her 60th birthday.

WEDMORE, SOMERSET.—On July 31st, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: P. C. Wright 1, W. S. Deason 2, F. P. Wright 3, B. B. Dibben 4, G. Salmon 5, E. J. Munday 6, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 7, R. G. Edwards 8. For Evensong.

WESTERLEIGH, GLOS.—On Aug. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. E. Monk 1, J. Powell 2, P. Delaney 3, J. Ferris 4, H. T. Ferris (cond.) 5, S. Clark 6. Rung as a farewell greeting to Miss L. L. Brockwell.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On July 31st, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: W. A. Hughes 1, L. W. G. Skinner 2, D. Holland 3, J. Faircloth 4, A. °S. Richards (cond.) 5, J. E. Cannell 6.

WHITCHURCH CANONICORUM, DORSET.—On Aug. 1st, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: E. Wadman 1, J. Carter 2, D. Hoare (cond.) 3, G. Gaylard 4, H. G. Keeley 5, R. Pitman 6, H. J. Gaylard 7, R. Keeley 8. Rung for the weddings of Mr. M. Arscott and Miss C. Brooks and Mr. A. Knight and Miss B. Travers, all service ringers.

WIVELISCOMBE, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Gale 1, Mary Hall 2, C. Bellew 3, A. Turner 4, G. Sparks (cond.) 5, W. J. Nurcombe 6, H. V. Young 7, W. Baker 8. A golden wedding compliment for Mr. Alfred Stone, for many years a ringer with the local band, and Mrs. Stone.

WOODDITTON, CAMBS.—On July 19th, at Sunny View, Woodditton Road, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: J. R. Heath 1—2, A. E. Austin 3—4, A. R. Mann (cond.) 5—6, R. J. Palmer (first 'in hand') 7—8.

OUTINGS

ST. GILES', LINCOLN

After a week of grey skies and heavy showers it was a relief to wake up on July 16th to sunshine and a clear blue sky. Soon after nine o'clock a coachload of ringers and friends from St. Giles' was speeding gaily along Ermine Street, bound for St. Nicholas', Thorne, our first eight of the day. Here ringing, which included Stedman and Cambridge, was curtailed because of a wedding.

We were then bound for Hedon, another eight, over in the East Riding, so during this longer stage of our journey some of the party decided to eat. Unfortunately, the first few bites had no sooner been taken than the 'bus passed a large field in which 'muck-spreading' was going on, and after that the sandwiches seemed to have been penetrated by the smell! At Hedon we were greeted with the news that there was about to be a funeral, which made some of us wonder what next! In the waiting that was necessary before ringing, some seemed to find an attraction down at the 'Station' while others preferred just to gaze on the splendour of the church, 'The King of Holderness.' Again our ringing time had to be shortened, but we were able to include a short touch of Spliced Surprise.

A shorter step took us to Patrington and the Church of St. Patrick, 'The Queen of Holderness,' our third eight. Happily, here there was to be neither funeral nor wedding, but the various hazards of approaching the ringing chamber caused much amusement. For all except the youngest member of the party, who just ducked his head and ran, it was necessary to bend double and waddle along this sort of pig trough in the transept roof. Ringing here ranged from Plain Bob to a touch of London.

From Patrington we travelled to Beverley, when the intervening journey saw the handbells brought into use, and our youngest, with great determination, showed himself capable of hunting the treble. Tea was first on the programme for Beverley which, in view of the 41 cwt. tenor waiting at the Minster, was essential. It was at the Minster that two of the fairer sex, because of many previous remarks, endeavoured to ring up the tenor. They managed to get it chiming before it was taken from them, but when up it was found to be wrong side and had to be rung down again! . . . . Ten minutes later we were able to begin. After ringing, Great John, the hour bell, was viewed with much awe, followed by mistrust when—unexpectedly for some—it began to strike six, and at least one person literally jumped! A walk to the other end of Beverley brought us to the fine Church of St. Mary, where we had more 10-bell ringing, including some Cambridge Royal.

The final tower of the day was Holy Trinity, Kingston-upon-Hull, where the recently-augmented 12 are rung from a well-spaced circle in a spacious ringing chamber. Here Mr. J. A. Freeman called a touch of Stedman Cinques.

The journey home, interrupted by a stop at Goole for the usual 'fish and four,' was coloured by renderings of all the old favourites until we were all too tired to sing any more. When we arrived home it was already Sunday.

Thanks for a successful outing are due to all incumbents, to our guide from Hull, and to Mr. J. L. Millhouse, our organiser. C.

SELBY AND DISTRICT

A bright, sunny Bank Holiday Monday and seven rings of bells attracted a small convoy of vehicles to Burton-on-Stather in North Lincolnshire, where a perfect octave was soon being rung to some of the best Grandsire Triples of the day. The first tower 'conquered,' we passed on to Winterton, where the bells were already up.

A picnic lunch was enjoyed by the side of the Humber, with some of the ringers watching a yacht passing through a lock. Immediately one of our members decided that he was a better sailor than the owner of the yacht, so shouted instructions on getting the boat out of the lock, thus being called 'Captain Cook' by his fellow ringers for the rest of the day.

Further ringing took place at Barrow-on-Humber and both churches at Barton-on-Humber where, after 'Captain Cook' managed to kick over a bottle of milk, an excellent tea was appreciated. Filled to capacity with salad, ice cream and cakes, the convoy then set out to Goxhill and Scunthorpe, where further ringing was thoroughly enjoyed before returning home.

Thanks are due to the local bands for the use of their bells, and to the ladies at Barton-on-Humber for a delicious tea. A. G.

CHELSFIELD

Eleven ringers from Chelsfield, West Wickham and Crayford, plus one 'foreigner' from Surrey, had an enjoyable outing in South West Kent and East Sussex on Whit Monday.

Ringing started at Goudhurst (8, tenor 25 cwt.), where the bells were regarded as rather a handful, and these were followed by the five at Ewhurst and the pleasant six at Northiam. After lunch came Beckley and the tuneful anti-clockwise six at Wittersham. More anti-clockwise bells followed at Stone-in-Oxney, to be followed by the lovely eight at Appledore, where members of the Central Council dropped in.

The unique five at Brookland, with its wooden detached campanile, fascinated all. The bells, rung anti-clockwise, are difficult to handle and so loud that the conductor, yelling lustily from the other side of the belfry, could not be heard. Ringing ranged from rounds and call-changes to Cambridge and London Surprise Minor. Incumbents, local ringers and organisers are all sincerely thanked. D. C. M.

HANDSWORTH, BIRMINGHAM

Ringers from Handsworth, Birmingham, would like to thank most cordially all incumbents and tower captains who allowed the use of their bells for the annual outing held in Shropshire on July 9th. The ringers visited Newport, Hinstock, Market Drayton, Whitchurch, Prees, Hodnet and High Ercall, and all certainly seemed to enjoy themselves.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Members not only of the Kent County Association but the Exercise at large will desire to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. John Willis, of Folkestone, on their golden wedding anniversary. For more than 60 years Mr. Willis has been a member of the Kent Association and for some years he has guided the Association as chairman and also as a vice-president. The Central Council is also indebted to him for his valuable work on the Biographies Committee.

Congratulations to Mr. John J. L. Gilbert on ringing 100 peals on the bells of St. Mary's, Handsworth. He believes that he is the first person to ring 100 peals in a Yorkshire tower.

The following was overheard in a Northampton belfry on practice night. Instructor to learner: 'No, no—don't do it like that. Look at the captain and do it like him. Oh! no. He's doing it as well.'

A maiden occasion took place at Leverton, Lincolnshire, on August 6th, when the first peal on the bells was rung by a band who had never rung a peal before. The occasion is unique in ringing history. The method rung was Plain Bob Minor.

The Syston District's peal week is becoming an annual event and seven peals to record this week by a young band plus the ever-young Mr. Ernest Morris is no mean achievement. There are those who sat at home and just cooked and the peal band would like to thank the two Mesdames Payne for all the extra meals they provided

Last year at St. Peter's Church, Freshford, near Bath, the Rector, the Rev. Francis Pollard, started to train a band of young ringers. They have now rung regularly, both for morning and evening service, every Sunday, for over a year. Recently, during Matins, the following were officially admitted members of the Parish Guild of Ringers: Miss Susan Axford, Peter Newman, John Axford, Michael Dunning, Duncan Hallam, John H. Green and Gerald Newman. They have also been elected members of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.

On August 4th, to mark the occasion of the 60th birthday of H.M. the Queen Mother, the bells of Winchester Cathedral were rung to rounds and 'queens' and fired in 3 instalments of 21 times and another 60 times to record Her Majesty's age. Ringing took place at 7 a.m. under the captaincy of Mr. George Noice, and the local band were assisted by two from Southampton, who had to rise in the early hours to take part.

Mr. Robin G. Leale's tour started on August 13th and ends on August 27th. The Lake District, Northumberland and Durham are being visited by the party of 12.

Dr. F. H. W. Crabb, principal of Emanual College, Saskatoon, Canada, is home on a short visit after five years' absence. On July 31st he rang for morning service at Luppitt, Devon, and the following evening rang his first quarter peal.

The peal rung at Tunbridge Wells, on August 5th, was arranged as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Ladd; and was also rung on the birthdays of the conductor and F. H. Hicks, of East Grinstead, Sussex.

The peal of Stedman Triples, at Northfleet, on August 6th, was arranged and rung as a farewell to Regimental Sergeant-Major Hubert (Dick) Furminger, who for the past twelve months has been attached to St. Botolph's tower. Dick is leaving next week for service in Malaya. The band and all ringers in the area wish him 'bon voyage,' and look forward to the time when he will be in their ranks again.

To avoid meeting clashes the Sheffield Society has a two-year fixture card (24 towers) and meetings are all on the first Saturday of the month. By arrangement, the Barnsley Society hold their meetings on the second Saturday, the Southern District of the Yorkshire Association on the third Saturday (quarterly only), and the Doncaster Society on the last Saturday. Each Sheffield Society member has a copy of the fixture card and can plan accordingly.

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METHOD NOMENCLATURE

By JOHN R. MAYNE

TREBLE BOB METHODS

By the term 'Treble Bob' I refer to all those methods in which the treble does a treble bob hunt. This includes all Surprise methods. Another more specialised meaning for the term 'Treble Bob' will emerge later. Now, the column of figures printed is the first half lead of Yorkshire Surprise Major. It has been divided into groups of four changes, called 'sections,' corresponding to the four blows which the treble makes in each dodging place. (This procedure is useful for the purposes of proof.)

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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
2 1 4 3 6 5 8 7
1 2 4 6 3 8 5 7      Section
2 1 6 4 8 3 7 5

2 6 1 4 3 8 5 7
6 2 4 1 8 3 7 5
2 6 1 4 8 7 3 5
6 2 4 1 7 8 5 3      X-section

6 4 2 7 1 8 3 5
4 6 7 2 8 1 5 3
4 6 2 7 1 8 3 5
6 4 7 2 8 1 5 3

4 6 7 8 2 5 1 3
6 4 8 7 5 2 3 1
6 8 4 7 2 5 1 3
8 6 7 4 5 2 3 1
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The positions where the treble hunts from one dodging place to another (i.e. the boundaries between sections) are called 'cross-sections.' For the purposes of the definitions about to be explained, the positions where the treble lies behind and where it leads are **not** considered as cross-sections. At every cross-section at least two bells must lie still. One of these places must be made above the path of the treble, and one below, otherwise the treble would make a second dodge in the position where it had already dodged once. There are usually a number of possible positions for these cross-sectional places. For example, when the treble passes through 2-3 in Yorkshire Surprise Major bells lie still at lead and in fourths. But there are other possibilities; viz. 1 and 6 and 1 and 8. Similarly, the places which could be made at the second cross-section are 16, 18, 36 and 38, and also if more than two bells lie still, 1236 and 1238 are possible. (This excludes 78 lying still.) The places 1 and 8 (lead and lie) are called 'external places,' while the other places are called 'internal' places.

We are now in a position to define the terms used for various classes of Treble Bob methods.

(i) If there is at least **one** internal place made at each cross-section, the method is a Surprise method.

(ii) If internal places are made at every cross-section **except one**, the method is a Delight method.

(iii) If **no** internal places are made at any of the cross-sections, the method is a Treble Bob method. That is to say, lead and lie are the **only** places made at the cross-sections.

(iv) All methods not covered by the above definitions are called Exercise methods.

A few minutes will show the reader that there are no Exercise Minor methods, but there are Exercise methods on all higher numbers of bells.

It will now be seen that the incidence of a Kent slow work has nothing whatever to do with the classification of the method. Flamstead is a Surprise method because seconds and thirds are made while the treble goes through 45. The fact that one bell leads at the same time is incidental.

Mrs. I. M. Richards, Llanarth Vicarage, Llanarth, near Raglan, Mon, writes thanking those who responded to her appeal for postcards. She is still far from her target and very anxious to get her bells ringing again.

SERVANTS OF THE EXERCISE – No. 34



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JOHN P. FIDLER,

Loughborough

Mr. J. P. Fidler is probably the best known ringer in the country, for his work takes him amongst bells and ringers in all parts of the British Isles. It might be thought that he sees so much of bells that he would be inclined to seek his relaxations in other fields, but not so, for he is as keen on ringing and ringing matters as the best (or worst) of us. He was one of the pioneers of Spliced Minor ringing, probably the result of coming under the influence of that very exacting task master, Rev. A. T. Beeston. John was so keen on splicing that he wrote a series of articles in 'The Ringing World' on Method Splicing, which were eventually published in book form.

He was born in 1897 at Hazel Grove, Cheshire, and educated there and at Salford Royal Technical Institute. He learned to ring at St. Thomas', Norbury, in 1914, but his ringing was interrupted by service in the Army when he enlisted in the 9th Highlanders, The Royal Scots, saw service in France, and was transferred to the King's African Rifles, serving in East Africa. At the conclusion of the war, he returned to ringing and rang his first peal, Minor in 7 methods, in 1920. In 1923 he took part in the first peal of Spliced Minor in 35 methods.

In 1926 he joined the staff of the well known firm of bell founders at Loughborough, as technical representative, and still serves there in that capacity. He has carried out no less than 3,500 bell inspections, and during the last war, with one assistant, he dismantled the bells of St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol, in the interests of safety. He also played a prominent part in the salvage of the bells at St. Sidwell's, Exeter, and St. Nicholas', Bristol.

Being such a busy man he has not been able to build up a huge peals total, but he has, however, managed to take part in about 120 peals. He has one son, Arthur, who, of course, is a ringer, and also a practical bell engineer.

John is an honorary member of the Central Council, and has done very useful work on the Peal Boards Committee. He possesses a very keen sense of humour, and can tell many interesting stories of ringing and ringers he has met in his travels. Like most Northerners, John is very forthright, hates humbug, and is not afraid to call a spade a spade, but underneath a rough exterior there is a heart of gold, and this is appreciated by ringers generally. Whenever he turns up at a ringers' meeting, he is a popular figure, and he is always made welcome.

JAFUS.

MORPETH CURFEW

The 'Morpeth Herald' seems to have a weekly feature on peal ringing interrupting the 8 p.m. curfew. Mr. N. I. Wright, who participated in the recent peal, has replied to the challenge of 'Saggerston,' and pointed out that the curfew has been missed six times in the past 12 months and 20 times in the past nine years, on account of peal ringing.

Permission for peal attempts at the Watch Tower has to be obtained from the Town Clerk. It seems obvious that the correct procedure is for the Town Clerk and/or the conductor of the peal to notify Miss Armstrong, 21, Duncan Gardens, Morpeth, of forthcoming attempts.

Since the recent dispute, Miss Armstrong informs us that she has not rung the curfew, but her brother Fred has every night, except on July 25th, when he could not get into the tower because of the peal in progress.

Whether peal ringing should supersede on a few nights the traditional curfew is a subject which could be debated at length. Mr. Wright points out that on a working day it would be impossible to start the peal early enough to complete it before the curfew hour. The arbiters are the Morpeth Town Council.

Mr. Wright concludes his letter: 'I hope the air is now clear for curfew to ring nightly at 8 o'clock, and to be joined on occasions by its seven musical sisters!'.

Miss J. S. Armstrong writes informing us that on August 10th peal ringers rang on well after 8 p.m., thus preventing the curfew being rung. She and her brother Fred have decided never to ring the curfew again.

She adds that the visit of Mr. Clive Smith and his party on August 11th during their fortnight's tour gave great pleasure; they enjoyed their visit and the Watch Tower bells.

EWELL RINGERS MARRIED

Ringers at St. Mary's, Ewell, were sorry not to be able to ring for the marriage on August 6th of a popular member of their band, Miss Maureen Candy, to Mr. Graham Quincey, of St. Ives, Huntingdonshire. For the wedding took place at St. John's Church, Stoneleigh, Ewell, where the bride was baptised and confirmed and where she was captain of the 1st Stoneleigh Company of Girl Guides who, after the ceremony, formed her guard of honour.

Looking lovely in a wedding dress of white brocade, the bride carried a bouquet of orchids, lilies-of-the-valley, white roses and stephanotis. The three bridesmaids wore dresses of lilac taffeta and nylon, with coronets to match. Their bouquets consisted of orange roses, gerbras and carnations. The bride's elder sister (chief bridesmaid) was responsible for the beautiful floral decorations. The two younger bridesmaids (sister and cousin) have both started to learn ringing.

The fully choral service was conducted by a former vicar of St. John's, the Rev. J. M. Evans, now Vicar of Walton-on-Thames and a good friend of ringers: he even suggested a run over to his tower ten miles away for a ring during the wedding reception, with the bride and bridegroom and a party of guests!

Maureen first became interested in ringing while at Bishop's Stortford College about five years ago. Since then she has been a regular ringer at Ewell, where she recently rang in her first quarter peal of Stedman, in pleasurable anticipation of the happy event. She will be greatly missed in the tower.

Graham, with whom Maureen first started corresponding when he was in Hong Kong, has also rung at Loughborough and Ewell; they both hope to continue when they settle down to farm life at Great Witchingham, Norfolk. The honeymoon is being spent in Guernsey.

A LEICESTERSHIRE TOUR

DURING the first week of August a three days' tour of Leicestershire was arranged by Mr. Brian G. Warwick, honorary general secretary of the Leicester Diocesan Guild and Ringing Master of St. Thomas', South Wigston, primarily for the South Wigston band, who were accompanied by friends from Cosby, Blaby and St. Margaret's, Leicester.

Monday dawned bright and clear and the first tower was St. Peter's, Oadby, where the six bells were rehung three years ago. The bells, despite the long draught, certainly go well. On to Great Glen (6, tenor 9¼ cwt.), where we were met by the local Ringing Master and secretary of the Market Harborough District (Mr. L. W. Allen). The journey to Foxton (6, tenor 13¼ cwt.) proved rather tiring as the Church of St. Andrew is at the top of a steep hill. These bells are seldom rung and the Vicar had asked for a report on their condition. Our opinion was that they 'go' all right but a drop of oil would certainly make things a lot easier. An easier ride followed—two miles downhill to All Saints', Lubenham (5, tenor 8¼ cwt.). Here we had lunch in the churchyard before trying these bells, which are one of the best rings of five in the Diocese. We had a warm welcome from Mr. W. Carter, the Ringing Master, who has quite a large number of ringers round him.

A mile over the border into Northamptonshire brought us to Marston Trussell (5, tenor 86 cwt.), recently rehung by Taylors. Back in Leicestershire we went to Husbands Bosworth, where the five bells (tenor 14 cwt.), at All Saints' certainly need some pulling. At North Kilworth (a minor five, tenor 11¼ cwt.), we were welcomed by the Vicar, who gave the cyclists a welcome glass of lemonade each. At the neighbouring church of South Kilworth (5, tenor 13¼ cwt.), the bells are rung from the porch and anyone entering the church has perforce to pass through the circle. These bells require a lot of ringing and some ringers were noticed walking across the floor for their sallies! Our youngest member (Keith Bodicoat, aged 12), proved that it is easy to treble down if the rest keep in their right places.

Our last tower on Monday was St. Nicholas', Stanford-on-Avon. The parish is in Leicestershire and the Leicester Diocese but the Church is actually a few yards over the Northamptonshire border. Here is a good ground floor ring of five (tenor 12 cwt.), hung anti-clockwise. Being Bank Holiday the church was full of visitors paying a visit to the nearby Stanford Hall, who watched the ringing with interest.

CHURCH IN A FIELD

After the rather large proportion of five bell towers on Monday we looked forward to Tuesday, which was made up only of sixes and eights. A cycle ride of 8 miles brought us to Peckleton, where the Church of St. Mary is situated in a field. Here we were pleased to see Mr. E. A. Hall looking very fit and well, despite his 80 years. A mile away is the Church of All Saints, Kirkby Mallory, with a beautiful ring of six (tenor 7¼ cwt.), which is spoilt by the ropes being too low and too long. Here we were welcomed by Mr. F. R. Deacon.

The next tower was the main 'titbit' of the week—the octave at St. Peter's, Market Bosworth. The tenor here is 14¼ cwt. and very similar to South Wigston and just as good in tone. Mr. H. Hollis and Sergeant J. W. Rawson met us and some of the cyclists (not realising that they were talking to a policeman—in plain clothes—were nearly in trouble for admitting riding down a one-way street the wrong way!).

On to Stoke Golding, where once again we had lunch in the churchyard. Here Mr. H. Hill had left everything ready and we enjoyed this ring of six (tenor 9¼ cwt.), which was famous for peals of Minor many years ago. At Higham-on-the-Hill we met the Vicar and Rural Dean (Rev. E. L. Fisher), who is a nephew of the Archbishop of Canterbury and himself a ringer. Despite the Vicar's remarks we think that Stoke Golding bells are just a little better than Higham's six (ten 10¾ cwt.). Nevertheless we certainly enjoyed them and the visit enabled the organiser to have his first ring on the bells.

A ride of 6 miles brought us to the Church of SS. Simon and Jude, Earl Shilton (8, tenor 11¼ cwt.), rung from a ringing chamber, which, without doubt, is the best kept in the Diocese. It is certainly a credit to the Ringing Master (Mr. G. A. Newton) and his ringers.

Two miles downhill brought us to Thurlaston (6, tenor 15¼ cwt.). In the absence of the Ringing Master (Mr. J. Taylor—who we were sorry to learn is ill in bed) we were met by Mr. G. Pickering and his daughter. After we have finished ringing on these bells the village Post Office opened specially to sell drinks and ice-cream! The last two towers for Tuesday provided the lightest and heaviest rings of the week—St. Michael and All Angels', Croft (6, tenor 6¼ cwt.), and St. Mary's, Broughton Astley (6, tenor 18¼ cwt.). We were welcomed by Mr. F. Watson at Croft. At Broughton Astley most of the party felt that they had had enough for one day as when the organiser proposed calling at Cosby on the way home (their practice night) he found no seconder!

IN CHARNWOOD FOREST

It was just as well that Wednesday was scheduled to be a day of rest. The wind was rough and it was quite cold. Thursday was a good day for cycling and with renewed energy we had the most enjoyable day of the tour, despite the fact that our route lay over the very hilly Charnwood Forest area of the county.

Our first call was at Kirby Muxloe, where in the Church of St. Bartholomew, there are five bells with a tenor of 7¼ cwt. In the small ringing chamber we had some good ringing on these excellent bells. Next to Groby, which has a even smaller ringing chamber. Here we were met by Mr. V. Geary and other members of his family. This was a famous tower for Minor methods in days gone by and we did not really do justice to these bells (tenor 9¼ cwt.).

Plenty of time had been allowed to reach Copt Oak as there are many hills (steep ones, too!). The writer's red mini-car going up one hill was likened to a lady bird crawling along as viewed by the cyclists on the hill behind. Both Copt Oak and The Oaks are two of the most widely scattered parishes in the Diocese. Both churches are 'in the midst of nowhere' although they are only 3 miles apart. At Copt Oak we met the enthusiastic ringing Vicar, the Rev. F. R. S. Byfield (who, incidentally, is chairman of the Loughborough District), and the writer had the privilege of ringing Little Bob with him, which he specially requested. Due to his enthusiasm there are often up to 18 ringers at Copt Oak on their practice night. We enjoyed these six bells (tenor 9¼ cwt.), but one or two needed a bit of pulling!

Before we rang at The Oaks (6, tenor 10¼ cwt.), we had lunch. These bells are very good but as they are immediately overhead they are very noisy. From The Oaks we had a glorious downhill ride to Old Woodhouse, where at the church, delightfully named St. Mary-in-the-Elms, we rang on the six bells (tenor 12¼ cwt.). Next to Woodhouse Eaves (6, tenor 10¼ cwt.), and then again downhill to Swithland. These were the worst bells of the day. Up to the end of 1959 they were virtually unringable but due to the combined efforts of Mr. F. Bindley, of Thurcaston, and the local band they can at least now be rung, although the 12¼ cwt. tenor is certainly a handful. The rope comes down a shute and the sally is inclined to stick in it with disastrous results. From Swithland to Thurcaston, where Mr. F. Bindley was waiting to welcome us. Here the bells are rung regularly by a band of girls. We did not enjoy our visit here as much as we thought we should. The eight bells (tenor 10 cwt.) are rather peculiar and need some time to get used to.

As this was the last day arrangements had been made for dinner at Blakeshay Farm, Newton Linford, and we all enjoyed the excellent three-course meal provided after we had climbed to the farmhouse. To finish the day we rang the five bells at Newton Linford (tenor 7¼ cwt.), and we had what was probably the best ringing of the week there.

In all 28 towers were visited, and although no one learned anything new all were able to consolidate what they were **supposed** to have been taught and in this respect the experience was invaluable. It also enabled the writer to visit some isolated towers which otherwise it might not have been possible to visit for a long time. Thanks are due to all tower captains and incumbents and it is worth noting that out of all the towers asked for there was not one refusal.

B. G. WARWICK.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Rochester District

On July 16th some 40 members of the Rochester District attended a quarterly meeting held at Eastchurch, Isle of Sheppey. This tower contains a ring of six bells, tenor 12¼ cwt. Ringing before and after the service ranged from rounds to London Minor, under the leadership of the District Ringing Master, Mr. G. A. Naylor. The ringers' service was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Wilkinson, Vicar, who welcomed the Association to his parish. The lesson was read by the Rev. Dr. Pollard, from Bath.

Tea was partaken of in the new Village Hall, followed by a very short business meeting, the Vicar presiding. Five new members and one honorary member were elected.

Mr. A. Dunk, of Stockbury, moved that the three members from the Rochester District who rang in the veterans' peal should be congratulated. They are Mr. C. E. J. Norris (Chatham), Mr. J. Grensted and Mr. S. B. Dobbie (Sittingbourne). The vote of thanks to all who had helped in the meeting was moved by Mr. F. J. Cheal.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FALSE COURSE ENDS

Dear Sir,—We are indebted to Mr. Corrigan and all other workers involved in the publication of collections of Surprise methods, and those who publish new Surprise methods in 'The Ringing World.' There is, however, one aspect of them which is disappointing to the prospective composer, namely, in the recording of the falseness of the method, which is virtually useless.

It is evident when these methods are derived the falseness (tenors together) has been worked out completely, yet in the publications only the F.C.E.'s are quoted, without mention of the leads where the falseness occurs.

For example, suppose a method has the following F.C.E.'s—

34562	52643
62345	36524
46325	65243
52463	46532

then these are either published in full or are referred to by code letters, e.g.: p, q, s, r, w, v, t, u. This doesn't help the composer very much, and unless he attempts to obtain a composition using full courses (which is in many cases impossible) he must go through the work again to determine in which leads the falseness occurs.

It would, of course, be quite simple to use a code to indicate the lead falseness; for example, 34562 (2/3) could mean that the course 34562 has its third lead false with the second lead of the plain course 23456.

Again, the information can be condensed further, since it is only necessary to quote one member of an F-set (Maurice Hodgson's terminology) to identify all the members. Thus if the full information is

34562 (2/3)	52643 (5/3)
62345 (3/2)	36524 (3/5)
46325 (6/5)	65243 (3/5)
52463 (5/6)	46532 (5/3)

this could be shortened to 34562 (2/3), 52643 (5/3) or even further to p 2/3, w 5/3.

I hope we shall soon see a much fuller classified collection of Surprise methods: if so, would the authors please bear this point in mind?—Yours sincerely,

DENIS R. CARLISLE.

Derby.

CONGRATULATIONS TO HALIFAX

Dear Sir,—May I be allowed, through your columns, to congratulate the band and their conductor of All Souls', Halifax, on ringing the peal of Six Spliced Surprise Major on July 23rd ('R.W.', page 524)? This is a remarkable achievement for a Sunday service band, and I think deserves special mention.—Yours, etc.,

N. CHADDOCK.

Rotherham.

HOSPITALITY IN IRELAND

Dear Sir,—I would like to take this opportunity of thanking all those who treated my party and myself to such generous hospitality on our recent brief visit to Dublin. I would strongly recommend any ringer planning a holiday to visit the Emerald Isle for beautiful scenery, fine bells, and a welcome second to none, preferably notifying the friends across the water of his intended visit.—Yours sincerely,

D. P. JONES.

Castle Gresley,
Derbyshire.

PEALS OF MINIMUS

Dear Sir,—I would like it to be made known that there is at any rate one ringer who objects to the recognition of performances on four bells as peals.

The acceptance of peals of Minimus without comment at the Central Council meeting, and the lack of criticism since in 'The Ringing World,' is a regrettable sign of apathy in the Exercise. It could not have happened 50 years ago without an uproar.

In fact, was not one of the arguments against allowing 5- and 6-bell performances as peals that, if they were allowed, 4-bell peals would follow? Well, they have; and sure as fate, 3-bell peals will follow too unless the acceptance of 4-bell peals is rescinded.

The argument that 4-bell performances can be as difficult as peals on higher numbers is invalid, as it could quite well apply to, say, a peal of Stedman Singles on three bells or, if anyone was crackpot enough to try it, an arrangement of 2,520 extents on two bells.

The real point is that the acceptance of peals on four bells allows a *much lower minimum standard*.

It is not that there is no value or interest to be gained from ringing four or even three bells, but to afford extended performances on them the same acclaim as received by peals on higher numbers makes nonsense of peal ringing.

It is not long ago that a similar lowering of standards occurred when single-handed handbell peals became acceptable. A general trend of this nature would be the end of change-ringing, as who is going to trouble to attain that not worth attaining?—Yours sincerely,

P. H. WHITAKER.

Coleraine, Co. Londonderry.

CAN THIS PEAL BE RECOGNISED?

Dear Sir,—Can the peal of Plain Bob Minimus on handbells, to which the Rev. Mr. Melville refers ('R.W.', July 29th), legitimately be called a peal, in view of the fact that peals of Minimus have been recognised by the Central Council only this year?—Yours faithfully,

JOHN CAMP.

Amersham, Bucks.

A FALSE PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S

Dear Sir,—I wish to withdraw the peal of St. Clement's College Bob Major conducted by me at the Bell Foundry, Loughborough, on January, 4th, 1960. The composition, a 5,008 by Sir Arthur P. Heywood, is false, there being a repetition in the second and tenth courses.

This peal appears in the Central Council Collection of Peals, Section II, on page 266 (No. 23). This means that the peal of Double Oxford Major rung at Duffield on October 8th, 1886, is also false.

I am indebted to Mr. R. F. B. Speed for calling attention to this.

I presume that the peal in full (5,280), and by omitting three consecutive Homes (5,056), would be true: it appears that the falseness occurs solely in the use of the short course Middle, Before, Wrong.

Perhaps the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead will amend his records at Duffield and the Bell Foundry accordingly.—Yours faithfully,

BRIAN G. WARWICK.

Leicester.

NAMES FOR TEA

Dear Sir,—It would be interesting to know the experiences of tea organisers at ringing meetings, as to whether there is any relationship between the number of names sent in and the number of people presenting themselves for tea.

Despite various reasons given by people who fail to send in their names, but who attend the meeting, these reasons are more often than not mere excuses for sloth and lack of courtesy towards the hosts who go to immense trouble to give a real welcome to visiting ringers.

The hosts are often given a great deal of genuine worry and sometimes suffer financial loss as a result of this thoughtlessness and unkindness on the part of a large proportion of those attending meetings.

The corporate meal and opportunity for social exchanges is an important part of any association meeting and it would be a pity to see this custom replaced by ringers going off in small groups to take their chance in waiting at various eating establishments for a poorer meal, which would usually cost double that charged for subsidised teas provided by local companies.

Conversation which I have had with numerous hosts at ringing meetings indicate that the experience of a friend of mine, whose tower was recently involved in providing tea for about 50 ringers, and for which only one ringer in four had bothered to send in their names, is a commonplace experience.

The hosts are usually too anxious to make everyone comfortable and hesitate to complain, so it is up to all of us to remember the common courtesies of life and send in that card for tea when we know we intend going to a ringing meeting.

Since I feel I am voicing a general feeling and have attacked no one in person, I will sign myself. Yours etc.,

X. Y. Z.

Yorkshire.

KIDDERMINSTER AND SYNTHETIC BELLS

Dear Sir.—With reference to the report of the proceedings at the Worcester Consistory Court, contained in 'The Ringing World' on page 546, and particularly to the reported comment of the Chancellor as to the Worcestershire Association not being represented before him in person: I should like it known that the question of personal appearance was very carefully considered by the officers of the Association, who, rightly or wrongly, thought the better way of dealing with the matter was by written representation.—Yours truly,

WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT.
Master.

King's Norton, Birmingham.

Rotherham Girls' High School

On July 28th girls from Rotherham High School once again rang for their annual service at the Parish Church. Assisted by the Ringing Master and three of the local band they rang Grandsire Triples, Bob Major, Cambridge Minor, Stedman Doubles and call changes on ten. All the ringing was of a high standard.

This event probably marks a break in the tradition of the last few years since most of these young people are moving on to college or university this year. Intense training has been going on at the Parish Church to provide against the temporary loss of about six of the Sunday service band, who are expected to go to college or university this autumn.

N. C.

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THE TOWERS OF THE FENLAND

By T. A. BEVIS

(Continued from page 534)

ST. LEONARD'S CHURCH. LEVERINGTON

UNDOUBTEDLY one of the loveliest steeples in Fenland is that at Leverington. The 14th century tower has four recessed polygonal turrets from which springs a delicately ribbed spire, the base of which has been boarded over. This has an effect of enhancing the music of the bells—which are, in any case, of fine tonal quality. St. Leonard's Church has a magnificent interior: a vast area lit by impressive windows, one of which portrays a mediæval Jessie Tree.

There are six bells originally cast by Lester and Pack in 1752; since then they have been overhauled and introduced to the melting pot on no less than three occasions. Osborn and Dobson recast the second in 1808, and the treble and third were recast by Taylors in 1871, as were the fourth, fifth and tenor in 1924 when a teak frame was supplied.

The bells possess no outstanding inscriptions. The fourth is inscribed Te Deum Laudamus (We praise Thee O God); Sursum Corda or Lift up your Hearts intones the fifth, and the tenor (15 cwt. 2 qr. in F) has inscribed: Kyrie Eleison (Lord have mercy). They are rung from the ground stage.

WISBECH ST. MARY

This village has no direct link with the borough of Wisbech, being situated approximately four miles from the latter and three miles from Leverington. The church is spacious and the somewhat unimpressive tower contains a pleasing ring of six bells, rung from a platform constructed above the vestry.

Five of the bells were cast by Osborn, in 1803, and in 1955 these were rehung with the addition of a treble, by Messrs. Taylor and Co. Inscriptions have no special interest, the second warning all to 'Give no offence to the Church,' and the fourth 'Long Live King George the Third'—a repetitional procedure from Osborn's establishment at that time. The tenor bears the names of the then churchwardens and weighs 10 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.

The first peal in the tower was rung on Sunday, April 22nd, 1956, and comprised five methods conducted by Ernest Mastin.

A sanctus bell suspended from the chancel cote has a much travelled history. It was recast in memory of a captain of the Royal Norfolk Regiment, and the original fittings consisting of headstock, clapper and three small portions of bell metal inscribed 'Nicholai Anno. 1618' have been preserved and are attached to the chancel wall

The bell was abandoned by German troops who had occasion to hurriedly withdraw from Ploegstreet Wood, Belgium, in the early days of the First World War. It was adopted and used as a gas alarm by the 32nd Royal Fusiliers, and was afterwards presented to their Chaplain, the Rev. Canon Mowbray Smith, M.A., who for several years was Vicar of Wisbech St. Mary.

SS. PETER AND PAUL. CHATTERIS

A curate at Chatteris, over 50 years ago, possessed keen observant powers, and kept records of the everyday life of a small town (famous for carrots) in connection with its ancient parish church. He was the Rev. H. H. McNeice, and the gentleman in question may well have been inwardly amused or outwardly 'disgusted' with the antics of bellringers in churches up and down the land in those good or bad old days.

'The old office of blessing the bells gives us the best conception of the ideal to set before the ringers,' he writes. 'After the Reformation the belfry seems to have ceased to be part of the Church. A separate door outside the church was generally substituted for that leading into the nave. To ring for a service and also attend was unexpected and unlooked for. The belfry became a sort of club on ringing nights, when the friends of the ringers indulged in the fragrant weed and a certain amount of beer. The pipes and mugs were hung up as fitting ornaments side by side with the records of the members.' The curate sadly concludes. 'Chatteris defined in no aspect from the usual run of belfries.'



ST. LEONARD'S. LEVERINGTON [Photo: A. M. French.

Erected in the 14th century the tower of SS. Peter and Paul rises in three stages, and is of slender proportions. The winding stairway is so very narrow that it is doubtful if a person turning the scales at 15 stone would be able to ascend! Neatly arrayed with numerous peal records the panelled ringing chamber—which has a wall tablet to the memory of two ringers who did not return from the last war—provides a most beautiful aspect of the garden with which the church is surrounded, with glimpses of handsome trees and the town's war memorial.

Older (and not so old) members of the ringing fraternity will remember Mr. J. 'Pop' Abrams, who was captain at Chatteris for many years. Widely experienced at breaking-in horses, he would tell of how, when St. Peter's Church possessed five bells, a meeting was called to explore ways and means of raising sufficient money to purchase a new tenor bell. 'At the meeting (attended by many parishioners) we had a "whip-round" and the result put us well on the way to buying a bell.'

For many years the tower contained five bells, and between 1726 and 1728 they were in constant need of repair. Joseph Eayre recast these in 1735 but, strangely, the well-preserved accounts makes no mention of payment to Mr. Eayre for his work, and the founder was frequently a resident at the ancient George Inn, opposite the church.

A mug made of bell metal is inscribed. 'The 5th bell was broken in 187(?) and recast in 1887, but it was not satisfactory. During the restoration of the church in 1910-11 the whole ring was retuned and the 5th recast, and a new bell added by Taylors, of Loughborough.'

Despite the fact that the bells have not received a major overhaul in 60 years, they 'go' remarkably well. Four of them are inscribed with Eayre's favourite if unpoplar inscription: 'Work itself is pleasure.' The treble bears a Latin inscription to the effect that 'With its sweet nature may it live a useful life: may the bell be pleasant sounding with its clear voice.'

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OBITUARY

MR. MORRIS J. MORRIS

To the new generation of ringers in St. Martin's Guild Morris J. Morris can be little more than a name or an occasional glimpse of recent years of a brisk, upright nonegenarian, standing in the Bull Ring to listen to the ringing for Matins, or brought by Mr. Ingram to spend an hour at the Henry Johnson Dinner. But it is a striking and awesome thought that well before the birth of this present century Morris J. Morris was a leading figure in North Wales ringing and an important factor in the spread of change ringing in the northern part of the principality.

It is, however in Birmingham that we knew him, and it was in Birmingham that he made his name as a remarkable ringer and striker, and as a partaker in some of the most notable feats the Guild has accomplished. He rang in the first peal of Cambridge Twelve, rung by St. Martin's Guild; in the 1922 handbell peal of Stedman Sextuples; and in the brilliant non-conducted peal of Stedman Cinques in which a draw was made to decide which pair of bells each performer should take. This was a time of extensive (one might almost say feverish) handbell activity, and the number of competent exponents of the art was so great that the handbell group took it turns to act as umpires. In all this Morris J. Morris was deeply involved, and his magnificent ringing of 11-12 to Stedman Cinques will long be remembered by those who saw it. As handbell ringers of Cinques know quite well, the success or failure of this branch of the art rests largely on the maintenance of the beat, and it was here that Morris excelled. Imperturbably, firm as a rock in storm and stress, he brought his tenor precisely where it should be and his 11th in its exact course, and many a situation has been eased or saved by the firm uncompromising gesture of his right hand. This may, indeed, seem a small thing to enlarge and emphasise, but all competent handbell ringers, especially on 12 bells, will know the value of such a man on the back end.

Precision was Morris J. Morris' notable feature. His speech had that attractive Celtic articulation, his dress was correct, his moustache perfectly pointed, his umbrella in its right place; and as he rang, his bell was in its right place too, and his short sturdy figure moved not a limb nor his face a muscle until touch or peal came to an end. In debate and argument he was forcible and uncompromising.

While an excellent exponent of Surprise ringing he took a great interest in what he called the real musical methods, and experimented boldly in the composition of Grandsire and Plain Bob. A great number of the touches in the Central Council 'Handbook of Grandsire Caters' came from him, and among his peal compositions of Grandsire Caters is a celebrated 5,057 in short courses that has become a minor classic. His manuscript contributes to the revelation of his character, for the precision we have insisted on is expressed once more in the beautifully written lines of figures and the extreme neatness of the setting-out.

In the ringing chamber of the Church of St. John, Portmadoc, there hangs a portrait of Morris J. Morris. It shows him, a young man, with his magnificent Celtic profile, his rather military moustache, and his general air of alertness and intelligence. North Wales will remember his work with gratitude, and we who were privileged to know him and ring with him will remember with humble admiration the example he set us in regularity, punctuality, and a high standard of ringing.

E. C. S.

HIS PEALS

Doubles.—Stedman 1.

Minor.—4 methods 2, 7 methods 1, Cambridge Surprise 2.

Triples.—Plain Bob 1, Canterbury Pleasure 1, Grandsire 47, Erin 3, Stedman 76.

Major.—Plain Bob 22, Little Bob 1, Kent T. Bob 12, Oxford T. Bob 3, Forward 1, Double Yorkshire 2, Double Oxford 2, Double Norwich C. Bob 16, Superlative Surprise 4, Cambridge Surprise 21.

Caters.—Grandsire 16, Erin 2, Stedman 51, Double Norwich C. Bob 2, Royal.—Plain Bob 1, Kent T. Bob 2, Cambridge Surprise 4.

Cinques.—Grandsire 4, Erin 1, Stedman 125.

Maximus.—Cambridge Surprise 3.

Sextuples.—Stedman 1. Total: 430.



THE LATE MR. HARRY PROUT

In response to a number of friends of the late Mr. Harry Prout, whose obituary appeared on page 518, we are pleased to publish his photograph.

His daughter, Mrs. Hilda K. Willcox, of 8, Newcastle Street, Warsop, Mansfield, Notts, expresses thanks through our columns for the many letters of sympathy and the beautiful wreaths sent from various ringing fraternities.

MR. SAMUEL WARD

An old member of the St. Mary's, Stansted, Essex, band, who had travelled much in his life to Canada and Australia, Mr. Samuel Ward, died on July 27th after a short illness. He was 83.

In his early years he was a ringer at Manuden, near Bishop's Stortford, and while there took part in two peals, one being in six methods, which was conducted by his brother-in-law, Mr. George Prior, a member of a well known Essex ringing family.

Prior to the first world war he went to Australia accompanied by his wife, and returned there several times, the last being some six years ago. It was on one of these voyages that he was pleased to meet the famous band of ringers, led by the late Mr. W. H. Fussell, and this meeting is recorded in 'The Great Adventure,' by Mr. J. S. Goldsmith. He had also been to Canada.

To his memory a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled on August 3rd, at Stansted. Those taking part were A. Warboys 1, H. M. White 2, R. Hayden 3, H. Watts 4, H. Bird 5, F. Tharby 6, F. Bird (cond.) 7, E. Rochester 8.

MR. W. J. PRESCOTT

All those who were fortunate enough to have known Mr. William James Prescott, tower master of Bath Abbey, will regret to learn of his death, after a short illness, on August 7th at the age of 81 years.

'Bill,' as he was affectionately known to his fellow ringers and associates, joined the Abbey band in 1910, and served as tower master there for over 20 years. He is known to have rung nearly 300 peals, the majority of which were accomplished in his native county of Somerset. At one time secretary of the Bath Branch, he was later elected an honorary life member of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.

Two of his proudest moments were associated with Sir Winston (then Mr.) Churchill. The first was the fact that he was the last surviving member of the band of ringers who rang at St. Margaret's, Westminster, over 50 years ago on the occasion of Sir Winston's wedding, and secondly when he was presented to him at the Spa Guildhall in July, 1950, when Sir Winston received the Freedom of Bath.

Of a quiet, assertive disposition, 'Bill' was renowned as the perfect tower master, being gently persuasive yet absolutely thorough in all his many accomplishments. One of his outstanding qualities was the unflinching service he rendered to the young learner.

The funeral service, conducted by the Ven. E. A. Cook, was well attended, and a special prayer of thanksgiving offered for the long life of a great Christian gentleman. Those present included representatives from the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, the Bath Branch, and associate members from various towers in the county. The interment took place at Haycombe Cemetery, where a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells at the graveside by S. A. Read 1-2, H. W. Knight (Wrington) 3-4, R. O. Fry 5-6, W. H. Hurford 7-8.

As a final farewell, a quarter peal of Grandsire Caters was successfully scored, half-muffled, at the Abbey Church of SS. Peter and Paul, by the following members of the Bath Branch: Mrs. D. Evans 1, S. A. Read 2, C. J. A. Brown 3, W. Brown 4, H. D. Taylor 5, G. J. Hawkins (conductor) 6, J. Hallett 7, W. H. Hurford 8, R. O. Fry 9, H. Merritt 10.

We shall always remember 'W. J.' for the grand ringer and conductor that he was, a friendly tower master with a charm of his own, and above all a staunch and sincere churchman.



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THE LATE MR. G. N. PRICE'S PEALS

We are indebted to Mr. C. F. Sayer, librarian to the Herts County Association, for the list of peals rung by the late Mr. G. N. Price, of Oxhey, Herts, who died on February 25th, 1959.

Of his total of 472 peals, no less than 458 were rung between the years of 1893–1913. He also rang four false peals and two others not good enough to be recorded.

In 1901 he called Holt's Original at Oxhey, the average age of the band being 18½ years, and in 1902 he called the first peal on the Alexandra bells in the Queen's Tower, Imperial Institute, South Kensington, for the coronation of King Edward VII and Queen Alexandra. During a week's tour of Devon and Cornwall in 1903 he rang nine peals, and in 1905 he rang three peals of London in 24 hours, and later on three peals of London in three counties in one day—some performance for those days.

His 100th peal was Stedman Triples, non-conducted, at St. George-the-Martyr's, October 31st, 1901, and the one before that was also Stedman Triples, conducted by the Rev. F. E. Robinson, and was also C. F. Winney's 350th peal. In 1906 he rang two peals of Double Norwich at Arklow, Ireland, conducted by George Williams. He called the first peal of London Royal at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, on November 11th, 1907.

Another first he called was Stedman Triples at Sherborne Abbey, on May 20th, 1907, in 3 hours 35 minutes. The peal note states that by ringing this peal the tenor man, Richard T. Hibbert, had now rung a peal on the heaviest ring on 8, 10 and 12 bells, so he did his share on the 46 cwt. tenor.

During the 1909 peal tour of Norfolk and Suffolk, late September and October, he rang eight peals—the last was at Pulham—after which he cycled home to Watford, just over 100 miles, which was good going in those days: he certainly earned his peals the hard way. For his 400th peal he called 5,000 Stedman Caters at St. Peter's, St. Albans, on June 22nd, 1911.

But his greatest feat was when he called a different peal of Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques from each pair ('in hand') of bells. He was the first to accomplish this feat, and also called Carter's Odd Bob peal of Triples from each pair; all the peals of Caters and Cinques had the turning course at the end, thus enhancing the difficulty of the performance.

Appended is the list and the dates.

STEDMAN TRIPLES

1–2.	Thurstans' Five-Part	Sept. 6, 1905.
3–4.	Thurstans' One-Part.	Jan. 16, 1908.
5–6.	J. J. Parker's One-Part.	Jan. 23, 1908.
7–8.	Carter's Odd Bob One-Part.	Aug. 28, 1906.

STEDMAN CATERS

1–2.	5,002.	F. Dench.	Mar. 23, 1905.
3–4.	5,555.	G. Lindoff.	May 26, 1907.
5–6.	6,591.	C. H. Hattersley.	Sept. 5, 1908.
7–8.	5,009.	N. J. Pitstow.	June 1, 1907.
9–10.	5,008.	C. H. Hattersley.	Mar. 20, 1912.

STEDMAN CINQUES

1–2.	5,019.	C. H. Hattersley.	Jan. 1, 1913.
3–4.	5,014.	John Carter.	June 19, 1912.
5–6.	5,002.	C. H. Hattersley.	May 8. 1912.
7–8.	5,021.	John Carter.	Jan. 29, 1913.
9–10.	5,555.	John Carter.	Mar. 9, 1912.
11–12.	5,027.	John Carter.	Feb. 26, 1913.

HIS PEALS

TOWER BELLS

Minor.—Seven methods 6 (conducted 5).

Triples.—Grandsire 24 (10), Bob Triples 1, Stedman 126 (38, one non-conducted).

Major.—Bob Major 7 (3), Kent T.B. 1 (1), Double Norwich 35 (15), Canterbury 1, Oxford T.B. 2.

Surprise Major.—London 45 (6), Bristol 14 (10), Cambridge 14 (3), New Cambridge 1 (1), Superlative 55 (22), New Cumberland 1 (1), Spliced (London, Superlative, Cambridge and Bristol) 2.

Caters.—Stedman 20 (2), Double Norwich 1, Grandsire 2.

Royal.—London Surprise 1 (1), Kent T.B. 6, Double Norwich 1, Plain Bob 1, Oxford T.B. 1.

Cinques.—Stedman 8.

Maximus.—Kent T.B. 2.

Total: 378 (conducted 118).

HANDBELLS

Triples.—Stedman 44 (27, two non-conducted), Grandsire 13 (7).

Major.—Superlative 3 (3), Double Norwich 2 (2), Kent T.B. 1, Plain Bob 5 (2).

Caters.—Stedman 13 (11), Grandsire 2.

Royal.—Plain Bob 1 (1).

Cinques.—Stedman 10 (7).

Total: 94 (conducted 60).

MR. E. C. MARLOW

Another link with the past has been severed by the death of Mr. Edward Charles Marlow, of Warminster, on July 11th. He was 85 years of age and a man of varied accomplishments.

Known affectionately in ringing circles as 'Old Ted,' he had been a keen local ringer for many years. His great passion in life was bell-ringing, which he learned at Codford, Wilts, in 1900. He was a regular Sunday service ringer at Warminster at 80 years of age, and was presented with a silver watch in appreciation of his services spanning over 30 years, on behalf of fellow ringers and friends. During this time he held office as captain, vice-captain and steeple keeper. Except for occasional breaks, his ringing career extended over a period of 55 years.

He taught many young people to ring, and himself learned to ring Stedman at the advanced age of 62. Good striking was always one of his strong points. He had retired from active ringing owing to ill health, but still showed a great interest in ringing in general. His great hope was to hear the rehung Warminster bells ringing again, but this was denied him by four days.

Handbells were rung at the graveside by members of the local band, and a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung at Corsley in the evening.

N. K. and P. R.

REDEDICATION

WARMINSTER, WILTS

The bells of St. Denys', Warminster, were rededicated by the Rev. John Freeman, Vicar of Warminster, at Evensong on Sunday, July 31st.

The bells have been retuned, reclappered and rehung on ball-bearings by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of the Whitechapel Foundry.

QUARTER PEALS

CHURCH KIRK, LANCS.—On July 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (7, 8 covering): B. Martin 1, G. Salmon 2, J. Pilkington 3, C. C. Legg 4, R. Cockshott 5, L. J. Williams 6, P. Cockshott 7, E. Hargreaves 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Mrs. G. Fishwick, by her fellow members of the local band.

FULHAM, LONDON.—On Aug. 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss D. Deverell 1, C. Hayter 2, Mrs. C. Harbot 3, E. Talbot 4, S. Huckle 5, G. Penney (cond.) 6, G. W. Debenham 7, M. Harbot 8. For Evensong.

HITCHAM, BUCKS.—On Aug. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire): M. Sceeny (first quarter) 1, Jennifer Sceeny 2, T. Evans 3, G. J. Berry 4, H. Oglesby (cond.) 5, Joan Bacon 6. Rung half-muffled after the funeral of the organist, Mr. A. Batstone, and his wife, who were killed in a motor accident the previous Sunday.

TOWERS OF THE FENLAND

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Weighing 11 cwt., the tenor breathes 'Christus Perpetue Det Nobis Gaudia Vitae' (May Christ ever give us the Joy of Life).

The first peal in the tower was rung on Tuesday, December 27th, 1910, and consisted of seven different extents of Plain Bob Minor. It was conducted by Mr. Abrams and was the first peal by all the band and was successful at the first attempt.

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LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Half-day outing (private cars), Saturday, September 10th. Meeting point Evercreech, ringing 2.15 p.m. Please bring own tea. Those having spare seats and those requiring same please contact the secretary so as to accommodate as many as possible. Details of route and ringing next issue.—B. Johnson, 10, Lancashire Road, Bristol 7. 6431

VETERANS' REUNION.—September 17th, at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, London. Please send names now to John Euston, 28, Fairmile Avenue, Streatham, S.W.16. All welcome. (No need to write again if you have notified.) Would all tower captains and others remind all veterans to come, or better still bring them along. 6447

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the 'Rising Sun,' Carter Lane, E.C., Saturday, August 20th, 6 p.m. Forthcoming practices: August 30th, St. Lawrence, Jewry, 6.30 p.m.; September 6th, St. Giles', Cripplegate, 6.45; September 13th, Southwark Cathedral, 6.45 p.m. No practices at St. Paul's Cathedral, until further notice.—John Chilcott, Hon. Sec. 6424

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Leverington, Saturday, August 20th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 6409

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Great Staughton, Saturday, August 20th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea, Village Hall, 5. Service 6 p.m.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 6426

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Seale (6), on Saturday, August 20th, from 6 to 9 p.m. 6399

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—South and West District.—Evening meeting, Saturday, August 20th, at St. Mary Abbots, Kensington (near High Street, Kensington, Underground). Ringing 6.30 to 8 p.m.—E. R. Gotham, Hon. Sec. 6420

SUFFOLK GUILD.—West Central District. —Evening meeting at Oakley (6), Saturday, August 20th. Bells 6.30 p.m. 6413

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION .— Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Ringmer (8), Saturday, August 20th. Bells 3 p.m. 6391

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.— Axbridge Deanery.— Practice meeting, Congresbury, Saturday, August 27th. Bells (8) 5 p.m.—David H. White. 6433

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Derby District) & MIDLAND COUNTIES' GUILD — Annual joint meeting at Repton, Saturday, August 27th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. S. Jones, 24, Brook End, Repton.— W. A. Morley, Dis. Sec. 6419

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. —Meeting, Campsall, Saturday, August 27th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those notifying by August 25th the Rev. G. Key, The Vicarage, Campsall, near Doncaster.—R. J. Sanderson. 6445

EAST DERBYSHIRE & NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be at Teversall, on Saturday, August 27th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea only 5 p.m.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 6450

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural.—Meeting at Tytherington, August 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. First meeting here with six bells. —F. Hussey, 39, Gordon Avenue, Whitehall, Bristol 5. 6435

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—Meeting, Corsham (6), Saturday, August 27th, 3 p.m. Service and tea. Names for tea essential by August 25th, to H. Heath, 89, London Road, Chippenham. 6439

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Wittersham, on Saturday, August 27th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Thursday, to Mr. K. Hamilton, 9, Forge Meads, Wittersham, near Tenterden.—C. T. H. 6375

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION —Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Newchurch, near Warrington, Saturday, August 27th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. free. Business follows tea. Names for tea to Rev. E. A. Lee, Newchurch Rectory, Risley, near Warrington.—Thornley. 6455

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch.—Meeting at St. Cuthbert's, Lytham Parish Church, on Saturday, August 27th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.— John F. Turner, Sec. 6436

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.— Meeting at Otley (8), on Saturday, August 27th, at 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided, bring own food. 6397

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Heydour, Saturday, August 27th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea by Monday 22nd, to Rev. L. B. Impson, The Rectory, Welby, Grantham, Lincs.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 6407

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION — Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Wells, August 27th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by the business meeting. Names for tea by Thursday, August 25th, please, to J. Williamson, 47, Staith Street, Wells, Norfolk.—C. Tovell, Hon. Sec. 6422

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD —V.W.H. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Ashbury, Saturday, August 27th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.0 p.m. Longcot bells available in evening. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, August 24th, to R. F. J. Gilling, Branch Sec., Fernham, Faringdon, Berks. 6438

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD —East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Meeting at Chalfont St. Giles, Saturday August 27th. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by 23rd.—Miss Hague, 6, Stompits Road, Holyport, Maidenhead. 6390

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD — Northampton Branch.—Business meeting at Brafield, Saturday, August 27th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous, to E. Billings, 61, Melville Street, Northampton. 6432

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS 1672.—Meeting at Duffield (10), on August 27th, at 3 p.m. No service. Tea available at the cafe. All welcome. 6395

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD — Meeting at St. Mary's, Langdon Hills, Saturday, August 27th, 3 p.m. Please bring own tea. September meeting cancelled. 6443

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Quarterly meeting at Christ Church, Eastbourne, on August 27th Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify tea to F. Beeeney, Sec., Hillbrae, Carters Corner, Hailsham. 6451

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.— Northern District.— Quarterly meeting at Llanfeigan, Brecon, on Saturday, August 27th. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Teas 2s. 6d. Names by August 23rd.—G. Davies, 4, Free Street, Brecon. 6430

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting, Whitby (10), August 27th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea immediately after. Names by Thursday, August 25th, to Mr. John Hodgson, 28, Helredale Road, Whitby. All welcome particularly Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association members.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Sec. 6452

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Branch.— Meeting, Woodbury, Saturday, September 3rd. Bells (8) available 2.30 to 8 p.m. Numbers for tea to J. L. Glanvill, Higher Bagmores, Woodbury. Phone 261.—R. Perry, Sec. 6442

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. District.— Meeting, Tollesbury, Saturday, September 3rd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury. 6448

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Bridgnorth Branch) and SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting at Much Wenlock (8), Saturday, September 3rd, 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, by the Wednesday previous, to Mr. H. Edge, 10, The Crescent, Much Wenlock, Salop. 6454

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION —Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Leigh, on Saturday, September 3rd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea (2s. 6d., per head) 5 p.m. Names for tea, with cash, please, by Wednesday, August 31st, to Mr. B. Pankhurst, 'Chestnuts,' The Green, Leigh, near Tonbridge. 6389

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District.—By-meeting at Cobham, Saturday, September 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday please, to J. Coleman, Cobham Hall, Cobham, Gravesend. 6444

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD — The summer festival will be held at Welford, on Saturday, September 3rd. Committee meeting in the village hall at 3.15 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea. Tickets may be obtained at 3/6d. each C.W.O., from Mr. E. M. Thresher, 22 Watson Road, Long Buckby, Rugby, before August 27th. Towers available: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Great Brington (6), Spratton (5), Yelvertoft (5), Lilbourne (5), Stanford-on-Avon (5). 1 to 2.30 p.m.: West Haddon (5), Ravensthorpe (5), Long Buckby (5), East Haddon (6), Creaton (6). 1 to 3.30 p.m.: Oxendon (5) Hazelbech (8). 2.30 to 3.30 p.m.: Cottesbrooke (6), Naseby (5), Marston Trussell (5), Sibbertoft (5). 2.30 to 4 p.m.: Welford (8). All will be available after tea until 8.30 p.m., with the addition of Guilsborough (6), but with the exception of Spratton, Stanford-on-Avon, Great Brington.— G. W. Jeffs. 6453

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Nottingham District.—Meeting, September 3rd, Attenborough, Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea by August 31st, to Mr. Rose, 'Wyoming,' Nottingham Road, Long Eaton.—S. Adams, Dis. Sec. 6456

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD — Southern District. — Quarterly meeting, Gorseinon, September 3rd. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. All welcome.—J. T. Williams, Dis. Sec. 6446

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Canterbury District) and LADIES' GUILD (Kent Branch).—Combined meeting, Lyminge (8), Saturday, September 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 2s. per head. Names together with cash, please, by August 31st, to Mr. E. J. Martin, 'Woodbury,' Church Road, Lyminge, Folkestone.—T. C. P. 6449

LICHFIELD DIOCESAN RINGING FESTIVAL

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION — Half-yearly ringing meeting, Manchester, at 2.30 p.m. and committee meeting in Manchester Cathedral Chapter House at 4.15, on Saturday, September 17th, 1960. Evensong at 3.30. Bells available: Manchester Cathedral (10) from 2.30 to 3.30, 4 to 5.15 and 6.15 to 9 p.m.; Salford, Sacred Trinity (8) from 2.30 to 3.15 and after tea until 8 p.m. Tea in the Refectory of the Cathedral at 5.15 p.m. Names by Wednesday, September 14th, to Mr. D. Ogden, 8, Carlyn Avenue, Sale, Manchester. 6387

NATIONAL POLICE GUILD. — Special attention is drawn to the fact that the secretary will not be available from now until the end of October. All correspondence respecting the annual meeting in Leicester, on Saturday, September 24th, to be sent to E. C. Turner, 173, Dominion Road, Glenfield, Leicester. Details of annual general meeting will be published later. 6414

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The autumn meeting will be held at Newbury, on Saturday, October 1st. Any motions for inclusion on the agenda must be received by the general secretary before August 19th. The eightieth anniversary of the Guild will be held during 1961. The Guild Festival will be held in Oxford, on Saturday, July 1st, 1961. Will all members please make a note of this date.—M. R. Cross. 6385

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. — Preliminary. The 23rd annual dinner will be held in the Guildhall, Worcester, on Saturday, October 8th, at 5.45 p.m. Tickets (12s. each) shortly available and obtainable from branch officers or J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 6427

QUARTER PEALS

HEAVITREE, EXETER.—On June 5th, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: Mary H. Hall 1, B. A. Shackleton 2, H. W. Woolven 3, R. G. Hooper 4, D. J. Hunt 5, D. P. Jones (cond.) 6, R. G. Leale 7, P. Mehew 8. For Evensong, and to mark the christening, this day, by the Bishop in Exeter Cathedral, of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. N. Mallett, of this tower.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.—On July 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Trott 1, G. R. Crisp 2, R. A. Brown 3, C. R. Longhurst 4, S. A. Price 5, E. F. Packham 6, B. W. White (cond.) 7, C. W. Denyer 8. A wedding compliment to Denis R. Mitchell and June M. Clements (ringers at this church), who were married at Worthing, this day.

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IXWORTH, SUFFOLK.—On July 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Fordham 1, L. Pierce 2, H. King 3, M. Sharpe 4, E. Bishop 5, K. G. Brown (cond.) 6. Rung following the wedding at this church of Miss G. Wilson (chorister at this church to Mr. K. Menual, also as a silver wedding anniversary compliment to the District Ringing Master, Mr. D. Rose, of Rougham.

KEA, CORNWALL.—On Aug. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. F. Dunstan 1, Miss J. Wooders (first 'inside') 2, A. Locke 3, A. J. Davidson 4, C. W. Jose (cond.) 5, M. Trenoweth 6. Rung as a 60th birthday compliment to the Queen Mother.

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PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

OPERATING through 11 branches, with a total membership approaching 1,000 ringing members, the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, whose summer festival is to be held at Welford on September 3rd, occupies an important place among the Guilds affiliated to the Central Council. Many regard the Midlands as being in the forefront of ringing, with such centres as Birmingham and Leicester, but the Peterborough Guild has a worthy record of the main purport of ringing, i.e., for Sunday service, although there are towers, like in all Associations, where conditions need improving. Commenting on this in his last annual report, the general secretary said just over 100 forms were returned as the result of the Sunday Service Survey, and these revealed situations ranging from very good to poor, some of the latter being due to the bad state of the bells and fabric.

Under its present title, the Guild is in its 26th year, but organised ringing goes back very much farther. Its forbears were the Raunds, Wellingborough and District Society, formed in July, 1883, which by the end of that year had 63 members. The name was changed to the Central Northamptonshire Association in 1895, and by the end of the century it was affiliated to the Central Council. A conspicuous member of the Council was the late Mr. Fred Wilford, who served for 32 years. He was also general secretary of the Guild for 14 years. The decision to form a diocesan guild followed a meeting at Wellingborough in 1923, addressed by the Bishop of Peterborough. When the Diocesan Guild was formed the following January two other ringing societies were absorbed—the Oundle and District and the Peterborough and District, which was then a member of the Central Council. The county of Rutland is in this diocese, but it was not until 1933 that a Rutland Branch was formed, which has at present 11 towers possessing Guild members. Another was created in 1930, when the Towcester and District Society sank its individuality to become a branch of the Guild.

The present Master, Mr. Patrick I. Chapman, in his report for 1959 writes encouragingly, and regards the year as one of consolidation and progress. He had visited nine of the 11 branches and was impressed by the increased attendances and the enthusiasm displayed by the large number of teenage members present. This, he states, is clearly the result of a lot of hard work by a considerable number of people. He makes one good point, which we trust will be considered by other Guilds. Many parishes are actively concerned with the Diocesan Stewardship Campaign, and he urges these parishes not to miss the opportunities thus afforded of recruiting beginners from people who want to offer their talents in the service of the Church.

With a total of only 67 peals, the year under review was not prolific, but there were three first peals in the method for the Guild. These were Spliced Surprise in six methods, rung at Daventry, Double Bob Major at Wicken and Grandsire Minor at Cogenhoe. The Master, in congratulating some 20 members who rang their first peal, expresses the hope that they will go on to ring many more. He adds: 'Our chief purpose is to ring bells for service, but it should also be borne in mind that only the best we are capable of giving is good enough. The only way to attain our highest capabilities is by continued and prolonged practice, and the regular ringing of peals is the best way of doing it.'

It is interesting to recall that in the early days of the Guild a gold medal was presented to the member who had rung 100 peals. This was discontinued in 1914 and a new rule passed that a certificate which bore a photograph of Peterborough Cathedral be awarded to all members ringing their first peal. The rule still operates. The year, however, saw one 'gold medallist in spirit,' Mr. Ernest G. Orland, president of the Guilsborough Branch; but two other members passed ringing milestones—Mr. Percy D. Baldock his 150th and the Master his 250th peal.

The general secretary, Mr. G. W. Jeffs, in his report mentions the continued good work of the Bell Restoration Fund, with grants of £30 each to Desborough, Marston Trussell, Woodford and Collingtree, and £20 to Creaton. The fund is healthy, with £615 13s. 10d. to its credit at the end of the year. Marston Trussell bells have been restored after a long period of silence. In the Northampton Branch report mention is made of the excellent work of Mr. George F. Roome and his helpers in overhauling and restoring to ringing order the fine ring of eight bells at St. Mary's, Easton Neston, in the Towcester Branch. This tower had been unavailable for many years owing to the ill health of the late Dowager Lady Hesketh, and to ring here is a great asset to the Branch.

Good luck, Peterborough Diocesan Guild, during 1960–61; may lapsed members be few and the steady work of recruiting new members continue.

PEAL WEEK-END IN DERBYSHIRE

ALL PEALS FOR THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ASHOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

On Sat., July 30, 1960, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 10 lb. in E.

ELIZABETH M. YARDLEY	*Treble*	*DAVID J. PURNELL	5
ELIZABETH A. G. BOWDEN	2	D. JOHN HUNT	6
ALFRED E. RUSHTON	3	DEREK P. JONES	7
RICHARD J. BOWDEN	4	PHILIP MEHEW	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, BART.
Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
* First peal in the method. 250th peal as conductor.

CRICH, DERBYSHIRE.

On Sat., July 30, 1960, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in F sharp.

MALCOLM PHIPPS	*Treble*	DEREK P. JONES	5
ELISABETH A. G. BOWDEN	2	ALFRED E. RUSHTON	6
DOUGLAS H. ROOKE	3	PHILIP MEHEW	7
D. JOHN HUNT	4	HERBERT T. ROOKE	*Tenor*

Composed by ROGER BALDWIN. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.

On Sun., July 31, 1960, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

ELIZABETH M. YARDLEY	*Treble*	ALFRED E. RUSHTON	5
*DAVID J. PURNELL	2	*D. JOHN HUNT	6
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD	3	DEREK P. JONES	7
RONALD J. BULLEN	4	PHILIP MEHEW	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
* First peal in the method.

A CHESHIRE TOUR

ALL PEALS RUNG FOR THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

NANTWICH, CHESHIRE.

On Mon., July 25, 1960, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb.

*PETER DALE	*Treble*	PHILIP G. K. DAVIES	5
NEIL BENNETT	2	A. PETER WHITEHEAD	6
DAVID J. LLEWELLYN	3	ROBERT B. SMITH	7
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Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.
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HYDE, CHESHIRE.

On Tues., July 26, 1960, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 18 cwt. 11 lb.

PHILIP G. K. DAVIES	*Treble*	*DAVID J. LLEWELLYN	5
FREDK. SHALLCROSS	2	NEIL BENNETT	6
A. PETER WHITEHEAD	3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	7
PETER LAFLIN	4	BRIAN HARRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE BOUMPHREY.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

On Tues., July 26, 1960, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

*SHIRLEY HARRIS	*Treble*	PETER LAFLIN	5
†MAUREEN BARKER	2	BRIAN HARRIS	6
NEIL BENNETT	3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	7
DAVID J. LLEWELLYN	4	BASIL JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.
* 75th peal. † First peal.

STALYBRIDGE, CHESHIRE.

On Wed., July 27, 1960, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 8 lb. in F.

PETER LAFLIN	*Treble*	*A. PETER WHITEHEAD	5
PHILIP G. K. DAVIES	2	NEIL BENNETT	6
*FREDK. SHALLCROSS	3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	7
*DAVID J. LLEWELLYN	4	BRIAN HARRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.
* First peal of London Surprise. First of London as conductor.

ECCLES, LANCASHIRE.

On Wed., July 27, 1960, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb.

*A. PETER WHITEHEAD	*Treble*	ROLAND F. ECCLES	5
NEIL BENNETT	2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	6
FREDK. SHALLCROSS	3	BRIAN HARRIS	7
†DAVID J. LLEWELLYN	4	PETER LAFLIN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by NEIL BENNETT.
* 25th peal. † First of D.N.C.B. First of D.N.C.B. as conductor.

ASHTON, LANCASHIRE.

On Thurs., July 28, 1960, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In three methods, being 1,760 each of Cambridge and Yorkshire and 1,600 Lincolnshire: with 84 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

NEIL BENNETT	*Treble*	*A. PETER WHITEHEAD	5
*DAVID J. LLEWELLYN	2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	6
FREDK. SHALLCROSS	3	PETER LAFLIN	7
PHILIP G. K. DAVIES	4	BRIAN HARRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by PHILIP G. K. DAVIES. Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise. First in three Surprise methods by all the band.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

On Thurs., July 28, 1960, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5056 WARWICKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

*DAVID J. LLEWELLYN	*Treble*	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	5
BASIL JONES	2	*A. PETER WHITEHEAD	6
*FREDK. SHALLCROSS	3	*BRIAN HARRIS	7
*NEIL BENNETT	4	*ROBERT B. SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by BASIL JONES.
* First peal in the method.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.

On Fri., July 29, 1960, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5088 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb.

BRIAN HARRIS	*Treble*	†PETER DALE	5
PHILIP G. K. DAVIES	2	NEIL BENNETT	6
FREDK. SHALLCROSS	3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	7
*DAVID J. LLEWELLYN	4	A. PETER WHITEHEAD	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by LESLIE BOUMPHREY.
* First peal of New Cambridge. † First of Surprise 'inside.'
The above peals were rung as a tribute to Mr. William Birmingham, for his services to the Exercise.

A YORKSHIRE PEAL WEEK

ALL PEALS RUNG FOR THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

PONTEFRACT, YORKSHIRE.

On Tues., Aug. 2, 1960, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

MARION ARCHER	*Treble*	PETER SCHOLFIELD	5
B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD	2	H. DAVID HOLLAND	6
RITA M. JOWETT	3	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	7
HOWARD SCOTT	4	IAN M. HOLLAND	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by IAN M. HOLLAND.

CROFTON, YORKSHIRE.

On Wed., Aug. 3, 1960, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Comprising seven different extents. Tenor 15½ cwt.

HOWARD SCOTT	*Treble*	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	4
MARION ARCHER	2	IAN M. HOLLAND	5
GEOFFREY TOWNEND	3	KENNETH PARK	*Tenor*

Conducted by IAN M. HOLLAND.

CAMPSALL, YORKSHIRE.

On Wed., Aug. 3, 1960, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5000 SPLICED MAJOR
Being 1,080 Little Bob and 3,920 Plain Bob, with 250 changes of method. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb

PETER SCHOLFIELD	*Treble*	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	5
RITA M. JOWETT	2	GEOFFREY TOWNEND	6
B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD	3	KENNETH PARK	7
HOWARD SCOTT	4	IAN M. HOLLAND	*Tenor*

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

BOLSTERSTONE, YORKSHIRE.
On Fri., Aug. 5, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5120 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.

MARION ARCHER	*Treble*	CYRIL RUSBY	5
HOWARD SCOTT	2	†W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	6
*DAVID HODSON	3	IAN M. HOLLAND	7
PETER SCHOLFIELD	4	H. DAVID HOLLAND	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by IAN M. HOLLAND.
* First peal of Surprise. † 500th peal.

CAWTHORNE, YORKSHIRE.
On Fri., Aug. 5, 1960, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being one extent each of Sandal, Duke of Norfolk, London Scholars', College Exercise, Kingston, Norbury and Oxford. Tenor 9 cwt. in F.

MARION ARCHER	*Treble*	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	4
HOWARD SCOTT	2	H. DAVID HOLLAND	5
CYRIL RUSBY	3	IAN M. HOLLAND	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

CONISBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.
On Sat., Aug. 6, 1960, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt.

MARION ARCHER	*Treble*	IAN M. HOLLAND	5
ELIZABETH A. WARDILL	2	H. DAVID HOLLAND	6
PETER SCHOLFIELD	3	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	7
HOWARD SCOTT	4	RICHARD E. PRICE	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by RICHARD E. PRICE.

BRISTOL AREA WEEK

ARRANGED FOR HERBERT W. WOOLVEN.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Aug. 12, 1960, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY AND UNDIVIDED TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

DON E. COBB	*Treble*	DON C. EXELL	5
*CLIFF RICHARDS	2	BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON	6
†MICHAEL J. HOBBS	3	REGINALD G. HOOPER	7
D. JOHN HUNT	4	HERBERT W. WOOLVEN	*Tenor*

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by HERBERT W. WOOLVEN.
* First peal of Plain Bob Major. † First on eight bells.

WINFORD, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Aug. 11, 1960, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in five methods, viz.: Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Combined Kent and Oxford, two of Kent and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON	*Treble*	‡DAVID J. PURNELL	4
*HERBERT W. WOOLVEN	2	PATRICK J. BIRD	5
†GILLIAN M. HUSSEY	3	FRANCIS C. MOGFORD	*Tenor*

Conducted by PATRICK J. BIRD.
* First peal in more than one method. † First in five methods. ‡ First of Minor.

COMPTON DANDO, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Aug. 11, 1960, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Tenor 14¼ cwt. in F.

*†REGINALD G. HOOPER	*Treble*	*§BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON	4
†‡D. JOHN HUNT	2	§HERBERT W. WOOLVEN	5
§CLIFF RICHARDS	3	FRANCIS C. MOGFORD	*Tenor*

Extents called alternately by each ringer.
* 25th peal together. † 25th peal together. ‡ 50th peal. § First of Grandsire Doubles.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Aug. 8, 1960, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK (Lord Mayor's Chapel),
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES
Tenor 12 cwt. in F.

*†MICHAEL J. HOBBS	*Treble*	REGINALD G. HOOPER	4
‡D. JOHN HUNT	2	*HERBERT W. WOOLVEN	5
‡§BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON	3	FRANCIS C. MOGFORD	*Tenor*

Conducted by the ringers of 2, 3, 4 and 5.
* First peal of Doubles. † First in the method. ‡ First of Stedman Doubles. § 25th peal. 175th peal for R. G. Hooper. First in the method on the bells.
Rung on the 21st wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Mogford.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 10, 1960, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

ALBERT M. TYLER	*Treble*	R. JAMES COOK	6
MARY HALL	2	HERBERT W. WOOLVEN	7
*CLIFF RICHARDS	3	D. JOHN HUNT	8
FRANCIS C. MOGFORD	4	DON E. COBB	9
BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON	5	REGINALD G. HOOPER	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by ALBERT M. TYLER.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

SHREWSBURY, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 23, 1960, in 3 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 39 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in B.

G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	*Treble*	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	7
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	2	GEORGE E. FEARN	8
RUTH M. BORDER	3	RALPH G. EDWARDS	9
JOHN A. ANDERSON	4	JOHN H. CRAMPION	10
RODERICK W. PIPE	5	PETER BORDER	11
JOHN MCDONALD	6	CECIL W. PIPE	*Tenor*

Arranged by PETER BORDER. Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

BRISTOL.
UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
On Sat., Aug. 13, 1960, in 3 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, REDCLIFFE,
A PEAL OF 5237 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 50 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in B.

DENIS N. LAYTON	*Treble*	J. MICHAEL LAKIN	7
*VALERIE W. WILLARD	2	JOHN ARMSTRONG	8
DENNIS BERESFORD	3	ALAN F. THIRST	9
†PHILIP M. J. GRAY	4	NOEL J. DISERENS	10
‡MICHAEL ROSE	5	RICHARD E. PRICE	11
‡DEREK E. SIBSON	6	JOHN H. GILBERT	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by DENNIS BERESFORD.
* First peal of Cinques on tower bells. † First of Cinques. ‡ First on 12 and of Stedman.

READING, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 13, 1960, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,
AT THE MUNICIPAL CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 23¼ cwt.

BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON	*Treble*	JANET LIVINGSTONE	7
REGINALD G. HOOPER	2	MICHAEL HATCHETT	8
WILLIAM HIBBERT	3	FREDERICK A. H. WILKINS	9
PATRICIA LEWINGTON	4	FRANCIS A. WHITE	10
BRIAN R. WHITE	5	TUDOR P. EDWARDS	11
HERBERT W. WOOLVEN	6	DAVID LIVINGSTONE	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by REGINALD G. HOOPER.

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TEN BELL PEALS

LEYLAND, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 6, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 23¼ cwt.

Thomas Barker	*Treble*	G. Alec Dimmock	6
Cyril Crossthwaite	2	*John H. Owen	7
*Maryl R. Crossthwaite	3	Lawrence Walmsley	8
John H. Gartside	4	W. John Couperthwaite	9
*Donald Lawson	5	†Anthony R. Mann	*Tenor*

Composed by G. W. Debenham. Conducted by Cyril Crossthwaite.
* First peal of Royal. † First of Royal on tower bells.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 13, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

Brian D. Threlfall	*Treble*	Alan Rogers	6
Joan Beresford	2	Michael P. Moreton	7
Kathleen M. Chilcott	3	Frank E. Darby	8
Stewart F. Kimber	4	Michael V. Chilcott	9
David E. Parsons	5	John E. Chilcott	*Tenor*

Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by Joan Beresford.

CLAINES, WORCESTER.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 13, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
A PEAL OF 5075 GRANDSIRE CATERS

R. George Morris	*Treble*	Reginald Woodyatt	6
Thomas W. Lewis	2	John J. Stanier	7
David Beacham	3	Denis R. Morris	8
John G. Slater	4	George E. Evenden	9
Allen Morgan	5	Harvey Homans	*Tenor*

Composed by Chas. W. Roberts. Conducted by Reginald Woodyatt.
100th peal in the tower.
A wedding compliment to the Rev. Peter Chippendale (assistant priest) and Mrs. Chippendale. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., July 26, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 14 cwt.

*Linda Gott	*Treble*	David S. Lockwood	5
David Cubitt	2	Wilfrid F. Moreton	6
*John A. Sykes	3	Geoffrey Townend	7
W. Eric Critchley	4	Kenneth Park	*Tenor*

Composed by F. Nolan Golden. Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.
* First attempt for a peal.

ALDERSHOT, HAMPSHIRE.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 30, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael-the-Archangel,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*Robert W. Bragg	*Treble*	W. Kenneth Williamson	5
Will H. Viggers	2	Tom Page	6
Stella Tate-Mitchell	3	Charles W. Denyer	7
Dugald Macpherson	4	Edward J. Bragg	*Tenor*

Conducted by Charles W. Denyer.
* First peal and first attempt. First peal on the newly-recast ring. With the exception of the conductor, all are Aldershot ringers.

DERBY.
THE SOUTH DERBYSHIRE & NORTH LEICESTERSHIRE ASSN.
On Tues., Aug. 2, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew, Litchurch.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in E.

*Reginald Barker	*Treble*	‡Edwin D. Thomas	5
†Noreen P. Wickham	2	Edwin Walklate	6
†Deborah Wilson	3	David K. Walklate	7
†Edward H. Willows	4	*John Ansell	*Tenor*

Composed by N. Golden. Conducted by David K. Walklate.
* First peal on eight bells. † First of Bob Triples. ‡ First peal.
Rung in memoriam George Freebrey.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 8, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5088 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb. in A flat.

Peter M. Adcock	*Treble*	Roderick W. Pipe	5
*Roger L. K. Whittell	2	Cecil W. Pipe	6
Charles J. Sedgley	3	†Trevor N. J. Bailey	7
Bernard W. Fairhead	4	‡Leslie N. Melton	*Tenor*

Composed by Chas. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.
* 25th peal. † 100th peal. ‡ 75th peal.

HENBURY, BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 10, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's One-Part. Tenor 21¼ cwt. in E flat.

*Elisabeth A. G. Bowden	*Treble*	†David J. Purnell	5
Philip M. J. Gray	2	J. Anthony Bennett	6
George Locke	3	*Richard J. Bowden	7
†Bryan Huddleston	4	Anthony W. T. Cleaver	*Tenor*

Conducted by Philip M. J. Gray.
* 100th peal. † First of Triples.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 11, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5152 TRURO SURPRISE MAJOR

Celia F. Whitfeld	*Treble*	H. George Hart	5
Elsie K. Hart	2	Terry Earle	6
Alick Cutler	3	Kenneth R. Dunstan	7
*Adrian J. Tumber	4	John R. Mayne	*Tenor*

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by John R. Mayne.
* 50th peal of Surprise. First in the method by all the band, and on the bells. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.

GREASLEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.
On Sat., Aug. 13, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.

*Keith Marriott	*Treble*	Donald J. Beach	5
P. Mary Beach	2	Peter Nix	6
Frederick A. Salter	3	F. Neville Pailing	7
S. Patricia M. Nix	4	James H. Pailing	*Tenor*

Composed by Edward Francis. Conducted by F. Neville Pailing.
* First peal. First in the method by all the band, except the ringer of the third. A birthday compliment to Mrs. P. Mary Beach.

MUCH WENLOCK, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 13, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
At the Church of The Holy Trinity.
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 8 lb. in E.

E. Marion Key	*Treble*	Robert J. Warrilow	5
Barnabas G. Key	2	Richard J. Warrilow	6
Cynthia Bibby	3	Arthur Pritchard	7
*Brian J. Wylde	4	David W. Friend	*Tenor*

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by David W. Friend.
* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.
A 20th birthday compliment to Cynthia Bibby.

FARNWORTH-WITH-KEARSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Aug. 7, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt. 8 lb. in G.

*Michael Arrowsmith	*Treble*	James Cunliffe	5
Albert Greenhalgh	2	Thos. W. Smith	6
John Rigby	3	Geoffrey Fothergill	7
Fred W. Brownlow	4	Joseph Thornley	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Geoffrey Fothergill.
* First peal. First of Major as conductor.
Rung as a farewell to the assistant priest at this church, the Rev. Edmund A. Lever, after a happy ministry.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 8, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
A PEAL OF 5120 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Ernest Morris	*Treble*	John A. Acres	5
Gordon A. Halls	2	A. James Poynor	6
Mrs. G. A. Halls	3	Brian G. Warwick	7
*Brian M. Smith	4	John M. Jelley	*Tenor*

Composed by Ernest W. Tipler (No. B68).
Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.
* First peal in the method 'inside.' Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

WOBURN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 13, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, containing 1,312 Bristol and 1,280 each of London, Cambridge and Superlative, with 112 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in D

James G. Newman	*Treble*	*James R. Taylor	5
Ruth M. Border	2	Patrick I. Chapman	6
Jennifer M. Davies	3	Alfred E. Rushton	7
Ronald J. Sharp	4	Peter Border	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Peter Border.
* 50th peal.
Rung with the best wishes of the band for the future happiness of Stephen Ivin and Avril Thackray, married earlier in the day at the Church of All Saints, Houghton Conquest.

SIX BELL PEALS

MARLESFORD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., June 25, 1960, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B., and two of Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. in A flat.

CECIL W. PIPE	*Treble*	RODERICK W. PIPE	4
CLIFFORD R. LOVETT	2	ERNEST G. PEARCE	5
JAMES BENNETT	3	RONALD W. STEWARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

LANGHAM, RUTLAND.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 23, 1960, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise and two of Plain Bob.
Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

ANTHONY D. SANSOM	*Treble*	ALAN J. FROST	4
DIANA M. LAWLESS	2	DAVID W. JAMES	5
DAVID R. PERKINS	3	BARRIE HENDRY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN J. FROST.

MARLESFORD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., July 29, 1960, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Oxford T.B. and two each of Kent T.B., St. Clement's Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. in A flat.

ERNEST G. PEARCE	*Treble*	JAMES BENNETT	4
ALAN J. CLARKE	2	DAVID H. BUXTON	5
RODERICK W. PIPE	3	LESLIE N. MELTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

ASTON-INGHAM, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 30, 1960, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5040 REVERSE CANTERBURY PLEASURE BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (six callings). Tenor 5 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

*WILLIAM E. SPIERS	*Treble*	CHARLES PHILLIPS	4
*LEONARD SMITH	2	*MICHAEL V. POWELL	5
REGINALD G. POWELL	3	*JOY SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD G. POWELL.
* First peal in the method.

KINGSBURY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., July 30, 1960, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 16 cwt. 16 lb. in E.

*KEITH C. RICHARDS	*Treble*	D. KEITH LANE	4
†STEPHEN J. PERRY	2	WALTER G. LANE	5
DONALD L. HOOPER	3	GORDON H. LANE	*Tenor*

Conducted by GORDON H. LANE.
* First peal. † First in the method 'inside.' First peal on the bells since augmentation from five to six.

SULGRAVE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 30, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent of Wells and two each of London, Beverley and Cambridge. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr.

J. GEORGE SHELLARD	*Treble*	MONTAGUE SAUNDERS	4
BARRY SAUNDERS	2	WILLIAM A. YATES	5
WILLIAM J. CHESTER	3	GEORGE W. HOLLAND	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE W. HOLLAND.
Rung in memoriam George J. Shellard, ringer at this tower for 50 years, and Frederick Carter, churchwarden and friend of all bellringers.

HARMONDSWORTH, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 6, 1960, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

DAVID G. PICKETT	*Treble*	DENNIS MORGAN	4
*EDGAR T. SKIPSEY	2	*DOUGLAS BONIFACE	5
MALCOLM G. LANE	3	CHRISTOPHER FYNES	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER FYNES.
* First peal.

BREEDON-ON-THE-HILL, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE SOUTH DERBYSHIRE & NORTH LEICESTERSHIRE ASSN.
On Mon., Aug. 1, 1960, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND HARDULPH,
A PEAL OF 6000 DOUBLES

Being 14 extents of Plain Bob and 36 Reverse Canterbury.
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in F sharp.

JAMES A. ROBINSON	*Treble*	FREDERICK HINDS	4
REGINALD BARKER	2	EDWARD H. WILLOWS	5
DAVID K. WALKLATE	3	JOHN ANSELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Geoffrey Bridges.

GNOSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Aug. 6, 1960, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents, with no 65's at backstroke.
Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

*HARRY BOSWELL	*Treble*	BRIAN J. WYLDE	4
ARTHUR PRITCHARD	2	RICHARD J. WARRILOW	5
BARNABAS G. KEY	3	DAVID W. FRIEND	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID W. FRIEND.
* 200th peal. First of Surprise as conductor.

SPROUGHTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 6, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

*MRS. H. IVINGS	*Treble*	GEORGE E. SYMONDS	4
JOHN E. IVINGS	2	ROBERT E. LESTER	5
HUBERT A. MITSON	3	RONALD W. STEWARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT E. LESTER.
* First peal of Minor.
A compliment to Jane Staines and Paul Fletcher, married prior to the peal. Also to John L. Girt and Shirley Hill, members of the Suffolk Guild, married at the same time, at St. Anne's, Stamford Hill.

STOWTING, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 6, 1960, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 6¼ cwt.

*ALAN BERRY	*Treble*	NICHOLAS J. DAVIES	4
†PAUL A. BATCHELOR	2	CRAWFORD T. HILLIS	5
†PHILIP E. DEVERILL	3	DENNIS A. CHAPMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by CRAWFORD T. HILLIS.
* First peal. † First in the method.
Rung to celebrate the birth of Helen Margaret, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Chapman.

TATTERSHALL, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 6, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Single Court and Plain Bob and three of Single Oxford. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in G.

RONALD G. RUSSELL	*Treble*	FREDERICK DERRY	4
PHILIP C. PITCHFORD	2	*J. EDWARD BROWN	5
EDGAR A. COLE	3	JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.
* First peal in three Minor methods 'inside.'

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BALSCOTE, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Aug. 7, 1960, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
At Home Farm, Balscote,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 14 extents each of Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 1 cwt. 22 lb. in C.

Joseph M. Stretton ..	*Treble*	William Ivings	4
Edmund E. Pearson.. ..	2	*W. Norman Genna.. ..	5
Christopher C. Clarke ..	3	†Charles O. S. Jarvis ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by Edmund E. Pearson.
* First peal of Doubles. † First peal. First peal on the lightest ring of six in the world.

BARKSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 8, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt.

*Christopher S. Noakes	*Treble*	George A. Ingleby	4
Denis A. Frith	2	James R. Holmes	5
*Colin McCartney	3	J. Michael Simpson.. ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by Denis A. Frith.
* First peal.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 8, 1960, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in G.

Michael Read	*Treble*	Alfred Broughton	4
Reg. Matthews	2	George Broughton	5
John Woodward	3	Margaret White	*Tenor*

Conducted by George Broughton.
Rung by the local Sunday ringers for the induction of the Rev. Dr. H. L. McDonald Liegeois.

MORETON CORBET, SHROPSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 13, 1960, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Bartholomew,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

*G. Arnold Moore.. ..	*Treble*	‡K. Peter Jones	4
†Philip J. Evans	2	F. Hector Bennett ..	5
‡Charles A. S. Webb ..	3	‡Geoffrey Davies	*Tenor*

Conducted by Geoffrey Davies.
* 100th peal for the Association. † First of Surprise. ‡ First of Minor in the method. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr.

BURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Tues., Aug. 9, 1960, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Botolph and Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being one extent each of Wells, Durham, Surfleet, Beverley, York, London and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

*David H. Buxton	*Treble*	*Roger L. K. Whittell..	4
*Roderick W. Pipe	2	Peter S. Bedford	5
Jack Pilgrim	3	*Leslie N. Melton	*Tenor*

Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.
* First peal of Surprise Minor.

RIPPLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 13, 1960, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire. Tenor 13 cwt.

Frank Lawrence	*Treble*	Charles Haylings	4
*Derek Price	2	Martyn Hawkes	5
John Clements	3	Leonard Dovey..	*Tenor*

Conducted by Derek Price.
* First peal of Doubles. First as conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Aug. 7, 1960, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
In St. Thomas' Belfry,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 15 in C.

Brian G. Warwick	1—2	John A. Acres	5—6
Diana J. Perrins	3—4	John M. Jelley	7—8
Ernest Morris	9—10		

Composed by Wilfrid F. Moreton. Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.
Conducted by Robert B. Smith.
First peal in four Minor methods 'in hand' by all.

SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Aug. 9, 1960, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
At Whirlow Grange,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor size 17 in A.

Edwin A. Lewis	1—2	Wilfrid F. Moreton ..	5—6
Richard F. B. Speed ..	3—4	Rev. M. C. C. Melville	7—8

Composed by F. Nolan Golden. Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.

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LOUGHBOROUGH

The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

BATHWICK, BATH.—On Aug. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Miss M. Viner 1, Mrs. P. Newman 2, R. S. M. Stubbs 3, Miss J. P. Crees 4, H. C. Newman (cond.) 5, L. C. Cooper 6, P. R. Stubbs 7, K. Harrison 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. W. J. Prescott, who passed away on August 7th.

BLETCHINGLEY, SURREY.—On Aug. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. J. Beeson 1, V. Griggs 2, Miss B. Saggers 3, W. Dunn 4, F. W. Bird 5, W. Inwood 6, G. Olliver (cond.) 7, J. Burgess 8. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

BRAMLEY, SURREY.—On July 23rd, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. I. Vaughan 1, Miss J. M. Lane 2, Miss A. J. Martin 3, C. C. Pain 4, D. A. R. May 5, P. G. Smart (cond.) 6.

BRAY, BERKS.—On Aug. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Wenda Harris 1, Pamela Jervis 2, Linda Kew 3, Diana Harris 4, B. May 5, J. Blackwood 6, K. Walters (cond.) 7, J. E. Norsworthy 8. First of Triples 1, 4, 5 and 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Ronald Russell, aged 39, brother of late Ringing Master, who was interred this day.

BRISTOL.—At St. Ambrose's, on June 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. D. M. Bennett 1, M. J. Hobbs 2, M. J. Hoskins (first 'inside') 3, R. G. Hooper 4, B. A. Shackleton (cond.) 5, F. R. Hussey 6. Also on Aug. 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. W. Woolven 1, F. J. Sampson 2, M. J. Hobbs (first of Stedman) 3, G. M. Hussey 4, R. J. Cook 5, R. G. Hooper 6, B. A. Shackleton (cond.) 7, D. J. Hunt 8. First of Grandsire Doubles and Stedman Triples as conductor.

BURES, SUFFOLK.—On Aug. 7th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: C. Bower 1, Miss E. R. M. Cansdale 2, Mrs. L. Mills 3, Miss J. M. Spurgin 4, D. L. Mills (cond.) 5, D. W. Brooks (first in method) 6, L. D. Mills 7, A. W. Cansdale 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss J. M. Spurgin.

CHELTENHAM, GLOS.—On Aug. 11th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss P. Tyler (first of Caters) 1, Miss S. Parsons 2, W. Newman 3, C. Burridge 4, W. Dyer 5, W. A. Farmer (cond.) 6, Miss V. Willard 7, P. Baker 8, T. Borcham 9, J. Tyler 10. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. C. A. Wratten and Miss M. A. Birch.

CHOBHAM, SURREY.—On Aug. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles Anne Jupp (first quarter) 1, C. Hill 2, D. G. Blows 3, J. W. Priest 4, Roy Collins (cond.) 5, Ron Collins 6. For the Patronal Festival.

COFFINSWELL, DEVON.—On Aug. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Patricia Sharpe (aged 14, first quarter) 1, I. Hay (first 'inside') 2, Heather Hood 3, E. M. Atkins (cond.) 4, M. D. S. Hood 5, D. McCollough 6. By St. Michael's, Teignmouth, band.

CONGLETON, CHESHIRE.—On Aug. 10th, 1,440 Surprise Minor (720 each of Sandiacre and Newcastle): J. Riley 1, N. Sherratt (cond.) 2, W. Sherratt 3, R. A. Challinor 4, P. A. Mason 5, R. Worrall 6.

DAMERHAM, HANTS.—On Aug. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Molly Baverstock (first quarter) 1, N. Bush (first 'inside') 2, C. N. Baverstock (first quarter) 3, J. Baverstock 4, P. K. Waterman (cond.) 5, G. H. Baverstock (first quarter) 6.

EASTCHURCH, KENT.—On Aug. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Judith White (first quarter) 1, Marion Wash 2, P. M. Wilkinson (cond.) 3, J. Mason 4, H. Hayward 5, P. P. Lapham (first quarter) 6. Rung as a farewell to Peter Lapham, who is leaving the district.

EWELL, SURREY.—On July 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Maureen Candy (first in method) 1, H. E. Good 2, Gladys Anderson (first in method) 4, A. S. Besant 4, J. E. Beams 5, D. G. Spittle 6, D. A. Carpenter (cond.) 7, P. Ford 8. Rung for the impending marriage of Maureen Candy to Graham Quincey, on August 6th.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On Aug. 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Sylvia Curtis 1, C. Denyer 2, R. North 3, E. Box 4, S. Meadows 5, J. Marr 6, E. J. Wells (cond.) 7, D. Elsmore 8. For Evensong.

FISHTOFT, LINCS.—On Aug. 9th, 1,260 Minor (Double Court, Single Oxford and Double Bob): G. C. Rix 1, B. E. Matthews 2, J. Thorley 3, A. W. A. Leggett 4, F. K. Williamson 5, J. M. Thorley (cond.) 6.

GREAT BARRINGTON, GLOS.—On Aug. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. Katherine Hall (first away from tenor) 1, Suzanne Cambray (first 'inside') 2, Brenda Hall 3, W. J. Dixon 4, T. W. Timms (cond.) 5, L. M. Acock (first quarter) 6. Rung for evening service and arranged as a 16th birthday compliment to Suzanne Cambray (August 11th).

QUARTER PEALS

HEMYOCK, DEVON.—On July 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. White 1, L. Morrell 2, L. Mutters (cond.) 3, L. Hart 4, T. Bright (first quarter) 5, R. Mutters 6. Rung by a Sunday service band to welcome the first son to Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Eley.

HOLME-PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On Aug. 14th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: S. Meredith 1, R. Blackshaw 2, Doreen Armstrong 3, M. Harrison 4, F. Bradley 5, J. Higgs (first quarter as cond.) 6. Rung for the wedding of Miss D. J. Parker and Mr. B. Longley.

HORSELL, SURREY.—On July 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (780 Grandsire and 480 Plain Bob): D. Priestley 1, Miss J. Drury 2, J. Martin 3, G. Oliver 4, B. Priestley (cond.) 5, Miss P. Drury 6. For Evensong, and as a compliment to D. Wright, on his engagement. Also on July 10th, 1,260 Doubles (360 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 360 Plain Bob and 540 Grandsire): C. Cobbett 1, Miss J. Drury 2, Miss P. Drury 3, D. Wright 4, J. Martin (cond.) 5, D. Cooper 6. For children's service. Also on July 24th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): S. Allen (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Drury 2, Miss P. Drury (100th quarter) 3, G. Oliver 4, B. Priestley (cond.) 5, J. Martin 6.

INVERNESS.—At the Cathedral, on Aug. 7th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Miss J. E. Cleeve 1, A. J. Strathdee 2, Miss A. Barr 3, R. G. Smith 4, I. H. Oram (cond.) 5, M. W. Fairey 6, C. M. Smith 7, P. N. Bond 8. Rung by the St. Christopher's Society, for Evensong.

KING'S NORTON, WORCS.—On July 10th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Ann E. Fellows (first of Grandsire Caters) 1, Linda M. Hughes 2, J. Mary Funnell 3, Tonie J. Critchley 4, Alma M. Greaves 5, Veronica M. Miles 6, Susan Funnell 7, R. W. Pope (cond.) 8, R. J. Gay 9, K. H. Scrimshall 10. First of Grandsire Caters 'inside' for 4 and 9. For Matins.

LECHLADE, GLOS.—On Aug. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Gillian S. M. Walsh (first quarter) 1, G. W. Land (first in the method) 2, H. N. Evans 3, A. J. King 4, P. Kirby (cond.) 5, J. Ryman 6. For Evensong, by members of the Sunday serpice band. Also as a birthday compliment to H.R.H. Princess Anne.

LEEDS, YORKS.—At the Church of St. Matthew, Holbeck, on July 30th, 1,344 Cambridge Surprise Major: F. A. Munday 1, Joan M. Dawson 2, Shirley Mudd 3, R. J. Lumley 4, J. Gibson 5, P. M. Dawson 6, N. Smith (cond.) 7, A. Smith 8. First of Surprise Major for 2, 3 and 4.

LLANDAFF, GLAM.—On Aug. 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. J. King 1, S. Dearden 2, B. Taylor (first of Stedman Triples) 3, D. King 4, T. Lewis 5, G. Davis 6, T. Yeomans (cond.) 7, N. James 8. Rung for the visit of H.M. the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh to attend the thanksgiving service at the Cathedral on completion of restoration. Also a wedding compliment to Philip Goodfellow and Christine Chapman, married this day, at St. Julian's, Newport.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.—At St. Margaret's, on Aug. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Utton 1, B. V. Hindes 2, L. M. Raphael 3, A. E. Crowe 4, R. C. L. Brown 5, M. J. Parker (cond.) 6. First quarter of Minor for all the band. Rung for the junior church service.

LUPPITT, DEVON.—On Aug. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Middleton 1, A. J. Crabb 2, Miss M. P. Barnard 3, C. Churchill (cond.) 4, J. Sage 5, F. Sage 6. Rung after their wedding, as a compliment to Raymond Broom (a local ringer) and Miss Irene Griffin.

MADRON, CORNWALL.—On Aug. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Davey (first quarter) 1, Mrs. R. E. White 2, G. W. Taysom 3, Rev. G. Ruming 4, B. Toms (first as cond.) 5, M. Nicholls 6.

MALDON, ESSEX.—On Aug. 10th, 1,360 Plain Bob Major: Ann Vowles (first quarter) 1, B. G. Mann 2, Alison Mann 3, J. Clarke 4, S. C. Easter 5, F. B. Lufkin (cond.) 6, I. Panton 7, A. Hubble 8. A compliment to Mr. L. Jelly (headmaster of All Saints' School and choirmaster of All Saints') and Mrs. Jelly, on the occasion of their wedding anniversary.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On Aug. 14th, 1,440 Spliced Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor: H. King 1, Ann Hancock 2, Wendy Bowak 3, M. McQuistan 4, J. McPhail 5, W. Wedlock (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to Martin McQuistan.

The peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, rung at Mells, on July 30th (see page 539), was composed by Nolan Golden.

OAKHAM, RUTLAND.—On Aug. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (on the back six): Miss E. M. Wisehall 1, Mrs. E. M. Hill 2, Miss M. Birch 3, R. J. Hill (cond.) 4, F. J. Stimson 5, M. E. Stracey 6. First of Minor for 1, 2, and 3.

PORT BURY, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): C. Brown (first quarter) 1, Monica Horseman 2, V. James (first in two methods) 3, G. Watt 4, M. Horseman (cond.) 5, R. Haskins 6. Rung as an engagement compliment to Tony York, of R.A.F., Locking, and Lichfield, and Mary Powell, of Nailsea.

POWDERHAM, DEVON.—On Aug. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: I. Hay (aged 13, first quarter) 1, Heather Hood 2, Philippa Russell (aged 13, first 'inside') 3, E. M. Atkins (cond.) 4, M. D. S. Hood 5, D. McCollough (first quarter) 6. Also on Aug. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Elizabeth Rossiter (aged 14, first quarter) 1, E. M. Atkins (cond.) 2, D. McCollough (first 'inside') 3, Heather Hood 4, M. D. S. Hood 5, A. Mackenzie (first quarter) 6. By St. Michael's, Teignmouth, band.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On Aug. 14th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Heath (from Barnes, first quarter) 1, M. Lewis 2, B. Coatsworth 3, A. Clayton 4, C. Mew (cond.) 5, B. Bull 6. First of Plain Bob Doubles for all. For Matins.

RANDWICK, NEW SOUTH WALES.—On June 26th, 1,260 Doubles (60 Stedman, 240 Grandsire and 480 each Old and Plain Bob): J. C. Sheehy 1, W. D. Watson 2, J. H. Fryer 3, Audrey E. Peters (first on tower bells as cond.) 4, W. M. Rowe 5, J. Y. Seymour (first quarter) 6.

ST. MARY CRAY, KENT.—On Aug. 14th, 1,140 Doubles (Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury, April Day and Grandsire): S. Hardy 1, F. Gorringe 2, B. Aldridge 3, F. G. Wheeler 4, P. Braund (cond.) 5, R. Beard 6. For Matins, and also in thanksgiving for the birth of daughter (Janet Evelyn) to Mr. and Mrs. P. Braund.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On July 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. Bodicoat 1, D. J. Bodicoat 2, M. G. Wood 3, Mrs. B. G. Warwick 4, B. G. Warwick 5, B. M. Smith (cond.) 6. First of Minor for 1, 2 and 3. First of Minor as conductor. For Evensong. Also on July 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. G. Warwick (cond.) 1, Mrs. B. G. Warwick 2, M. G. Wood 3, G. H. Bray 4, B. M. Smith 5, D. W. Stenson 6. First of Grandsire for 3 and 6. For Evensong. Also on July 31st, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: D. W. Stenson (first away from tenor) 1, B. G. Warwick 2, M. G. Wood 3, G. H. Bray 4, B. M. Smith (cond.) 5, D. J. Bodicoat (first on tenor) 6. For Evensong. Also on Aug. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Bodicoat 1, B. G. Warwick 2, M. G. Wood (first of Grandsire Triples) 3, Mrs. B. G. Warwick 4, G. H. Bray 5, A. E. Bodycote 6, B. M. Smith (cond.) 7, D. J. Bodicoat 8. First of Grandsire for 1 and 8. First as conductor on 8. For Evensong.

STAFFORD, STAFFS.—On August 14th, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: F. Eley 1, Miss C. Bibby (first of Grandsire) 2, F. R. Wiggin 3, Robert J. Warrilow 4, Richard J. Warrilow 5, D. W. Friend (composer and conductor) 6, B. J. Wylde 7, A. E. Garbett 8, E. Malin 9, C. Evans 10. For Matins.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.—On Aug. 11th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse St. Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire): R. W. Stapleford (first in four methods) 1, A. F. Lee (cond.) 2, Sandra Lewis 3, Rita M. Webb 4, J. J. Jefferies 5, J. Isaacs (first quarter) 6. Rung in memory of William Prescott, tower master of Bath Abbey, whose funeral took place this day.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On Aug. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Miss G. Wild (first quarter) 1, D. Hawkins 2, K. R. Scrimshaw 3, R. D. Pearson 4, M. C. Austin 5, H. Duncan 6, R. J. Chapman 7, T. Pearson 8. First quarter in the method for all the band.

WOTTON UNDERWOOD, BUCKS.—On Aug. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. J. T. Hodges 1, J. Ewers 2, V. G. Phillips (cond.) 3, D. G. Wheeler 4, L. J. Gregory 5, W. A. Ayris 6. Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Margaret Rand (a ringer at this church) and Mr. Thomas W. Roberts, who were married this day at Ashendon.

YATTON, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 3rd, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: H. W. Knight (cond.) 1, Marjorie Legg 2, G. Prescott 3, J. Brain 4, R. Brice 5, C. Bishop 6, S. Smith 7, W. H. Kingcott 8. First of Major for 5, 6 and 7.

YEOVIL, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. J. Arscott 1, J. S. Carter 2, T. E. Marks 3, G. Gaylard 4, F. G. Knight 5, H. J. Gaylard (cond.) 6, G. S. Morris 7, T. Setter 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The visit of H.M. the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh to attend the thanksgiving service for the completion of the restoration of Llandaff Cathedral was marked not only by a quarter peal but general ringing throughout the day, in which the Cathedral band were joined by prominent members of the Diocesan Association including the general secretary, both branch secretaries and the Llandaff Branch Master. After the thanksgiving service, Nicholas Simon, aged 14, a Cathedral ringer, was presented to the Queen.

The many friends of the well known Notts and Derbyshire ringer Miss D. M. Murfin will regret to learn she is ill in hospital, and wish her a speedy recovery. Her address is Ward 1, City Hospital, Derby.

Miss Ann Vowles, who has only been ringing for three months, came in at the last moment and rang the treble very well for her first quarter at Maldon, Essex, on August 10th. A peal attempt of Treble Bob had been planned but the party met short.

Mr. James E. Burles, of Barrow-in-Furness, writes thanking Mr. Wilfrid G. Wilson for his excellent article on 'Place Notation.' The Editor would also like to thank Mr. A. York-Bramble and Mr. John Mayne who also contributed articles on the same subject.

The peal of Stedman Cinques at Reading, on August 13th, shows the result of earnest endeavour. B. Shackleton, H. Woolven, Janet Livingstone, M. Hatchett and David Livingstone all scored their first peal on 12 bells, and R. G. Hooper conducted his first of Stedman Cinques. H. Woolven had never before rung a touch in the method. A good effort!

Very satisfying progress has been made by six school children at the seaside tower of St. Michael's, Teignmouth, Devon. They have all recently rung quarter peals of Grandsire Doubles on light sixes in the neighbourhood and are now ringing the lighter bells in their own tower to Grandsire Triples. The help given by many visitors at this season is much appreciated.

The Mayor of Tamworth (Councillor C. A. Walton) has launched an appeal for £850 to provide two treble bells to complete the octave in the Parish Church of St. Editha, Tamworth. This is to commemorate the recent celebration of the 400th anniversary of the granting of the town's Charter of Incorporation by Queen Elizabeth I and the observance of the 1,000th anniversary of the death of the patron saint, Editha. It is hoped to have the bells installed by the end of the year.

Mr. Roland F. Eccles rang his first peal at Eccles, Lancs, July 27th. His personal footnote is: First by Eccles, at Eccles.

Mr. D. J. Hunt has now rung Stedman from Doubles to Cinques. 'The family' was completed on August 8th with Doubles at St. Mark's Church, Bristol.

Mr. Richard C. Ingram, who compiled the list of the late Mr. Morris J. Morris' peals, published last week, informs us that the deceased gentleman conducted his first peal at Perry Barr, in 1920.

Following the peal at Send on August 12th, in honour of the wedding of the only son of the Vicar, the band were entertained by the Rev. and Mrs. C. E. Sylvester. The peal was postponed for a week so that they could hear it.

The University of London's summer week is now in progress with headquarters at Fircroft College, Selly Oak, Birmingham. The party numbers 42. For the first seven days ringing is in Warwickshire, but for the last week-end the party move into Worcestershire and Staffordshire. Three peal attempts are scheduled.

Those who rang the peal at St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol, for the University of London Society, wish to associate it particularly with three members of the Society: Dennis Beresford (the conductor), whose daughter was born on July 15th: Ranald Clouston, whose daughter was born on July 25th: Roger Keeley, who was ordained deacon on the day after the peal.

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In their series of Portraits of Personalities, 'The Church Times' of August 12th honours our president, Mr. Frederick Sharpe.

We append this delightful pen picture of Frederick Sharpe, which we feel should have a permanent record in our columns.

'Knowing about odd things is always a distinction, and Mr. Frederick Sharpe happens to know more about bells than any Englishman living. He is the president of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers. Besides this he has been a chorister for forty-seven years, a server and sidesman for forty-two, a church councillor for thirty-five, captain of the ringers for thirty-three, churchwarden for twenty-eight —and also a lay reader. His record at Launton, in Oxfordshire, may not be unique, but it is certainly outstanding, and his work as head of his family building firm leaves him with less leisure time than many men. In the workshop and study in his garden are the records of over two thousand towers which he has visited, often in parishes with bell problems which he could help to solve. There are also books—several of his own writing, the scripts of hundreds of lectures, photographs, models, plaster casts, the set of sixty-six handbells which he has collected and the tools with which he tuned and restored them. All this is evidence of that historical knowledge which has made him a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries and of the practical experience of ringing, bell-hanging and tower design which has made him president of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.

'To this work Frederick Sharpe brings the balanced judgment of an historian, the practical approach of a craftsman and an acute ear for music; but perhaps more precious than these, he has the manner of an enthusiast rather than that of a specialist. He never pontificates on this subject, but passes on his knowledge of the subject with lucidity and charm, and he is always ready to do so.'

Another Attempt At The Extent Of Major

In an address to the Dorking Rotary Club on bell-ringing Mr. A. P. Cannon announced that the next attempt to ring the extent of Major at the Loughborough Bell Foundry would be on December 3rd. They regarded the feat of ringing the 40,320 changes as the Everest of ringing.

FIRST PEAL ON LIGHTEST SIX

As will be seen from our peal columns, the first peal on the lightest six in the world was rung on August 7th at Home Farm, Balscote, in 2 hours and 25 minutes. The band was an all local one from the Banbury and District Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild and the peal in three Doubles methods was conducted by Mr. E. E. Pearson, of Deddington.

Mr. Jarvis is perhaps now the unique holder of a ringing record, namely that of ringing his first peal on his own bells. He set a good steady beat with the tenor right from the start, and kept them going at the correct speed to hear these carillon tuned bells at their best. He is without doubt a 'Master of his own bells' and whether it be tenor or treble (or one in each hand) sets a standard in handling which is unequalled.

When these bells were first installed by Mr. Jarvis in 1951 the 'go' was far different from that of today, and it was quite an achievement even to get a 120 of Doubles round. But due to many major alterations over the past few years they now go and handle more like tower bells. Mr. Jarvis has done all his own bell hanging ever since they were cast by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

After this successful peal all were entertained to a farmhouse tea which was provided by Mrs. Jarvis and Beryl, and during this the peal was re-rung over again many times in conversation. Our thanks are due to Mr. Jarvis for allowing us the privilege of ringing this unique peal, and also to our conductor who kept such an 'eagle eye' on all our happenings throughout the forty-two 120's. C.C.C.

SERVANTS OF THE EXERCISE – No. 35



JOHN ASHLEY FREEMAN,
Lincoln.

The story of Mr. John A. Freeman is a story of real Lincolnshire tenacity, against many difficulties, and of real pioneer work in the great county of Lincolnshire, and to John A., together with that other great personality Rupert Richardson, must go the credit for building up a strong centre of good ringing in that part of the country.

Born at Market Deeping, in 1884, he went to school there and learned to ring a bell at the age of 12. The curfew was rung there in those days, and the sexton was only too pleased to allow the boys to do his job for him. Local ringers, however, were not quite so helpful, and not much encouragement was forthcoming for the youngsters.

After serving his apprenticeship in the joinery trade, at Ewerby, he moved to Lincoln, and almost lost interest owing to lack of progress, but fortunately in 1906 he was invited to join the band at St. Peter-at-Arches (now St. Giles'), and came under the influence of Rev. H. Law James, who conducted John's first peal, Kent T.B. Major, in 1908.

In 1911 he was elected Master of the company, and in that year he conducted his first peal of Stedman Triples, the first peal to be rung in the city by a local band. In 1914 he was elected to the Cathedral company, where at that time the bells were chimed only for service. He was instrumental in starting regular ringing for service, and eventually the first peal ever to be rung by the Cathedral ringers was successfully accomplished, Stedman Triples, with John as conductor.

During the period 1924-1928 the Cathedral was restored, and ringing there was suspended —but under John's influence the band kept together and regularly practised London Surprise Major on handbells—single handed. The result was that they rang the first peal in this method by all the band and by the Guild at Washingborough, in 1928, again with John conducting.

When the Cathedral bells were restored and augmented, he rang the tenor to the first peal of Cambridge Maximus, which was the first by all the band and by the Guild. This was conducted by Rev. H. Law James. In 1929 he was elected Master of the Cathedral company, and still serves in that capacity.

John conducted the first of Stedman Cinques, again first by all the band, at the Cathedral, and also the first of Grandsire Cinques by all the band; 1934 saw him conducting the first peal of Bristol by all the band, and first in the method by resident members. In 1937 he conducted the Lincoln Guild's first peal of Spliced in 4 methods, in 1938 its first in six methods, and in 1939 its first in 10 methods. The greatest achievement, however, was in 1947 when he conducted a peal in 22 Surprise methods—all first peals in such methods by all the band. In 1947 he also took part in the 14,144 London Surprise Major, at Heydour. In all, he has rung 280 peals, of which he has conducted 122.

John is a good churchman, having served as chorister at St. Peter-at-Gowts, and also as a member of the P.C.C. He served on the Central Council from 1940 to 1960. In 1947 he succeeded the late Rupert Richardson as Master of the Lincoln Guild, and under his able guidance there is no doubt about the future of ringing in Lincolnshire—for when John A. feels like relinquishing the reins, which we hope will not be for a long time, he has brought up two fine sons who are prepared, as is their father, to serve Lincolnshire and the Exercise.

JAFUS.

A YORKSHIRE PEAL WEEK

THIS began at Royston on August 2nd, where a good beat on the somewhat difficult bells was soon established. Unfortunately we were prevented from scoring our peal in 17 Minor methods, as an over enthusiastic ringer from Todmorden saw fit to break his rope during the fifth 720. Undaunted by this early set-back, we made our way to Pontefract, where Yorkshire was scored. The heat of the day and some pungent farmyard-type smells from outside the tower, however, did their best to put us off.

The next day saw us visit Crofton. The bells are a really handy ring of six, rung from the chancel, and a decent peal of Bob Minor was scored. This was not entirely without incident, however, as the gradual disintegration of the conductor's rope conjured up visions of the previous day's disappointment being repeated. Geoff Townsend and Ken Park, of Wakefield, spent the day with us, and acquitted themselves well both here and at Campsall in the afternoon, where the odd-struck bells found Spliced Plain and Little Bob well to their liking.

Both attempts on Thursday finished ingloriously, so the less said about these the better! It must be mentioned, however, that two-thirds of Pitman's 4-Spliced was rung in a most creditable manner at Harthill, and it would have been very appropriate for Eric Critchley to score this for his 500th, he having called this complex composition some 30 times. As it was, he had to wait till the next day, when Cambridge Major was scored at Bolsterstone. For Friday afternoon it had been decided to ring seven T.B. Minor methods at Cawthorne, and Howard Scott seemed so keen to keep sober for this attempt that he even refused a second cup of tea at lunchtime!! In spite of the hilarity that crept into the proceedings at this juncture, the Cawthorne peal turned out to be the best of the week. Saturday was the last day, and the fated 17-Spliced Minor peal again went down the spout, at Wentworth, due to a miscall (no names mentioned!).

For the final attempt of the week, the 'old-faithful' tower of Conisborough was on the programme. Originally, it had been intended to ring the writer's present obsession, Ashtead S.M. As everybody was feeling slightly weary by this time, the attempt was abandoned in favour of the more familiar Double Norwich, which turned out to be its conductor's only peal success of the week

Our thanks go to Eric Critchley for making the arrangements, and incumbents and local ringers at the various towers for having everything in readiness. Roll on next time!!

I.M.H.

ALPHABET FOR BEGINNERS

By T. J. LOCK

"P"

PEAL.—A peal is a performance, not occasioned by all ringers, and because it is regarded by the Exercise as a creditable achievement there are several rules and conditions laid down by the Central Council which each peal band and ringer is, by duty bound and honour, required to comply with, otherwise the performance is not recognised.

Peals of Doubles, Minor and Triples shall consist of at least 5,040 true changes, whilst peals of Major, etc., shall comprise not fewer than 5,000 true changes, all and always to be rung without interval.

PLACE.—In addition to dodge, another essential condition of change ringing in order to produce anything more than a plain course of Original is what is termed 'making a place.' You will recall that in dodging the bell is kept moving, forward or backward, from one striking position to the next, but when making a place the bell is kept in the same striking position for two, or even more blows. The first lead end of a plain course of Plain Bob will show the third bell striking twice immediately after the treble—the third is making seconds place, which is two blows in the second striking position. Look at the bobbed lead end of the same method and you will find one bell striking two consecutive blows in the fourth striking position—this is making fourths place. And, incidentally, on this particular occasion the bell is also known to be 'making the bob.'

More than two blows are made in the same place, in a few methods, and Grandsire and Kent Treble Bob are no doubt the best known. It is when making a single in Grandsire that one bell strikes four consecutive blows in the third striking position and it is when making a bob in Kent that one bell strikes four consecutive blows in the fourth striking position, in both cases over two different bells as you will soon learn.

PLAIN HUNT.—A bell which plain hunts is one which changes its striking position at every stroke, except of course when leading and lying one whole pull, and hunts in a forward direction the whole time. All bells in Original are plain hunting bells, but only the treble in Plain Bob.

PLAIN LEAD.—For definition see the Central Council Handbook. It is otherwise the rows of changes between one treble lead and the next, and being without interference of any call.

PLAIN METHOD.—The requirement of a Plain Method is that the treble must be a plain hunting bell.

PRINCIPLE.—In change ringing there is an accepted difference between a Method and Principle. And a Principle is a collection of rows which form a perfect round block in which every bell does the same work: no bell moves up or down more than one place at a time; no bell lies more than two consecutive blows in any one place. Stedman is the most commonly rung Principle.

THE CENTURY TOGETHER

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bowden, who each completed their 100 peals with one of Grandsire Triples at Henbury, Bristol. The peal also enabled Mr. Bryan Huddleston, the tower master, to score his first peal on eight bells. As his work prevents him from standing in peals on Saturdays, he has had to wait patiently for some 30 years for the opportunity. Incidentally, the peal was the fastest on the bells. If anyone knows the correct weight of the tenor, the band would be grateful for the information. The weight given is as quoted by 'folk lore.'

AN OUTING FROLIC



Miss Carpenter takes the first pull on the new ring at Wisley Lock during the recent Putney outing.

PUTNEY OUTING

Putney ringers had their second outing of 1960 on July 23rd when, joined by friends from Wimbledon and Kingston, they visited Surrey.

At the first stop Merrow (6), highlights of the ringing were London and York Minor. The eight bells at Worplesdon were found to be rather hard to strike well. Then came Old Woking (8) before a picnic lunch at Wisley Lock.

The low-light of the day was Kent Minimus at Ockham (5)—does the Central Council realise what it has let us in for! Hersham (8) proved to be a ring to our liking. After tea Esher (8) was visited and here a course of Superlative was nearly brought round. Our tired best was tried and at East Molesey (8). The return journey was broken at The Swan, Thames Ditton, where handbells were rung on the river bank. Thanks are accorded all clergy and Ringing Masters, who made such an enjoyable day possible.

A. C.

DARTFORD AND DISTRICT

The visit of Dartford and District ringers for their outing to Essex on June 18th was the first to that county for over 10 years.

Ringing took place before lunch at Brentwood and Braintree, followed by an excellent meal at Mounts Restaurant, Braintree. In the afternoon the bells at Sible Hedingham and Finchingfield were enjoyed before tea at Great Bardfield. The evening ringing was at Great Dunmow and High Ongar.

The date coincided with the outings of the first four towers, but they all made arrangements for our visit, which were much appreciated. We hoped they enjoyed their outings as much as we did. Thank you Essex, including clergy and tower keepers.

R. G. R.

OUTINGS

MELTON MOWBRAY

August 13th was the day that 35 members and friends of St. Mary's Society, Melton Mowbray, together with the Vicar (Canon Clarke), went on their annual ringing tour. The towers visited were: SS. Peter and Paul, Wisbech; St. Edmund, Downham Market; All Saints, Hilgay; SS. Peter and Paul, Swaffham; and St. Margaret, King's Lynn. Many of the local inhabitants thought that the Pied Piper of Hamelin was with us, as one of our members insisted on dashing around blowing a 'pitch pipe' to find out what key the bells were tuned to.

However, the ringing was good and improved as the tour proceeded but the condition of our bus did not. When the party reached Marham, it gave a gasp and rolled to a stop: the radiator was dry, so a large drink of water was needed to revive it and enable it to reach King's Lynn a little late.

The return journey to Melton Mowbray was fraught with frustration: the bus got thirstier and thirstier (and so did the ringers), until it finally refused to start after stopping for a drink. Not to be outdone the 'back-enders' went round the 'back-end' and pushed; the engine revived, coughing and spluttering and the journey continued with clouds of steam bellowing out behind. It seemed as if Stephenson's Rocket had come to life, for the bus certainly consumed more water than petrol. Nevertheless, our bright hopes were short-lived, for a few miles further on the engine groaned and died. Who said have an outing on the 13th?

A search found a nearby fish and chip shop together with a friendly hostelry. Some of the party adjourned to the Blue Boar, at Eye, to 'oil the bells' and whilst the remainder sat in the bus singing 'Abide with me, fast falls the eventide' and 'Rescue the Perishing.' By 11.15 p.m. the relief bus arrived and 'go next' was called. Melton was reached in the early hours of Sunday morning.

The cry on our next outing will undoubtedly be 'Has anyone got a gasket?' Our grateful thanks are extended to all incumbents, ringers, and caterers who made possible an excellent day's enjoyment.

R. E. M.

GRAPPENHALL BRANCH

Two coaches were in use for the Grappenhall Branch outing on July 16th, one leaving Frodsham at 7.15 a.m. and the other Runcorn at 7.30 a.m. Both met at Stafford, where Bob Warrilow met the party, and ringing attempted included a half-course of Cambridge Royal and Kent T.B. Royal.

Penkridge, a good eight, had the longest draught of rope between ringer and ceiling that we have encountered. It is a pity that there is no service ringing on such good bells.

Lunch was taken in the New Market Restaurant in the shade of St. Peter's, Wolverhampton. The new church at Tettenhall has a nice ring of eight, and we were pleased to be informed by the tower captain that they had a regular service band. Old Swinford was difficult to find—it is a suburb of Stourbridge—and we had to curtail our ringing here to be on time for tea at Kidderminster.

On the homeward journey we made two calls—at Malvern Quatt, a very pleasant six, and at Bridgnorth, where the Vicar joined in the ringing. Methods rung during the day were Cambridge, London, Kent, Plain Bob and rounds. Home was reached at midnight. Thanks are accorded incumbents and tower captains, and to Mr. C. Raddon in organising the outing, a job he has done—with the exception of the war years—for 30 years. We hope he will carry on with the good work. W. A.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

DEGRADING THE STANDARDS

Dear Sir.—May I offer my congratulations to those members of the Leicester Diocesan Guild who have recently added further to the great achievement of that Society by establishing a new record length of Minimus (non-conducted, moreover). I would suggest, however, that they have over-estimated their achievement by four changes.

Since the Council decided to accept performances of the required length upon four bells as peals, there have been several such published. Now, I suppose, there is some slight excuse for recognising as a peal the appropriate performance in a four-bell tower (although why anybody should want to ring peals in these places is beyond me), but in my opinion peals of Minimus upon handbells are a complete and utter waste of the time and the very little effort required to ring them.

Such stunts do nothing to enhance the reputation of the participants throughout the Exercise at large, and serve only to degrade the standards set by more responsible ringers. —Yours faithfully,

PETER BORDER.

Coventry.

PORTSMOUTH'S EXAMPLE COMMENDED

Dear Sir,—With the shortage of learners these days, there is only one way to make people interested in ringing. It is not to take them to the bells but to take the bells to the people. This was done at Portsmouth Cathedral on July 17th ('R.W.' of July 29th), where there was a ringers' Evensong. The tower was open four times during the day for everybody who cared to ascend the stairs, and during Evensong handbells were rung in the nave. As is their custom, a 'coffee hour' is held in the Church House after the service, and the ringers chatted among the congregation, with a result that two people are now wishing to learn.

Now if this could only be done in other churches throughout England, not only would the normal churchgoer know what ringing is like but there would be the odd one or two who would like to start learning, and the ringers would not be referred to as people who 'come out of a hole in the wall,' as I heard once, after the service has started, and distracting their attention.

I have noticed as I have been going around various towers that ringing flourishes where there is a ground floor ring and everybody can see what is going on. Even in churches where there are no ringers, a team can go out and ring the bells and then use handbells during the service, and possibly a sermon on the subject—as that given at Portsmouth—could be preached. When recruits are found arrangements can be made on the same principle as has been adopted by the Surrey Association.—Yours sincerely,

ALAN A. J. BUSWELL.

Havant.

RECRUITMENT

Dear Sir.—Owing to the industry of this South Devon seaside resort being mainly connected with holidaymakers, and the consequent departure of young people after leaving school, great difficulty had been experienced in the past in keeping up a band of ringers at St. Michael's Church.

In Advent, 1958, several very young Confirmation candidates expressed a desire to learn to ring. Some doubts were then entertained as to the possibility of teaching them on the rather heavy bells, some of which are odd-struck and rather awkward to ring (tenor 22¼ cwt.). However, after great perseverance, six young people have just rung quarter peals of Grandsire Doubles, and they regularly ring the front bells to Triples and the heavier bells to call-changes. The quarter peals were rung in nearby towers with light bells in villages which are too small to support bands of ringers and where the bells are rarely heard.

Great credit is due to these six schoolchildren, who usually come to the church four times on a Sunday—once for early Communion and three times for ringing.

This letter is submitted in the hope that it may be helpful in places where recruitment is difficult. It is ten years since I retired and came to ring in Teignmouth, and it is very gratifying to me that we now have such a satisfactory state of affairs in the belfry.—Yours faithfully,

E. M. ATKINS.

Teignmouth, Devon.

NAMING OF SURPRISE METHODS

Dear Sir.—With reference to 'Alphabet for Beginners,' page 265, Extension of Methods. Norwich Surprise Minor extends to all even numbers of bells, in three different ways.

Probably the best extension is the static extension, like Kent and Oxford T.B., viz.:

—34—14—12—36—34—
—34—14—12—38—34—38—34—
—34—14—12—30—34—30—34—30—34—
—34—14—12—3t—34—3t—34—3t—34—3t—34—

In all cases the half-lead and lead-end places are as in Kent T.B.

There are two expanding extensions of the method, viz.:—

-34—14—12—36—34—
-34—14—12—36—34—58—56—
-34—14—12—36—34—58—56—70—78—
-34—14—12—36—34—58—56—70—78—9t—90—

and

-34-14-12-36-34-
-34-14-1256-36-34-58-56-
-34-14-1256-36-3478-58-56-70-78-
-34-14-1256-36-3478-58-5690-70-78-9t-90-

Half-lead and lead-end as Kent T.B.

Might I point out that many people who are trying to compile a list of methods rung to peals do not possess a copy of Corrigan's Surprise Major. Also, that those who are just starting to 'collect' methods find it necessary to start with new methods and gradually work backwards. Also, Corrigan's Collections have been so messed around by some conductors that we cannot always rely on the names in that collection. The fact that Foxearth is 8ths place Feering is of no use to a beginner if he hasn't got Feering. Are we to assume that Romford, Birmingham and Shoreditch are as given in Corrigan's? Is Northolt the same as the method rung five years ago in a peal of Spliced? Methods have been rung in spliced and then the name changed when rung to a peal. Hillingdon Surprise Royal is not the extension of Hillingdon Surprise Major given in Corrigan's. This means that the name of Hillingdon S. Major will have to be changed, since it has not been pealed. Royston again!

Can we have the place notation or C.C. number of every new method when it is published, and not some time after; also, will conductors and others please try to use the names with the methods given in Corrigan's, and stop causing more confusion by needlessly (or carelessly) using a different name for a method named in Corrigan's, and also needlessly (or carelessly) using names in Corrigan's for other methods?—Yours sincerely,

FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

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Windsor.

HANDBELL RINGING

Dear Sir.—Mr. Heppenstall's letter on handbell ringing exactly sums up the way I have always done it; like him, I never learn the blue line of a new method for handbells.

To my mind, the whole foundation of handbell ringing is to master thoroughly the combined work of 'positions' of the various pairs in the plain hunting course, the number of these being equal to the number of pairs of bells involved. Thus in Major there is (1) the coursing position, rung by 1—2 and 7—8; (2) the 2—3 position, rung by 2—3 and 6—7; (3) the 3—4 position, rung by 3—4 and 5—6, and (4) 'opposites,' rung by 4—5. It helps to study these by combined diagrams showing blue lines of both bells; and the bells should then be rung as one unit and be made to help each other as much as possible until the performance becomes quite automatic. Only much practice can achieve this; it was, I think, my hardest fence when learning; but anyone capable of learning to ring at all can do it, only providing he is ready to try.

The method of ringing by the places then follows. Mr. Heppenstall described this very clearly and pointed out its advantages in his letter. He and his band have certainly given ample demonstration of what can be done!

Handbell ringers are sometimes regarded as people with rather abnormal talent; this was particularly so in my younger days when far fewer ringers realised how it was done. Remarks such as 'It must be twice as hard as it is in the tower,' though gratifying to vanity, really do not represent the true state of affairs! I once heard of a man who could write two entirely different letters simultaneously with a pen in each hand; now he must have had an abnormal 'kink.' I do not think the average person could do this, however hard or long he tried—I know I could not. The idea that to be able to ring handbells one must have such a kink is one that, I am sure, puts many people off trying.

Handbell ringing depends very much on rhythm and preserving the pattern, and collapses much more easily than tower bell ringing. For this reason I always try to tie my bells up by knowing their individual course bells, and, in Surprise, by trying to ring them from lead to lead, as ringers do in the tower. London Surprise is particularly liable to rapid disintegration; and it is also very easy in this method to cross one's pair without knowing it. It was, I am sure, owing to this that William Pye said, 'Don't let your left hand know what your right hand is doing.' This saying seems to have been adopted as a sort of rule by some ringers, and, because it was said by a very great ringer, has been given much more weight than it deserves. I think it has done much harm. Not only does it perpetuate the myth that one must have rather an abnormal mind, like the man who could write two letters at once; but it also suggests to the learner that it is wrong for him to learn to ring by position and link his bells together as a pair. It is not an original saying, for it comes straight out of the Sermon on the Mount (St. Matthew vi, 3), and was intended to govern our attitude to almsgiving and not as an instruction on how we should ring handbells! In the latter connection I wish it could be forgotten and never heard again.

Finally, I deprecate the use of the word 'expert.' There are so many bogus experts about in all subjects today, one might almost say 'quacks' and have done with it. In its good sense it indicates a man who knows all about his subject and has finished learning; but I think that the great attraction in ringing is that one can never reach this stage; there is always something more to learn.

C. W. WOOLLEY.

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DOUBLE NORWICH FOR THE BEGINNER

By WILFRID G. WILSON

I INTRODUCTION

NORMALLY, the four standard methods are reckoned to be Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Kent (or Oxford) Treble Bob. We have dealt, at various times, with three of them and you may, therefore, think it would have been more reasonable to deal next with Treble Bob. But if you, as a learner, learn Treble Bob next or if you, as a teacher, teach Treble Bob next, you will find that the obvious follow up from that will be a Surprise method, probably Cambridge. You will have learnt the treble bob hunting and, attracted by the name of Surprise, you'll never look back.

And that would be a great pity. There are many good ringers to-day—you meet them at every Association practice—who cannot or do not ring Double Norwich. And there are many more who cannot conduct it, though they can probably ring and perhaps call several Surprise methods.

Double Norwich is or should be the step before Surprise Major ringing. It is musical, it is simple and it is one of a very large number of Plain Major methods which are almost completely neglected. Yet they are interesting to ring and have many advantages over Surprise methods. For one thing courses are half the length so you can get more variety. For another true composition is as easy as it is in Plain Bob—there are no false course ends to worry about. The regular coursing order of the bells is retained, as in Plain Bob, but with the added advantage that the dodging at the front and back gives you more time to see the coursing order.

Jasper Snowdon, in the preface to his book on Double Norwich, written in 1884, says, 'This method is, I consider, the one to which each ringer should turn his attention after mastering the four standard methods. . . .'

II THE CONSTRUCTION OF SIMPLE METHODS

From this point onwards you will find it worth while to have pencil and paper handy. I am convinced that just reading anything to do with figures is not nearly so useful as if you make the effort and write them out and work them through for yourself.

To help us to understand the basis of Double Norwich Court Bob Major let us go back to Plain Bob and see what it is that forms the method out of a plain hunting course. You can't ring Double Norwich on six bells, but we will use six for our examples at first, for simplicity. At the end of the twelve changes on six bells (a plain hunt) we produce a new series of figures, instead of coming in to rounds, by one bell making seconds place over the treble and leading again—

	132546		132546
i.e. instead of	123456	we have	135264.

And if we do this for five lead ends we have a course of Plain Bob Minor. At each of these lead ends the treble has been made to course or hunt between a different pair of bells. Hence, each of the five leads is different. But, you will say, the treble has a fixed path so how could we have moved it to between another pair of bells? What we have really done is to make one of the working bells, which was coursing in front of the treble, stay twice in one place (seconds) and then go behind the treble. The other bells, not being able for the moment to continue their hunting because of the place making bell, have dodged and then continued their hunting. There are five working bells and if we make this alteration five times we come back to our plain hunting order—rounds.

We could equally well have made our alteration at the half lead end—when the treble is at the back. Instead of

645231		645231	
654321	we could have	462531.	The bell

which was last when the treble got to the back, that is hunting in front of the treble, makes fifths place under the treble and then goes behind it. The other bells dodge once (in 1-2 or 3-4) because the place making temporarily upsets their plain hunting path.

We have made an alteration which is similar in effect to the lead end alteration of Plain Bob Minor—but at the back at the half lead end instead. Five of these alterations will bring us back to the plain hunting course again and we have a plain course of **Reverse Bob Minor.**

Now let us see what happens if we put both these alterations into operation in one method.

Here is a lead with the	123456
place made at the half	214365
lead end when the treble	241635
is at the back and at the	426153
lead end when it gets to	462513
the front again.	645231 half
We see that we have	462531 lead
moved the position of the	645213 place
treble in relation to the other	654123
bells once at the half lead	561432
and again at the lead end.	516342
So we have, in fact,	153624 lead end
reached the same lead end	156342 place

as we would get in Plain Bob Minor after two leads. Do this five times and we come back to rounds, having now got a course of **Double Bob Minor.**

III COURT PLACES

The alterations dealt with in the last section are made by ordinary lead end or half lead end places. But we can equally well make such alterations by making a bell pass from one side of the treble to the other in the middle of the work. If you examine this example you will see that all the bells are plain hunting, except that the bell (3) hunting in front of the treble in the first half of the lead stops in fourths place until the treble catches it up, then crosses it, makes thirds place and hunts up behind it. And when the places are being made some of the other bells have to dodge because the place interferes with their regular hunting path. (The black figures denote internal alteration.)

	123456
	214365
	241356
	423165
	243615
	426351
	462531
	645213
	465123
	641532
	614523
	165432
	156342

In the second half of the lead the corresponding internal places are made. The bell hunting in front of the treble (5) makes thirds place, lets the treble pass it, makes fourths place and follows the treble down. Again some of the bells have to dodge while the places are being made.

We have two sets of places in our lead and, as with Double Bob Minor, we produce the lead end 156342—the second lead end of Plain Bob Minor. These internal places are called 'Court Places.'

If you make these Court Places in five successive leads you will produce a plain course of Double Court Minor. Then if you draw the 'blue line' by joining up one of the figures throughout the five leads you will find that you have quite an interesting looking method—though a quite simple, regular one.

If this was an article on building up methods, we could go on to consider what happens when we add to this last method seconds place at the lead end or fifths place at the half lead end, or both. Or what happens if we have half of our court places in the first half of the lead and the remainder in the second half—and so on. We would have quite enough methods to be getting on with. But if we have written enough to show what Court Places are and how they make an alteration with the same effect as an ordinary internal place, then we are ready to look at Double Norwich.

(To be continued.)



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NORWICH DIOCESAN

A very enjoyable meeting of the Northern Branch was held at Yaxham, on July 23rd. About 30 members and friends sat down to tea which was given by the local ringers.

The chairman (Mr. A. G. Bason) welcomed the president, Mr. F. N. Golden, after his second spell in hospital. The president, who seemed well and truly back to his normal self, read a poem relating to a peal board in Yaxham tower, much to the amusement of all present. He emphasised the importance of these old peal boards.

Mr. A. Twyman, of Bowdon, Cheshire, was elected a N.R.L.M., and fellow members were present from Bowdon, Cheshire, and Epsom.

A very interesting address was given by the Vicar, the Rev. D. F. J. Rutt. In the absence of the Ringing Master, J. R. Smith, the bells were kept going from rounds to London Surprise, under the guidance of C. F. Goodman.

Next meeting October 15th, at Reepham. Methods for practice, London and Duke of Norfolk.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On August 13th ringers from the Biggleswade District held their monthly meeting at Northill. The Rector, Rev. T. A. Frost, conducted the service and welcomed the visitors to his church.

Mr. L. Bywaters was Ringing Master for the afternoon and he also took the chair for the business meeting, which followed tea. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Sandy, on September 10th. A joint meeting with the Ely Diocesan Association had been arranged for September 17th at St. Neots.

Mr. A. Smith said that Mr. C. E. Jeffries had been proposed as a non-resident life member of the Association, prior to a peal at Maulden, and this was duly ratified.

More visitors arrived when ringing was resumed and during the short interval, which was caused by a rope breaking, the company were entertained by handbell ringing. S. P.

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GUILDFORD GUILD ASSISTANT SECRETARY WEDS



ASSISTANT secretary of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, Miss Winifred Rosemarie Hide, only child of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Hide, of 8, Crondall Lane, Farnham, was married at Farnham Parish Church on August 6th to Mr. Geoffrey Hugh Chapman, a ringer and server at St. Michael's Church, Aldershot. The Rev. E. Wood officiated, and the bells were rung before and after the service by Farnham and Aldershot ringers.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a full-length white brocade dress with full-length veil held in place by a coronet of orange blossom. The bridesmaids were Ann (the sister of the bridegroom), Muriel Woodger and eight-year-old Janet Denyer. Mr. Gordon Williams was best man.

At the reception, the health of the bride and bridegroom was proposed by Mr. C. W. Denyer, Master of the Guildford Diocesan Guild. Handbells were rung at the reception and the honeymoon is being spent motoring on the Continent. Presents included a week-end case and tray from Farnham Parish Church ringers and a pyrex set from St. Michael's, Aldershot, ringers.

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WEDDING OF MISS MARGARET RAND

A member of a ringing family and a ringer herself, Miss Margaret Rand, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Rand, of Ashendon, Bucks, was married to Mr. Thomas W. Roberts, only son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Roberts, of Tring, Herts, at St. Mary's Church, Ashendon, on August 6th. The Rev. C. H. C. Edwards officiated.

Unfortunately, Ashendon Church has only three bells—one of those being cracked—and so to mark the occasion six friends attempted and were successful in ringing a quarter peal at nearby Wotton Underwood tower, where the bride has been a ringer for several years.

A CHESHIRE WEEK

Reporting on his successful peal week in the Cheshire area, Mr. Brian Harris writes that for the fourth year running a week's ringing has been held to help some ringers in the area to practise some of the simpler Surprise methods.

They had also one first pealer in a peal of Grandsire Triples and a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob for a change. David Llewellyn, from Cardiff, joined the party and, as the footnotes show, made quite a lot of progress.

Only one peal was lost—Bristol Surprise—but, comments Mr. Harris, 'Perhaps we were a little rash to attempt this on a Friday evening!'

EMMANUEL, PLYMOUTH, RINGERS IN SOMERSET

A telegram from the Vicar and Mrs. Young, on holiday in Scotland, extending good wishes for the day, was read before Emmanuel ringers set out on their annual outing on July 16th at 7.30 a.m. The idea was to get well beyond Exeter before stopping. This we did, and although there was a short stop for coffee two miles from Honiton, Crewkerne was reached on time and we received the congratulations of the Rev. Mr. Marshall. He and his wife joined us in a touch or two.

Traffic congestion was met at Yeovil, and this meant cutting the lunch period to be at the church on time and have an hour's ringing on the splendid ten. The fine eight at Milborne Port (tenor 29 cwt.) followed, before we had tea at Wincanton. We could not ring at Wincanton because of a broken gudgeon pin to the seventh, but Mr. Chilcott, the captain, kindly arranged for us to ring at Ditcheat, where we had some fine ringing.

Castle Cary was reached about 40 minutes late, but the captain there was waiting for us, he having heard of the slight change of programme. This was a grand finale to a grand day.

A most cordial welcome was accorded us at every tower. Mr. Chilcott was very upset that we could not ring at Wincanton as he had arranged the tea. He has a personal interest in Emmanuel as towards the end of the war, when stationed at Mount Batten, he rang with us on a number of occasions. H. H. T.

Cheltenham Tower Captain and Bride



PICTURED here are Mr. Cyril A. Wratten, captain of St. Mary's Cheltenham, tower, and his bride, Miss Margery A. Birch, formerly of Truro, after their wedding at All Saints' Church, Hartley, Kent, on July 30th. With them is Mr. Alan Carveth, the best man; the Rev. R. A. Williams, formerly of Truro, officiated.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a short dress of white broderie anglaise. The two bells of Hartley were chimed and handbells rung as the happy couple left the church. After a reception at Hartley Rectory, the bride and bridegroom left for a honeymoon in Guernsey. Their home will be 36, Waseley Road, Cheltenham.

Peals in honour of the occasion were rung at Stisted, Essex, and Kenwyn, Truro.

BARNSLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Nine towers were represented at the monthly meeting at Eastwood, near Rotherham, on August 13th. Mr. Noel F. Moxon, who presided at the short business meeting, thanked all responsible for the excellent arrangements and the warm welcome. The next meeting, the cup contest, will be at Hoylandswaine, near Sheffield, on September 10th.

THANK YOU

Congratulations and thanks to the veterans of the Kent County Association, and I would like them to know that I appreciate very much the dedication of their peal to the memory of my husband. Thank you!

(Mrs.) E. M. MITCHELL.

A WEEK-END IN DERBY AREA

The fortunate few who were privileged to take part in the August Bank Holiday week-end tour in Derbyshire, organised by Mrs. E. A. G. Bowden, will long remember it as a period of intense activity and enjoyment.

The main party assembled on Friday evening, July 29th, at Breadsall Rectory, where Mrs. Bowden's parents, the Rev. and Mrs. Grime, held open house, and the earlier arrivals had the pleasure of joining the ringers at nearby Duffield in their weekly practice.

The following morning, the real business commenced, with a peal of Yorkshire Major at Crick, which was brought round in grand style. Lunch, at Ashover, was followed by a really fine peal of Double Norwich, which brought hearty congratulations from a prominent local ringer and the Vicar of Ashover, who invited us to the Vicarage for refreshments.

But a mere two peals was hardly enough to satisfy the enthusiasm of these lads and lasses, so we made a dash for Bakewell and were rewarded with a touch or two on the newly rededicated eight bells.

On Sunday morning we joined in the service ringing at Breadsall, and rang touches of Stedman, Cambridge and London, and in the afternoon a peal of Superlative was scored at Darley Dale.

The early part of Bank Holiday was spent in a sort of treasure hunt, but eventually we found our objective—that architectural gem, the Church of the Holy Angels, Hoar Cross, and here we spent a pleasant hour on the very fine six bells.

A quick 'pull' at Church Gresley preceded lunch, after which came the last peal attempt of the tour, at Loughborough Parish Church. But here came the anti-climax, for this band, with a fair blend of talent and experience, just could not settle to Cambridge Royal and in spite of the gallant efforts of our conductor, D. P. Jones, we had to bow our heads and steal away from the tower after about an hour's indifferent ringing.

However, three peals from four attempts was not bad going and all agreed that a most enjoyable and successful time had been had—we even enjoyed the more-or-less continuous search for the lost camera, the property of John Hunt. (What a name for a 'never-rest' expedition!) At Loughborough we said our 'good-byes,' hoping to meet again soon, and in the meantime we shall never forget the wonderful hospitality of the Rev. and Mrs. Grime, nor the welcome we were given by the incumbents of other places, where we were not only given permission to ring, but were even provided with refreshments after peals!

Yes, a memorable week-end indeed, spent among those lovely hills and dales, where we always found a welcome, enjoyed ringing on some excellent bells and renewed acquaintance with many old friends, including 'Jafus,' and that dynamic personality, Mr. C. E. Jeffries.

Finally, may I say, on behalf of us all: 'Thank you, Elizabeth!'

A. E. R.

MARSTON RINGERS' DAY OUT

The Thame-Aylesbury area was selected by ringers of St. Nicholas', Old Marston, and other Oxford friends, for their outing on August 6th.

After lunch at Thame, an hour's ringing took place on the eight bells of Long Crendon, followed by a visit to the five bell tower of Nether Winchendon, where the Vicar and tower captain joined in the ringing. Other towers visited before a picnic tea were St. Nicholas', Cuddington, and SS. Peter and Paul's, Dinton, the heaviest ring of the day.

The long draught at St. John-the-Baptist's, Stone, caused some initial difficulties and at the last tower, St. Mary's, Haddenham, the Vicar welcomed the party. A tired but happy company made its way back to Oxford. For their help in making the tour so successful thanks are accorded incumbents and tower captains.

R. H. J. and B. E. L.

OBITUARY

MR. P. H. MARSHALL

Yatton, Somerset, ringers will sadly miss, both in the tower and church, a faithful member of the band, Mr. P. H. Marshall, who passed away after a comparatively short illness.

The funeral on August 8th was conducted by Preb. G. A. Beechey (Vicar), and was well attended as 'Harry' was held in high esteem as honorary secretary of the ringers, deputy churchwarden, church councillor and sidesman. He was also a prominent member of Yatton Bowling Club. The lesson was read by the captain of the ringers, Mr. H. A. Price (lay reader).

As a fitting tribute to a well-loved member, a plain course of Grandsire Triples, on handbells, was rung by Mrs. Kingcott, Mr. H. W. Knight, Mr. W. Kingcott and Mr. D. Yeo (branch secretary) in the church at the end of the service.

After cremation, the ashes were interred in Yatton churchyard privately later in the day.

In the evening a half-muffled quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung, in his memory, by M. N. Price 1, H. W. Knight 2, S. G. Smith 3, R. H. Brice 4, E. A. Price 5, D. E. Vowles 6, H. A. Price (cond.) 7, J. K. Baker 8. Miss N. Baker and Messrs T. A. Price, L. W. Pullin and G. W. Westlake joined in the preliminary ringing. Our sympathy is extended to his widow and family.

KNIGHTS' KNAVES TOUR

August Monday saw 'Knights' Knaves' again on a day's tour, although this year a few in the party could not be called 'Knaves.' The coach started from Willingham at 7.45 a.m. and proceeded to Apsley End, Hertfordshire, there to be met by D. E. R. Knights, who had arranged the tour. Also waiting to welcome the party was Mr. W. Ayre and local members, and these fine bells were soon going to a variety of methods.

Langleybury was visited before lunch at Watford. Then on to Bushey, Harrow Weald and Stanmore, with a fair selection on Major methods.

Tea followed at Edgware, after which we went to Elstree and Edgware to conclude the day's ringing.

Ringing at all the towers visited was thoroughly enjoyed, and the excellent 'go' of the bells much appreciated.

Our organist friend, who made the journey with us, enjoyed playing the organ at six of the churches. Leaving Edgware about 10 p.m., Willingham was reached in the small hours. Thank you, Don, for another enjoyable day, and also thanks to incumbents and ringers who met us.

H. S. P.

Mrs. Elisabeth Bowden's 100 Peals

Mrs. Elisabeth A. G. Bowden, of Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol, has an interesting list for her first 100 peals:—

Doubles.—Grandsire 1, 2 methods 4.

Minor.—Plain Bob 7, 2 methods 1, 3 methods 3, 4 methods 7, Kent T.B. 1, Cambridge 3.

Triples.—Plain Bob 1, Grandsire 2, Erin 1, Stedman 4.

Major.—Plain Bob 4, Kent T.B. 3, Double Norwich 4, Little Bob 1, Kent and Oxford 1, Superlative 1, Cambridge 5, Yorkshire 8, Rutland 1, London 2, Lincolnshire 3, Bristol 2, Pudsey 1, Painswick 1.

Caters.—Grandsire 8, Stedman 10 (conducted 1).

Royal.—Plain Bob 2, Kent T.B. 1.

Cinques.—Grandsire 5, Stedman 1.

Maximus.—Kent T.B. 1.

Total: 100 (conducted 1).

LATE NEWS

We regret to announce the death of the Rev. A. D. H. Allan, of Weston-super-Mare, at Southmead Hospital, Bristol, on August 12th, aged 86 years.

Mr. Roger Keeley, of Lyme Regis, a former Master of the University of London Society, was ordained deacon by the Bishop of Salisbury, at All Saints' Church, Harnham, Salisbury, on August 14th. His ordination was deferred from Trinity Sunday as he was taken ill two nights before.

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MISCELLANEOUS

UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION.—Dinner, January 7th, 1961, Victoria, London: four towers, Tour, August 18th-26th, 1961, at Pendley Manor, Tring, Herts. I shall be away during September—urgent communications to Miss Cross, School House, Radley, Abingdon, Berks.—D. J. Roaf. 6462

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MEETINGS

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Derby District) & MIDLAND COUNTIES' GUILD.—Annual joint meeting at Repton, Saturday, August 27th. Bells (8) 3 p.m.—W. A. Morley, Dis. Sec. 6419

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Branch practice at Old Cleeve, Saturday, August 27th, 7 p.m.—A. R. Tudball, Hon. Sec. 6486

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Wittersham, on Saturday, August 27th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.—C. T. H. 6375

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Otley (8), on Saturday, August 27th, at 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided, bring own food. 6397

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton Mowbray District.—Meeting at Ashby-Folville, on Saturday, August 27th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Village Hall at 5 p.m. Names for tea (please) not later than Wednesday, August 24th, to Miss Betty Smith, 'The Hollies,' Barsby, near Leicester. 6464

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Meeting at Chalfont St. Giles, Saturday August 27th. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 6390

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at St. Mary's, Langdon Hills, Saturday, August 27th, 3 p.m. Please bring own tea. September meeting cancelled. 6443

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Quarterly meeting at Christ Church, Eastbourne, on August 27th Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 6451

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting, Whitby (10), August 27th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea immediately after. All welcome particularly Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association members.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Sec. 6452

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD.—Meeting to be held at Marsden (10), on September 3rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. D. B. Cater, 'Newlands,' 7, Lane Ings, Marsden, please. All welcome.—D. Smith. 6287

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Branch.—Quarterly meeting. Hardington Mandeville (6). Saturday, September 3rd. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Monday.—R. J. Fox. 109, Middle Street, Yeovil. 6477

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Meeting at Bletsoe (6). Saturday, September 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Thursday, to Mr. R. G. Corby, 26, Heathfield, Putnoe, Bedford.—R. L. Pitton, Dis Sec. 6490

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Branch.—Meeting, Woodbury, Saturday, September 3rd. Bells (8) available 2.30 to 8 p.m. Numbers for tea to J. L. Glanvill, Higher Bagmores, Woodbury. Phone 261.—R. Perry, Sec. 6442

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting Chatteris, Saturday, September 3rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. F. Murfet, Dis. Sec. 6474

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. District.—Meeting, Tollesbury, Saturday, September 3rd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury. 6448

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting on Saturday, September 3rd, at Witley. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, to S. Ponting, Highdown, Milford Heath, Milford, Godalming 2176. 6487

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting, Aldenham (8), September 3rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, by August 31st, to Mr. C. Evans, 20, Watling Street, Radlett.—G. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 6458

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Evening meeting at Ashwell, on Saturday, September 3rd, at 5.30 p.m.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 6465

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Leigh, on Saturday, September 3rd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea (2s. 6d., per head) 5 p.m. Names for tea, with cash, please, by Wednesday, August 31st, to Mr. B. Pankhurst, 'Chestnuts,' The Green, Leigh, near Tonbridge. 6389

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Cobham, Saturday, September 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday please, to J. Coleman, Cobham Hall, Cobham, Gravesend. 6444

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting on September 3rd, at Blackburn, Holy Trinity (3-5 p.m.), and St. Michael's (from 6.30 p.m.). Cups of tea, followed by meeting in Holy Trinity School, at 5 p.m.—John Pilkington. 6460

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting, St. Peter's, Woolton, Saturday, September 3rd. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, August 31st, to Miss W. Kenyon, 220, Hunts Cross Avenue, Woolton, Liverpool. 6467

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, September 3rd, at Christ Church, Southport. Bells 3 p.m. Please make your own arrangements for tea. 6491

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Ibstock, September 3rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Hall. Names by August 30th, to Mr. R. Tonks, 86, High Street, Ibstock.—C. W. Hall. 6456

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—Half-yearly meeting, St. Thomas', Rhyl, Saturday, September 3rd. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Names by Wednesday, August 31st, to W. Catherall, 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham. 6479

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Great Linford (6), Saturday, September 3rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to C. Sapwell, 3, Station Terrace, Great Linford, Newport Pagnell, Bucks.—F. Vickers. 6473

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The summer festival will be held at Welford, on Saturday, September 3rd. Committee meeting in the village hall at 3.15 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea. Tickets may be obtained at 3/6d. each C.W.O., from Mr. E. M. Thresher, 22 Watson Road, Long Buckby, Rugby, before August 27th. Towers available: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Great Brington (6), Spratton (5), Yelvertoft (5), Lilbourne (5), Stanford-on-Avon (5). 1 to 2.30 p.m.: West Haddon (5), Ravensthorpe (5), Long Buckby (5), East Haddon (6), Creaton (6). 1 to 3.30 p.m.: Oxendon (5) Hazelbech (8). 2.30 to 3.30 p.m.: Cottesbrooke (6), Naseby (5), Marston Trussell (5), Sibbertoft (5). 2.30 to 4 p.m.: Welford (8). All will be available after tea until 8.30 p.m., with the addition of Guilsborough (6), but with the exception of Spratton, Stanford-on-Avon, Great Brington.—G. W. Jeffs. 6453

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Monthly meeting, Rowde, Saturday, September 3rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to E. J. Hitchins, 136, Bradley Road, Trowbridge, Wilts. 6305

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Practice meeting September 3rd, Woodford (6) from 6.30 p.m.—Mrs. Abrahams, 8, Dorset Road, Salisbury. 6457

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Whiston, Saturday, September 3rd, 3 p.m. Cups of tea available, bring own food.—J. Seager, Sec. 6488

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting, September 3rd, Attenborough. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea by August 31st, to Mr. Rose, 'Wyoming,' Nottingham Road, Long Eaton.—S. Adams, Dis. Sec. 6456

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Practice meeting at West Stow (6), Saturday, September 3rd. Bells 6.30 to 9 p.m. Please note Ixworth bells are **not** available, as proposed, owing to a visiting band of ringers.—A. F. Ballam, Dis. Sec., West Stow, Bury St. Edmunds. 6482

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly district meeting, September 3rd, West Hill, Wandsworth. Bells 3 to 4 p.m. Service at Putney at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting in the new hall. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, to Mr. L. W. Allen, 34, St. John's Avenue, Putney, S.W.15. Putney bells after until 8 p.m.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 6461

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Dane Hill (6), on Saturday, September 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Tea only to those who notify by Wednesday, August 31st, Mr. A. J. Butcher, The Cottage, Christopher Fields, Dane Hill.—E. L. Hairs, Hon. Sec. 6476

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Gorseinon, September 3rd. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. All welcome.—J. T. Williams, Dis. Sec. 6446

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Quarterly meeting, Fordingbridge, Saturday, September 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., The Albany Hotel. Breamore bells (4) available after meeting. Names for tea by September 1st, to Mr. R. Marlow, Bickton, Fordingbridge, Hants. 6471

BARNSLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Cup contest, Hoylandswaine, Saturday, September 10th, entrance fee 6s. Names to J. W. Buxton, Roydhouse, Shelley, Huddersfield. Tea, please notify not later than September 5th, Mr. Noel F. Moxon, Green Gables, Cawthorne, Barnsley. 6466

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Meeting at Weaverham, Saturday, September 10th, Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday previous, to Mr William Hornby, 33, Forster Avenue, Weaverham, Northwich. 6468

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting, Saturday, September 10th, Witham. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. E. Bright, 42, Cressing Road, Witham. 6470

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Tring, Saturday, September 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, September 6th, to Mr. C. Badrick, 63, Dundale Road, Tring.—J. Good, Dis. Sec. 6472

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Canterbury District) and LADIES' GUILD (Kent Branch).—Combined meeting, Lyminge (8), Saturday, September 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 2s. per head. Names together with cash, please, by September 7th, to Mr. E. J. Martin, 'Woodbury,' Church Road, Lyminge, Folkestone.—T. C. P. 6449

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting, at Snodland, September 10th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—R. L. Sills, Dis. Sec. 6469

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Saturday, September 10th, half-day outing (private cars). Ringing at Evercreech 2.15-3.15 p.m., Shepton Mallet 3.30-4.30, Wedmore 6.15-7.15, Rowberrow 7.30-8.15 p.m. Please bring own tea. Members requiring transport contact the Secretary, B. Johnson, 10, Lancashire Road, Bristol 7. 6485

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly general meeting, Saturday, September 10th. Bells available: Ashby-Folville (8), Somerby (6) and Great Dalby (5) 2-4 p.m.: Twyford (6) 4-4.30 and 6.30-8.30. Service at Twyford 4.30 (preacher Rev. A. W. Harrison, Vicar of Somerby). Tea, followed by meeting, in Twyford School Rooms 5 p.m. Names for tea by September 7th, to Mrs. G. R. Farmer, Lowesby Lane, Twyford, Melton Mowbray, Leics. General Committee meeting in Twyford School Room, at 3.45 p.m.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec. 6475

LICHFIELD DIOCESAN RINGING FESTIVAL

The Society of Change Ringers for the Archdeaconry of Stafford
The Shropshire Association
The North Staffordshire Association of Change Ringers

Saturday, September 10th, 1960. Bells available: Kidsgrove (6) 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon, Tunstall (8) 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Norton-le-Moors (8) 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. No lunch arranged—plenty of cafes in Hanley. Hanley (10) 2 to 4 p.m., Bucknall (6) 2 to 4, Stoke (8) 3 to 4.30. Service at Stoke 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Stoke Church Institute. Names and remittance (3s. 6d. each) for tea **by Monday September 5th, please,** to J. G. Burton, 71, Bagnall Road, Milton, Stoke-on-Trent. Bells available after tea: Stoke 6 to 8.30 p.m., Fenton (8) 6.30 to 8.30, Longton (8) 6.30 to 8.30 p.m.—J. G. Burton, Hon. Sec., North Staffs Assn. 6434

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Lindsey Branch.—Meeting at Burton-on-Stather (8), September 10th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by September 7th, to Mr. Barnes, Tee Lane, Burton-on-Stather, Scunthorpe. 6480

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Llangibby, Saturday, September 10th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business.—J. S. King. 6478

PETERBOROUGH AND ELY.—Joint meeting at Whittlesey, September 10th. Afternoon ringing and service at St. Andrew's, ringing also St. Mary's in evening. Names for tea, **please,** by Wednesday previous without fail, to G. Bush, 18, Princes Street, Peterborough. 6483

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The **annual dinner** will be held on Saturday, October 8th, 1960, at **The Queen Hotel,** Chester (opposite General Station). Tickets 17s. each. Meet 6 p.m. for 6.30 p.m. All applications for tickets together with remittance and stamped addressed envelope obtainable from September 14th-28th inclusive through General Secretary, Henry O. Baker, 63, Parkgate Road, Chester. 6421

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary. The 23rd annual dinner will be held in the Guildhall, Worcester, on Saturday, October 8th, at 5.45 p.m. Tickets (12s. each) shortly available and obtainable from branch officers or J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 6427

5,152 OSGATHORPE SURPRISE MAJOR

By SHIRLEY BURTON

23456	W	M	H
42635	—	—	3
52436		2	
63254	2	2	
45362	2	2	
26543	2	2	
64523	2	3	
56342	—	—	
35264	—	—	
23456	—	—	3

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5,024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

By I. M. HOLLAND

23456	M	B	W	H
54326			2	2
36245	2	—	2	2
56423	2	—		1
35264		—	2	2
54263	2	—	1	2
43265	2	—	1	2
26435			1	1
63425			2	
45236	2	—	2	2
26354	2	—	2	2
24653	2			1
32546	2		1	2
65243	1			1
23456	2	—	2	2

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OTHER BELLS

WHEN we return to our own tower after outings or ringing excursions, we often hear the remark: 'It's good to be back. I like our bells best.' It is not usually the tone of the bells but the familiar handling that we find comforting, though knowing which bell is which also counts. The odd spacing or circle of ropes in some towers is often confusing. Many are the bands we have seen getting hopelessly confused on our left-handed ring, but that is an extra difficulty which is fortunately rather rare.

Why is it almost safe to say that no two bells run alike? Surely with modern bellhanging they should be very similar, apart from weight—but they are not! However, the instructor is right when he says that *any* ringer with correct technique of bell control can ring *any* bell within the limits of his physical strength. And the foundation of that technique is so simple—a long, straight pull at backstroke.

Examine the factors making bells different to handle:—

1. *Length of Draught.*—A long length of rope always increases the difficulty of handling, especially with light bells. In dry weather the ropes are very elastic and give a springy non-positive feel to the weight of the bell. The long draught also aggravates the amount of the shortening of the ropes in wet weather.

2. *Height of Belfry Ceiling.*—The ideal height is such that the sallies just disappear at backstroke. With higher ceilings in ground floor belfries it is usual to have sally guides, which counteract the tendency for ropes to drift out of reach, but usually they produce a considerable rattle which makes listening difficult. In any case, extra care must be taken to pull the backstroke well in. When the ceiling is too low there is a tendency for the sallies to lay on the floor above if the ringer is slack in his pull.

3. *Weight of Bell.*—Any bells under 5 cwt. need careful ringing. Bumping the bell off the stay is the most common fault, and this may be avoided by catching the sally high and keeping the rope's end short so that the body must be lifted on to the toes before a bump can occur. On heavy bells the pull must be judged very accurately, for if overpulled the bell will require more checking than the ringer is capable of. Economy of effort is essential. Ringing a heavy bell is a fine art, and good striking can only be maintained if the 'back bells' are well handled.

4. *The Hanging of the Bell.*—Modern hanging is seldom other than in ball-bearings, which naturally reduces the effort needed to ring heavy bells; but a bell properly hung in plain bearings is sometimes more pleasant to ring. Some old heavy bells are very long waisted, and the headstocks being attached to 'canons' instead of the modern flat boss makes for much leverage against the ringer and also much slowness in striking. The modern arched iron headstock tucks up the bell, greatly reducing the pull required, though producing complications in 'clappering up,' which have to be solved by specially counterbalancing the clappers. The use of the straight 'Hastings' stay with 'S' guide instead of the old-fashioned curved stay and slider makes no difference to the feel of a bell, but the old style is more liable to be deformed and cause the bell to set awkwardly deep at one stroke.

5. *Acoustics.*—Many good rings of bells are unpleasant to ring owing to their being either difficult to hear or too loud for the conductor to be able to make himself heard. The ideal is to have an intermediate room between the belfry and bell chamber. When bells are close above and sound-deadening materials are put in, the volume of sound fluctuates when most of the sallies are in the rope holes at backstroke. The rattle of ropes in sally guides has already been mentioned as a nuisance in long-draught towers. Modern bells have so much more 'breath' in them than old ones that they are seldom difficult to hear, but in some cases the hum and harmonics produced swamp the top notes and make the sounds indistinct.

You are probably not so fortunate as to be in an ideal tower, with the best of bells and ringing conditions, but if you ring well and do justice to your tower and bells you will gain much personal satisfaction and give pleasure to the many people in the parish who like the sound of their bells.—A. W. From 'The Belfry.'

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FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE PEALS

To commemorate the 50th anniversary of her death (August 13th, 1910) and the 100th anniversary of the founding of the first Florence Nightingale Training School for Nurses.

ALL RUNG FOR THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

BRIGHTWALTON, BERKSHIRE.
On Wed., Aug. 10, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

Eric Woolgrove	*Treble*	Reginald W. Rex	4
John C. Baldwin	2	Arthur Sayers	5
Reginald F. Crook.. ..	3	Geoffrey K. Dodd	*Tenor*

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.
First peal in more than one Minor method on the bells.

CHRISTCHURCH, HAMPSHIRE.
On Sat., Aug. 13, 1960, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,
At the Priory Church of The Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

*John R. Broadest.. ..	*Treble*	†Alan A. J. Buswell ..	6
M. D. George Northway	2	Alec W. Fry	7
Herbert A. Mitchell ..	3	Colin Conway	8
Christopher M. White	4	Arthur V. Davis	9
William C. Shute.. ..	5	David R. Reed	*Tenor*

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Arthur V. Davis.
* First peal. † First of Caters.

SOUTHAMPTON, HAMPSHIRE.
On Sat., Aug. 13, 1960, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in E flat.

*Pamela A. Jones	*Treble*	O. Neville Curtis.. ..	5
Norman Hayes	2	David E. House	6
Janice E. Williamson..	3	Maurice J. Butler.. ..	7
Michael J. Thomas ..	4	Robert C. Kippin	*Tenor*

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Robert C. Kippin.
* First peal.

WINCHESTER, HAMPSHIRE.
On Sat., Aug. 13, 1960, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes,
At the Cathedral Church of The Holy Trinity and St. Swithun,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 35 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in C.

Dorothy T. Gardner ..	*Treble*	*Philip N. Tubbs	7
Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay	2	James E. Daniels	8
Arthur H. Reed	3	John Hartless	9
Herbert H. Abrahams ..	4	Michael J. Best	10
Reginald W. Rex	5	Ronald N. Marlow ..	11
Frank L. Harris	6	Lewis F. Cobb	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. Hattersley. Conducted by Frank L. Harris.
* First peal of Cinques.

BISHOPSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.
On Sun., Aug. 14, 1960, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5280 NIGHTINGALE TREBLE PLACE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. in F sharp.

David E. House	*Treble*	Geoffrey K. Dodd.. ..	5
Reginald W. Rex	2	R. Roger Savory	6
Ann M. Cox	3	Michael J. Thomas.. ..	7
M. Elizabeth Chapman..	4	Tom Chapman	*Tenor*

Composed by Frank T. Blagrove. Conducted by R. Roger Savory.
First peal in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Guild.

TEN BELL PEAL

CROYDON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 13, 1960, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 36 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in C sharp.

Arthur G. Mason	*Treble*	Frederick J. Cullum ..	6
Harold N. Pitstow ..	2	*Norman G. Steere.. ..	7
Herbert E. Audsley ..	3	George J. Butcher ..	8
Hugh Neill	4	Frederick E. Collins ..	9
Gordon T. Peters	5	Walter H. Dobbie.. ..	*Tenor*

Composed by Charles W. Roberts.
Conducted by Frederick E. Collins.
* First peal of Stedman, and on ten bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., July 29, 1960, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

*Eric Roberts	*Treble*	†Michael E. Brown ..	5
Ernest W. Rawson ..	2	Peter J. Staniforth ..	6
A. Maxwell Lindsey ..	3	Terence A. Thornber ..	7
John Vernon	4	John B. Bennett	*Tenor*

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by Peter J. Staniforth.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † 150th peal.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 30, 1960, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael-at-Coslany,
A PEAL OF 5088 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

William Clover	*Treble*	Dennis Symonds	5
*Doris E. Lidbetter ..	2	*Bevan W. Willgress ..	6
*Thomas E. Spight.. ..	3	*Henry Tooke	7
*Geoffrey R. Drew ..	4	*Leslie N. Melton.. ..	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Henry Tooke.
* First peal of New Cambridge Surprise.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 6, 1960, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,
A PEAL OF 6720 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

Edward Jenkins	*Treble*	C. Kenneth Lewis	5
Fred Dunkerley	2	Basil Jones	6
Brian Harris	3	Robert B. Smith	7
Bernard F. L. Groves ..	4	John Worth	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by John Worth.

MORPETH, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 10, 1960, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
At the Watch Tower,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

J. Alan Ainsworth ..	*Treble*	Kenneth W. Cheeseman	5
John E. Anderson.. ..	2	Nicholas I. Wright ..	6
*Alan R. Patterson ..	3	George S. Deas	7
Marion S. Ainsworth ..	4	Eric N. Harrison	*Tenor*

Composed by Walter P. Whitehead. Conducted by Eric N. Harrison.
* First peal of Major.

GREAT TEW, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 13, 1960, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's transposition. Tenor 22 cwt. 10 lb.

Walter F. Judge	*Treble*	Frank W. Lewis	5
Edwin G. Moore	2	*Arthur Sayers	6
Geoffrey K. Dodd.. ..	3	Neil I. Allnatt	7
Cyril J. Hibbert	4	Clive Holloway	*Tenor*

Conducted by Walter F. Judge.
* First peal of Stedman.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 15, 1960, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,
A PEAL OF 5056 SOUTHWELL SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

Ernest Morris	*Treble*	Russell S. Morris ..	5
Richard J. Clifton ..	2	Brian G. Warwick ..	6
John A. Acres	3	G. Ronald Edwards ..	7
*Brian M. Smith	4	*†A. James Poynor.. ..	*Tenor*

Composed by Charles Middleton. Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.
* First peal in the method. † 100th peal.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Aug. 15, 1960, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
At the Bell Tower,
A PEAL OF 5072 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 16 lb. in G sharp.

*Michael C. Homans ..	*Treble*	Geoffrey J. Hemming ..	5
†Jacqueline A. Roberts	2	‡William B. Pomeroy ..	6
‡Michael G. Selby.. ..	3	Edmund J. R. Hartley	7
§Raymond W. Selby ..	4	Gerald C. Hemming ..	*Tenor*

Composed by Albert M. Tyler. Conducted by Geoffrey J. Hemming.
* First peal. † First 'inside' on eight. ‡ First of Major in the method. § First of Major.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Aug. 16, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AMBROSE.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Grove's variation. Tenor 11½ cwt. in F sharp.

VICTOR J. WILLIAMS ..	*Treble*	D. JOHN HUNT	5
*MICHAEL J. HOBBS	2	BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON	6
GILLIAN M. HUSSEY ..	3	REGINALD G. HOOPER ..	7
CLIFF RICHARDS	4	†FRANK R. HUSSEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD G. HOOPER.
* First peal of Triples. † First peal.
Rung to the glory of God, and as an appreciation for the life, work and example of Frank Skidmore.

REVELSTOKE, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Wed., Aug. 17, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

H. FREDERICK MYERS ..	*Treble*	M. JACK PRYOR	5
THOMAS G. MYERS	2	†STANLEY JENNER	6
*FREDERICK E. DAY	3	D. ROY BOULD	7
ANN GEORGE	4	ERIC N. HARRISON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by THOMAS G. MYERS.
* First peal of Major. † 75th peal. First in the method on the bells.
Arranged for ringers of 4, 5, 6 and tenor, on holiday in the west.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Aug. 19, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, comprising 1,312 Bristol, 1,280 each of London, Cambridge and Superlative; 112 changes of method and all the work for each bell. Tenor 15 cwt. in C.

DORIS E. COLGATE	*Treble*	*RALPH BIRD	5
ARTHUR G. MASON	2	*IAN H. ORAM	6
THOMAS J. LOCK	3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER ..	7
FREDERICK J. CULLUM ..	4	PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN (C.C.C. 13).
Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
* 100th peal together.

BUCKINGHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 20, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 27 cwt.

WILLIAM J. CHESTER ..	*Treble*	*JAMES LINNELL	5
THOMAS E. ROBERTS	2	CHARLES TRUMAN	6
FREDERICK C. CASE	3	GEORGE E. GREEN	7
FREDERICK VICKERS	4	GEORGE W. HOLLAND ..	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by GEORGE W. HOLLAND.
* First peal of Major in the method.
Rung as a compliment to Roger Keeley, whose ordination took place at East Harham on August 14th.

KIRKBURTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 20, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS.
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15½ cwt.

DAVID CUBITT	*Treble*	GEOFFREY TOWNEND ..	5
*RODNEY PAGDIN	2	KENNETH PARK	6
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ..	3	*NOEL F. MOXON	7
*HERMAN RUSBY	4	*TREVOR TARBATT	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
* First peal on eight bells.

LYDD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 20, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, comprising 1,312 Bristol, 1,280 each of London, Cambridge and Superlative; 112 changes of method and all the work for each bell. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

PAUL J. DYE	*Treble*	RALPH BIRD	5
DORIS E. COLGATE	2	IAN H. ORAM	6
JOAN BERESFORD	3	JOHN R. COOPER	7
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ..	4	PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN (C.C.C. 13).
Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 20, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

FREDERICK S. SLATFORD ..	*Treble*	BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON ..	5
REGINALD H. NEWTON ..	2	HERBERT W. WOOLVEN ..	6
NORMAN G. KNEE	3	REGINALD G. HOOPER ..	7
PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING ..	4	ERIC J. HITCHINS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. S. WILDE. Conducted by REGINALD G. HOOPER.
Rung to mark the occasion of the marriage on Thursday, August 18th, of Laurence E. Hitchins, a member of this tower, and Gillian M. Watts.

RICKMANSWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 30, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5056 SOUTHWELL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 20 lb. in D.

*SUSAN J. SLADE	*Treble*	‡JOHN A. UNDERWOOD ..	5
†REGINALD W. REX	2	‡BRIAN A. CRACKNELL ..	6
‡DENNIS C. BOWEN	3	GEOFFREY K. DODD ..	7
†MICHAEL HATCHETT ..	4	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. MIDDLETON. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal of Major. † First of Major in the method. ‡ First in the method.
Rung within the octave of the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and as a welcome to Father N. W. Hill as Vicar of this parish.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 20, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.

HERBERT GOAKES	*Treble*	BRIAN G. WARWICK	5
PATRICIA A. WARDLE	2	JOHN A. ACRES	6
ERNEST MORRIS	3	ROLAND H. COOK	7
BRIAN M. SMITH	4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
Arranged for Herbert Goakes, of Peterborough.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 20, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part (seventh obs.). Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

CLIFF RICHARDS	*Treble*	HERBERT W. WOOLVEN ..	5
ELISABETH A. G. BOWDEN	2	J. JAMES JEFFERIES	6
BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON ..	3	ALAN F. LEE	7
RICHARD J. BOWDEN	4	PERCIVAL R. YOUNG ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN F. LEE.
Rung in memory of William J. Prescott, tower master of Bath Abbey.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 6, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-ON-THE-MOUNT,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise and mixed Kent and Oxford T.B., two of Kent T.B. and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

*ELISABETH A. G. BOWDEN	*Treble*	J. ANTHONY BENNETT ..	4
CLIFF RICHARDS	2	PATRICK J. BIRD	5
DON C. EXELL	3	*D. JOHN HUNT	*Tenor*

Conducted by PATRICK J. BIRD.
* 25th peal together.

OAKSEY, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 6, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 DURHAM SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout.
Tenor 8 cwt.

LESLEY J. BLADON	*Treble*	*BRUCE WAKEFIELD	4
PETER WAKEFIELD	2	ANTHONY R. PEAKE	5
PETER T. HURCOMBE	3	BRIAN BLADON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.
* First peal of Surprise away from the treble. First in the method by all the band, and for the Association. First peal on the bells.

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ALGARKIRK, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Aug. 9, 1960, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Double Oxford and Plain Bob, (3) St. Clement's and Childwall, (4) Oxford Treble Bob, (5) Kent Treble Bob, (6) and (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt.

F. KEITH WILLIAMSON ..	*Treble*	ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT ..	4
*JOHN THORLEY	2	*J. MARTIN THORLEY ..	5
GEOFFREY C. RIX	3	BERNARD E. MATTHEWS ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

*25th peal together. The conductor has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal of Minor in seven or more methods.

FOLKINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 10, 1960, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 11 methods: (1) Double Court, (2) Single Oxford and Double Bob, (3) Thelwall, Double Oxford, Childwall and St. Clement's, (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) Oxford Treble Bob, (6) Kent Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

GEOFFREY C. RIX	*Treble*	ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT ..	4
BERNARD E. MATTHEWS ..	2	F. KEITH WILLIAMSON ..	5
JOHN THORLEY	3	J. MARTIN THORLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

GOSBERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 11, 1960, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 17¼ cwt.

ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT ..	*Treble*	JOHN THORLEY	4
BERNARD E. MATTHEWS ..	2	EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	5
F. KEITH WILLIAMSON ..	3	J. MARTIN THORLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

A compliment to Paddy, who has now completed six years of married life with the conductor.

LONG CLAWSON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 11, 1960, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 27 methods, being 42 extents: (1) Stedman, (2) Reverse St. Bartholomew, (3) Plain Bob, (4) April Day, (5) Kennington, (6) Besthorpe, (7) St. Simon's, (8) Eynsham, (9) St. Albans, (10) Shropham, (11) St. Martin's, (12) St. Leonard, (13) St. Paul, (14) Mileham, (15) Southrepps, (16) Clifford's Pleasure, (17) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (18) Costessy, (19) St. Giles, (20) St. Andrew, (21) St. Nicholas, (22) Norwich, (23) St. Miles, (24) St. John, (25) Winchendon Place, (26) Walsingham, (27) Grandsire, (28) Plain Bob, (29) Reverse St. Bartholomew, (30) Grandsire, (31) Plain Bob, (32) April Day, (33) Kennington, (34) Besthorpe, (35) Southrepps, (36) Clifford's Pleasure, (37) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (38) Costessy, (39) Plain Bob, (40) April Day, (41) Kennington, (42) Besthorpe. Tenor 19¾ cwt. in E flat.

BRIAN G. WARWICK ..	*Treble*	RUSSELL S. MORRIS ..	3
JOHN A. ACRES	2	BRIAN M. SMITH	4
A. JAMES POYNOR ..	*Tenor*		

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

First peal on these bells (the heaviest ring of five in Leicestershire) for 33 years. They were rehung on ball-bearings by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. in 1959.

THRYBERGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Aug. 11, 1960, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF *St.* LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 26 lb.

STELLA HUGHES	*Treble*	MALCOLM P. PHIPPS	4
SHELAGH R. COLLINS ..	2	JOHN D. CHADDOCK	5
FRANK BRUNT	3	WILFRID F. MORETON ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

Rung half-muffled in memory of Evelyn May Fullerton, wife of John Fullerton, late of Thrybergh.

SEND, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Aug. 12, 1960, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods, being one extent each of Oxford T.B., Cambridge and St. Clement's, and two each of Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb.

ROY COLLINS	*Treble*	*DENNIS G. BLOWS	4
JILL M. LANE	2	DOUGLAS A. R. MAY ..	5
JOHN F. M. MAYBREY ..	3	DAVID G. WRIGHT	*Tenor*

Conducted by DOUGLAS A. R. MAY.

*First peal of Minor. First in five methods by all the band except the treble ringer. Fastest peal on the bells.

A compliment to Mr. John E. K. Sylvester (only son of the Vicar of Send) and Miss Gillian Mary Oxenham, who were married at Aberdare on August 4th.

HOBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 13, 1960, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in five methods: (1) to (11) Stedman, (12) to (16) Plain Bob, (17) to (21) St. Martin's, (22) to (26) St. Simon's, (27) to (30) Plain Bob, (31) to (40) Grandsire, (41) and (42) Plain Bob.
Tenor 9½ cwt. in B flat.

BRIAN G. WARWICK ..	*Treble*	ERNEST MORRIS	3
*MARK G. WOOD	2	RUSSELL S. MORRIS	4
JOHN B. BENNETT	*Tenor*		

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

*First peal 'inside' and first in more than one method.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 13, 1960, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Single Oxford and four of Plain Bob.

*DAVID W. THRELFALL ..	*Treble*	FREDERICK S. SUTTON ..	4
FRANK R. MORTON	2	HERBERT SUTTON	5
JOHN E. BROUGH	3	R. ANTHONY TRICKETT ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN E. BROUGH.

*First peal of Minor. The tenor ringer has now 'completed the circle.' Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb.

BASSINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Aug. 14, 1960, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. in G.

LOUIS WILLDERS	*Treble*	PETER A. SHARP	4
*DELIA SMITH	2	*A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL ..	5
CLAIRE DILLAMORE	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ..	*Tenor*

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES.
Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
*First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor.

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EAST BRIDGFORD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 13, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Oxford Treble Bob, three of Single Oxford and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12¼ cwt. in F.

RUTH BLACKSHAW	*Treble*	MAURICE W. HARRISON ..	4
F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER	2	FRANK BRADLEY	5
*DOREEN ARMSTRONG ..	3	JOHN HIGGS	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK BRADLEY.

* 50th peal.

Rung for the 21st birthday of Miss Judith Parker, cousin of Maurice W. Harrison; also on the eve of her wedding to Mr. Peter Barrie Longley—married at the Church of St. Edmund, Holme Pierrepont, Notts, on Sunday, August 14th.

GAYWOOD, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Aug. 14, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FAITH,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three 720's Plain Bob, two 720's Kent Treble Bob and one each of Oxford Treble Bob and St. Clement's. Tenor 12 cwt. 16 lb. in G.

MIRIAM HIGDON	*Treble*	NORMAN V. HARDING ..	4
*ROBIN SHIPP (14)	2	JOHN WILSON	5
ERNEST A. SHIPP	3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by H. WILLIAM BARRETT.

* First peal.

SOUTH PERROTT, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Aug. 16, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 6¼ cwt.

MARTIN D. BISHOP.. ..	*Treble*	JOSEPH T. BARRETT	4
*MRS. F. E. POPE	2	SIDNEY W. WHITE	5
MRS. M. M. GODLEY ..	3	WILLIAM E. TURNER.. ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.

* First peal and first attempt.

To mark the ordination of the Rev. Roger Keeley as Deacon at Harnham Parish Church on August 14th.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 17, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-THE-MARTYR,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 11 methods, comprising four extents each of April Day, Northrepps, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Clifford's Pleasure, All Saints', Old, Southrepps Pleasure, Kennington, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Grandsire and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. in A.

*NOEL D. DEAM	*Treble*	ROY H. JONES	4
*†JOHN PLADDYS	2	*EDWARD R. VENN	5
ALEC GAMMON	3	‡JOHN S. WALKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWARD R. VENN.

* First peal in 11 methods. † First of Doubles. ‡ First peal.

Rung in honour of Princess Anne's 10th birthday (August 15th), and to congratulate Mr. J. S. Walker on passing the Local Government Clerical Examination.

STOW, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 17, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising 13 methods in seven extents: (1) Double Bob and Fulbeck, (2) Double and Single Court, (3) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (4) Plain Bob and Oxford Bob, (5) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (6) Cambridge Surprise, (7) Reverse Bob and Canterbury. Tenor 10 cwt.

CLAIRE DILLAMORE	*Treble*	PETER A. SHARP	4
DELIA SMITH	2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE.. ..	5
A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL ..	3	LOUIS WILLDERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

NEWBURN-ON-TYNE, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Aug. 18, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of Wells, London, York, Norwich, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge. Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN E. ANDERSON	*Treble*	*CHARLES N. LEA	4
GEORGE S. DEAS	2	DENIS A. BAYLES	5
J. ALAN AINSWORTH ..	3	KENNETH ARTHUR	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.

* First peal of seven Surprise Minor. First of seven Surprise Minor as conductor.

A farewell to the Vicar (Rev. Tony Clemens) and Mrs. Clemens, on their forthcoming departure for Sunderland.

RATCLIFFE-ON-THE-WREAKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 18, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES IN 37 METHODS

Being 42 extents: (1) New Bob, (2) Huntspill Bob, (3) Stedman, (4) Reverse St. Bartholomew, (5) Reverse Bob, (6) Canterbury Pleasure, (7) Plain Bob, (8) April Day, (9) Kennington, (10) Besthorpe, (11) Old Bob, (12) St. Simon's, (13) Eynsham, (14) St. Albans, (15) Shropham, (16) Cassington, (17) St. Martin, (18) St. Leonard, (19) St. Paul, (20) Mileham, (21) St. Peter, (22) Southrepps, (23) Clifford's Pleasure, (24) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (25) Costessy, (26) St. Columb, (27) St. Giles, (28) St. Andrew, (29) St. Nicholas, (30) Norwich, (31) St. Thomas, (32) St. Miles, (33) St. John, (34) Winchendon Place, (35) Walsingham, (36) St. Luke, (37) Grandsire, (38) Plain Bob, (39) Southrepps, (40) to (42) Plain Bob. Tenor 5½ cwt. in D.

BRIAN G. WARWICK.. ..	*Treble*	ERNEST MORRIS..	3
JOHN A. ACRES	2	BRIAN M. SMITH	4
A. JAMES POYNOR ..	*Tenor*		

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

HATHERN, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Aug. 19, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

*JUDITH EXON	*Treble*	DAVID SWIFT	4
†VALERIE LACEY..	2	*BERNARD H. SMITH.. ..	5
CELIA COWLEY	3	TOM HARRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by TOM HARRIS.

* First peal. † First 'inside.'

Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the Rector of Hathern (Rev. R. Doble) and Mrs. Doble.

GREAT TOTHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 20, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 ALDERBOURNE DELIGHT MINOR

Being seven extents with 5-6 the right way throughout. Tenor 7¼ cwt. in B flat.

MARY ROAST	*Treble*	PETER J. EVES	4
IAN PANTON	2	JOE E. G. ROAST	5
ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON	3	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

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

CATHERINGTON, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Aug. 20, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In three methods, being one extent of Double Oxford, two of St. Clement's and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

S. JOHN HARDING	*Treble*	BRYAN C. BURROUGH.. ..	4
C. R. CHAD COUSSMAKER	2	JAMES R. TAYLOR	5
E. WINIFRED KEYS ..	3	BERNARD E. MATTHEWS ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by BERNARD E. MATTHEWS.

A first birthday compliment to Clifford Tribe, the grandson of the treble ringer, and also a birthday compliment to the ringer of the third.

HOLT, DENBIGHSHIRE.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 20, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Oxford T.B., Single Oxford, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

DENISE SHALLCROSS	*Treble*	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	4
GEOFFREY PARTING	2	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	5
JOHN S. DEAN	3	PERCY SWINDLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

A brthday peal for Geoffrey Parting.

HUTTON CRANSWICK, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(The Beverley and District Society.)
On Sat., Aug. 20, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In nine methods, being one extent each of Surfleet Surprise, Beverley Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford T.B., St. Clement's and Childwall, Double Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 18 cwt.

HAROLD F. GIBSON	*Treble*	JOHN S. RANK	4
JANET I. PORTER	2	DAVID JOHNSON	5
KEITH GOLDTHORPE	3	RONALD DUCKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by RONALD DUCKER.

First peal in nine methods by all, and on the bells.

NETHER ALDERLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 20, 1960, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents, using singles only, and including one extent with 42 singles. Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE FORRESTER	*Treble*	*DENIS HEAPY	4
HAROLD C. LONYON	2	BARRY CORBISHLEY ..	5
BRIAN SCHOFIELD	3	ROY WORRALL	*Tenor*

Conducted by BARRY CORBISHLEY.
* First peal of Minor away from treble.

NEWTON, PORTHCAWL, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 20, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In ten methods, being three extents each of Stedman, St. Simon's, Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, April Day, Kennington, Reverse St. Bartholomew, six of Plain Bob, four 240's (Pitman's) and four six-scores of Grandsire. Tenor 8¾ cwt.

MICHAEL LARCHER	*Treble*	ROY THROSBY	4
BARRY COUZENS	2	GWYN I. LEWIS..	5
EDMUND J. MORRIS	3	TREVOR M. RODERICK ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.

WIGTOFT, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 20, 1960, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

ROBIN BROWN	*Treble*	ALAN G. PAYNE..	4
JOSEPH W. BAILEY	2	LESLIE H. TAYLOR	5
*DAPHNE BROWN	3	J. MARTIN THORLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.
* First peal 'inside' in more than one method.

CROFTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Aug. 22, 1960, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being 720 Cambridge Surprise and two 720's each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 15¼ cwt.

HILDRED S. WICKENS ..	*Treble*	HAROLD CHANT	4
*DAVID CUBITT	2	†GEOFFREY TOWNEND ..	5
†KENNETH PARK	3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH..	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD CHANT.
* First peal in four methods 'inside.' † First in four methods.

HANDBELL PEALS

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 8, 1960, in 1 Hour and 56 Minutes,
AT 19, CROMLEY ROAD, WOODSMOOR,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents: (1) Oxford T.B., (2) Kent T.B., (3) and (4) Oxford T.B., (5) Double Plain Bob, (6) and (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor size 15 in C.

BRIAN HARRIS	1—2	BERNARD F. L. GROVES ..	3—4
		ROBERT B. SMITH	5—6

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Aug. 14, 1960, in 1 Hour and 59 Minutes,
IN ST. THOMAS' BELFRY,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 12 in F.

BRIAN G. WARWICK	1—2	JOHN A. ACRES	5—6
JOHN M. JELLEY	3—4	ERNEST MORRIS	7—8

Composed by E. MAURICE ATKINS. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

JULIANSTOWN, CO. MEATH.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Aug. 21, 1960, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT MEADOW COTTAGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Tenor size 11 in G.

*ALEXANDRA M. DUKES ..	1—2	FREDERICK E. DUKES ..	3—4
		†CHRISTINE A. HOWLETT	5—6

Conducted by FREDERICK E. DUKES.
* First peal away from the tenors. † First peal.
Rung to celebrate the passing of Advanced G.C.E. by the ringer of 5—6.

John Taylor & Co.

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The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

QUARTER PEALS

ASHLEY, NORTHANTS.—On Aug. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. H. Martin 1, D. Williams 2, N. G. Spencer 3, W. C. Budd 4, E. W. Martin (cond.) 5. First known quarter on the bells, which were unringable for over 40 years until overhauled this year, by local volunteers.

BRAMPTON, HUNTINGDON.—On Aug. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. J. Dyer 1, Lucy Allen 2, R. Cooper 3, E. J. Whiting 4, R. F. Baker (cond.) 6. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Patricia Jane Ellington and John Ernest David Findlay.

BRISTOL.—At the Cathedral, on Aug. 5th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: D. J. Hunt 1, Miss G. M. Hussey 2, C. J. Richards 3, J. R. Ketteringham 4, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 5, D. J. Purnell 6. Rung as a compliment to Mary Powell and Tony York on the occasion of their engagement. Also on Aug. 21st, 1,296 Little Bob Major: M. J. Hobbs 1, D. C. Exell 2, B. A. Shackleton 3, Miss G. M. Hussey 4, D. Richards 5, C. J. Richards 6, R. G. Hooper (cond.) 7, D. J. Hunt 8. Rung as a farewell to D. Richards, who is taking a teaching appointment in London.

BURBAGE, BUXTON, DERBYS.—On Aug. 14th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Margaret Findlow 1, A. Kirk 2, F. Forster 3, J. Kennett 4, R. Dawson 5, H. Kirk (cond.) 6. For evening service.

DRONFIELD, DERBYS.—On Aug. 7th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Hillary Jackson (first quarter) 1, K. R. Goodall 2, A. Wilson 3, J. W. Sykes 4, G. N. Goodall 5, L. Goodall (cond.) 6. Also on Aug. 23rd, 1,320 College Exercise Bob Minor: K. R. Goodall 1, J. W. Sykes 2, A. Wilson 3, G. N. Goodall 4, C. Longden (first quarter) 5, L. Goodall (cond.) 6.

EALING, MIDDX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Aug. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Tomsett 1, H. J. Eldred 2, A. M. Stacey 3 Miss J. Scrutton 4, F. Ransom 5, D. Theedom 6, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 7, A. H. Fulwell 8. Rung with bells half-muffled in memory of Arthur H. Harding, aged 83, late captain and member of the local band for 60 years, whose funeral took place earlier in the day.

EAST MEON, HANTS.—On Aug. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. Sansom 1, Mrs. R. T. Jones 2, Miss B. Daysh 3, B. Gambrill 4, K. Tiffer 5, R. T. Jones (cond.) 6. Rung on the eve of the 50th anniversary of the death of Florence Nightingale.

EDMONTON, MIDDX.—On Aug. 14th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Jean Hilton 1, Trudy Newcombe 2, D. Langdon 3, W. George 4, J. Duggan 5, T. Hawkins (cond.) 6. First of T.B. Minor for 1 and 4. For morning service. Also 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Trudy Newcombe 1, D. Langdon 2, H. Howson 3, W. George 4, T. Hawkins (cond.) 5. For Evensong. Also on Aug. 21st, 1,268 Spliced Plain and Little Bob Minor: Jean Hilton 1, Trudy Newcombe 2, D. Towers 3, J. Weeks 4, J. Duggan 5, T. Hawkins (cond.) 6. First of Spliced for all. For morning service.

EPSOM, SURREY.—At Christ Church, on Aug. 14th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: R. Fentiman, (first of Minor) 1, Sylvia Marsh 2, Carolyn D. Cockman 3, D. Herschell 4, W. Parrott (cond.) 5, G. A. Cockman 6. Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Cherie Payne (for 12 years a member of the band) and Mr. James E. Melhuish.

EVESHAM, WORCS.—On July 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. B. Pomeroy 1, Jacqueline Roberts 2, M. G. Selby 3, Phillis Foley 4, R. W. Selby 5, Brenda Smith 6, E. J. R. Hartley 7, G. J. Hemming (cond.) 8. Also on Aug. 6th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major (on the back eight): R. W. Selby 1, M. G. Selby 2, E. J. R. Harley 3, W. B. Pomeroy 4, E. W. Penn 5, M. Hawkes 6, G. C. Hemming 7, G. J. Hemming (cond.) 8.

FLITTON, BEDS.—On Aug. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: M. Anthea A. Munday 1, B. Grainger 2, Janet Wilkinson 3, P. J. Lawton 4, T. P. Harris (cond.) 5, Julie Bell 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. Frank Mortimer Eagles, M.A., Vicar of Pulloxhill with Flitton 1954-1960. 'Requiescat in pace.'

HARBURY, WARWICKS.—On July 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. A. Andrews (first quarter) 1, R. M. Andrews 2, T. K. Farrow 3, H. M. Windsor (cond.) 4, G. Smith 5, G. L. P. Aldhouse 6. Rung on the anniversary of the recasting of the bells, as a thanksgiving for the final payment of the cost of the work on the bells.

HITCHAM, BUCKS.—On Aug. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. T. Collins 1, A. Pettiford 2, A. Seear (first 'inside') 3, E. G. Swift 4, C. C. Clarke 5, H. Oglesby (cond.) 6. A 70th birthday compliment to the Rev. G. H. James, an honorary member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, and Rector of this parish.

IRON ACTON, GLOS.—On Aug. 18th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): H. Taysom 1, A. W. Gibbs (cond.) 2, B. K. Lewis (first of two Doubles 'inside') 3, D. Elliot 4, K. W. Price 5, T. T. Walters 6. Rung as a farewell compliment to Mr. and Mrs. P. King, of Warmley.

MADRON, CORNWALL.—On Aug. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss T. Davey 1, G. W. Taysom 2, B. Toms 3, Rev. G. Ruming 4, Mrs. R. E. White (first as cond.) 5, M. Nicholls 6.

MERROW, SURREY.—On Aug. 20th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: B. G. Grover 1, Angela J. Martin 2, A. Pamela Warren 3, D. J. Tubbs (first of Cambridge) 4, P. G. Smart (cond.) 5, R. I. Vaughan 6.

NEWTON ST. CYRES, DEVON.—On Aug. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss G. Cork 1, N. Mallett (cond.) 2, G. Luxton 3, T. Ridgeman 4, E. Cork 5, S. Skinner 6, G. Skinner 7, S. Gardiner 8. For Evensong.

OLD SWINFORD, STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—On Aug. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Roden 1, F. V. Nicholls 2, M. G. Fellows (cond.) 3, M. D. Fellows 4, J. C. Eisel 5. A birthday compliment to Princess Margaret.

OXFORD.—On Aug. 21st, at the Church of St. Aldate, 1,280 Grandsire Doubles: Miss L. Wolfe (first quarter) 1, Mrs. M. Godwin 2, J. Pladdys 3, R. Allsworth 4, E. R. Venn (cond.) 5, A. Ivings 6. Rung for Matins, and to mark the 30th birthday of Princess Margaret.

PERSHORE, WORCS.—On July 2nd, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: E. J. R. Hartley 1, Jacqueline A. Roberts 2, M. G. Selby 3, D. Price 4, W. B. Pomeroy 5, M. Hawkes 6, G. J. Hemming 7, G. C. Hemming (cond.) 8.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Aug. 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss E. Hatch 1, R. Tomlin 2, W. Ellis 3, F. May 4, H. Warboys 5, M. F. Hatch 6, M. J. Hallett (cond.) 7, G. D. Sandwell 8.

REDHILL, SURREY.—On Aug. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss V. Hankey 1, Miss F. Hankey 2, Miss B. Saggers 3, D. Mundy 4, G. Clark (first of Triples) 5, G. West 6, A. Streeter (cond.) 7, H. Comber 8. Rung for Evensong, also as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. Dove, on their golden wedding anniversary, and to Mr. and Mrs. J. Dove, on their silver wedding anniversary.

SHILTON, WARKS.—On Aug. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. W. O'Donnell (12) 1, Miss E. Ginns (14, first 'inside') 2, G. Robbins 3, H. M. Windsor 4, N. A. Knight (16) 5, R. T. Oakford (first quarter) 6

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On Aug. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (4 extents Plain Bob, 6½ Grandsire): D. W. Stenson (first in 2 methods) 1, Mrs. B. G. Warwick 2, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 3, A. E. Bodycote 4, B. M. Smith 5, K. Bodicoat 6. For Evensong.

STANTON ST. JOHN, OXON.—On Aug. 23rd, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: A. Dunkley (first of Doubles) 1, R. H. Jones 2, N. D. Deam 3, E. R. Venn (cond.) 4, J. S. Walker (first quarter 'inside') 5.

TORQUAY, DEVON.—At the Chruch of All Saints, Babbacombe, on Aug. 14th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: F. R. Scott 1, J. R. A. Muller 2, A. K. Fortin 3, C. F. Longhurst 4, W. Simmonds 5, D. J. Roberts 6, N. J. Davies 7, J. K. Ward (cond.) 8. For Evensong. Believed to be the first of Major on the bells.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCS.—On July 1st, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: F. Lawrence 1, M. Hawkes 2, G. J. Hemming 3, D. Price 4, E. W. Penn 5, J. Clements 6, F. Hawkes 7, G. C. Hemming (cond.) 8. First of Surprise for 5 and 6.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On July 10th, 1,331 Grandsire Caters: C. Diggins 1, A. J. Boyack 2, C. A. Hughes 3, F. C. Maynard 4, F. W. Sykes 5, T. Hawkins 6, L. S. Woods 7, C. Willmington 8, B. Downes 9, R. Lumsden 10. For Evensong. Also on July 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Rixon (first quarter) 1, F. C. Maynard 2, A. Boyack 3, H. Warboys 4, M. Barton 5, F. Sykes 6, B. Downes 7, P. D. Chapman 8. For Evensong.

WELLOW, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 18th, 1,260 Doubles (4 six-scores each of Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob and 2 of Grandsire): P. R. Young 1, J. R. Hobbs 2, L. R. G. Taylor 3, J. J. Jefferies 4, A. F. Lee (cond.) 5, L. Cox 6. Rung in memory of William J. Prescott.

WESTON-SUPER-MARE, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): M. Legg 1, G. Prescott (cond.) 2, J. Legg 3, S. White 4, M. White 5, D. Harris 6, S. Powell 7, D. Clark 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Rev. A. D. H. Allan.

WEST RETFORD, NOTTS.—On Aug. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Angela Womack 1, Jill Easom 2, P. Illingworth 3, Valerie Waterfield 4, R. Hobbs (cond.) 5, D. McNeil 6. Rung before Sung Mass, as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Smith, who are leaving the district after more than 30 years' association with the church.

WINFORD, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Hazzard 1, C. York 2, H. Ball 3, R. Brice 4, G. Prescott (cond.) 5, S. Smith 6.



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BELFRY GOSSIP

A new record in regular Doubles methods was created by Mr. Frank T. Blagrove and his band at Hambleden, Bucks, on August 19th. In all 113 individual plain course methods were rung. The record for Minor methods is 126, rung in a peal of 6,480 changes. Congratulations!

The peal at Rickmansworth on August 20th of Southwell Surprise Major was rung after meeting short for Royal.

Mr. L. Willders, of Lincoln, has 'circled' Bassingham tower to peals, completed on August 14th with the treble to Cambridge Surprise Minor.

Mr. J. E. Jeater will be away from home from September 5th to 17th. Correspondence requiring immediate attention should be sent to the Editor at Guildford.

Mr. Adrian J. Tumber, of Bishopstoke, writes expressing his thanks to Middlesex County Association ringers, particularly the Master (Mr. John R. Mayne), for their hospitality during his recent visit.

A plaque recording the quarter peal of Grandsire Caters rung half-muffled in memory of the late Ernest J. Jelley will be unveiled and dedicated in the ringing chamber of St. John the Divine, Leicester, during the practice night on Thursday, September 8th, by the Vicar, the Rev. W. Basil Williams. An invitation is extended to all who wish to be present.

In expressing his apologies, to all concerned, Mr. A. James Poynor withdraws the footnote to the peal rung at Ratby, Lincs. on July 25th (see page 554) in which he stated that he believed the band to be the youngest to ring a peal of Major. His thanks are due to Mr. Ernest Morris, who gave him a cutting of the peal in the same method rung at Crayford on April 21st, 1934. The average age of this band was just over 15 years and the peal was conducted by John J. L. Gilbert, who was then 15½ years. The amended footnote of the Ratby peal should read: 'Youngest band to ring a peal of Major for the Guild.'

Mr. Trevor Vendy, of Market Harborough, with the minimum of help and expenditure, has recommissioned the five bells at Ashley, Northants, which for 41 years have been unringable. His work was proved by the first quarter peal there on August 6th.

Many ringing friends who visit Cornwall will be pleased to learn that 'Jan' Sangwin has, by ringing his first quarter of Stedman, achieved an ambition of 30 years, when he first learned the method.

We hear that whilst Mr. Gordon Halls, of Derby, is over in New York and Los Angeles, on business for Rolls Royce, his wife, Pat, has slipped over to Paris for a holiday. Sauce for the goose, etc.!

Flying back to the States today is Mr. Russell Young, of Groton School, Massachusetts. His two months' visit to this country, the second year in succession, has brought him into contact with a large number of ringers who have been charmed with the American ringers. Last Sunday Mr. Young rang at Holy Trinity and St. Mary's Churches, Guildford, and in the evening at Hillingdon.

Although the date of the diamond wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Clarke, of Leicester, was August 8th the peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal at St. John the Divine, Leicester, in honour of the occasion was not rung until August 20th, owing to some of the band being on holiday. Mr. S. Harrison visited the couple to tell them of the attempt and was gratified to learn that the family celebration coincided with the rearranged date.

Whilst the recent quarter peal was being rung at Dean Prior, Devon, after the institution of the Rev. J. W. Timms to the benefice, several members of the congregation watched the progress of the ringing with great interest. At the conclusion the new Rector expressed his thanks, and gave a message to the ringers from the Lord Bishop of Plymouth, saying that his Lordship regretted not seeing the ringers personally because the quarter peal had already commenced.

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FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE COMMEMORATED

A remembrance week-end was held in Hampshire to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the death of Florence Nightingale, and this culminated in a special remembrance service held at the Church of St. Mary, Southampton, on August 14th, which was attended by members of the staff of local hospitals, the British Red Cross Society and the St. John Ambulance Brigade. The service also commemorated the 100th anniversary of the founding of the first Nightingale training school for nurses.

The Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild co-operated with the anniversary and rang five peals and a quarter peal over a wide area of Florence Nightingale's home country, i.e., Bishopstoke, Christchurch Priory, St. Mary's, Southampton, Winchester Cathedral and Brightwalton, Berks.

The peal at Bishopstoke was of particular interest. A new method,' Nightingale Treble Place Bob Major, was found for the occasion by Mr. Frank Blagrove. Mr. R. Roger Savory, who conducted, had to use two different calls.

The quarter peal was rung at Romsey Abbey, the nearest ring of bells to Florence Nightingale's resting place at East Wellow. This consisted of 1,260 Grandsire Triples, and was rung prior to the Sung Eucharist on August 14th by Miss C. White 1, C. M. White 2, M. D. G. Northway 3, H. J. Page 4, D. Greenlaw 5, C. Redwood 6, A. W. Fry (conductor) 7, L. F. Cobb 8.

The bells of St. Mary's, Southampton, were also rung previous to the memorial service.

Soothes Away The Worries

As a very busy business woman, I have to do most of my 'chores' in the evening. I always save the quiet jobs in the garden, weeding, transplanting, etc., until Thursday because that is the local church bellringers' practice night, and the peaceful, 'far-from-this-troubled-world' sound soothes away the worries of the week.—Mrs. M. James, Sale, Cheshire, to 'Woman's Weekly.'

BEDFORDSHIRE RINGERS MARRIED

Two well known Bedfordshire ringers, Mr. Stephen Ivin and Miss Avril Thackray, were married at All Saints' Church, Houghton Conquest, on Saturday, August 13th.

The bridegroom, who attended Bedford School and later studied at Merton College, Oxford, is the only son of Mrs. M. Ivin, of 26, High Street, Houghton Conquest, Beds.

The bride, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Thackray, of 79, Spenser Road, Bedford, is a former pupil of Dame Alice Harpur School, Bedford, and subsequently atttended the Leicester College of Domestic Science.

Father Francis was the officiating clergyman.

Miss A. E. Lloyd, a college friend, made a charming bridesmaid and the best man was Mr. P. Border, whilst Messrs. J. R. Taylor and J B. Long acted as ushers.

About 30 guests were present at the reception at the White Hart Hotel, Ampthill.

As the ceremony proceeded, in this beautiful old church, those of us whose minds tended to wander probably recalled the time, about 12 years ago, when the bridegroom first became interested in campanology and how, in no time at all, he handled a bell with the skill and assurance of a veteran.

His progress since those days is well known to all who are interested in ringing, but not all of us, probably, realise how much he has done for the advancement of change ringing, and many of us, who smugly pride ourselves on our regularity, overlook the fact that we could render far greater service to the church if we had a fraction of Stephen's penetration and persistence.

If I say that his charming bride is a lovely ringer I am in no danger of being wrong (whichever way I am interpreted!) and neither Bob Singles nor Surprise Maximus is anv trouble to Avril!

As this young couple set out on the great adventure, their numerous friends wish them every happiness and many years together.

A. E. R.

SERVANTS OF THE EXERCISE – No. 36



MR. C. W. DENYER
Master, Guildford Diocesan Guild.

Charles William Denyer was born at Tongham, Surrey, on March 25th, 1911, and a year later the family moved into Aldershot, where their father, Mr. William Denyer, was employed in the printing trade. Charles was educated at the local C. of E. school and later at Farnborough Technical (now Grammar) School. The light ring of six bells at Aldershot was augmented to 8 in 1920, and the 3 young Denyer children, Grace (13), Nancie (10) and Charles (9), were the first three recruits to learn handling the new trebles under their father and C.Q.M.S. George Gilbert.

In 1924, at the age of 13, a local peal of Grandsire Triples at Aldershot enabled Charles to ring his first peal, although his sister Nancie had scored a peal of Plain Bob Major a year before—the youngest lady to do so and a record which stood for many years. Peal ringing is not his chief ambition in ringing, however, as the modest total of 90 on tower bells proves. On his 20th birthday he conducted his first peal (one of Minor) and his total conducted now is 25. In each of these there has been one or more first pealers or first in the method. In addition he has rung two handbell peals—one of Minor with the late J. S. Goldsmith (Mr. Goldsmith's last peal) and one of Grandsire Triples with the late A. H. Pulling.

The Guildford Diocese was formed in 1927, and a year later Mr. Denyer was elected secretary of the Farnham District, a post he held until 1948 when he succeeded to the office of District Ringing Master. On vacating that position five years later he was made a vice-president of the Guildford Guild and in 1958 was elected Guild Master. This year he has also been elected to the Central Council. He is able to ring double-handed on tower bells, and has completed two quarter peals—one being at Hersham, where Mr. W. Simmonds rang 1—2 and himself 3—4 and Mr. Tony Price 5—6 to Bob Minor. The other double handed quarter, of Grandsire Triples, was at Farnham earlier this year.

Like his late father, Mr. Denyer is a printer, having been apprenticed as a compositor to Messrs. E. W. Langham, The Herald Press, Farnham, in 1927. During the last war he served for five years in the Royal Artillery (Searchlights) and spent a short period in Norway. In 1942 he met Miss Edna Page, serving in the A.T.S. and they were married at Streatham, in April, 1943. At the close of hostilities Mr. and Mrs. Denyer first made their home at Aldershot, but moved to Farnham in 1949, when he was promoted to works manager of The Herald Press. Their son Michael (10) and daughter Janet (8) are both learning to ring at the St. Andrew's Parish Church, Farnham, where their father is now captain of the local company.

Apart from ringing activities which occupies most of his leisure hours he finds time to cultivate a large garden complete with greenhouse and beehives. As a boy and later as a man he sang in the choir at Aldershot Parish Church and served on the Church Council there. At Farnham he is a sidesman, a member of the P.C.C. and on the Church Restoration Committee, which included the recent recasting and rehanging of the eight bells.

Mr. Denyer comes from a family of bellringers, for his maternal grandfather rang call changes at St. Peter's Church, Ash, for over 50 years. In addition to his late father, the family ringers now include his wife and two children, two sisters, two brothers, two brothers-in-law, a sister-in-law, three nieces and two nephews, all of whom live in and around Aldershot and Farnham. His lifelong friend, Mr. William ('Delight') Viggers has shared in his active life as for together they have been cubs, scouts, choirboys, church councillors, and of course, ringers. Incidentally, Bill Viggers is also a printer!

AN APOLOGY TO MISS ARMSTRONG

In regard to the recent controversy over the ringing of the curfew at Morpeth Watch Tower, Miss J. S. Armstrong has received the following letter from Mr. J. Ainsworth:—

'I would like to say on behalf of the persons who have rung peals on Morpeth bells recently that we were not aware of the inconvenience we are causing you. We sincerely regret that the whole business had to come to light in the public press. Finally, may I say that I hope you will ring the curfew for many years to come.'

Visitors from Surrey and Hertfordshire rang at the Watch Tower on August 23rd for half a hour.

HUMOROUS HUMUS

(Inspired by a recent Yorkshire outing, for Clare's benefit.)

Discussing crops the other day
Some words of wisdom came my way,
I heard a hymn to humus sung;
Ah yes, my boy, you can't beat dung.

Use it, and you'll never fail
To grow the finest curly kale.
Onions that burn your tongue
Thrive when fed on lovely dung.

Spuds—like footballs—sweet peas, too,
Come your way if only you
See that roots or seeds are sprung
From the whiffy, niffy dung.

Now farmers know the worth of nitrates,
Slag, salt, lime and superphosphates.
But since the days when they were young
They've all believed in rich dark dung.

Our village church amid the green,
Presents a charming sylvan scene,
And when the Matins bell is rung
What's the message? Dung, dung, dung.

NOT NEWS

Dear Sir,—I suspect that the composition, published on page 584, for Osgathorpe Surprise Major is not original. It is a shortened version of the 6,496 which I obtained (for York Surprise Major) some time in 1950. At that time I understood that it was not new but I do not know to whom it should be credited. Mr. C. J. Sedgley perhaps?—Yours faithfully,

ANTHONY W. T. CLEAVER.

Bristol.

RAVING RINGERS' 1960 TOUR OF KENT

A Minima Ad Maximus

AFTER a rather hectic tour of South Wales in 1959 the Raving Ringers chose a slightly flatter location for the 1960 tour. Saturday, July 23rd, saw 14 Ravers bravely battling their way through the holiday traffic jams, following the various courses across England towards Rochester. Unfortunately only six Ravers arrived on time at the Cathedral but eventually another carload came in sight and we were able to set the ten ringing to Caters and Royal.

During a touch of Royal a very out-of breath telegraph boy arrived in the belfry with a telegram for the Ravers. It was addressed to 'The Belfry, Rochester Cathedral.' Congratulations to the G.P.O. for quick work. Unfortunately the telegram bore the alarming news that the remaining carload of Ravers was puncture bound two hundred miles away with best part of the equipment and provisions for the week. Not knowing exactly where the next meal might come from the Ravers took no chances and dined well before making their way to the camp site which was in the shadow of Barham windmill, just off the A2 from Canterbury to Dover.

COMPLETE AT 1.30 A.M.

The tents that had arrived were soon erected and the party sat down in the middle of the field to cards. Dusk fell and as the night wore on those who had beds to go to left the card circle. Only three were left, huddled round the 'Tilley,' when at half past one the last car arrived bringing the remaining tents and bedding and, most important of all, the chief cook.

Although 65 towers were scheduled for the tour, an easy start was made on the Sunday with only four towers, including service ringing on the ten at Leeds (20 cwt.) and Maidstone Parish Church. We had a little difficulty in leaving Maidstone as a couple of handcuff happy police officers were anxious to arrest two female Ravers for jay walking. The Kentish population are so good that they hadn't had a conviction for weeks!

Monday morning dawned bright and clear and the party set off for the first full day's ringing in an assortment of vehicles ranging from a Riley to a Vespa. A good start was made on the six at Bekesbourne and nine towers were visited during the day ending at St. Laurence-in-Thanet, where we joined the local ringers at practice.

By Tuesday morning the full complement of ringers had arrived and the completed party consisted of 14 ringers representing eight counties. Tuesday's programme consisted of eight towers including Ospringe, where the tour photograph was taken with the Master in full regalia. In the evening we joined the Cathedral ringers at Canterbury and had a most worthwhile evening's ringing including Grandsire and Stedman Cinques and Plain Bob Maximus.

Wednesday saw the Ravers heading seaward and the eleven towers visited that day included Deal and Dover, where we joined the local ringers for practice.

AMONG THE SKULLS

Nine towers were visited on Thursday, a good start being made at Elham, where a well struck course of New Cambridge Major was brought round. The Ravers considered Hythe's to be the best bells of the day. Several Ravers spent an even better time amongst the thousand skulls stacked in the crypt and when the time came to leave it was difficult to tell which was which. The day's ringing ended at Folkestone, where we were made most welcome at the practice and enjoyed mixed ringing.

Friday was a day mainly of sixes and a variety of Minor and Doubles methods were rung, including Norwich, Cambridge and London, Grandsire and Stedman. The only eights of the day were Ashford and Wye, where the ringing was most enjoyable, despite the fact that 'Wye' Surprise never did quite come round.



The Raving Ringers at Ospringe, Kent. Left to right (back row): Dennis Bowen, Peter Warren, Noel Waite, Tony Mann, Howard Oglesby (Ringing Master), Chris Clarke, Michael Ling; (kneeling) Dafydd Wood, Ron Russ (Master), Terry Collins; (seated) Clare Chambers, Olga Critchlow, Christine Pullin, Ann Petifore.

Saturday's ringing centred in and around Canterbury and began at St. Alphege's, where we had to burgle our way into the belfry due to a lost key. Lunchtime, spent at Whitstable, provided an excellent opportunity for some of the party to take their annual footbath to the great interest of the local holiday makers and the even greater amusement of the writer who chased the barefooted ringers with a crab. The day's ringing was concluded with a visit to Quex Park, an article about which has recently appeared in this journal. Here, with the aid of local ringers, we rang Grandsire and Stedman Cinques and Caters.

The journey to Sunday's first tower was very short as we rang for morning service at Barham, where we were joined by three Girl Guide ringers camping locally. After an excellent sermon by the young Rector we moved to Canterbury for lunch. During the afternoon we visited the beautiful villages of Appledore and Wittersham and the day's ringing ended at New Romney for Evensong. A leisurely drive along the coast road to Folkestone gave us a chance to take a last look at the Kent countryside, then we headed back to camp for the Ravers' annual conference. The conference lasted well into the night though the writer can report little of its happenings, due to the fact that she fell asleep around midnight.

Monday dawned bright and clear and hectic packing activities were only interrupted by a short sudden deluge, which conveniently soaked the tents as they were about to be packed up. Only one tower was arranged for the day but, owing to traffic difficulties, only eight Ravers managed to get to the sixty-fifth tower of the tour.

Having had a most enjoyable tour in Kent, the Raving Ringers would like to extend their sincerest thanks to the incumbents and tower captains of the churches visited and to the Kent ringers who were so helpful and hospitable. We would also like to say a big personal thank you to Chris Clarke and Dennis Bowen, who put so much work into organising this year's excellent tour.

'THAT'S ALL, STAND.'

C. C.

ALPHABET FOR BEGINNERS

By T. J. LOCK

"Q"

Q SET.—The term Q Set was coined by W. H. Thompson to denote the interrelation of sets of rows. A definition is that it is a series of rows representing disconnected leads or sixes which require to be all treated alike in composition, i.e., either all bobbed or all plained or, as in Stedman Triples, a certain group bobbed and an equal group plained. As the application of Q Sets is in connection with compositions you are advised, if you wish to know more of the subject, to study a copy of W. H. Thompson's papers or to seek the benefit of some such knowledgable composer.

QUEEN'S—is the change in which the bells represented by odd numbers strike successively in their natural order, followed by those represented by even numbers also in their natural order. As 13572468 on eight bells and 1357924680 on ten bells.

QUESTION.—When is a ringer not a ringer? Answer—When, without proper reason, he does not do his duty by taking part in Sunday service and practice ringing.

QUICK BELL.—Stedman's principle is composed of two parts, a quick six and a slow six. And a quick bell is one that having completed its double dodge in 4-5 down commences a quick six by hunting straight down to lead and, having led one whole pull, hunts straight up into 4-5 again. In other words, it is plain hunting to and from lead after the double dodge in 4-5 down.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

WESTERN CANADA'S GREAT WELCOME

Dear Sir,—I came out to Canada to visit my daughter, who lives in a very large fruit-growing district in a valley in the Rockies. This week was the first time the daytime temperature was below 90 degrees for 54 days—give me English rainy weather!

Bearing in mind what Jim Bennett, of Grundisburgh, had said, that if I met the ringers of Victoria and Vancouver I was in for a real royal time, I made the journey to Victoria with my daughter—a ringer in England—by air. We left at 7 a.m. on July 29th and landed at Victoria Airport at 10.15 a.m. Here we were met by Mr. Izard and conveyed by him to a motel he had kindly booked for us.

The day following, the ringers from Vancouver were visiting Victoria to ring on the fine bells of the Cathedral. After ringing standard methods, we were conveyed to the country cottage of Mr. Izard, jun., which is situated at a beautiful spot by the sea. Here we were entertained to a meal—some had a swim—and then handbells, until it was time for the Vancouver party to get the boat. A most enjoyable day.

On Sunday my daughter and I assisted in ringing for Cathedral services, during which we had some good striking. Mr. Izard, his son Arthur and daughter Margaret are all ringers. We had no time to relax, as before we left at 4.15 p.m. on the Monday either father Izard or Margaret would take us to interesting places. This was a ringing outing never to be forgotten.

I was privileged on August 13th to take part in the Vancouver ringers' visit to the Benedictine Monastery, Westminster Abbey, Mission City. The Abbey is situated on a hill overlooking the Fraser Valley—a real beauty spot. The tower, which contains ten bells, is of unusual design, and the ringing chamber can be entered from either the outside or inside. The monks joined in touches and afterwards provided us with tea.

Back the 45 miles to Vancouver, and here I was provided with supper, bed and breakfast by one ringer. On the Sunday morning we went to ring at the Cathedral of the Holy Rosary. Another ringer entertained me to lunch, another to tea and a third took me in his car for four hours' sightseeing. Yes, Jim Bennett, hospitality of the highest order. Thank you, West Canadian ringers!—Yours faithfully,

PETER CROOK.

Kelowna, B.C.

BIRD SONG WITH BELLS

Dear Sir,—On a recent Sunday morning the owner of a tape recorder fulfilled a long-standing promise to come and make a recording of our bells at Burghill before Matins.

Later when the recording was played back to the band each member had an opportunity to assess the quality of his ringing. What also surprised me was the wealth of bird song coming continuously from the tape, during the periods when the bells were silent. Previously I had not been aware of the amount of bird song in my garden and in the lane beyond.

How many countrymen, I wonder, are deaf to the hundred and one melodious sounds produced by the various members of nature's orchestra: the rustling wind in the trees, the running water in the ditch, the bleating of sheep, the mooing of a distant cow, the songs of the cuckoo and other birds. One may well profit mentally from a few moments of quiet, listening to the symphonious strains coming from nature's orchestra.—Yours faithfully,

F. MORRIS.

Burghill, Hereford.

FOUR-BELL TOWERS OF LEICESTERSHIRE

Dear Sir,—Replying to your correspondent who asks for details of 4-bell towers, here is a list of Leicestershire churches with four bells:

Allexton. Rehung 1929, tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

Barkeston. Tenor 10 cwt., approx.

Burrough-on-the-Hill.

Carlton-by-Bosworth. Tenor 8 cwt.

Coalville. A chime, tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

Dalby-on-the-Wolds. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

Evington.

Kimcote.

Leicester. St. Nicholas'. One bell hung for chiming, three on floor of church.

Loughborough. Emmanuel. Chime, tenor 5 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

Muston.

Orton-on-the-Hill. Tenor 9 cwt., approx.

Peatling Magna.

Pickwell.

Shearsby. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb., hung as a chime.

Sibstone.

South Croxton. Tenor 8 cwt., approx.

Stathern. Tenor 10 cwt., approx.

Stoughton.

Sutton-Cheney. Tenor 7 cwt., approx., cracked and on floor of church.

Swinford. Tenor 10 cwt., approx.

Tilton-on-the-Hill. Recently rehung.

Tugby. Tenor 6 cwt., approx. Rehung 1878.

Yours sincerely,

ERNEST MORRIS.

FOUR BELL PEALS

Dear Sir,—In the issue of the 'R.W.' of August 19th, Mr. P. H. Whitaker, of Coleraine, states 'there is at any rate one ringer who objects to the recognition of performances on four bells as peals.' May I, through your columns, inform this gentleman that there are at least TWO.

I raised this question a fortnight ago at our district meeting of the Suffolk Guild, and pointed out, in almost exactly Mr. Whitaker's own words, now that the door is opened to four bell peals, soon we should, most likely, be hearing of 'peals' on three. Unfortunately our district C.C. representative was unavoidably absent, and I'm wondering whether or not every member of all the Associations present at the Council meeting were in agreement with the recognition of peals of Minimus? If they were, well, it's surprising, I think.

All are entitled to their own opinion (or should be), but my own, for what it is worth (probably not much), is that performances on four bells should not be recognised as peals by the Central Council or included in the analysis.—Yours truly and respectfully,

JAMES BENNETT.

Grundisburgh.

FALSE PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD

Dear Sir,—I find I also have called the 5,008 of Double Oxford (peal 23, C.C. Collection) at Washingborough, Lincolnshire, on September 24th, 1958. With apologies to the band I withdraw this peal, number 3,556 in Lincoln Diocesan Guild report.—Yours faithfully,

JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

Lincoln

PEALS OF MINIMUS

Dear Sir,—Mr. P. H. Whitaker may rest assured that at least one other ringer agrees with the views on 'peals' of Minimus expressed in his excellent letter in 'The Ringing World' of August 19th.

In fairness to members of the Council, however, it must be said that at the end of the meeting some doubt existed as to whether they **had** voted in favour of recognising such peals. There was a certain amount of confusion when voting on the Methods Committee's report, and the Standing Committee's recommendations arising from it, took place.

The answer would seem to be for a motion to be placed on the agenda for next year's meeting to the effect that the Council declines to recognise peals of Minimus. This would provide a more satisfactory test of members' opinions.—Yours faithfully,

E. A. BARNETT,

Honorary Secretary,

The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.

OWNERSHIP OF BELLS

Dear Sir,—Mr. T. J. Lock's 'Alphabet for Beginners' is a valuable mine of information; it has taught me many things which I would not have lighted upon otherwise.

However, I must disagree with his statement, in 'The Ringing World' of August 12th, that there is no ownership of bells. Like all the goods and chattels of the church, bells and their ropes are in the legal ownership of the churchwardens, who are for this purpose a kind of corporation at Common Law.

This view was expressed by Sir William Blackstone in his 'Commentaries on the Laws of England' (1765, seq.), and the point was neatly illustrated in 1835 in the slander case of Jackson v. Adams.

Adams alleged that Jackson, a churchwarden of the Devon parish of Stoke Gabriel, had stolen the parish bell-ropes. The judge ruled that since Jackson was a churchwarden he was the legal owner of the bell-ropes, and in the eyes of the law it was impossible for him to steal them.

The churchwardens' ownership of bells is a bare legal title only, it does not confer on them all the normal rights of ownership, and, as Mr. Lock points out, bells may only be rung with the incumbent's consent. The responsibility for the care, maintenance, preservation and insurance of bells is now in the hands of the Parochial Church Council.—Yours faithfully,

NORMAN R. PHILLIPS.

Windsor.

A MYSTERY ELUCIDATED

Dear Sir,—The publication of the 5,042 of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus by Peter Border in your issue of August 5th has elucidated the mystery of how this number was obtained.

In consultation, Mr. C. J. Sedgley considered that the 'twisting' was achieved in quite the beginning of changes, thereby bringing up the middle lead, cutting out about half a course; this would obviate the use of the single.

In the early '30's, two 5,040's of Cambridge Surprise Maximus were rung at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich—one by ringing Primrose at the first lead bringing up the Wrong, the other by calling the tenor 6ths, 7ths and home.

Referring to peals of Treble Bob hunt Maximus, all different numbers of changes up to 5,280 have been rung at the 'Tower' church, including 5,088 and 5,184 of Rochester Surprise Maximus.—Yours truly,

G. E. SYMONDS,

Hon. Secretary, St. Mary-le-Tower Society.

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DOUBLE NORWICH FOR THE BEGINNER

By WILFRID G. WILSON

(Continued from page 580)

IV ITS CONSTRUCTION

When we come to write out figures with eight bells—or to ring changes on them in the tower—we find that we can have a lot more variety. We can make places or dodge in different positions, thus producing many different methods. But we will now confine ourselves to using the one very simple alteration—Court Places—that we have learnt about in the last section. Examine the figures of this lead. The treble is plain hunting throughout. The other bells plain hunt except for the Court Places and consequent dodging.

1	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
2	2 1 **4 3** 6 5 8 7
4	2 4 1 3 5 6 7 8
3	4 2 **3 1** 6 5 8 7
5	2 4 3 6 1 5 7 8
6	4 2 6 3 5 1 8 7
7	2 4 3 6 **5 8** 1 7
8	4 2 6 3 8 5 7 1
9	4 6 2 8 3 7 5 1
10	6 4 8 2 7 3 1 5
11	4 6 2 8 7 1 3 5
12	6 4 **8 2** 1 7 5 3
13	4 6 **8 1** 2 7 3 5
14	6 4 **1 8** 7 2 5 3
15	6 1 4 **8 2** 7 3 5
16	1 6 8 4 7 2 5 3
17	1 8 6 7 4 5 2 3

The bell coursing in front of the treble (3) makes fourths place, crosses the path of the treble, makes thirds place and then courses behind the treble. While it is making fourths place the bells in 5-6 and 7-8 have to dodge—they can't get through otherwise. While it is making thirds place, the bells in 1-2 dodge for the same reason. That completes one internal set of places. By this time the treble has reached the 5-6 position and the next set of Court Places has begun. The new bell coursing in front of the treble (5, because 3 has now gone behind it) makes sixth place, crosses the path of the treble, makes fifth place and then hunts behind the treble. Note that before it started these places, 5 had had to dodge once in 5-6 because of the first set of places. And note that the bell concerned in that first set (3) had to dodge in 3-4 after them because of the second set of places. While 5 was doing its sixth place the back two bells had to dodge and while it was doing its fifth place the first four bells (in 1-2 and 3-4) had to dodge.

That completes the second internal set of places, so that when we come to the half lead end the treble has been moved two positions relative to the other bells. Instead of being between 2 and 3 when it started, it first got between 3 and 5 and then between 5 and 7.

Now do just the same pieces of work in the second half of the lead. The bell coming down in front of the treble (7) makes fifths places, crosses behind the treble and makes sixths place. While it is making fifths, the bells in 1-2 and 3-4 dodge. While it is making sixths, the bells in 7-8 dodge By this time the treble has reached the 3-4 position and the next set of Court Places has begun.

The bell now in front of the treble (8) makes thirds place, crosses behind the treble, makes fourths place and follows the treble down to lead. While it is making thirds place the bells in 1-2 dodge. While it is making fourths place the bells in 5-6 and 7-8 dodge. We have made two more sets of Court Places—that is four alterations in all in the lead—and, as we would expect, our lead end is the same as the fourth lead end of Plain Bob Major—18674523.

V THE WORK OF THE METHOD

Now that we have seen how our method is constructed let us see what the work of one bell comprises. And although it is not essential, the best way for most of us to do that is to produce what has become known as the 'blue line.' That is, the path of one bell throughout the whole of the plain course.

To do this, first of all write out the complete plain course—seven leads each constructed exactly as our lead shown and described above. I know that this is not necessary, but you will find it very well worth while. The repetition, on different bells but in corresponding parts of each lead, of our four sets of Court Places will fix the basic idea of the method firmly in your mind. When you have the whole seven leads written out, draw a line from beginning to end through the figures representing one of the bells. Let us say you choose the second. Here is the path of that bell, described in words because of the difficulties of print. But if you can see on paper and later in your mind the actual shape of the line you will find it much easier to learn.

THE WORK OF THE SECOND

(a) Lead; two dodges in 1-2 up; dodge 3-4; dodge 5-6; two dodges in 7-8 up and a whole pull behind. This is called **'Treble bob bell up.'** Note that it starts after the treble's whole pull on the lead, that you pass the treble as you (and it) go through 4-5 in between your single dodges in 3-4 and 5-6 up and that, as you finish your whole pull behind, the treble comes up to take your place at the back.

(b) You hunt away from the back in front of the treble. So when you get to fifth place you start Court Places in 5-6 down—make fifths, cross the treble's downward path, make sixths and then dodge in 5-6 down. This is called **'Near places from the back.'**

(c) Hunt down to the front, dodge twice in 1-2 down, lead whole pull, dodge twice in 1-2 up and then hunt up. This is called **'Full work on the front.'**

(d) As you leave the front to hunt up you will leave one bell behind you and then the treble. When you reach 5-6 dodge once and make sixths. By this time the treble will have caught you up, so you cross its path, make fifths and follow it to the back having made Court Places in 5-6 up. This work is called **'Far places from the front.'**

(e) You will reach the back after the treble and lie a whole pull; dodge twice in 7-8 down; once each in 5-6 and 3-4 down; twice in 1-2 down and then lead. This is called **'Treble bob bell down'** and is the exact reverse of the work in (a) above. Note that it starts after the treble's whole pull behind, that you pass the treble as you (and it) go through 4-5 between your single dodges in 5-6 and 3-4 and that, as you finish your whole pull on the lead, the treble comes up to take your place.

(f) You hunt up in front of the treble. When you get to 3-4 you make Court Places there. Fourths place, cross the treble's upward path, thirds place, dodge 3-4 up and then hunt up to the back. This is called **'Near places from the front.'**

(g) Hunt up to the back, dodge twice in 7-8 up, lay a whole pull behind, dodge twice in 7-8 down and hunt down. This is called **'Full work at the back.'**

(h) As you leave the back to hunt down you will leave one bell behind and then the treble. When you reach 3-4, dodge once and make thirds. By this time the treble will have caught you up so you cross its path, make fourths place and follow it down to lead, having made Court Places in 3-4 down. This work is called **'Far places from the back'** and brings you to the end of the course.

Now we can summarise these pieces of work:—

(a) Treble bob bell up.
(b) Near places from the back (i.e. in 5-6).
(c) Full work on the front.
(d) Far places from the front (i.e. in 5-6).
(e) Treble bob bell down.
(f) Near places from the front (i.e. in 3-4).
(g) Full work at the back.
(h) Far places from the back (i.e. in 3-4).

If you have neither the time nor the patience to write out a whole course to get the 'blue line'—or you feel it unnecessary—you can produce it from the lead given above by tracing the path of the second up to the lead end. 2 is then in 7th place, so next trace the path of 7 from the start to the end of the same lead. 7 is then in fourth place. Back to the start and trace the path of 4; then 5; then 6; then 3; then 8 and you will be back to 2 again.

VI AIDS TO RINGING

Now let us see what we can find out by looking at our full plain course which will help us to keep right while actually ringing.

1. Although the treble does a plain hunt you will notice that, unlike in Plain Bob, it does not follow the bells in the same order as it hunts down as it did when hunting up. This and the fact that many ringers ring this method entirely by the position of their bell when they pass the treble means that you need an experienced treble ringer, not a beginner.

2. When you are in the front (1-2) or at the back (7-8) all your dodges are double ones. You can always tell when you have a double dodge before the whole pull (front or back) because the treble comes to you and your whole pull must be just before it arrives; or when you have a whole pull first (front or back) and the double dodge after, because the treble will be there when you arrive and you must have a whole pull to allow it to get away and another bell to arrive. At all the other times you will be doing full work (front or back)—that is a double dodge each side of your whole pull.

3. In the middle (3-4 or 5-6) you only have single dodges—one in each place if you are doing treble bob work and you pass the treble in 4-5 between them. At other times one dodge in the position of your Court Places.

4. If you are doing near places (from the front or back) you have a single dodge after them and then plain hunt all the rest of the way up or down.

5. If you are doing far places you have the single dodge before them, having plain hunted from the front or back until you reach your places.

6. The double dodging, front or back, is caused by both sets of places. The single dodging in 3-4 and 5-6 before or after places is caused by the set of places in 5-6 or 3-4 respectively.

7. If you are left behind by the treble, either in the front or at the back, you are treble bob bell up or down.

8. Of the two bells which were dodging together and which left the front or the back immediately before the treble, the first one away goes to far places, preceded by a dodge. The next one away does the near places, followed by a dodge.

Many ringers, having learnt what is involved in full work, treble bob work and far and near places, ring Double Norwich almost entirely by two or three of these eight aids—especially by the last two. But there comes a time when the treble goes wrong and then a knowledge of the 'blue line' is indispensable.

(To be continued)

SUFFOLK RINGERS' OUTING

Ringers from two popular Suffolk towers—Stratford St. Mary and Higham—with friends, spent an enjoyable recent Saturday in Lincolnshire.

After ringing call changes and standard methods at Kirton-in-Holland the journey was continued to Boston. The many steps at Boston Stump were negotiated to ring on the Taylor ten and enjoy the view including the frightening but impressive hole in the floor.

After lunch Bennington bells were rung to methods, aptly including Lincoln Surprise, followed by visits to Frieston and Fishtoft, both with gigantic towers, as is typical of this lovely county.

On the way to Spalding one of our most ardent tower visiting enthusiasts, quite by accident, heard Surfleet bells ringing. On approaching Mrs. Richardson, who was meeting the Stowmarket ringers, we were invited to return and ring these pretty twelve after visiting Spalding. Mr and Mrs. Ted Chapman joined in the ringing at Spalding and helped us to lose Spliced. On our return to Surfleet, another attempt was made at five Spliced with the assistance of Ron Noon, which was unfortunately augmented to eight Spliced when the unworthy conductor had to use Plain methods to 'get them home.' Ringing also included Bob Royal and some very good rounds, on twelve, by the learners.

Thanks are extended to all clergy and local ringers and to Walter Bailey for arranging yet another successful outing.—L. N. M.

LADIES' GUILD ANNUAL MEETING

ONCE again the attendance at the annual general meeting of the Ladies' Guild showed an increase, and the bells in the eight towers open during the day in and around Bath were kept going in a variety of methods. We are sorry that some did not get a ring at the Abbey, and would tender our apologies for the broken stay, to the band which followed us. Those who witnessed the incident will be glad to know that the ringer concerned was not put off by this mishap and appeared in his own tower the following day with only a few bruises to show for his long drop!

The Guild service was held in the Abbey at 3.30 p.m., conducted by the Archdeacon, the Ven. E. A. Cook, who welcomed the Ladies' Guild to Bath.

Tea had been prepared at St. Mary's Hall by members of the Western District, a wonderful meal to which everyone did full justice; but it was noticed that this year the men did not take the strong hint about washing up afterwards.

Mr. Alan Lee, the secretary of the Bath Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, was present at tea, and welcomed the Ladies' Guild on behalf of the Association. He wished them a successful meeting, and safe travelling for those who had journeyed a long way in order to be present. The Guild last visited Bath in 1936, and Mr. Lee hoped it would not be another 24 years before they came again.

The president (Mrs. P. Staniforth) thanked Mr. Lee and also voiced the thanks of the Guild to the various incumbents who had given permission for their bells to be available, to the Archdeacon for taking the service and for his interesting and challenging address, to the organist, and to Miss Johnson and her committee for making all the arrangements for the meeting and catering for the tea. She also thanked the men for their support, and especially for their help in ringing the heavier bells.

At the business meeting which followed, Mrs. Staniforth was re-elected president, and a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded her for the work she had done in the past year. The other officers were also re-elected, viz.: Miss D. Colgate secretary, Miss J. Beresford treasurer and Miss A. Bailey auditor. The president expressed the good wishes of the members to Miss Bailey on her recent engagement.

With reference to the election of officers, it was felt that perhaps some members did not realise that nominations could be sent in even though the proposer and seconder might not be able to attend the meeting, and it was suggested that at the next annual meeting an additional rule should be considered to the effect that each District should send in its nominations for all officers by a certain date. Mrs. E. A. Barnett also proposed that a rule should be added that a certain sum should be paid to the Central Council representatives, as she felt that some members might not like to be nominated because they could not afford to attend the meeting.

FINANCES HEALTHY

In her report the treasurer pointed out that the balance sheet was very healthy, the excess of income over expenditure being £17 17s. 8½d. (We have had that halfpenny for some years now, and shall be quite suspicious when the treasurer manages to lose it.)

Mrs. T. Lock, of the Central District, asked if the Guild would like to replace the peal board, which commemorated the first peal of Stedman Caters rung by a ladies' band, and which had been destroyed when the Church of St. Clement Danes, in the Strand, was blitzed. The 35th anniversary of this peal would fall on January 20th, 1961, and it was therefore agreed that, subject to the approval of the incumbent, a new board should be provided and a meeting held on January 21st for the dedication of the board. The ten ladies concerned, all of whom are still alive (and active), will be asked to ring the service touch at this meeting.

Opinion, however, was not so unanimous regarding the subject of a dinner to mark the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Guild. Some felt that the dinner to mark the 40th anniversary, which had been held in Leicester, was so successful that they would like to go to Leicester again. Others felt that London was a more convenient venue, and on being put to the vote the result was in favour of London. A sub-committee was appointed and asked to make provisional arrangements, to be discussed at the next annual meeting.

Where will that annual meeting be? That was some thing which could not be decided as unfortunately it was not possible for the District concerned to be represented at the meeting, and although the District secretary had sent detailed suggestions the members at Bath put forward yet another possibility; but as soon as the arrangements are agreed the venue will be announced in 'The Ringing World.'

D. C.

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OBITUARY

MR. MORRIS J. MORRIS

AN APPRECIATION

I was indeed very sad to read of the 'passing' of this grand old ringer as I have many happy recollections of enjoyable evenings spent here in Leicester with him.

Mr. M. J. Morris was a commercial traveller and his car held every type of button—all sizes, shapes, and materials—in a bewildering variety. He used to visit Leicester wholesale firms of tailors, haberdashers, and any who used buttons of any sort. His visits were usually about every 6 or 8 weeks for a couple of days, and invariably he would send me a message to meet him at the White Hart Hotel, where he always stayed, and we would either go to a bell practice or the pictures that evening.

Mr. Morris gave me many compositions, some of which I called of Major, Caters and Cinques, and as Mr. Shepherd has said all these were 'written in beautiful lines of figures of extreme neatness of the setting out.'

I rang a number of peals with him at St. Martin's, Birmingham, and one of my best handbell peals was in 1924, when H. J. Poole, George F. Swann, Albert Walker, Ernest Morris, James E. Groves, Morris J. Morris rang a splendidly struck peal of Stedman Cinques umpired by Tom Russam, who ticked off every course as rung. Mr. Morris had often expressed a desire to ring a 'Morris' peal, but this never came into fruition, as we of that 'ilk' lived so far apart.

Morris J. Morris was one of nature's gentlemen and who, in all he did, in speech, dress or action, was a model of neatness, precision and exactness. The Exercise is poorer for his absence, but richer for his having taken the splendid part he played in it.

ERNEST MORRIS.

Leicester.

FARINGDON RINGERS' OUTING

Ringers of Faringdon, Berks, accompanied by friends from Stanford-in-the-Vale, Shrivenham, Hinton Waldrist, Buckland, Clanfield and Highworth, had an enjoyable outing on August 20th. Towers visited were Bourton-on-the-Water, Evesham, Painswick and Watermoor (Cirencester). An excellent tea was provided at Evesham. Thanks are accorded to incumbents and tower captains for the use of the bells.

F. A. W.

OBITUARY

REV. A. D. H. ALLAN

The death occurred at Southmead Hospital, Bristol, on August 12th, of the Rev. Alexander Dean Hugh Allan, in his 87th year, following an operation. He was at Oriel College, Oxford, taking his degree in 1896 and ordained in 1898 to the curacy of Chard. He became a housemaster at Reading School in 1900, and in 1907 was appointed headmaster of Wimborne Grammar School. In 1929 he left Wimborne and accepted the living of Cromhall, where he remained as Rector until 1951. He was taught to ring by the late Rev. F. Llewellyn Edwards and was a member of the Salisbury Guild. A member of the Clerical Guild, he participated in a number of their ringing week tours.

There were but two bells at Cromhall, Glos, during his incumbency, but his interest in ringing remained alive, and he gave talks on bells and ringing. It was as a result of a talk to a Girls' Club in 1944 that he set about the task of raising enough money to get a ring of six bells for his church. At the same time he started to teach bands on other bells, mainly at Wickwar, and he and his pupils became members of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, and the Association had a two two bell tower in its report soon after with 15 members. Almost at once his worth was recognised and he became chairman of the Wotton Branch, which office he held until his retirement in 1951. In November, 1948, the six new bells were dedicated, and opened by a band taught by him. The Association made him a vice-president the following year.

In 1951 he retired to Weston-super-Mare and it was here that he was interred in the cemetery on August 16th, after a service at Christ Church taken by the present Rector of Cromhall, Rev. W. F. Burlton, who said of him, 'He was not only a good man of God, a cherished parish priest, but also a skilled and keen bellringer, an active Mason of high office and a hymn writer and poet who did all this and much else to the Glory of God and for the good of his fellows, whilst also being a devoted family man whose Christian home was a bright beam of love and example.'

The Gloucester and Bristol Association was represented by the Rev. W. F. Burlton and Preb. Urch represented the Bishop of Taunton and the Rural Dean. A peal was rung at Cromhall the same evening by a Wotton Branch band. When in April, 1956, the pre-Reformation bell, which had been retained in the six at Cromhall, cracked he painted a large number of water colours to be sold to help replace poor 'St. Michael,' who had called the people to worship for over 500 years. The pictures were sold, and a new bell was made, fittingly called A. D. H. Allan, so his name will live on in Cromhall, and elsewhere, when the hymn 'Again, O Lord, we bless Thy Name,' which he composed for us, is sung.

C. R

NAMES FOR TEA

Dear Sir,—As no one else seems to have done so may I venture to reply to X.Y.Z. Some years ago when I took over the secretaryship of our branch, the relation between names set in and numbers attending was rather vague (perhaps 14 names so we would add 8 for luck). I have sometimes mentioned how many names had been sent (and added that I expected some people's consciences were pricking!), and our own members are very conscientious about this now. I also take the precaution of sending the notice in to the 'R.W.' a fortnight before and a week before, but not the day before a meeting, to avoid visitors from other parts saying 'It's a fine day; where shall we go to grab a tower? Oh, I expect they will have put on enough tea for a few extra.'

All the same, I sympathise with X.Y.Z. and his (or her) caterers and hope the correspondence will help some who have been thoughtless over this matter to think of the work that many ringers' wives and others cheerfully undertake in order to 'do us proud' at a ringers' meeting, and co-operate by sending that card.—Yours sincerely,

A.B.C.

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BIRTHS

MARSH.—On August 27th, 1960, at Four Gables Maternity Home, Horsforth, to Molly (nee Ambler), wife of Alexander E. Marsh, a daughter (Janet Lesley). 6541

WOOD.—On August 28th, 1960, to Patricia, wife of the Rev. Eric B. Wood, of Leatherhead, a son (Stephen Alban). 6553

ENGAGEMENT

WINTER—THOMPSON.—The engagement is announced between Raymond, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Winter, of Hillcommon, Taunton, Somerset, and Beverley Anne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Thompson, of 'Craiglands,' Haverbreaks, Lancaster. 6507

MARRIAGES

HEYWOOD—JONES.—On September 5th, 1960, at Bolton Parish Church, Alan William, only son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Heywood, 181, Ivy Road, Bolton, to Mildred Marian, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. Jones, 2, The Grove, Haulgh, Bolton. Future address: 20, Eskdale Avenue, Breightmet, Bolton. 6505

HITCHINS—WATTS. — On Thursday, August 18th, 1960, at Holy Trinity Church, Sutton Montis, Somerset, by the Rev. Mr. Cooper: Laurence E. Hitchins to Gillian M. Watts. 6523

MATKIN—WALMSLEY.—At Bournemouth on Wednesday, July 27th, 1960: Daniel Thomas Matkin, of 'Wilford,' 26, Wellington Road, Bournemouth, to Irene Agnes Walmsley, of 36, Park View Road, Northfield, Birmingham. Future address as above. Tel.: Bournemouth 26342. 6504

DEATH

RUMSEY.—On August 24th, 1960, at Leiston, James George Rumsey, of Debenham. Funeral was at St. Margaret's Church, Leiston, on Monday, August 29th. 6515

PERSONAL

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The address of Ernest Gosling is now 'Westborough Road Stores,' 96, Westborough Road, Boyne Hill, Maidenhead. Phone Maidenhead 643. 6501

The address of Mr. Alexander E. Marsh, Yorkshire Association, Western District secretary, is now 18, Ashdene Crescent, Pudsey, Yorkshire. 6540

MISCELLANEOUS

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.—All ringers coming up as freshers this year are invited to contact the secretary—R. Johnston, 8, Moor Park Mount, Headingley, Leeds 6. First practice October 11th. 6511

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CANCELLATION

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Meeting at Bletsoe **postponed** until October 1st. Details to be announced.—R. L. Piron. 6518

MEETINGS

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting Chatteris, Saturday, September 3rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. F. Murfet, Dis. Sec. 6474

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. District.—Meeting, Tollesbury, Saturday, September 3rd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m 6448

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting on Saturday, September 3rd, at Witley. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 6487

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting, Aldenham (8), September 3rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—G. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 6458

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Evening meeting at Ashwell, on Saturday, September 3rd, at 5.30 p.m.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 6465

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Cobham, Saturday, September 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 6444

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Great Linford (6), Saturday, September 3rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30. Tea 4.30 p.m.—F. Vickers 6473

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Practice meeting September 3rd, Woodford (6) from 6.30 p.m.—Mrs. Abrahams, 8, Dorset Road, Salisbury. 6457

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Snaith, September 3rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please provide own food, cups of tea only available.—L. M. Woodhouse, Hon. Sec. 6536

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Whiston, Saturday, September 3rd, 3 p.m. Cups of tea available, bring own food.—J. Seager, Sec. 6488

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Practice meeting at West Stow (6), Saturday, September 3rd. Bells 6.30 to 9 p.m. Please note Ixworth bells are **not** available, as proposed, owing to a visiting band of ringers.—A. F. Ballam, Dis. Sec., West Stow, Bury St. Edmunds. 6482

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Dane Hill (6), on Saturday, September 3rd. Bells 3 p.m.—E. L. Hairs, Hon. Sec. 6476

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, September 5th, at 7 p.m. 6496

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Monthly practice at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, Wednesday, September 7th, 6.30 p.m. 6524

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Evening practice, Orston, Friday, September 9th. Bells 7.30 p.m. Methods: Oxford, Kingston, Capel, Sandal and London Scholars Pleasure.—W. L. Exton, Hon. Sec. 6516

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—10 bell practice at Minehead, September 10th, 7 p.m.—A. R. Tudball, Hon. Sec. 6535

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Monthly meeting Saturday, September 10th, at Sandy. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Norwich and Hereward are the special methods. You are welcome.—A. Smith, Sec. 6527

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Patrington, Saturday, September 10th Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea by September 8th, to Mr. D. Fewster, Lily Lodge, Patrington, Hull. 6492

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Meeting at Weaverham, Saturday, September 10th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday previous, to Mr William Hornby, 33, Forster Avenue, Weaverham, Northwich. 6468

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Liscard St. Mary, September 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea provided **free** for those notifying by Wednesday previous.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 6549

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Meeting, Christleton, Saturday, September 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea before Thursday, September 8th, please, to R. C. H. Sibley, 35, Appleyards Lane, Chester. 6547

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Meeting, Saturday, September 10th, Priors Marston, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to P. A. Oram, 15, Henley Road, Leamington Spa, Warwicks. All welcome. 6526

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Brampford Speke, September 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. 6543

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—West Hartlepool (Stranton), Saturday, September 10th. 3 p.m. Names for tea by September 7th, to Mr. W. Maughan, 1, Powell Street, West Hartlepool. 6520

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Annual outing on September 10th. Have you booked a seat? There are four left.—C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst, Sussex. 6502

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting Saturday, September 10th, at Caxton. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.—E. W. Bullman. 6506

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting, Saturday, September 10th, Witham. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. E. Bright, 42, Cressing Road, Witham. 6470

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Meeting, Minety (6), Saturday, September 10th. Names for tea by Wednesday, to Mr. R. Luton, 169, Cheney Manor Road, Swindon. 6519

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Monthly meeting, Saturday, September 10th, Yate (6) 3 p.m. Service and tea.—B. T. Cooper, Rangers House, Dursley. 6514

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Grayshott (8), on Saturday, September 10th, from 6-9 p.m. 6544

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Tring, Saturday, September 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, September 6th, to Mr. C. Badrick, 63, Dundale Road, Tring.—J. Good, Dis. Sec. 6472

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Canterbury District) and LADIES' GUILD (Kent Branch).—Combined meeting, Lyminge (8), Saturday, September 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 2s. per head. Names together with cash, please, by September 7th, to Mr. E. J. Martin, 'Woodbury,' Church Road, Lyminge, Folkestone.—T. C. P. 6449

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting, at Snodland, September 10th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—R. L. Sills, Dis. Sec. 6469

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Saturday, September 10th, half-day outing (private cars). Ringing at Evercreech 2.15-3.15 p.m., Shepton Mallet 3.30-4.30, Wedmore 6.15-7.15, Rowberrow 7.30-8.15 p.m. Please bring own tea. Members requiring transport contact the Secretary, B. Johnson, 10, Lancashire Road, Bristol 7. 6485

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District.—Meeting Dalton-in-Furness, Saturday, September 10th, 2.30 p.m. Names to T. Metcalfe, 33, Skelgate, Dalton-in-Furness.—N. M. Newby. 6550

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Walton-le-Dale, Saturday, September 10th. Bring own food. A6 road and Preston-Blackburn Old Road, alight Chorley Road.—L. Walmsley. 6548

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Quarterly general meeting, Saturday, September 10th. Bells available: Ashby-Folville (8), Somerby (6) and Great Dalby (5) 2-4 p.m.; Twyford (6) 4-4.30 and 6.30-8.30. Service at Twyford 4.30 (preacher Rev. A. W. Harrison, Vicar of Somerby). Tea, followed by meeting, in Twyford School Rooms 5 p.m. Names for tea by September 7th. to Mrs. G. R. Farmer, Lowesby Lane, Twyford, Melton Mowbray, Leics. General Committee meeting in Twyford School Room, at 3.45 p.m.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec. 6475

LICHFIELD DIOCESAN RINGING FESTIVAL

The Society of Change Ringers for the Archdeaconry of Stafford
The Shropshire Association
The North Staffordshire Association of Change Ringers

Saturday, September 10th, 1960. Bells available: Kidsgrove (6) 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon, Tunstall (8) 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Norton-le-Moors (8) 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. No lunch arranged—plenty of cafes in Hanley. Hanley (10) 2 to 4 p.m., Bucknall (6) 2 to 4, Stoke (8) 3 to 4.30. Service at Stoke 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Stoke Church Institute. Names and remittance (3s. 6d. each) for tea **by Monday September 5th, please,** to J. G. Burton, 71, Bagnall Road, Milton, Stoke-on-Trent. Bells available after tea: Stoke 6 to 8.30 p.m., Fenton (8) 6.30 to 8.30, Longton (8) 6.30 to 8.30 p.m.—J. G. Burton, Hon. Sec., North Staffs Assn. 6434

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Lindsey Branch.—Meeting at Burton-on-Stather (8), September 10th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by September 7th. to Mr. Barnes, Tee Lane, Burton-on-Stather, Scunthorpe. 6480

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. — Meeting, Saturday, September 10th. Bells 3.30 p.m., followed by tea and business 4.45 p.m. St. Mary's, Twickenham. Evening ringing 6-7 p.m. All Hallows', Twickenham.—M. Powell. 6552

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Llangibby, Saturday, September 10th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business.—J. S. King. 6478

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Meeting at Christ Church, Southgate (not Tottenham), on Saturday, September 10th. Evening ringing only 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. 6495

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Swanbourne (6), on Saturday, September 10th. Bells available at 2.45 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous.—D. G. Wheeler, 47, Whaddon Chase, Aylesbury. 6459

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — City Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Headington (6), Saturday, September 10th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. J. Adams, 35, Church Hill Road, Cowley, Oxford. 6534

PETERBOROUGH AND ELY.—Joint meeting at Whittlesey, September 10th. Afternoon ringing and service at St. Andrew's, ringing also St. Mary's in evening. Names for tea, **please,** by Wednesday previous without fail, to G. Bush, 18, Princes Street, Peterborough. 6483

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—Quarterly meeting Saturday, September 10th, at Maiden Bradley. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business after. All welcome. Names for tea by Wednesday, September 7th.—Richard Longridge, Bourton Vicarage, Gillingham. 6510

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Notts District.—Crawford Cup Contest and meeting at Babworth (6), Saturday, September 10th, at 3 p.m. Numbers from bands entering and names from others who require tea by September 6th. to the Rev. E. F. Jessup, Babworth Rectory, Retford. This is important. —H. Denman. 6529

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting at Shipley (6), on Saturday, September 10th. Ringing 3 o'clock. Service 4.30 p.m. Please bring your own tea as no facilities available nearby.—E. W. Keys, Hon. Sec. 6538

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Third quarterly meeting, Prestbury (8), on Saturday, September 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., in the School. Names for tea by Wednesday, September 14th, please, to H. C. Lonyon, 8, Cardigan Close, Macclesfield. Buses and trains from Macclesfield. 6498

DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Stockland, September 17th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., tea and business after. Names for tea by September 14th. to W. Webb, Oakwell, Millhead Road, Honiton. 6494

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W.—Crusader meeting, Woodford, September 17th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. J. Waugh, 30, Fuller Road, Woodford, E.18 (BUC 7353). 6530

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting at Langham, Saturday, September 17th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea by Wednesday, September 14th. please, to Mr. F. Smith, Holly Cottage, Langham, Colchester. 6554

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Rededication of Little Hadham bells, on Saturday, September 17th, at 3 p.m. Ringing from 2. Tea at 5 p.m., at the Angel Inn. If you intend staying for tea please co-operate in assessing numbers by sending your name to Mr. A. S. Kent, 8, The Bourne, Clapgate, Albury, near Much Hadham, Herts.—R. Durrant, Dis. Sec. 6484

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Meeting to be held at St. Peter's, Belgrave (8) (No. 40 Corporation bus from Leicester), on September 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea **must** be sent by September 14th. to Mr. Kesterton, c/o 5, Clovelly Road, Glenfield Frith Drive, Glenfield, Leicester. Everyone welcome. 6522

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting, East Crompton, September 17th. **Note date.** Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea by September 14th. to G. Abbott, 16, Waveney Road, Shaw, Oldham.—Hudson, Sec. 6525

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Lutton, Saturday, September 17th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, 14th. to Mr. R. G. R. Butler, Victoria Cottage, Lutton, Spalding.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Lindsey Branch.— Meeting at Messingham, Saturday, September 17th. Bells afternoon and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., for those who notify, by previous Tuesday. Rev. P. M. Freeman, The Vicarage, Messingham, Scunthorpe. Tel.: Bottesford 268. 6531

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at St. Margaret's, Lowestoft, September 17th. Bells (8) from 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Please note tea can only be provided for those who send their names by Wednesday, September 14th certain, to The Sister-in-Charge, Harleston House, Park Road, Lowestoft, Suffolk.—P. Newstead, Branch Hon. Sec. 6481

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Hook Norton, on Saturday, September 17th. Service. Names for tea by Saturday September 10th, please. J. Keyte, Hon. Sec., Freeland, Oxford. The rededication of Shipton-under-Wychbold bells, on Friday, September 23rd. Service 7 p.m. Ringing afterwards. 6528

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Staverton, Saturday, September 17th. Names for tea by Tuesday previous, to Mrs. C. Hall, Church Street, Staverton, near Daventry.—F. W. Hancock. 6532

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting, September 17th, Bingham. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous. Regret, no name no tea rule will apply.—W. L. Exton, 60, Albert Street, Newark, Notts.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South West District.—Meeting at Glemsford (6), Saturday, September 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. Bloomfield, 10, Tye Green, Glemsford, Sudbury. 6521

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Section.—Quarterly meeting, Godstone (8), September 17th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 Tea 5 p.m. Meeting follows. Names for tea by September 13th, to Mr. Wood, 45, Warren Lane, Hurst Green.—G. A. West, Hon. Sec.

VETERANS REUNION, LONDON, September 17th. Ringing: St. Clement Danes, 2 to 3 p.m.; St. Lawrence Jewry and St. Olave's, Hart Street, 3 to 4; St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, 4 to 5. Tea in Church Hall, rear of St. Botolph's, 5 p.m. Any more names for tea to John Euston, 28, Fairmile Avenue, Streatham, S.W.16. 6513

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch.—Annual meeting at Hartlebury, Saturday, September 17th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. This meeting is by special invitation. Please turn up and make it a success. Names for tea by Thursday, September 15th.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., 17, Ham Lane, Pedmore, Stourbridge. 6551

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Next general meeting at Hull, on September 17th. Bells available: Holy Trinity (12) 3 till 5 p.m. and after meeting till 9 p.m., Hedon (8) 2.30 till 4, Kirk Ella (6) 6.30 till 9. Tea 5 p.m. in Manor Cafe, Market Place. Names by 15th to Mr. F. C. Reed, 127, Holmgarth Drive, Bellfield Avenue, Hull. Committee meet 3.15 p.m. in their Choir School (South Church Side). General meeting same premises following tea.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Bradford 9. 6546

PACKWOOD, WARWICKSHIRE.—Newly-augmented 8. Dedication service, Sunday, September 18th, 11 a.m. Ringing 10 a.m. Also ringing 2 p.m. till 6 p.m. with Evensong at 3 p.m. Visitors welcome. 6542

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S, CREWKERNE.—Tower, Sunday, September 18th. Bells (8) 5 p.m. Evensong 6.30 p.m. Preacher the Rev. C. J. B. Marsnall. Bells after. All ringers welcome. 6533

DEVON GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Buckfast Abbey, Saturday, September 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Names for tea by precious Wednesday, to Fr. Oswald Mowan, Buckfast Abbey. 6500

MAIDSTONE GRAMMAR SCHOOLS' SOCIETY—Annual meeting at Barming on Saturday, September 24th. Bells (6) from 3.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please send names to secretary, Mrs. Pamela J. Usborne, 315, Loose Road, Maidstone. 6537

RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD.—The autumn meeting, Bristol, Saturday, September 24th. Bells available St. James' (10) 11 a.m.-12 noon. Lunch—make own arrangements. Christ Church (10) 1.30-2.30, St. Stephen's (10) 2.45-3.45, St. Mary Redcliffe (12) 4.15-5.20, St. Philip's, (8) 7-8 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. (4s.) Staff Association Institute, Temple Meads Station.—J. A. Hoare, Hon. Gen. Sec., 6, Gendros Crescent, Fforestfach, Swansea. 6493

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Annual dinner, on October 1st, at the Saracen's Head Hotel, Chelmsford, 6.15 p.m. for 6.45. p.m. Tickets 15s. Early applications with stamped addressed envelope, please.—F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch. 6508

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Commemorative dinner to J. Armiger Trollope, at Ealing Town Hall, on Saturday, October 1st. 6497

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—The 323rd anniversary dinner will be held at The Bridge House Restaurant, London Bridge, S.E.1, on Saturday, November 5th, at 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets (21s.) are now available. Details of ringing programme will be published later.—John Chilcott, Hon. Sec., 67, Farley Road, Selsdon, Surrey. 6557

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INTO CORNWALL WITH MISS WYMAN'S PARTY

FOR many years the tours arranged by Miss Wyman have been a regular annual feature in these columns. This year Cornwall was visited during the last week of July, with headquarters at the White Hart Hotel, Launceston.

The programme on Monday opened at St. Petroc's, Bodmin, the largest parish church in the county. Mr. A. Harman, the Ringing Master for the morning, welcomed the company and expressed wishes for a happy tour. Grandsire, Cambridge, Yorkshire and Double Norwich were rung, and Miss Kathleen Powell, a promising young ringer from Leatherhead who was holidaying in the area, was able to participate. The second tower on this glorious day was Egloshayle, a suburb of Wadebridge, where Superlative and Stedman were added to the list.

Two very nice eights—St. Columb Major and St. Enoder—were visited during the afternoon, with Mr. Young as Ringing Master. An unusual mishap occurred at St. Enoder, when the toggle of the Hastings stay on the second got fast behind the block, leaving the bell set and immovable, thus reducing ringing to the back six. After tea, Bristol was added to the list on the light eight at St. Columb Minor.

An unexpected pleasure was to receive that evening during dinner a visit from the lady Mayor of Launceston, who wished us a happy holiday. Unfortunately, owing to the full programme, we were not able to take advantage of her offer to see the town mace, charter and other historic documents. At the Bell Inn later in the evening we found a set of 12 handbells hanging behind the bar. Permission to ring was readily given, and touches of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major followed. Mr. Fred Collins loaned us his set of eight, and on these handbell touches were enjoyed during the week.

Tuesday was another five-tower day, under the mastership of Mr. L. Stilwell and Mr. Cheesman. A traffic jam, the only one experienced during the week, delayed arrival at Phillack. Ringing at Penzance was limited, but included three leads of 'Yorkshire Glory' (Kent T.B. to the uninitiated). The afternoon was spent at Gulval and Carbis Bay, and at the latter tower the Rev. A. S. Roberts made everyone feel very welcome; he joined in the ringing and later entertained us with tea. The light eight at Tuckingmill brought the ringing of the day to an end.

The leafy lanes of the West Country on a rainy day, when travelling in an 8 foot coach, can play havoc with a ringing tour programme, and this was our experience on Wednesday, when Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Collins joined us for the day. Mr. Daniels was Ringing Master. Our first tower was Lifton, just over the Devon border, where Stedman and London went very well indeed. Back in Cornwall, the narrow lanes caused a change of programme, the six at Lanreath coming before lunch and the eight at Lansallos after. Fowey had to be missed. At Lanivet we met the Vicar, who afterwards acted as our guide to Lanhydrock, where the church is in lovely parkland. By ringing here, Mr. Collins has rung on the bells of every ringable ring in the county.

Seven tower were scheduled for Thursday, with your scribe in charge. The first two were in Devon—Appledore, a light eight, and Hartland, the tallest tower in Devon and Cornwall, which was well worth a visit. Kilkhampton, Stratton and Marhamchurch filled the afternoon pleasantly, and before dinner at Launceston the six at St. Thomas', and after dinner the eight at St. Mary Magdalene's. To the delight of the local ringers, there was a half-hour of handbell ringing in the vestry.

There was a long journey on Friday to Redruth, with Mr. Clark in charge. The light six at Sennen were a pleasant unterlude on a fine afternoon. Tea was at Land's End, and then back to the heavy eight at Probus, where we had some of the best ringing of the week and were congratulated by the locals on our lower in peal.

Four towers in Devonshire were listed for Saturday. Ringing on the grand ten at St. Andrew's, Plymouth, with Mr. Rapley in charge, had to be curtailed owing to a wedding. The 195 steps to the churchyard at Buckfastleigh were quite an effort after lunch, but we all made it and enjoyed our stay. Mr. A. Cutler was in charge here and also at Buckland, which was Mr. Len Stilwell's 1,000th tower. Bovey Tracey was our last tower of the day, with Mr. Oakshott in charge. Travelling over the moors to our headquarters, there was a short stop at Becky Falls and a passing glimpse of the prison.

Homeward bound on Sunday, we had a short ring at Crediton for morning service, a picnic lunch outside Taunton and tea at Hurstbourne Priors. After the meal, Mr. E. Rapley expressed the party's indebtedness to Miss Wyman, and presented her with a handbag as a slight token of appreciation. There was also a presentation to the driver, who had done so much to make the tour a success, and this was made by Mr. Daniels.

In giving thanks for this week to be remembered, I should like to mention not only the Rev. A. S. Roberts for tea at Carbis Bay, incumbents and local ringers, but also my fellow travellers. I have learnt a lot, both about ringing and my fellow men. I don't want to list it all; but in saying 'Thank you' I hope I shall meet you all again and enjoy once more the pleasure of your delightful company.

IRVINE SLACK.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY WEEK

ALL PEALS RUNG FOR THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

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On Mon., Aug. 22, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE MEMORIAL TOWER OF SS. PATRICK AND ANDREW,
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M. D. S. HOOD (Trin. Hall)	2	W. T. COOK (Jesus)	6
FRANCES SECKER (Girton)	3	H. NEILL (St. Cath.'s)	7
M. M. PETERSON (Trinity)	4	F. E. HAYNES (St. Cath.'s)	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by H. NEILL.

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On Mon., Aug. 22, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
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SUSAN JACKSON (Girton)	*Treble*	P. K. WILLIAMSON (Trinity)	6
HILARY MUIRHEAD (Newn.)	2	W. T. COOK (Jesus)	7
J. PILKINGTON (Fitz. Ho.)	3	A. R. HEPPENSTALL (Sel.)	8
R. LEIGH (St. Cath.'s)	4	J. H. R. FREEBORN (Clare)	9
S. E. DARMON (St. John's)	5	B. D. THRELFALL (Trinity)	*Tenor*

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STANSTED MOUNT FITCHET, ESSEX.

On Wed., Aug. 24, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
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Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

In 1 *Hour and* 58 *Minutes,*
A PEAL OF 5040 ST. MARTIN'S BOB DOUBLES
Being 42 extents. Tenor 2 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.

A. JAMES POYNOR	*Treble*	ALAN E. HARTLEY	3
MARTIN C. FAULKES	2	SANDRA E. CHESTERTON	4
JOHN M. JELLEY	*Tenor*		

Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

In 2 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
A PEAL OF 5040 CRAYFORD COLLEGE BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 2 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.

JOHN M. JELLEY	*Treble*	ALAN E. HARTLEY	4
SANDRA E. CHESTERTON	2	JOSEPH W. COTTON	5
A. JAMES POYNOR	3	MARTIN C. FAULKES	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

In 2 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 2 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.

SANDRA E. CHESTERTON	*Treble*	MARTIN C. FAULKES	4
ALAN E. HARTLEY	2	A. JAMES POYNOR	5
JOHN M. JELLEY	3	JOSEPH W. COTTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Mon., Aug. 29, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 25 cwt.

RICHARD GRANT	*Treble*	GEOFFREY M. BREWIN	7
ERNEST MORRIS	2	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	8
*BARNABAS G. KEY	3	JOHN A. ACRES	9
*HAROLD J. HAZELL	4	PAT I. CHAPMAN	10
*JACK P. KESTERTON	5	PETER J. STANIFORTH	11
SHIRLEY BURTON	6	GEORGE S. MORRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by JOHN A. ACRES.

* First peal of Cambridge Maximus.

Rung with the best wishes of the band to Doreen D. Dutton and John Hunting, and to Avril Thackray and Stephen Ivin, upon their marriage. Both brides are members of the Cathedral band.

TEN BELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 20, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-DIVINE,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

ALAN E. HARTLEY	*Treble*	‡A. JAMES POYNOR	6
*SANDRA E. CHESTERTON	2	RUSSELL S. MORRIS	7
†PETER J. CHILTON	3	MARTIN C. FAULKES	8
BARBARA MANSHIP	4	ARTHUR GIBBS	9
†KEITH B. TOWNSEND	5	JOHN M. JELLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by A. JAMES POYNOR.

* First peal of Royal. † First in the method. ‡ First of Royal in the method. First as conductor on ten.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Clarke on their diamond wedding anniversary.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 27, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANTA AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb.

ALAN CARVETH	*Treble*	*MARY CARVETH	6
ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD	2	DAVID J. KING	7
JACQUELINE S. KING	3	*DOUGLAS BURNETT	8
V. MARY MATTHEWS	4	REV. A. S. ROBERTS	9
GEOFFREY W. TAYSOM	5	*MICHAEL G. SELBY	*Tenor*

Composed by EDGAR GUISE. Conducted by DAVID J. KING.

* First peal on ten bells. First on the bells since being augmented to ten.

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EIGHT BELL PEALS

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Aug. 4, 1960, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
On the Dixon eight. Tenor 17 cwt.

JOHN E. ANDERSON	*Treble*	DENIS A. BAYLES	5
MARION S. AINSWORTH	2	EDMUND P. CROWDY	6
KENNETH ARTHUR	3	GEORGE S. DEAS	7
J. ALAN AINSWORTH	4	ERIC N. HARRISON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by GEORGE S. DEAS.
First peal in the method as conductor.
Rung for the birthday of Her Majesty the Queen Mother.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Aug. 9, 1960, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

JOHN R. PERRETT (Sheff.)	*Treble*	DERMOT J. ROAF (Oxford)	5
REV. M. C. C. MELVILLE (Birmingham)	2	RICHARD F. B. SPEED (Camb.)	6
*EILEEN HUDSON (London)	3	FRANK D. MACK (Bristol)	7
*RAYMOND E. FINCH (So'ton)	4	JOHN H. GILBERT (So'ton)	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN H. GILBERT.
* First peal in the method.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 17, 1960, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5024 BIDDENDEN SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

GEOFFREY S. MILLS	*Treble*	MICHAEL D. FISHWICK	5
ROGER LEIGH	2	*J. BARRY PICKUP	6
LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS	3	NORMAN SMITH	7
JOHN P. PARTINGTON	4	WALTER E. WILKINSON	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by NORMAN SMITH.
* 50th peal. First in the method for the Association, and by all the band.

HYDE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 20, 1960, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 11 lb. in E.

TREVOR TAYLOR	*Treble*	SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN.	5
*MRS. H. D. HOLLAND	2	JOHN NELSON	6
EILEEN FEARN	3	DEREK TAYLOR	7
CAROL FEARNLEY	4	H. DAVID HOLLAND	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (C.C.C. No. 2).
Conducted by H. DAVID HOLLAND.
* First peal in the method
Rung to welcome the birth of David Graham, second son to Mr. and Mrs. Derek Ogden.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Aug. 20, 1960, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18¼ cwt.

*PETER J. PERKINS	*Treble*	FRANK C. MAY	5
MARK F. HATCH	2	ALFRED J. HOUSE	6
PHILIP H. AVEY	3	MICHAEL J. HALLETT	7
CECIL J. BELCHAM	4	†DAVID E. BELCHAM	*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by DAVID E. BELCHAM.
* First peal on eight bells. † First of Major, and as conductor, at first attempt.
To mark the occasion of the marriage of Barry Cook and Shirley Stead this day at Rayleigh; also for the wedding anniversary of Malcolm and Myra Mawbey, ringers at Thorpe Bay, and as a 21st birthday compliment to the conductor.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION
On Mon., Aug. 22, 1960, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9½ cwt.

*ALISON M. MANN	*Treble*	BERNARD C. MANN	5
ROY DUESBURY	2	URBAN W. WILDNEY	6
†FRANK B. LUFKIN	3	†ARTHUR HUBBLE	7
*HARRY R. APPLETON	4	WALTER ARNOLD	*Tenor*

Composed by E. BARNETT, SEN. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
* First peal in the method. † 25th peal together.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
On Mon., Aug. 22, 1960, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes.
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Treble*	JOSEPH W. COTTON	5
RICHARD J. CLIFTON	2	JOHN A. ACRES	6
ERNEST MORRIS	3	RUSSELL S. MORRIS	7
*BRIAN M. SMITH	4	G. RONALD EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER (No. B.67).
Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal in the method 'inside.'

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Aug. 23, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

HUGH M. BISHOP	*Treble*	T. REGINALD DENNIS	5
JOHN G. GIPSON	2	HAROLD J. HAZELL	6
EUSTACE W. BULLMAN	3	*WILLIAM T. COOK	7
ERNEST G. HIBBINS	4	ROGER LEIGH	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WILLIAM T. COOK.
* 200th peal.
Rung on the 50th anniversary of Mr. E. G. Hibbins' first peal; also a welcome to his great-grand-daughter, Kim Diane Carter, one week old.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 24, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

OSWALD CLAYBROOK	*Treble*	FRED JACKSON	5
JOHN E. BIBBY	2	CYRIL VALENTINE	6
DENIS MADDOCK	3	WALTER ALLMAN	7
*CYNTHIA BIBBY	4	FRANCIS BIBBY	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by DENIS MADDOCK.
* First peal in the method.
Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter, Sheena Jane, to Jean and Denis Maddock; also the wedding of the daughter of the ringer of the sixth.

MATLOCK, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Aug. 25, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN F. MURFIN	*Treble*	BURLEY P. MORRIS	5
RONALD H. BULLEN	2	*MICHAEL BLORE	6
HAROLD TAYLOR	3	*CLIVE WALKLATE	7
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD	4	IAN M. HOLLAND	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by IAN M. HOLLAND.
* First peal in the method.
A belated birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

HARTHILL, YORKSHIRE
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Aug. 27, 1960, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS.
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, being 1,280 London, 1,312 Bristol, 1,568 Cambridge and 992 Superlative, with 106 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 18¼ cwt.

RITA M. JOWETT	*Treble*	*PETER SCHOLFIELD	5
MILTON C. FOWLER	2	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	6
B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD	3	IAN M. HOLLAND	7
HOWARD SCOTT	4	RICHARD E. PRICE	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise. First of Spliced on the bells.

ORMSKIRK, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 27, 1960, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt.

*VICTOR DRAPER	*Treble*	RONALD KENRICK	5
MARGARET FORREST	2	PETER COXALL	6
WILLIAM E. COURT	3	EDWIN C. BIRKETT	7
CYRIL LOW	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Composed by E. TIMBRELL. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
* First peal.
Rung as wedding compliments to David Heap (son of Mr. and Mrs. N. Heap, of Southport) and Miss Audrey Wilson (daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Wilson, of Bowness), and John Hunting, of Leicester, and Miss Doreen Dutton, of Southport.

WHITCHURCH CANONICORUM, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 27, 1960, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. WITE AND CANDIDA,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Tenor 17¼ cwt. in D.

NORMAN MALLETT	*Treble*	FREDERICK WREFORD	5
MRS. C. W. POWELL	2	*FRANK KNIGHT	6
CUTHBERT W. POWELL	3	HARRY J. GAYLARD	7
GORDON GAYLARD	4	HENRY G. KEELEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY J. GAYLARD.

* First peal 'inside.'

Rung to the glory of God, and in honour of the ordination of Roger Keeley at Harnham on August 14th; also for the marriage of his twin sister, Rachel, to Mr. John Blow, of Horley, on Monday, August 22nd.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

SWYNNERTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 30, 1960, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

ERIC YOUNG	*Treble*	WILLIAM TALBOT	4
*CHRISTINE GLOVER	2	G. ARNOLD MOORE	5
MERYL PURSLOW	3	WILLIAM WATKIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. ARNOLD MOORE.

* First peal in the method.

Rung for the wedding of Dr. Alan Henry Batten (son of the rector) and Miss Lois Eleanor Dewis.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Aug. 20, 1960, in 1 Hour and 47 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5040 WINCHENDON PLACE BOB DOUBLES
Being 42 extents. Tenor 2 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.

JOHN M. JELLEY	*Treble*	SANDRA E. CHESTERTON	3
MARTIN C. FAULKES	2	A. JAMES POYNOR	4

JOHN M. JELLEY *Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

PACKINGTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 3, 1960, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY ROOD,
A PEAL OF 5040 WAVERTREE COLLEGE BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb.

RICHARD J. CLIFTON	*Treble*	ALAN E. HARTLEY	4
BRIAN M. SMITH	2	JOSEPH W. COTTON	5
MARTIN C. FAULKES	3	JOHN M. JELLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Aug. 9, 1960, in 1 Hour and 38 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents. Tenor 2 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.

ALAN E. HARTLEY	*Treble*	MARTIN C. FAULKES	3
JOHN M. JELLEY	2	PETER J. CHILTON	4

A. JAMES POYNOR *Tenor*

Conducted by A. JAMES POYNOR.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 13, 1960, in 1 Hour and 56 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5040 APRIL DAY BOB DOUBLES
Being 42 extents. Tenor 2 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.

JOHN M. JELLEY	*Treble*	ALAN E. HARTLEY	3
A. JAMES POYNOR	2	PETER J. CHILTON	4

MARTIN C. FAULKES *Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

CROMHALL, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(Wotton Branch.)
On Tues., Aug. 14, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (ten different callings). Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

RICHARD MCLUNG	*Treble*	CLIVE LEGG	4
OLIVER MILLS	2	RONALD COX	5
AUDREY EVANS	3	*JOHN WOODWARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by RONALD COX.

* First peal.

Rung half-muffled as a token of respect for the life and work of the Rev. A. D. H. Allan, through whose inspiration these bells were provided.

BRADSTONE, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Mon., Aug. 15, 1960, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NON,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt.

WILFRED C. BOUCHER	*Treble*	CHARLES E. TAYLOR	4
*D. ROY BOULD	2	M. JACK PRYOR	5
*ANN GEORGE	3	STANLEY JENNER	*Tenor*

Conducted by STANLEY JENNER.

* First peal of Minor 'inside.'

In memory of George Fitze, captain of Kelly ringers.

HAMBLEDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Aug. 19, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in 113 regular individual plain course methods, viz.: Coulsdon, Langley, Bisham Alliance, Greenford and Laleham Little Bob; Perivale, Lockinge Alliance, Littleton and Twyford Little Bob; Barkham, Bisham, Dorney Alliance and Laleham Little Bob; Staines Alliance and Kempton Little Bob; Shepperton, Taplow Alliance, Stanwell and Hanworth Little Bob; Quainton Alliance and Spital Little Bob; Chalvey, Thorpe, Moreton Alliance, Clewer, Spital and Dedworth Little Bob; Lavendon Alliance and Ickenham Little Bob; Ho ton, Hinksey, Bledlow Alliance, Hampton, Ickenham and Northolt Little Bob; Amersham Alliance and Twyford Little Bob; Astleham, Lockinge, Marsworth Alliance, Ashford, Twyford and Greenford Little Bob; Union, Uffington, Reverse St. Simon's and Reverse St. Nicholas'; Reverse New Bob, St. Alphage, Reverse St. Simon's and Reverse St. Nicholas'; St. Julian, Datchet, Reverse St. Osmund's and Reverse St. Remigius'; Reverse St. Vedast's, St. Gregory's, Reverse St. Osmund's and Reverse St. Remigius'; Stowe, St. Faith's, Reverse St. Martin's and Reverse Winchendon; St. Andrew's, Reverse Huntspill, Reverse St. Martin's and Reverse Winchendon; Coxwell, Stedman Slow Course, St. Botolph's, Reverse Bob and Canterbury; Reverse All Saints', St. Sebastian's, St. Bartholomew, Reverse Shipway, Reverse Bob and Canterbury; New Bob, Itchingfield and Forncett; St. Vedast's, Bedingham and Chipstead; Bethnal Bob and St. Vedast's; Huntspill, Oakley and Ellingham; Reverse Heathrow, Reverse St. Edmund's and Huntspill; Shipway, Colnbrook and Tandridge; Westminster II, Knapton and Chesham; Cranford and Westminster II; St. Hilary's, Intwood and Ockham; Blackburn, Broughton and Lyng; Reverse Canterbury, Raveningham and Dorton; St. Nicholas', Fundenhall and Longford; Heathrow and St. Nicholas'; St. Remigius', Harpley and Hascombe; Winchendon and Thornborough; Haddiscoe and Winchendon; Plain Bob and Boxford; St. Simon's and Braywood; St. Edmund's and St. Simon's; St. Osmund's, Longworth and Merton; St. Martin's, Welford and Slapton; St. Simon's and Rugby, and Plain Bob and Candlesby; with 350 changes of method and plain leads only used throughout. Tenor 11 cwt.

MONICA M. BLAGROVE	*Treble*	WILLIAM BUTLER	3
MALCOLM S. CLOKE	2	MICHAEL HATCHETT	4

FRANK T. BLAGROVE *Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

The greatest number of Doubles methods yet rung to a peal, and the greatest number of regular methods rung in a peal of 5,040 changes (126 Minor methods have been rung in a peal of 6,480 changes).

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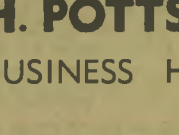

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WHITTLESFORD, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Aug. 19, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in eight methods, viz.: (1) London and Wells, (2) Norwich, (3) York, (4) Durham, (5) Surfleet, (6) Beverley, (7) Cambridge. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in F.

E. JANE LANGTON	*Treble*	DERMOT J. ROAF	4
DEREK E. LATCHFORD	2	DEREK E. SIBSON	5
T. REGINALD DENNIS	3	GEORGE E. THODAY	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.

A birthday compliment to T. Reginald Dennis.

ILLSTON-ON-THE-HILL, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 22, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

PETER J. CHILTON	*Treble*	MARTIN C. FAULKES	4
SANDRA E. CHESTERTON	2	ALAN E. HARTLEY	5
JOHN M. JELLEY	3	A. JAMES POYNOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. JAMES POYNOR.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 24, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-ON-THE-WALL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of College Bob, St. Clement's College Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

DAVID HEIGHTON	*Treble*	REGINALD G. HOOPER	4
*CLIFF RICHARDS	2	BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON	5
*ELISABETH A. G. BOWDEN	3	D. JOHN HUNT	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID HEIGHTON.

* First peal in seven methods.

A compliment to Graham and Ruby Eyles on the birth of a daughter.

LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 24, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 CRANFORD SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout. Tenor 8 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

CHRISTINE M. RIMMER	*Treble*	RAYMOND G. SMITH	4
FRANK C. PRICE	2	JOHN R. MAYNE	5
MICHAEL HATCHETT	3	*KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* 150th peal of Surprise. First in the method in the county, for the Association, and by all the band except the ringer of the second.

WILLINGHAM-BY-STOW, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD
On Wed., Aug. 24, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising seven extents in 11 methods: (1) Double and Single Court, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) St. Clement's and Double Oxford, (4) London Surprise, (5) Plain Bob and Oxford Bob, (6) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (7) Double Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. in F sharp.

GEOFFREY R. PARKER	*Treble*	G. LESLIE A. LUNN	4
*CLAIRE DILLAMORE	2	LOUIS WILLDERS	5
DELIA SMITH	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* 25th peal.

COSBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 25, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in four methods: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Kent Treble Bob, (3) and (4) St. Clement's Bob, (5), (6) and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. in G.

BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Treble*	ERNEST MORRIS	4
*MARK G. WOOD	2	BRIAN M. SMITH	5
DIANA J. PERRINS	3	JOHN A. ACRES	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal of Minor.

BELTON, RUTLAND.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Syston District.)
On Sat., Aug. 27, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 10 cwt. 24 lb. in G.

MALCOLM D. BARSBY	*Treble*	†ROYSTON WILMORE	4
ERNEST F. PAYNE	2	B. STEDMAN PAYNE	5
*JAMES MITCHELL	3	FREDERICK T. BINDLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

* First peal 'inside.' † First of Grandsire Doubles on tower bells.

COUND, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 27, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 11 methods, being ten extents of Grandsire and four each of Spliced St. Martin's and St. Osmund's, St. Martin's and St. Simon's, Winchendon Place and St. Remigius', Winchendon Place and St. Nicholas', Stedman, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, April Day and Plain Bob. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

FREDK. A. H. CATTELL	*Treble*	REGINALD H. NEWTON	4
HARRY POYNER	2	PHILIP J. EVANS	5
MARY C. POYNER	3	JAMES JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY POYNER.

The greatest number of Doubles methods rung in a peal by the Association.

HIGH LITTLETON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 27, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in B flat.

LESLIE R. G. TAYLOR	*Treble*	ROBIN S. M. STUBBS	4
*TERENCE J. MILSOM	2	GEORGE J. HAWKINS	5
S. ARTHUR READ	3	ALAN F. LEE	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE J. HAWKINS.

* First peal of Minor 'inside.'

Rung in memory of William J. Prescott.

MILTON REGIS, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 27, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 1,440 Plain Bob (four callings) and 3,600 Grandsire (ten callings). Tenor 10¼ cwt.

*DIANA R. SOUTHAM	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT	4
FRANCIS J. CHEAL	2	CHARLES E. I. NORRIS	5
†JAMES W. SELLEN	3	LESLIE B. DOBBIE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

* First peal. † First on six bells, also on 'inside' bell.

A birthday peal for the tenor ringer's grand-daughter; also for John Hale, late of Rainham, Kent.

WALKHAMPTON, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sun., Aug. 28, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes.*
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
(dedication unknown)
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in G.

WALTER H. MARKS	*Treble*	WILLIAM G. LAVERS	4
THOMAS G. MYERS	2	H. FREDERICK MYERS	5
*FREDERICK E. DAY	3	D. ROY BOULD	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS G. MYERS.

* First peal of Minor. First on the bells.

Rung as a birthday compliment to D. Roy Bould.

HANDBELL PEALS

WEST HARTLEPOOL, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Aug. 25, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT 169, STOCKTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 12 in F.

*MARJORIE HUGHES	1—2	MRS. K. LAWSON	3—4
		KENNETH LAWSON	5—6

Conducted by KENNETH LAWSON.

* First peal.

A tenth wedding anniversary peal for Mr. and Mrs. K. Lawson.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Aug. 26, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours,*
AT WHINGARTH, RIDGE ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven methods in seven extents, viz.: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Single Oxford, (3) St. Clement's, (4) Kent T.B., (5) Oxford T.B., (6) Double Plain Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor size 15 in C.

BRIAN HARRIS	1—2	BERNARD F. L. GROVES	3—4
		ROBERT B. SMITH	5—6

Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.

First peal in seven Minor methods 'in hand' by all.

Rung as a farewell to Bernard Groves, who is leaving Marple to live at Maidstone, Kent.

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Aug. 30, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
AT 128, LEICESTER ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5077 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor size 15 in C.

PETER J. STANIFORTH	1—2	ALFRED BALLARD	5—6
GEORGE S. MORRIS	3—4	ERNEST MORRIS	7—8
		JOHN A. ACRES	9—10

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.

ALVERSTOKE, HANTS.—On Aug. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. G. Barron 1, S. Kathleen M. Knight 2, W. A. K. Gray 3, J. N. Haile 4, S. A. Scott 5, M. R. Walker (first 'inside') 6, H. A. Nobes (cond.) 7, T. K. Farden (first quarter) 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Ernest Douglass, F.R.C.O., for 60 years' organist and choirmaster at this church.

AYLESTONE, LEICS.—On Aug. 21st, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: S. Marie Davenport 1, Patricia A. Wardle 2, Sandra E. Chesterton 3, M. C. Faulkes 4, P. Martin 5, T. I. Roper 6, R. S. Morris 7, A. J. Poynor (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

BIRMINGHAM.—At Bishop Latimer's Memorial Church, on Aug. 21st, 1,312 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Miss J. Lane 1, D. E. Sibson 2, Miss E. J. Langton* 3, Miss J. K. Essen 4, N. D. Robinson 5, D. A. R. May 6, M. R. Rose 7, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 8. First in the method for 3, 4 and 6. For Evensong and a birthday compliment to the conductor.

COBHAM, SURREY.—On Aug. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jennifer Maultby 1, Susan Bell 2, Tessa Kemp 3, Catherine H. Powell 4, R. L. Caporn 5, B. J. Woodruffe (cond.) 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. George Marriner, tower captain, at Leatherhead.

DALLINGTON, NORTHANTS.—On Aug. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (Canterbury, St. Simon, Plain Bob): R. T. Clarke 1, R. G. Chapman 2, K. Alton 3, E. Nobles (cond.) 4, J. G. Chapman 5, D. White 6. Rung by the Sunday service band for the golden wedding of Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. T. E. Manning.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.—At St. Cuthbert's Church, on Aug. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. T. Cooke 1, E. Pannell 2, E. Jackson (first quarter) 3, T. Senior 4, T. Cooke (cond.) 5, F. Hodgson 6.

DEAN PRIOR, DEVON.—On Aug. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. L. Bennett 1, A. J. Collings 2, F. E. Day 3, D. R. Bould 4, T. G. Myers (cond.) 5, W. G. Lavers 6. Rung immediately after the institution of the Rev. J. W. Timms, of Buckfastleigh, to the united Benefice of Dean Prior with Buckfastleigh.

EAST BRIDGFORD, NOTTS.—On Aug. 23rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Christine L. J. Froggatt (first quarter) 1, R. Mills 2, R. Blackshaw 3, W. L. Exton (cond.) 4, M. Harrison 5, J. Higgs 6.

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew, on Aug. 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. A. Bayles (cond.) 1, Miss M. Erik 2, Miss P. E. Jervis 3, Miss E. Farrow (first in the method) 4, F. E. Roberts 5, M. Hawkes 6, D. J. Martin 7, J. V. Temple 8. For Evensong.

EXNING, SUFFOLK.—On Aug. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss H. Cross 1, J. Y. Parker 2, D. G. Taylor 3, J. Gentleman 4, A. R. Mann (cond.) 5. Rung as a farewell to Mr. and Mrs. R. J. W. Housden, of Burwell, Cambs, and M. J. Tester, of Fordham, Cambs. Also for the christening of Andrew John Housden, this day.

FORDHAM, CAMBS.—On Aug. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Palmer 1, J. Goodwin 2, R. J. Palmer 3, K. Munns 4, M. J. Tester 5, D. Morley 6. Rung for Evensong and a farewell to M. J. Tester.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.—On Aug. 21st, 1,260 Minor (being 360 each of Oxford and Kent T.B. and 540 Plain Bob): S. Penfold 1, F. V. Gant (cond.) 2, J. Carrott 3, W. Flatt 4, T. East 5, A. Salisbury 6. For Matins, and a birthday compliment to W. Flatt, of Harleston.

GREAT HALE, LINCS.—On Aug. 29th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles (4 callings): Sylvia A. E. Brown (first on treble) 1, Daphne P. Brown (first as cond.) 2, E. A. Cole 3, R. Trevitt 4, R. Brown 5, G. T. Brown 6.

GREAT HOLLAND, ESSEX.—On Aug. 21st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. V. Hales 1, Ann Pryke 2, Mrs. P. Mills 3, A. R. Andrews 4, P. Mills 5, I. Cooper 6, R. G. Bugg 7, E. E. Davey (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.—On Aug. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: F. Bowden 1, C. Johnstone 2, C. Coussmaker 3, J. Miles 4, R. Corner 5, E. Pearson 6, J. McDermott 7, J. Queen 8, H. Gauntlett 9, A. Queen (cond.) 10. Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Queen, parents of the 9th and 10th ringers. First quarter of Plain Bob Royal on the bells. Also on Aug. 24th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: I. Weatherley 1, C. Johnstone 2, Mrs. F. Bowden 3, A. Carpenter 4, E. Pearson 5, J. McDermott 6, A. Queen 7, J. Queen (cond.) 8. For St. Bartholomew's Day.

QUARTER PEALS

HENLOW, BEDS.—On Aug. 28th, 1,260 Single Oxford Minor: P. Thompson 1, M. Major 2, R. Fuller 3, G. Mayes 4, P. W. Thompkins 5, L. H. Bywater (cond.) 6. For parish Communion.

KEA, CORNWALL.—On Aug. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. W. Jose 1, A. Locke 2, A. J. Davidson 3, G. D. Carter (first 'inside') 4, D. Burnett (cond.) 5, H. J. Pascoe 6.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Aug. 7th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: S. H. Symonds (cond.) 1, R. Chambers 2, Jenifer Reeve (first quarter) 3, F. Hunt 4, S. Smith 5, F. Boreham 6, F. F. Mortlock 7, E. Cracknell 8.

LOCKING, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Marjorie Legg (cond.) 1, S. White 2, G. Prescott 3, R. Ballam 4, D. Millier 5, F. Millier 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. M. Hutchings, ringer of this church.

LOWER QUINTON, WARWICKS.—On Aug. 26th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Veronica M. Miles 1, Susan Funnell 2, Linda M. Hughes 3, Alma M. Greaves 4, J. Mary Funnell 5, J. K. Foot (cond.) 6. First in method for all the band. Rung for the wedding of a local ringer, Miss Mary Higgins, to Ivor Graham Potter, a week previously.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Aug. 25th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: F. Knight 1, Margaret Ross 2, J. Looker 3, R. Pittman 4, G. Gaylard 5, H. J. Gaylard 6, M. V. White 7, G. S. Morris (cond.) 8. First of Surprise Major for 3 and 5. Rung in honour of the ordination of Roger Keeley, as deacon in the parish, of Harnham, Salisbury.

LYMINSTER, SUSSEX.—On Aug. 27th, 1,440 Minor (720 St. Clement's, 720 Plain Bob): M. J. Wake (first of Minor) 1, B. Burrough 2, L. Stilwell 3, G. Crisp 4, R. P. Wood 5, R. Wake (first of Minor as cond.) 6.

MARHAMCHURCH, CORNWALL.—On Aug. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mary Medland 1, Lesley Sherwin 2, E. Ford 3, R. J. Hicks 4, C. E. Taylor (cond.) 5, B. Soper 6. For Patronal Festival. Also on Aug. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mary Medland 1, Lesley Sherwin 2, E. Ford 3, R. J. Hicks 4, C. E. Taylor (cond.) 5, A. Marsh 6. A farewell to the Rector, Rev. W. Attwood Evans, who is leaving to take up duties in Hampshire.

MARK, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 27th, 1,280 Oxford T.B. Major: Monica Horseman 1, Audrey Bailey 2, C. T. Clarke 3, D. Miller 4, D. J. Hunt 5, J. Brain 6, R. D. Short (cond.) 7, M. J. Horseman 8. First in the method by all except 2 and 5.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.—On Aug. 27th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: B. J. Woodruffe 1—2, B. F. L. Groves 3—4, R. B. Smith 5—6, F. Osbaldiston 7—8. Rung 'silent.'

MERROW, SURREY.—On Aug. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: K. S. Owen (first quarter) 1, Susan A. Bull (first 'inside') 2, Angela J. Martin 3, A. Pamela Warren (cond.) 4, P. G. Smart 5, R. F. Warren 6.

NEWBURN-ON-TYNE, NORTHUMBERLAND.—On Aug. 21st, 1,292 Surprise Minor (720 Surfleet, 572 Beverley): T. M. Cox 1, K. Arthur 2, J. E. Anderson 3, F. Ross 4, J. A. Ainsworth (cond.) 5, G. S. Deas 6. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. Tony Clemens, on his last Sunday in this parish.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.—On Aug. 15th, at the Cathedral Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Kathleen M. Knight 1, W. A. K. Gray 2, D. P. Jones 3, J. N. Haile 4, L. Smith 5, S. A. Scott 6, R. Baldwin (cond.) 7, A. Hoodless 8. A welcome to the ringers of 4 and 6.

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PYWORTHY, DEVON.—On Aug. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (10 callings): Mary Pryor (first quarter) 1, H. Heard 2, Ann George 3, H. Stacey 4, S. Jenner (cond.) 5, D. Brock 6.

ST. KEA, TRURO, CORNWALL.—On Aug. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. J. Pascoe 1, A. J. Davidson 2, A. Locke 3, Miss M. Driver 4, C. W. Jose (cond.) 5, K. J. Moor (first quarter) 6. Rung as a farewell to H. J. Pascoe and K. J. Moor, who are leaving St. Kea. Also on Aug. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. F. Dunstan 1, Helen Hobbins 2, A. Locke 3, Marian Driver 4, C. W. Jose (cond.) M. Trenoweth 6. In thanksgiving for God's gift of a son to Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Hood.

SELLY OAK, BIRMINGHAM.—At Fircroft College, on Aug. 24th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. E. Sibson (first in the method 'in hand') 1—2, P. M. J. Gray (cond.) 3—4, J. M. Lakin 5—6, G. Pratt (first 'in hand') 7—8.

SOUTHGATE, LONDON.—At Christ Church, on Aug. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Monica Moore (first of Triples) 1, Pam Miller 2, Ann Aldridge 3, S. G. Peck 4, T. Bailey 5, H. Miller 6, C. Aldridge (cond.) 7, W. Wainwright 8. Rung as a golden wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. A. Glasscock, a member of the Christ Church band for 62 years, and Mrs. Glasscock.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On Aug. 21st, 1,320 Doubles (6 extents of Grandsire, 5 of Plain Bob): Mary Norman 1, Mrs. B. G. Warwick 2, T. Bolingbroke 3, B. G. Warwick 4, B. M. Smith (first as cond. in 2 methods) 5, D. W. Stenson 6. For Evensong.

STAINES, MIDDX.—On Aug. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Jean Williams 1, S. Gamble 2, J. Tomkinson 3, D. Hawkins 4, E. Skipsey (cond.) 5, R. Shepherd 6. Rung as a compliment to Rev. and Mrs. R. W. Carter, on the occasion of their silver wedding. Also on Aug. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Shepherd 1, R. Wiggins (first 'inside') 2, Carol O'Kelly (first 'inside') 3, E. Skipsey (cond.) 4, M. Bartlett 5, B. Bartlett 6.

STOULTON, WORCS.—On May 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. A. Jopp 1, R. G. Morris 2, Mrs. A. A. Jopp 3, J. Moule 4, J. Clements (cond.) 5, D. Price 6. First quarter on the bells. Tenor 107 lbs.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On Aug. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ann George 1, A. Bissatt 2, J. W. Sangwin 3, C. Sangwin 4, M. J. Pryor 5, H. Stacey 6, S. Jenner (cond.) 7, J. Halford 8. Rung for the summer fete of the combined churches of Stratton. Also on Aug. 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. W. Sangwin 1, A. Hicks 2, H. Trewin 3, W. J. Brunt 4, M. J. Pryor 5, H. Stacey 6, T. J. Setter (cond.) 7, J. Walford 8. First quarter of Stedman Triples by 1, 3, 5 and 8.

SUTTON-COURTNEY, BERKS.—On Aug. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. L. Armitage (first quarter) 1, J. S. Barnes (cond.) 2, G. Allam 3, J. Greenwood 4, A. W. Hewes 5, G. Leyland 6. A wedding compliment to Miss Joan Partridge and Mr. Cyril Beasley. The bride has for several years been a chorister and Sunday School teacher at this church.

THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.—On Aug. 28th, 1,296 Minor (720 Norwich Surprise, 576 Cambridge Surprise): W. Downs 1, P. Mills 2, Miss M. Mills 3, F. Harvey 4, P. Woods 5, E. E. Davey (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

UXBRIDGE, MIDDX.—On Aug. 14th, 1,280 Grandsire Doubles: M. Sheehan 1, Mrs. P. Phillips (first 'inside') 2, Mrs. E. R. Gotham 3, H. W. Impey (cond.) 4, P. Phillips 5, F. Bedford 6. For Evensong.

WARBOROUGH, OXON.—On Aug. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: V. Fox 1, Helen Butler 2, G. McIlhone 3, Jean Exon 4, Margaret Thewlis 5, A. Howes 6, F. Absolom (cond.) 7, D. Exon 8. First quarter of Plain Bob Triples for all except ringer of 3rd. Rung for 'Warborough Feast.'

WEEK ST. MARY, CORNWALL.—On Aug. 7th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: B. C. Kercher (first of Minor) 1, Ann George 2, C. E. Taylor 3, H. Stacey 4, D. M. Hughes (first of Minor) 5, S. Jenner (cond.) 6.

WENTWORTH, YORKS.—On Aug. 27th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Rev. Canon A. King 1, A. King (first 'inside') 2, M. R. Meadows 3, E. P. King 4, M. King (first as cond.) 5, R. West 6. Rung at Wentworth, after the proposed quarter peal visit to Wortley had been called off, owing to heavy rain.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFS.—At All Saints' Church, on Aug. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Ellis 1, E. A. Parish 2, A. Mills (comp. and cond.) 3, J. Cooper 4, W. D. Peart 5, F. Pickering 6, H. F. Baraclough 7, J. R. Cotterill 8. For Evensong and a farewell to Preb. N. W. Watson, who has accepted the living of Hints-with-Weeford, in the diocese of Lichfield.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS

Stratton St. Margaret ringers could hardly have selected a worse day for their outing than August 27th, and their objective to towers in the Wotton-under-Edge district took them to Dursley, which had earlier had the experience of a whirlwind. The start was delayed for half-an-hour to enable some ringers to change their clothes after being caught in a thunderstorm. A further delay occurred when only a short distance from the first tower, Stonehouse: a swan, apparently mistaking the wet road for the river, landed in front of the coach! Mr. Price was waiting to greet us, and we soon had the bells swinging.

The 'go' of Slimbridge bells was much appreciated, and Canon Thomas gave us a warm welcome. After ringing at Upper Cam, a gale and torrential rain were experienced en route for Dursley, where we had tea before ringing on the eight at St James' Church. The last tower was Wotton-under-Edge, where the recently-rehung eight were a joy to ring. During the trip, methods rung included Cambridge and London Minor, and Cambridge and Double Norwich C.B. Major. With a strange sense of humour, the coach driver called at The Trouble House on the way home.

The trip was organised by Mr. Oram, with Mr. V. Griffin as Ringing Master. Our thanks are sent to incumbents and tower secretaries.

R. L.

IN THE FYLDE AREA

Ten towers in the Fylde area were visited by a party of ringers from the Furness and Lancaster Branches on August 27th, and despite the interference of an enthusiastic 'speed cop,' an enjoyable afternoon was spent.

Methods rung included Plain Bob, St. Clement's, Little Bob, Kent and Oxford T.B., Grandsire, Stedman, Cambridge and Double Norwich.

Thanks are due to Mr. T. F. Metcalfe, tower secretaries in the Fylde area and, last but by no means least, the coach driver. R. W. D.

OUTINGS

BAWTRY AND TICKHILL

Saturday, August 20th, saw the first combined outing of Bawtry and Tickhill ringers. The first objective was the Bell Foundry at Loughborough, where a very interesting hour was spent looking around the Foundry, under the guidance of Mr. P. Taylor and Mr. J. P. Fidler. Although eagerly looked forward to, our attempts at ringing on the Foundry bells were far from being praiseworthy.

After partaking of a packed lunch we proceeded to Hathern, where we found a very pleasant ring of six, the bells being half-muffled as a token of respect to the Vicar and his wife, who lost their lives whilst attempting to save their dog from drowning in the sea. A pleasant hour was spent at Bunney and at Cotgrave, where we had a warm welcome from the Vicar, the Rev. Mr. Wakefield, who for 19 years was the Vicar of Bawtry. Tea was provided by Mrs. Wakefield and other kind helpers, and this was thoroughly enjoyed. A pleasant hour was spent on the bells, which we found very easy going. During this time our non-ringing friends visited the Rectory gardens.

After Cotgrave we did not settle down as well at Whatton-in-the-Vale, but there was a marked improvement at Bottesford, and everyone agreed that this was 'the tower of the day.' Our final call was at Balderton, a light, very good-going six. Methods rung during the day ranged from rounds to Cambridge Surprise.

Thanks are extended to all the incumbents and ringers who welcomed us to their towers, to Messrs. Taylor, to Mrs. Wakefield and her helpers for providing tea, and to all those who in any way assisted towards making the outing a success. A. W. and A. H.

HENLOW, BEDS

Organised with quiet efficiency, as usual, by Mr. L. H. Bywaters, this year's outing of the Henlow ringers took place on August 27th, when they visited the Berkshire area.

The first tower, Dorchester, Oxon, was reached in good time, which meant that a cup of coffee could be enjoyed before ascending the tower, where good use was made of the easy-going ring of eight.

Next came Abingdon, whose splendid parish church has a ring of ten, and where we were pleased to meet Mrs. Lock, who welcomed us in her gracious manner. A very good lunch was enjoyed here before going on to Harwell. This lovely ring of eight was much enjoyed by all, after which we went on to Wantage, birthplace of Alfred the Great, on the fringe of the famous Vale of the White Horse. An excellent tea was taken here before journeying on to Blewbury, another good ring of eight.

Perhaps the best ringing of the day took place at our last tower, East Hagbourne, and well it might be, for these bells are a delight to ring—an excellent example of what a ring of eight should be!

The thanks of all are tendered to the incumbents where we rang, to the local ringers who made us so welcome, and to Mr. Bywaters for his splendid arrangements. A. E. R.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKSHIRE

Packwood ringers and friends choose Worcestershire for their day's outing. There was some fine ringing on the beautiful bells of Stoke Prior and Hanbury. The young ringers had difficulty in controlling the bells of Upton Snodsbury, due to the great length of rope, but short touches of Bob Minor were brought round. Other towers visited were Witton, Broadwas, Inkberrow, Grimley, Wychbold and the day finished with some fine ringing on the delightful bells at Ombersley. Thanks are due to incumbents, to Paul Cattermole and members of his band and to all tower captains for allowing us to ring their bells. R. E. T.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

We are sorry to learn that Mr. George Gilbert, of Burnham, Bucks, was admitted to Cliveden Hospital on August 5th. He is in Ward 9, and his many friends will join us in hoping that this sojourn will be the means of his recovery and ultimate return to the belfry.

A loss to ringing in Marple, Cheshire, is the departure of Mr. Bernard Groves to live in Maidstone, Kent.

Eight peals from eight attempts were scored by Mr. A. Patrick Cannon's party during their Lake District tour.

Mr. Ernest G. Hibbins had a 'golden' peal at Trumpington, Cambs, on August 21st. It was rung on the 50th anniversary of his first peal. Congratulations!

Mr. F. E. Collins has rung in every ringable tower in Cornwall. He completed his record by ringing at Lanhydrock when he joined Miss Wyman's tourists for a day.

'Gillian Schofield, of Bradford, deserves congratulations,' writes Mr. W. Eric Critchley, 'for although she is still a schoolgirl, she rang Pitman's 4-Spliced Surprise like a seasoned veteran at Harthill on August 27th.' Well done!

Bidford-on-Avon ringers express their thanks to the London University Guild for their kind gesture in leaving a donation in the belfry after their visit on August 25th. Such thoughtful actions leave behind happy memories.

The quarter peal of Stedman Triples at Stratton was rung following a thanksgiving Sunday for a successful record church fete, visitors from Cardiff, Colchester, Rye and Yeovil taking part in the ringing.

Mr. W. Butler has produced an excellent number of 'The Ringers' Magazine' for the August quarter. 'Bells in Law Reports,' by Norman Phillips, and 'Church Architecture,' by John F. Williams, are two good articles. The Editor also makes a valued contribution with 'Bell Founders' Marks.' It is all very readable.

There will be no more ringing at Exeter Cathedral until further notice. It is expected that work on the bells will take at least until Christmas.

The Universities' Association have only one peal to record from this year's Week—Yorkshire Surprise Major, at Bolsover.

Cheshire ringers' tour of Worcestershire, organised by Mr. Basil Jones, resulted in 11 peals. There were two failures. Story next week.

The Warborough and Dorchester (Oxon) bands would like to thank Mr. Frank Absolom, for the help he has given them in the past and also calling the quarter peals.

With the peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus at Leicester Cathedral on August 29th, Mr. Harold J. Hazell, of Enfield, completes Cambridge from Minor to Maximus. It was his 75th peal.

A colour film unit was in action at St. Mary's, Watford, practice night on August 30th. Members of the local cine society took action shots of ringers and bells for inclusion in a film of Watford to be shown to the public in the Town Hall on October 11th.

While the product of the University of London Society's summer tour in Warwickshire was only two peals and three quarters, it was most enjoyable. For one couple in particular the occasion was memorable—the announcement of the engagement of Mr. D. E. Sibson and Miss Jane Langton. Every happiness!

The Central Bucks Branch has lost a sincere friend by the death of its chairman, since 1958, Canon C. E. Last, Rector of Great Horwood. Canon Last died at sea. A memorial service was held at Great Horwood last Sunday. An appreciation of his services will appear in our next issue.

The convener of the Editorial Committee (Mr. J. Frank Smallwood) rang in a peal of Yorkshire Surprise, at Darley Dale, on September 1st, in honour of his 76th birthday. The peal also honoured Mr. Herbert Langdon's 79th birthday on the following day.

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CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD IN CAMBRIDGE

THE year being divisible by five, the Guild assembled in Cambridge once more, on August 20th, for its annual ringing week, this time at Wilflete House, a new Clare hostel on Castle Hill.

Some of us arrived on Saturday night, including the peal committee, who were soon in full session deciding our fate (so they thought) for the next week. The hostel, we found, was very modern and very comfortable, but had a number of obvious faults: the plumbing and the midnight handbell ringing were both universally audible, the latter especially so, as we were ejected from the dining-cum-common room at 11, and had to adjourn to a bedroom.

The ringing got off to a fine start on Sunday morning with Stedman Cinques at Great St. Mary's, despite the sex discrimination at breakfast—two eggs and three rashers for the men, one egg and two rashers for the women. At Trumpington, where we were met by Miss Willers, the bells were rung well, before we dispersed to meet again after lunch at St. Andrew's. A pleasant afternoon was spent ringing at Caxton and Bourn, before dinner.

The week's first peal band set off early on Monday for Elveden, where a peal of Rutland was successful, although there was some disappointment afterwards when it was found that the attractive house with a swinging sign and a car park was only the estate office. Stretham and Soham were visited by the rest of the party, a number of whom were due for a peal at Mildenhall in the afternoon. With this in view, lunch was sought in Ely, but the wrong cafe was picked, where the service was lamentably slow. Moreover, the peal committee had excelled itself, and when ten ringers finally assembled at Mildenhall half-an-hour late, to ring a peal of Cambridge Royal, there was no conductor. However, yet another peal of Bob Royal was quite competently brought round. Meantime, there had been ringing at Fordham, Burwell and Swaffham Prior before we all reassembled for dinner! The evening was very pleasantly spent.

FIRST FAILURE

Tuesday brought the first of a succession of failures: after two-and-a-half hours of Pitman's 4-Spliced at St. Neots, the tenor man gave up because it was not going too well—a great disappointment for all concerned. This was partly assuaged by an excellent grill at a small hotel before joining the remainder of the party. They had been to Long Stanton, Over and St. Ives before lunch, and the whole assembly visited the Hemingfords (Grey and Abbots), Huntingdon (All Saints') and Godmanchester before returning to Cambridge for dinner. Three of us had been requisitioned for an Ely peal at Trumpington in the evening, and a peal of Bob Major was duly scored there. After dinner some visited the local practice at Old Chesterton, while others attempted a handbell peal of Double Norwich. The latter failed after half-an-hour or so, but a good practice was had, including methods up to London and Rutland.

The Corporate Communion was the first appointment on Wednesday, when a number attended Mass at the neighbouring Church of St. Giles, celebrated by the Vicar, with the president assisting. After breakfast a peal band set off for Stansted Mountfitchet and rang a peal of Yorkshire, despite some misgivings about the coursing order being back to front from time to time. Others were regaled with ringing at Sawston and Ickleton before lunch at Great Dunmow. The party were reunited at Great Dunmow Church after lunch, going on to Great Bardfield and Thaxted—a day of ground floor rings, which gladdened the hearts of the older members and produced some of the week's better ringing.

1961, WEST SUSSEX

After dinner, the meeting held in the hostel common room considered two or three important matters. First, it was announced that the reprinted Guild History was ready and could be purchased from the officers. Second, it was decided to hold the 1961 Guild week in West Sussex, under the guidance of Brians Price and Threlfall, subject to the usual accommodation problems. Thirdly, and most importantly, it was decided, on the suggestion of the president and on the strict understanding that he himself had no intention of retiring as yet, to elect a vice-president, and the office was at once well filled by Bill Ridgman.

Subsequently more handbells were indulged in and a touch of Spliced Surprise (albeit probably false, but nevertheless ably called round at backstroke by the conductor) was rung.

A suggested peal attempt at Trumpington on Thursday morning was called off due to lack of support and to the local peal there two days previously, and so the full party were able to do justice to St. Neots, Eaton Socon and Biggleswade in the morning. Lunch in Biggleswade preceded ringing at Baldock, Barkway and Royston, although a peal band for Stedman Cinques at Great St. Mary's was detached after Baldock. The peal, regrettably, was not a success, and after an hour-and-three-quarters' average ringing came to grief at a single. Bene't's were visited in the evening, and some confusion was caused here by the man who asked one of the ladies to join him in the Bath!

UNFORTUNATE MISHAP

Lavenham for a peal of Bristol—a pleasant thought; but the peal band here on Friday could not make it go, and contented themselves with a quarter of Yorkshire before joining the rest of the party at All Saints', Sudbury. One driver had a most unfortunate mishap involving an old lady getting off a bus, which prevented him and his passenger from ringing at the first tower, Cavendish; but they reached Long Melford in reasonable time to join in the ringing there before continuing to Sudbury. There was time to look round the shops after lunch before we moved on to Bures. Here the clapper of the tenor broke—though we gathered it was a new one, only a few months old— after only one lead of our first touch. We were therefore reduced to the briefest of rings on the front seven: but after a little telephoning, we were lucky enough to get permission to ring at Stoke-by-Nayland, a most acceptable substitute. The last but by no means least tower of the week was Clare, reached through a cloudburst, before making our way back to Cambridge for the final dinner. The evening was happily spent in the Lion, in charge of the (self-transposed) 'President of Vice.'

As is the way with peals on the last Saturday morning, we could not ring Spliced at St. Andrew's, and so we adjourned once more, looking forward to Guild week next year and to Cambridge again in 1965.

The Guild's first woman secretary, Frances Secker, and her co-organiser, Hilary Muirhead, earn our very warm thanks for another memorable Guild week. B. D. T.

SERVANTS OF THE EXERCISE – No. 37



MR. WALTER AYRE
Hertfordshire Association.

Mr. Walter Ayre is yet another member of the teaching profession who has given long and useful service to the Exercise. His work on the Peals Analysis and the Peal Boards Committees is well known to the Central Council, and it is hard to conceive how such work could be better done. The peals analysis requires continuous and very alert attention, and there is little that escapes Walter's eagle eye.

He was born at Barton-on-Humber in 1891, went to school there, and progressed to Hull Grammar School and the Municipal College, Grimsby. After a period as pupil teacher, he took up a post as teacher at Gainsborough in 1911. He joined the Army at the commencement of the Great War, serving in the artillery in France and Belgium. After completing further training at St. Mark's College he was appointed headmaster at Caythorpe in 1921, and then went as headmaster to Leverstock Green in 1922, in which post he remained until retirement in 1957.

He learned to ring at Barton, and rang his first peal, Minor in three methods, in 1911. This was quickly followed by a peal of Kent T.B. Major at Hull, and by 1918 he had commenced conducting. His first 12-bell peal was at Southwark, to which he rang the tenor. He had joined the Cumberlands, and was contemporary with John D. Matthews, who conducted his first peal on handbells (Bob Royal). He took part in that Society's first peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus, and also a peal of Stedman Caters at the Imperial Institute, South Kensington. In 1948 he was elected Master of the Cumberland Youths.

Mr. Ayre also served as District secretary (Western), Herts Association, from 1923 to 1947, and was made president in 1935. Under his guidance and leadership the Apsley band, which he joined in 1932, has rung peals in up to 32 Surprise Minor methods. His peal total is 763, of which he has conducted 417.

His other love is music, and he possesses a resonant bass voice. He ran a successful choral society up to 1939, which won cups and certificates at various festivals. He has been a member of one choir or another since he was 9 years old, and since 1944 has been a member at St. Peter's, St. Albans. His Sundays must be very busy, for before going to sing at St. Albans he rings at Apsley for service. He is often called on to read the lessons, and sometimes intones the service. He has taken an active part in local affairs, and joined the Special Constabulary in 1926, now being Superintendent in that Force.

Walter was a frequent visitor to Surfleet when Rupert Richardson was alive, and one of the exploits they got up to was to ring a handbell peal in bed, one on a boat and another on a coach whilst touring! They even contemplated ringing a peal whilst sitting in a large tree, but 'Mother' put her foot down, and the idea was dropped. It can be readily understood by anyone who knew Rupert (20 stones or more) that he would have required a pretty strong branch to support his weight. Yes, Walter has enjoyed his ringing and his music, and we have enjoyed his humour. He is still in the prime of life, and going strong. JAFUS.

BRISTOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY IN KENT

FOLLOWING successful 'ringing holidays' in Cornwall (1958) and the Isle of Wight (1959), this year's cycling tour was arranged in Kent. The party, all members of the U.B.S.C.R., included Michael and Brenda Sprackling, Jane Cook, Angela Grainger, Beryl Abbott, John Baldwin, Roy Blackler, Terry Jones, Mike Austin and Pat Bird. Although only two of us remained from the original Cornish tour, Alan and Pauline Smith were able to join us for the day when we assembled at Canterbury on August 14th, and we commenced ringing at the Cathedral for Evensong. We enjoyed these bells, ringing various methods on eight and ten and a bob course of Grandsire Cinques. After attending the service and having a quick tea, we joined the local company at St. Dunstan's, and again attended service before making our way to Canterbury Y.H.

On Monday we really got down to business. Nine towers were visited in all, starting—through John's kind efforts—at St. Stephen's (Hackington) and St. Alphege's, where a slider fell out. After Sturry (6) we took lunch, and the now-traditional darts match—'East v. West'—was commenced. The six at Littlebourne were not quite as bad as we had been led to believe, and here we were shown around the war-damaged church. Wickhambreaux (6) has a fine ring, and both Wingham (8) and Goodnestone (6) were enjoyed. At Bekesbourne (6) we opened the church to find it full of gas. This meant one quick ring at a time, then dashing out for a breath of fresh air! Our engineer diagnosed a leak and turned the supply off at the mains! In the evening John took us to his home tower at Whitstable, where we were made most welcome at the local practice.

MOTORISTS TO RAISE BELLS

On Tuesday we were joined by Peter Newing and party, travelling by van and motor scooter. They were most helpful in getting bells up before the flagging cycle party arrived! The minor five at Thanington had such ill effects on Michael that he left the correspondence for the day's towers behind. However, Chartham (6) and Chilham (8) were both found successfully, although Selling (8) produced a rare chase for the key, and first evidence that Kentish folk can't tell their right from their left! Boughton-under-Blean went well to Major, but by the time we had found the elusive Faversham Church (8) (having carried our bikes over a railway footbridge!) we were tiring, and the ringing was not what it might have been. However, a rest and tea put things right, and we improved at Ospringe (8), with its quaint saddleback tower.

Hollingbourne (6) was our first call on Wednesday, followed by Leeds (10), aptly described as 'a bit lumpy.' However, we managed Grandsire Caters and Yorkshire on the back eight. At Chart Sutton (6) we were pleased to ring with Mr. F. S. Macey, of the Kent Veterans, before going to Boughton Monchelsea (6), where ringing takes place in the chancel and the choir stalls have to be removed. At least one member of the party, elated by the thought of the long hill down into Linton, shot to the bottom before realising he had passed the church half way down. He was glad he climbed back—this eight was too good to be missed. At Marden (8) 2-Spliced came round. This is believed to be the first touch of Spliced Surprise rung by the U.B.S.C.R.

Whoever thought of putting a 25 cwt. tenor in a tower right at the top of a hill at Goudhurst had no thought for weary cyclists! We didn't stay long, and the traditional 'blood and thunder' was enjoyed all the more in the nearby inn! The warden at Goudhurst Y.H. must have wondered why the sound of distant bells across the valley had such a startling effect on his hostellers that evening! We eventually traced the ringing to Kilndown, where the local ringers made us most welcome on a wonderful six.



THEIR WEDDING DAY SMILES. — A happy picture of Stephen Ivin and Avril Thrackray after their wedding at Houghton Conquest on August 13th. In harmony, we look forward to them adding lustre to the Exercise in the years to come. For report see page 593. [Photo by permission of 'The Bedfordshire Times.'

DOOR IN ORGAN CASE!

Had we known on Thursday that Horsmonden Church was not in Horsmonden, we could have saved ourselves five miles of hard riding. Still, this eight was worth finding. At Brenchley a touch of 3-Spliced Surprise came round. Tonbridge (8), Shipbourne (6) and Ightham (6) were visited during our first hard rain. At the latter tower great concern was caused by the fact that no entrance could be found to the ringing chamber, but after making contact with the Rector we found a cunningly-concealed door in the organ case! Disappointment followed at Seal Chart, where the church was locked and no one met us. However, we were made very welcome at Seal (6), and after ringing we enjoyed a fine dinner (with wine!) in a nearby hotel. It was voted to make this a regular feature in future years.

Friday was a day of disasters for the writer, occasioned, he feels, by the needless slaughter of spiders by others in the men's dormitory at Kemsing Y.H.! A torn tyre meant that he only just reached Sundridge (6) after a mile's walk, that he missed Brasted (6) altogether, and that for the rest of the day he limped along on a bicycle that sounded as though it would fall apart at any minute! However, Westerham (8), Limpsfield Chart (6), with its exterior iron ladder, Limpsfield (6) and Oxted (6) were all enjoyed to a variety of methods during the afternoon. Lingfield (8) was paid a quick visit after tea. Did the seventh have a stay or not? The day's ringing came to a close at Edenbridge (a delightful eight rung from a gallery). Crockham Hill Y.H. was the scene of our 'last night' sing-song, and two of the ladies were most annoyed when their night attire mysteriously disappeared!

On Saturday morning we rang on the pleasant eight at Sevenoaks before making our final farewells. Our chief memories are of the large number of good rings visited; of the morning coffee breaks—most acceptable; of how, traditionally, 'West' won the 'arrows' match; and of how we always seemed to be on the heels of the Raving Ringers! (But we did find some towers they hadn't visited.) We must all thank Michael for his first-class organisation and also all local ringers and incumbents for their welcome. Next year we may visit Essex—any other ex-U.B.S.C.R. member want a 'ringing holiday'?

P. J. B.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Ashford District

About 30 visitors attended the first meeting to be held by the Association at Wittersham, on August 27th. The service was conducted by the Rector, Canon H. A. Hodge, who welcomed the visitors to his beautiful old church. Afterwards tea was enjoyed in the Village Hall.

The business part of the meeting was very short. Six new members were elected to the Association. Mr. T. Cullingworth expressed the thanks of the gathering to the Rector, to Mr. Marshlain (the organist), the ladies who prepared and served the tea, and to Mr. K. Hamilton, captain of the Wittersham band, for making all the arrangements.

Even in the Ashford District Wittersham is but a little known tower, and most of the visitors were enjoying their first visit. This is rather surprising as the late Mr. P. Hodgkin described the tenor (16 cwt.) as one of the finest for a six bell tower in Kent. The 'go' of the bells has much improved lately, probably due to the care and attention they have received in the last year from Mr. Hamilton and his band.

A small but select gathering finally dispersed about 9 o'clock.

C. T. H.

The peal of Stedman Caters at Croydon on August 13th was rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Norman Steere, and in honour of his engagement to Heather Talbot, both members of the local band. The tower captain is now looking forward to arranging the wedding peal.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

LIGHTEST BELLS

Dear Sir,—When reading 'The Ringing World' of August 26th, I noticed the peal rung on Mr. C. Jarvis' light six, which I see is claimed as the lightest six hung for ringing.

I wish to publish a quarter peal of Plain Bob, rung on May 27th on our ring of six bells, the tenor of which weighs 107 lbs., as against Balscote's 1 cwt. 22 lbs.

These bells have been collected over a period of 14 years from various sources and were tuned in April, 1959, by the kindness of the directors of John Taylor, Loughborough, and now form a very pleasant little ring from which we have had much pleasure with our friends and many visitors.

We hope to attempt a peal on them before so long.—Yours faithfully,

ARTHUR A. JOPP.

Stoulton, Worcs.

NOTE.— The quarter peal appears on our quarter peal page.—Ed.

HANDBELL RINGING

Dear Sir,—Mr. Woolley's letter on the above subject causes me to confess that until recently I had not heard about 'blue line,' neither had I seen the book 'Change Ringing on Handbells,' published by the Central Council. Perhaps this is because I am a Victorian and tune ringing was more popular in those days, but when I came to Surrey in 1902 a few keen young men, including myself, commenced change ringing double-handed, and we soon realised the vast difference between tower- and handbell ringing.

Whatever way you look at it peals or touches in hand are a greater mental task and are more easily lost; so much more skill and concentration is needed when a pair is handled. Like my old friends, Mr. and Mrs. Hairs, who rang many peals 'in hand' with me, I would like to know who the experts are? We have had men who thought they knew everything about everything, but they were always in a hurry when testing time came along. You strike the right note, Mr. Woolley, when you say there is always more to learn.—Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Addlestone, Surrey.

MARKET BOSWORTH BELLS

AN APOLOGY

Dear Sir,—I must apologise for a very grave error which crept into the account of 'A Leicestershire Tour' on page 562 of the 'R.W.' of August 19th.

It concerns the quality of the bells of St. Peter's, Market Bosworth, which I said were 'very similar to South Wigston and just as good in tone.' What I really meant to convey was that Market Bosworth's are similar in weight to South Wigston's but are vastly superior in tone. When Messrs. John Taylor and Co. added three trebles to the old five a few years ago a first class job was done and they rank as one of the finest rings of eight in the Diocese. It will be noted that we regarded them as the main 'titbit' of the week.

I am most sorry for this misconception and I hope that the local ringers (and others in the Diocese) will be able to forgive me.—Yours faithfully,

BRIAN G. WARWICK.
Ringing Master, St. Thomas' Church,
South Wigston, Leics.

AGAINST FIRING BELLS

Dear Sir,—I read in 'The Ringing World' of August 19th that at Winchester Cathedral the bells were rung to Queens and rounds and instalments of firing. What a pity the latter was included, even for recording our Queen Mother's age!

While I, as a ringer, appreciate the effectiveness and skill required to fire a ring of 12 bells well, its appeal to the majority of the general public is nil. I remember a few years ago listening to the ringing for a wedding at Petersfield, when following a short touch of Triples the bells were fired and, although done reasonably well, a lady standing near by exclaimed, 'Oh! what a shame the ringers have all gone wrong.'

I for one think firing should be discouraged. After all no good music is produced by bells being fired.—Yours sincerely,

H. GAUNTLETT.

Liphook, Hants.

MORPETH'S CURFEW

Dear Sir,—In view of the interest in the curfew at Morpeth Watch Tower, I append a copy of my father's notes concerning the curfew:—

'The seventh is the curfew bell. William the Conqueror is credited with the institution of the curfew, though it was in existence in Saxon times, but he caused it to be vigorously enforced in order to prevent the risings that were hatched around the village fires at night.

'It was rung at 8 o'clock, and then both fire and candle must be quenched. The law of curfew was abolished by Henry I in 1100, but the custom was still kept up in many places. It is claimed that in Morpeth it has been rung without a break all through the centuries.'

Yours faithfully,

JENNIE ARMSTRONG.

Morpeth.

COMPOSER'S RESPONSIBILITY

Dear Sir,—The composition on page 584, and referred to by Mr. A. T. W. Cleaver, on page 593, is by Gabriel Lindoff and it is capable of many variations. Whilst on the subject of composition, is it not up to the budding composer to find out for himself the things mentioned in Mr. D. R. Carlisle's letter on page 563? If he did it would at least give him a good knowledge of the method he was working on.—Yours truly,

CHARLES J. SEDGLEY.

Ipswich.

IN FAVOUR OF MINIMUS

Dear Sir,—I am quite sure that the members of the Central Council were right to vote in favour of the Methods Committee's report and the Standing Committee's recommendations 'that recognition be given to peals of Minimus.' The committee members concerned had given this matter very considerable thought and attention: any attempt to reverse this decision, by general motion or otherwise, will, I think, be defeated.—Yours faithfully,

P. NEWING.

Littlebourne, Kent.

PEALS OF MINIMUS

Dear Sir.—In reply to Mr. Peter Border (whose letter appears on page 579 of the 'R.W.' of August 26th), I am quite sure that the peal of Minimus on handbells credited to the Leicester Diocesan Guild cannot be regarded as a great achievement by the Guild and the members of the Guild who rang it deserve no congratulations.

I think it is true to say that the Leicester Diocesan Guild has been the leading Guild for peal ringing each year since 1948 and I should hate to think that we (or any other Guild for that matter) should achieve this by virtue of having such peals in our total.

Presumably the peal of Minimus, rung during 1959 was accepted by the Central Council at Folkestone because there is nothing about Minimus in the Central Council Handbook. I should like to propose at the 1961 meeting of the Council that peals of Minimus should not be recognised but I should be glad to hear the views of other readers first.—Yours faithfully,

BRIAN G. WARWICK,
Honorary General Secretary,
Leicester Diocesan Guild.

Dear Sir.—Whilst many ringers will share Mr. Border's views on the ringing of peals of Minimus 'in hand,' it seems a pity that he should air his views on this trivial matter in such a sarcastic manner. Especially so is his reference to the achievements of the Leicester Diocesan Guild some of which, for instance peals of Cambridge Maximus 'in hand' and Spliced Surprise Maximus, have yet to be equalled by him or anybody else.—Yours faithfully,

GEOFFREY M. BREWIN.

Rothley, Leics.

Dear Sir.—I would like to thank Mr. Border for his congratulations, relating to the establishment of the new record length of Bob Minimus. To be congratulated by a ringer of his standing is indeed a rare honour. I would also like to thank Mr. Border for pointing out my limitations in the mathematical field. For the error of four changes I hereby offer apologies in profusion. And for that error alone.

On the subject of this, and similar performances, being a waste of time I'm afraid I must beg to differ from Mr. Border. Perhaps Mr. Border could suggest a better way in which two men could occupy themselves for 1 hour 25 minutes.) The mere fact that these performances are beyond him does not necessarily mean that they are beyond those whose outlook is somewhat broader than his own. I certainly consider it to be no more a waste of time than composing peals of Yorkshire Maximus with singles. The C.C. Handbook says, in its section, 'The Council's Decisions, (e) Methods, etc., Calls,' 'Singles in Treble Bob methods may be used only when a desired result cannot be obtained by Bobs.' I fail to see what result Mr. Border desired to obtain, but if it was merely to obtain a peal of Yorkshire Maximus of normal (approximately 5,000 changes) length, then I know, as well as I am sure Mr. Border must know, that this can be obtained by bobs alone. I, for one, would, therefore, consider that the handbell peal of Bob Minimus in question, for all its error of four changes, was far less a waste of time than Mr. Border's peal of Yorkshire Maximus. Probably far more legal, too.

I think by far the best policy Mr. Border can adopt on this subject is one of 'live and let live.'—Yours sincerely,

JOHN M. JELLEY.

Wigston, Leics.

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DOUBLE NORWICH FOR THE BEGINNER

By WILFRID G. WILSON

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VII BOBS AND SINGLES

Many bands, who can ring plain courses of Double Norwich quite well, are unsuccessful with touches—as soon as bobs are called they get lost—and with singles that's the end. Equally many conductors, quite at home with Surprise methods, know little about conducting Double Norwich. Which is a pity, because calling and making calls in the method are really quite simple.

With almost all the methods rung today, the calls are made on the front three working bells, and if the back bells are affected at all (as in Kent or Bristol) they dodge and then repeat the previous lead. In Major methods Double Norwich is the chief exception. The bob is made on the three bells which are at the back at the lead end. But if you realise that the bob is made almost exactly as in Stedman, you will probably find it much easier.

In Stedman Triples the bell dodging 4-5 up makes fifths place and then dodges 4-5 down. The pair of bells in 6-7 dodge three extra times. In Caters or Cinques the pair of bells at the back (8-9 or 10-11 respectively) dodge three extra times, while the bell in 6-7 up or 8-9 up, respectively, makes the place in front of the dodging pair and then dodges down.

Now apply this to eight bells as in Double Norwich. The bell which is treble bob bell up has dodged in 3-4 up and is dodging in 1 6 8 4 7 2 5 3 5-6 up when the bob is called, 1 8 6 7 4 2 3 5 It makes sixths place and —— becomes the bell which is treble bob bell down. After the place it dodges in 5-6 and then 3-4 down. Meanwhile the two bells which were dodging in 7-8 when the bob was called do three more dodges there—one at the lead end, behind the bell making sixth place, and then two more—the normal two dodges at the back at the start of a new lead.

This table shows the effect on the three bells.

	Plain Lead	Bob Lead	Next work
(a) Bell doing treble bob work up	Double dodge in 7-8 up	Make 6th place	Treble bob bell down
(b) Bell double dodging in 7-8 up at start of full work	Whole pull before double dodge 7-8 down	3 extra dodges in 7-8 up	Near places from back
(c) Bell double dodging in 7-8 down	Treble bob bell down	3 extra dodges in 7-8 down	Far places from back

If you ring the method by watching for the treble, then if you are one of the back two bells you continue dodging until the treble comes up. You will know by whether you have to go down first or second of the two, whether you will go to far places or near places.

At a single sixth place is made as at a bob and the two bells dodging at the back stay behind. But at the lead end, instead of 1 6 8 4 7 2 5 3 a dodge, they lie still behind 1 8 6 7 4 2 5 3 —making sevenths and eighths —— places (just as in Stedman) and then have the normal two dodges at the start of the new lead. They will have changed coursing order with each other and will therefore either proceed to near instead of far places or **vice versa.** In fact the bell which made sevenths (called making the single) will be the one to come away last and therefore makes near places from the back.

VIII FOR THE BOB CALLER

A short note which will perhaps help one of your band to be able to call touches, so that you can get out of the plain course. For details of how to 'conduct' Double Norwich see 'On Conducting,' now being reprinted by the Central Council.

In Plain Bob Major calls are usually made so as not to affect the tenors (7 and 8) or at least to keep them coursing. They come at four leads of the course—the first, sixth and seventh leads, called respectively Wrong (W), Middle (M) and Home (H), or at the least when 7 runs out and 8 runs in, giving you an extra lead in the course. This last is called Before (B).

The lead ends in Double Norwich at which bobs can be called without affecting the tenors are the first, fourth and sixth. You will see from this table of lead ends that at those three leads the 7 and 8 are among the front bells which are unaffected by calls. These three lead ends correspond respectively to the W, M and H of Plain Bob Major. The bells affected by the bobs are actually also the same ones.

(1) 8 6 7 4 5 2 3
3 5 2 7 4 8 6
6 4 8 2 7 3 5
(4) 5 7 3 8 2 6 4
4 2 6 3 8 5 7 (5)
(6) 7 8 5 6 3 4 2
2 3 4 5 6 7 8

If you call a bob at the fifth lead end the back two bells will be 7 and 8 and they will dodge together at the back. So a bob then will bring up the course end in five leads. This corresponds to the Before in Plain Bob, but instead of adding one lead to the course its effect is to shorten the course by two leads.

Now if you apply your favourite touch of Plain Bob to Double Norwich, changing bobs W to bobs at 1; bobs M to bobs at 4; bobs H to bob at 6 and bobs Before to bobs at 5, you will have a corresponding touch of Double Norwich. The only difference will be that if you have bobs at 5 instead of Befores the touch will not be so long—three leads, 48 changes, less for each.

Some examples: Two course touches 224 changes—W and H twice becomes 1 and 6 twice; M and H twice becomes 4 and 6 twice; Three course touches (336 changes)—3 W becomes 3 at 1; 3 M becomes 3 at 4; 3 H becomes 3 at 6.

The popular 240 changes of Bob Major called B, W and M or W and M, B becomes a touch of 192 changes called either 1 and 5, 4 or 4, 1 and 5.

Double Norwich Court Bob Major is very musical, it has sufficient work in it to be interesting and it is a gateway to many more Plain Major methods. It deserves to be rung much more than it is and will well repay the bands which make the effort to learn it.

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION

Five teams entered for the draw at the annual meeting and six bell contest at Hoylandswaine, near Barnsley, on July 16th, but unfortunately Thornhill were incomplete when their turn came to ring and were disqualified. Mr. T. W. Hilton, of Darfield, was the judge. Order of ringing: Shelley 30 faults rang out; Cawthorne 21 faults; Friezland 50 faults rang out; Meltham 51 faults. Cawthorne were declared the winners.

In his comments, Mr. Hilton said the whole of the afternoon's ringing had been marred by trips and, worse still, two of the teams had broken down with the test piece. Thus it was not a satisfactory afternoon's work.

Votes of thanks were accorded the churchwardens, Mr. and Mrs. Whitehouse, for providing an excellent tea, Mr. Trevor Tarbutt, for the arrangements, and the judge.

At the business meeting the audited balance sheet showed a loss on the year of £1 12s. 3½d., due to a drop of £3 in subscriptions. Mr. J. Burgess appealed to members to meet their arrears and recruit new members, when possible. The officers were re-elected and Mr. Hilton was appointed official judge. An appeal for donations to the Alfred Pulling memorial bell at Guildford Cathedral was left to individual members. Further ringing concluded the meeting.

YAXHAM RINGERS

There was five ringers in Yaxham did dwell,
They went into the steeple to ring the five bells;
And for twenty peals they did all pull down,
Saying the first man that lost it should pay a crown.

The first peal they pulled for was Steadman's Slow Course,
The bells they went well, but the third she was hoarse,
The alteration of hunts was rung off very plain,
There's not five more ringers can ring them again.

There was little Charles Meachen, the treble did ring
She was a small bell, but so well she did sing,
He stroke her so well he ne'er made a clamour
He stroke her as if she stroked with a hammer.

There was young Chamberlain Bulwer rung the second you know,
She was a small bell, but how well she did crow;
When they pulled down, if the bells made a clap,
With his right foot, he began for to scrap.

There was Stradling John Hudson, the third he did ring
She was a split bell, but he swung her well in;
There he stood stradling steered like a pig,
And his hair stood as upright as if he got on a wig.

There was Jerry Smith, the fourth bell did ring,
She was a large bell and he swung her well in;
There he stood champing, and ne'er made a smile,
The bacco juice running from his mouth all the while.

There Major Boulter, the tenor did ring,
She was a large bell, and he well pulled her in;
He stood underneath her, just like an old block,
And he made them all start, when he called a bob.

There was William Stringer, the candles did snuff
He kept a snuffing, till he thought 'twas enough;
There he kept snuffing, and began for to steer,
For he was so dry, for the want of his beer.

On the first of December, the year '23,
These peals were rung off, you plainly may see;
Go into the steeple look upon the board,
You see all the names they can afford.

These ringers went on with their hearts full of glee,
They said if they got it, they'd have a good spree;
They stroke them so well they never made a clamours,
They stroke them as if they were stroke with hammers.

'ANON.' 19th Cent.

CONSTANTINE, CORNWALL, RINGERS' OUTING

The dull, wet weather did nothing to daunt the spirits of Constantine ringers on their annual outing on August 13th. Twelve ringers and four learners, accompanied by the Vicar and other friends, made an early start by coach for the Penzance area.

The morning's ringing was at St. Hilary's, Gulval (a very pleasant eight) and Sennen. After lunch, the twisty road was taken to Zennor, where we were met by the Vicar (Rev. G. L. Clowes), who escorted us to Towednack, where we found a tuneful eight, Carbis Bay, Lelant and Phillack.

Carbis Bay was the highlight of the day, and it was the first time the band had rung on ten bells. Fun was had in trying to master the four light bells of this ring. On the homeward journey the sun broke through and marked the end of a very enjoyable day. Grateful thanks are accorded incumbents and local ringers, who turned out in the rain to greet us. F. M. T.

THE TOWERS OF THE FENLAND

By T. A. BEVIS

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ST. MARY'S, WEST WALTON

It would not be in order to conclude this series of articles appertaining to the bells and towers of Fenland without briefly mentioning the splendid Church of St. Mary, West Walton.

The campanile is architecturally superb, and is understandably one of the very finest 13th century towers in Great Britain. It has arches opened on all sides, and consists of two lofty storeys with shafted lancet arcading continued round angular turrets, each of which is crowned with a substantial, crocketed pinnacle. The belfry windows are exquisite and occupy practically the whole of the second stage. An exterior triforium is an unusual feature: a passage pierces the thickness of the walls and on each side three arches divided by shafts are open outwards.

There are five bells, but these are, unfortunately, unringable. The oldest bells was cast by John Draper in 1620. Thomas Norris, of Stamford, made the fourth in 1629, and inscribed it: 'Let all things be done to the glory of God.' The second bell dates from 1693 and also came from the Stamford foundry, being cast by Tobias Norris, who probably supplied the treble (1699). The tenor (11 cwt.) was created at Peterborough by Henry Penn in 1708.

Well established in North Cambs, the versatile Norris family provided bells for Tydd St. Giles (1625), Walpole St. Andrew (1622), Upwell (1661) and Elm (1673).

Matthew Norris, of Leicester, was the forerunner of the famous Lincolnshire foundry, and his son (Tobias) was honoured with the Freedom of Stamford in 1607, becoming one of the 'Capital Wardens' of that town. Thomas Norris succeded his father, Tobias, and was 'Conduit Master' for many years. He also served in 1656–57 as Chief Magistrate and as Alderman, the style of Mayor not then being adopted.

St. John-the-Baptist Church, Parson Drove, has the only unringable bells in the Isle of Ely. They are five (tenor 12 cwt.) and were cast by Osborn in 1787. The fourth bell implores 'Percute Dulce Cano' (Strike (me) I sing sweetly).

ALL SAINTS', WALSOKEN

Walsoken has one of the finest 12th century churches in East Anglia, with Late Norman arcades profusely decorated with typical chevron ornament. Tall trees hide the tower, built during the transitional Norman–Early English period.

Standing beneath this venerable pile, in a space allocated to the ringers, one commands an impressive vista of nave and chancel, altogether quite outstanding.

The six bells (tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in F) are a complete ring by Thomas Osborn, and are dated 1795. They were restored with the spire in the late 19th century by the children of the late Mr. R. Young, an M.P. for North Cambridgeshire. The bells were then suspended from an oak frame positioned high in the tower, which was more recently found to be detrimental to the ancient structure.

It became necessary for the bells to be rehung, and this was carried out in 1956 by Mears and Stainbank. In addition to swinging in a steel frame (with accommodation provided for two new trebles at a future date), the bells are also located in the former ringing chamber, 20 feet below the louvres, thus restoring balance to the steeple. The result of lowering the instruments tends, from the exterior, to stifle them, yet this has, nevertheless, a pleasing effect on the ear.

They were rededicated on November 4th, 1956, by the Archdeacon of Wisbech, Ven. J. P. Pelloe, who is no stranger to the ringing fraternity.

The bells bear common inscriptions peculiar to the age in which they were created, but the fifth, like its sister at March, bears false testimony in that it utters 'Our voices shall with joyful sound make hills and valleys echo round.'

All Saints' Church possessed three bells in the reign of Edward VI, and these are recorded as having turned the scales at 6, 9 and 11 cwt. In his will (November 27th, 1556) Robert Martyn, of Walsoken, gave 'to the Shotynge of ye gret bell, iijs. iiijd.'

Thus we near the end of this 'tour' of Fenland, and reaching into the hat draw out the last of those great churches, many of which must at present remain unmentioned.



ST. MARY'S, WEST WALTON.

ST. MARY MAGDALEN, WIGGENHALL

This sturdy mediæval church has a ring of six bells, originally cast in 1767 by Lester and Pack, of London. Number three of the old ring was put into the melting pot in 1841. During 1952 all six bells were recast and rehung in a steel H-frame by John Taylor and Co., two spare bays being provided for future augmentation.

The inventory of Edward VI mentions three bells, of 8, 10 and 11 cwt.

Rung from the ground floor, the present bells (tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb. in G) retain their ancient inscriptions, No. 4 stating: 'At proper times our voices we shall raise, in sounding to our Benefactor's praise.' The fifth bell has a reply for some who easily complain: 'Tho' much against us may be said: To speak for ourselves we are not afraid'!

One cannot help wondering if it were these bells—and their musical qualities are good—that helped to inspire that 18th century gentleman who, we might imagine, could tolerate the sound of bells no longer and, snatching his quill and parchment, wrote in a testily manner:—

'Ye rascally ringers, unmusical foes.
Disturbers of those who seek to repose:
How I wish for the peace of these lands
That ye had round your necks what ye hold in your hands.'

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Other churches difficult to omit are Tilney All Saints' (a fine quality six), Long Sutton (a delightful eight), and a host of others.

They share with those already introduced to these pages the distinction of belonging to the Fenlands, the glorious sunset of which silhouettes the noble fanes against an awe-inspiring background—a vast, colourful plain—by which the master builders of old devoted their skills to an obvious advantage provided by the nature on the land [Concluded]

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DEATH

LAST.—At sea, Canon C. E. Last, Rector of Great Horwood, Bucks, and chairman of the Central Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild since 1958. A memorial service was held last Sunday at Great Horwood. 6588

PERSONAL

THERE is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus. (Rom. viii. 16.)

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MISCELLANEOUS

UNIVERSITY OF WALES SOCIETY.—Would freshers coming up to Aberystwyth, Bangor, Cardiff, Swansea, or Lampeter next session please contact the secretary, B. J. Couzens, 20, Grosvenor Road, Sketty, Swansea, Glam. 6559

ST. MARY'S, WATFORD.—No practice possible September 13th, but visit to St. Andrew's, (5, hemispherical) and All Saints', Leavesden (8, hung dead), being arranged.—R. G. Smith. 6578

YATTON.—Communications concerning St. Mary-the-Virgin ringers and bells should be addressed to Mr. D. Marshall, The Vicarage Flat, Yatton, Bristol. 6584

ALDERSHOT.—There will be no ringing practices at St. Michael's, Aldershot, on Friday, September 9th, and Friday, September 23rd.—E. Bragg. 6590

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MEETINGS

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ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting Saturday, September 10th, at Caxton. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.—E. W. Bullman. 6506

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting, Saturday, September 10th, Witham. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. E. Bright, 42, Cressing Road, Witham. 6470

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Grayshott (8), on Saturday, September 10th, from 6-9 p.m. 6544

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting, at Snodland, September 10th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—R. L. Sills, Dis. Sec. 6469

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting, Saturday, September 10th. Bells 3.30 p.m., followed by tea and business 4.45 p.m. St. Mary's, Twickenham. Evening ringing 6-7 p.m. All Hallows', Twickenham.—M. Powell. 6552

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—City Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Headington (6), Saturday, September 10th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. J. Adams, 35, Church Hill Road, Cowley, Oxford. 6534

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting at Shipley (6), on Saturday, September 10th. Ringing 3 o'clock. Service 4.30 p.m. Please bring your own tea as no facilities available nearby.—E. W. Keys, Hon. Sec. 6538

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the 'Rising Sun,' Carter Lane, E.C., Saturday, September 17th, 6 p.m.—John Chilcott, Hon. Sec. 6558

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Practice meeting at Butcombe and Nempnett, on September 17th. Bells available: Butcombe (6) 4-6 p.m., Nempnett (6) 6-8 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 6416

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Merriott, Saturday, September 17th. Usual arrangements, notify for tea.—T. J. Lock, Hon. Sec. 6586

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Meeting, Norton-Fitzwarren (6), September 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please.—A. H. Reed, Mimosa, George Street, Taunton. 6561

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Meeting, Saturday, September 17th, Barton-le-Cley. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Short service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Mann, 67, Hexton Road, Barton-le-Cley. Beds. No name no tea.—K. G. Spavins, Dis. Sec. 6574

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Third quarterly meeting, Prestbury (8), on Saturday, September 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, Tea 5 p.m., in the School. Names for tea by Wednesday, September 14th, please, to H. C. Lonyon, 8, Cardigan Close, Macclesfield. Buses and trains from Macclesfield. 6498

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Church Lawton, September 17th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by September 14th. No name no tea.—W. Kerr, 102, Moreton Road, Crewe. 6567

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak and Chesterfield Districts.—Meeting at Ashover, September 17th, 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements. All welcome.—H. E. Taylor, A. B. Cooper, Dis. Secs. 6589

DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Stockland, September 17th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., tea and business after. Names for tea by September 14th, to W. Webb, Oakwell, Millhead Road, Honiton. 6494

EMMANUEL CHURCH, SHELLEY.—Annual cup contest, Saturday, September 17th. Names for tea by September 13th, to F. R. Brook, 173, Huddersfield Road, Shelley, Huddersfield. 6570

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Shouldham, Saturday, September 17th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 6577

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION and BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Hunts and Biggleswade Districts).—Joint meeting at St. Neots, Saturday, September 17th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m., followed by business meetings.—M. J. Dyer, A. Smith, Dis. Secs. 6575

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W.—Crusader meeting, Woodford, September 17th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. J. Waugh, 30, Fuller Road, Woodford, E.18 (BUC 7353). 6530

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting at Langham, Saturday, September 17th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea by Wednesday, September 14th, please, to Mr. F. Smith, Holly Cottage, Langham, Colchester. 6554

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Preston (5) 2.30 to 4 p.m., September 17th; Siddington (6) 4.30. Tea 5. Service 6 p.m. Names by September 15th, to Mr. J. Hope, 18, Ashton Road, Siddington, Cirencester.—R. Wenban, Sec. 6562

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Stow Branch.—Meeting at Bourton-on-the-Water, Saturday, September 17th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, not later than Tuesday, September 13th, to F. Newton, 44, Bishops Drive, Bishop's Cleeve, Glos. 6585

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting at Bagshot (8), on Saturday, September 17th, from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, to Mrs. M. Welton, Ringwood, Vicarage Road, Bagshot, Surrey 6545

HAWKHURST GUILD.—Meeting, Saturday, September 17th, Battle. Members, please support.—E. A. Fellows. 6572

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Rededication of Little Hadham bells, on Saturday, September 17th, at 3 p.m. Ringing from 2. Tea at 5 p.m., at the Angel Inn. If you intend staying for tea please co-operate in assessing numbers by sending your name to Mr. A. S. Kent, 8, The Bourne, Clapgate, Albury, near Much Hadham, Herts.—R. Durrant, Dis. Sec. 6484

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Meeting to be held at St. Peter's, Belgrave (8) (No. 40 Corporation bus from Leicester), on September 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea must be sent by September 14th, to Mr. Kesterton, c/o 5, Clovelly Road, Glenfield Frith Drive, Glenfield, Leicester. Everyone welcome. 6522

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Lutton, Saturday, September 17th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, 14th, to Mr. R. G. R. Butler, Victoria Cottage, Lutton, Spalding.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Lindsey Branch.—Meeting at Messingham, Saturday, September 17th. Bells afternoon and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., for those who notify, by previous Tuesday, Rev. P. M. Freeman, The Vicarage, Messingham, Scunthorpe. Tel.: Bottesford 268. 6531

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—South and West District.—Meeting at Cranford, on Saturday, September 17th. Full details will be published next week.—E. R. Gotham, Dis. Sec. 6580

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at St. Margaret's, Lowestoft, September 17th. Bells (8) from 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Please note tea can only be provided for those who send their names by Wednesday, September 14th certain, to The Sister-in-Charge, Harleston House, Park Road, Lowestoft, Suffolk.—P. Newstead, Branch Hon. Sec. 6481

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Hook Norton, on Saturday, September 17th. Service. Names for tea by Saturday September 10th, please, J. Keyte, Hon. Sec., Freeland, Oxford. The rededication of Shipton-under-Wychbold bells, on Friday, September 23rd. Service 7 p.m. Ringing afterwards. 6528

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—New Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, September 17th. Ringing at Aston Clinton (6) 3 to 4 p.m. only, followed by service and tea. Weston Turville (5) after tea. Names for tea by Wednesday previous.—D. G. Wheeler, 47, Whaddon Chase, Aylesbury, Bucks. 6556

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice at Sandhurst, on September 17th, at 6.30 p.m. Special method for practice: London Surprise Minor.—B. C. Castle. 6573

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berks Branch.—The half yearly meeting will be held at Brightwell, on Saturday, September 17th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 3.15. Tea 4 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, September 14th, to Mr. F. C. Castell, Brightwell, Wallingford, Berks.—M. R. Cross, Hon. Gen. Sec. 6564

SALISBURY GUILD.—Calne Branch.—Meeting, Bremhill (6), September 17th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea, please, to W. Frayling, 9, Lodowicks, Bremhill, Calne.—W. Hacker. 6568

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, September 17th, at Litton Cheney. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, September 14th, to Rev. A. Lynch, The Rectory, Litton Cheney, Dorchester, Dorset.—R. H. Duke, Hon. Sec. 6569

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting, Broadwindsor, Saturday, September 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea please.—Barrett, 120, Gerrards Green, Beaminster. 6582

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting at Northfleet, Kent, on Saturday, September 17th. Bells of St. Botolph's available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea by Thursday, September 15th, to Mr. G. Butcher, 51, Dover Road, Northfleet, Kent. Evening ringing to be announced later.—A. W. J. Butler, Hon. Sec. 6568

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting, September 17th, Bingham. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous. Regret, no name no tea rule will apply.—W. L. Exton, 60, Albert Street, Newark, Notts.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South West District.—Meeting at Glemsford (6), Saturday, September 17th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. Bloomfield, 10, Tye Green, Glemsford, Sudbury. 6521

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North East District.—Meeting on Saturday, September 17th, at Marlesford (bells 2.30 p.m.), and Wickham Market (bells 6.30). Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, September 12th, to Mr. G. Finch, The Lodge, Marlesford Hall, Woodbridge, please.—A. R. Bridges, Dis. Sec. 6576

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Section.—Quarterly meeting, Godstone (8), September 17th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 Tea 5 p.m. Meeting follows. Names for tea by September 15th, to Mr. Wood, 45, Warren Lane, Hurst Green.—G. A. West, Hon. Sec.

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Maresfield (8), Saturday, September 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service and tea. Please notify Miss B. Catt, 55, Lampool Corner, Fairwarp, Uckfield, numbers for tea by Wednesday, September 14th.—George North, 11, Richmond Terrace, Brighton. 6583

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Southampton District.—Quarterly meeting, September 17th, Bitterne Park. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., at North Stoneham, followed by tea and meeting. Names by September 12th to J. Hartless, 17, Testwood Crescent, Salisbury Road, Totton. 6581

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch.—Annual meeting at Hartlebury, Saturday, September 17th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. This meeting is by special invitation. Please turn up and make it a success. Names for tea by Thursday, September 15th.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., 17, Ham Lane, Pedmore, Stourbridge. 6551

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Next general meeting at Hull, on September 17th. Bells available: Holy Trinity (12) 3 till 5 p.m. and after meeting till 9 p.m., Hedon (8) 2.30 till 4, Kirk Ella (6) 6.30 till 9. Tea 5 p.m. in Manor Cafe, Market Place. Names by 15th to Mr. F. C. Reed, 127, Holmgarth Drive, Bellfield Avenue, Hull. Committee meet 3.15 p.m. in their Choir School (South Church Side). General meeting same premises following tea.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Bradford 9. 6546

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S, CREWKERNE.—Tower. Sunday, September 18th. Bells (8) 5 p.m. Evensong 6.30 p.m. Preacher the Rev. C. J. B. Marshall. Bells after. All ringers welcome. 6533

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.—274th anniversary. Saturday, September 24th. Bells (12) 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. (2s. per head). Names for tea, not later than Tuesday, September 20th, to C. D. Launder, Spring Cottage, Painswick, Stroud, Glos. Painswick Feast, Sunday, September 25th. Ringing at 2 p.m. and 5.15 p.m. 6587

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Joint meeting with the LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Hinckley Branch), at Claybrooke, on Saturday, September 24th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in the Village Hall, Ullesthorpe, at 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, by September 21st, to Mr. C. Clarke, 23, Goodacre Road, Ullesthorpe, Rugby. Please do your best to attend and make the meeting a success.—J. L. G. H. 6555

DEVON GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Buckfast Abbey, Saturday, September 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Names for tea by precious Wednesday, to Fr. Oswald Mowan, Buckfast Abbey. 6500

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire District.—Meeting at Butterwick, near Boston, on Saturday, September 24th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. A. Mills, 8, Upsall Road, Butterwick, near Boston. 6463

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midlands District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, September 24th, at St. Michael's, Brierley Hill, Staffordshire. Ringing 3 to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.30-5. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Ringing from 6 to 8 p.m. approximately. Notifications for tea, not later than Wednesday, September 21st, to Miss M. Funnell, 7, Lanchester Road, King's Norton, Birmingham 30. 6592

MAIDSTONE GRAMMAR SCHOOLS' SOCIETY—Annual meeting at Barming on Saturday, September 24th. Bells (6) from 3.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please send names to secretary, Mrs. Pamela J. Usborne, 315, Loose Road, Maidstone. 6537

NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS.—The annual meeting will be held at Leicester on Saturday, September 24th. Business meeting, City Police Headquarters, Charles Street, at 3 p.m. The dinner, followed by a social evening, will be at the Co-operative Assembley Rooms, Humberstone Road, Leicester, at 6.45 p.m. Tickets, price 11s. 6d., obtainable from E. C. Turner, 173, Dominion Road, Glenfield, Leics. Latest date for tickets September 20th (Tuesday). Everyone welcome. Ringing arrangements: St. John's (10) 12 noon to 1 p.m., Cathedral 1.30 to 2.30, St. Margaret's (12) 3 to 4, All Saints' (8) 4 to 5, Cathedral 5 to 6.15 p.m. 6560

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting to be held at Cosgrove, on Saturday, September 24th. Service at 3.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous, to E. R. Lambert, 8, Manor Close, Cosgrove, Wolverton, Bucks. 6566

RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD.—The autumn meeting, Bristol, Saturday, September 24th. Bells available St. James' (10) 11 a.m.-12 noon. Lunch—make own arrangements. Christ Church (10) 1.30-2.30, St. Stephen's (10) 2.45-3.45, St. Mary Redcliffe (12) 4.15-5.20, St. Philip's, (8) 7-8 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. (4s.) Staff Association Institute, Temple Meads Station.—J. A. Hoare, Hon. Gen. Sec., 6, Gendros Crescent, Fforestfach, Swansea. 6493

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Annual dinner, on October 1st, at the Saracen's Head Hotel, Chelmsford, 6.15 p.m. for 6.45, p.m. Tickets 15s. Early applications with stamped addressed envelope, please.—F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch. 6508

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD — The autumn general meeting of the Guild will be held at Newbury on Saturday, October 1st. 2.30 p.m., business meeting in the Corn Exchange, Newbury; 4.30, service in the Parish Church; 5.30, tea in the Corn Exchange. Applications for tea tickets, together with remittance of 2s. 6d., should be made to Mr. H. Lawrenson, 52, Kings Road, Newbury, Berks, before Wednesday, September 28th. Tickets can be collected at the business meeting. It is essential that names should be sent to Mr. Lawrenson in order to facilitate catering arrangements. Towers available and ringing times (subject to confirmation and alteration): 10-11 a.m.: Lambourne (8), Peasmore (6), Stanford Dingley (4), Beenham (6); 11-12 noon: East Garston (6), Chieveley (6), Midgham (6); 12-1 p.m.: Great Shefford (6), Shaw (6), Bucklebury (8); 1-2 p.m.: Speen (6), Newbury (10); 6.15-7.30 p.m.: Newbury (10); 6.30-7.30 p.m.: Kintbury (6), Thatcham (8); 6.45-7.45 p.m.: Hungerford (8), Hampstead Norris (6), Aldermaston (8); 7-8 p.m.: Compton (6), Yattendon (6), Mortimer (8); 7.30-8.30 p.m.: East Ilsley (8), Brightwalton (6), Burghfield (6).—M. R. Cross. 6563

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—The 323rd anniversary dinner will be held at The Bridge House Restaurant, London Bridge, S.E.1, on Saturday, November 5th, at 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets (21s.) are now available. Details of ringing programme will be published later.—John Chilcott, Hon. Sec., 67, Farley Road, Selsdon, Surrey. 6557

OUTING

BURGHILL, HEREFORDSHIRE

For their annual outing on June 18th, Burghill bellringers visited towers in four counties. A pleasant, early morning run towards the Black Mountains took them to Clodock (Herefordshire)—an ancient church founded (circa 520) and dedicated to a British King, St. Clydawg. Stedman, Grandsire and Plain Bob went smoothly on the six bells (Taylor, 1953).

An hour's coach ride through Monmouthshire to Christ Church, Ebbw Vale, followed. Here a very fine ring of eight (25 cwt.) gave the tourists much pleasure. 'Not unlike the back eight of Hereford Cathedral,' observed a member of the band. Grandsire Triples went like clockwork but—through no fault of the three members of the local band who rang with us—touches of Stedman Triples failed to come into rounds.

Three churches in Breconshire—St. Mary's, Brecon, St. Mary's, Bronllys, and St. Gwendoline's, Talgarth, provided some good ringing. The tower of St. Mary's, Brecon, was surrounded with scaffolding and men were at work repairing the fabric when we arrived but the Dean had previously very kindly given us permission to ring there for 45 minutes.

The detached tower at Bronllys stands about six feet away from the N.E. of the church and houses a ring of six. At Talgarth (6) we had tea before ringing. Kent, Plain Bob, Stedman, Grandsire and rounds were rung during our 40 minutes' visit.

Next a longish run to Old Radnor, where, at the Church of St. Stephen-the-Martyr (6) we found nice-toned, easy-going bells.

Our last tower was at St. Andrew's, Presteigne. Here the ringers were the guests of the Rector, the Rev. E. G. Benson, a former Vicar of Burghill, who had met and joined the band in Hereford that morning. The excellent octave provided some good ringing. Courses of Stedman and touches of Grandsire went well. Some of the young members of the Rector's band rang with us here.

Thanks are expressed to the incumbents, tower secretaries and captains for permission to ring, for help in arranging the tour and for the friendly welcome awaiting us at each tower.

F. M.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD

At the quarterly meeting of the Southern District held at Gorseinon on September 3rd, a presentation of a watch from the parishioners was made to Mr. William Dobbins, in recognition of his long service, 46 years, to this tower. Tributes to Mr. Dobbins' faithful service were paid by Canon Morris, the churchwardens and Mr. D. Lewis, of Cadoxton.

The company of 40 ringers included Miss Margaret Lewis, of Kingston-upon-Thames, and Mr. Lionel Hughes, of Hertford. Canon Morris, assisted by the Rev. Geraint Hughes, conducted a short Evensong. Tea was kindly provided by Canon Hughes and churchpeople of Gorseinon, who were thanked by Mr. T. Roderick. Ringing ranged from Grandsire to Cambridge Surprise Major.

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BRISTOL SURPRISE

IN H. G. Wells' entertaining fantasy, 'The New Accelerator' (which, by the way, should be read by anybody who has enjoyed Folkestone Leas), the narrator opens his story with the remark: 'Certainly, if ever a man found a guinea when he was looking for a pin it is my good friend Professor Gibberne.' The unfolding of the fantastic little drama justifies the comment, and the comment serves to remind us that many important discoveries in this world have often been either accidental or else by-products of some other line of investigation. Examples of these may be found in the history of change-ringing, and it may be noted how often the significance of a discovery has not been fully realised until some considerable time has passed. The origin and first appearance of Bristol Surprise illustrate this point.

Towards the end of the 19th century there was a great revival of activity in the theoretical field of change-ringing and a manifestation of much enterprise among leading ringing bands in a desire to break away from the existing standard methods. Surprise ringing of the time was confined almost entirely to Superlative, Cambridge and London, and the first of these enjoyed a popularity that has since considerably diminished. A number of clever composers of the time were, however, busy behind the scenes, and much new material was already born and much more conceived. In 'The Bell News' of December 4th, 1897, Frederick Dench published Brighton Treble Bob, a method which he explained was to provide an improvement on Kent, and for which he claimed the distinction of being the first Treble Bob method with a lengthening lead and a clear proof scale. A peal in this method does not appear ever to have been rung, and the method itself has lapsed into obscurity. But in the long line of change-ringing tradition it has importance in that it led directly to the appearance of Bristol Surprise.

On December 11th there came a letter from that very shrewd investigator and innovator, E. Bankes James. He pointed out that Mr. Dench's method had not a clean proof scale and that no method up to that time had been published showing the combination of lengthening lead and perfect freedom of composition. He went on to say, nevertheless, that many such methods were to be had, and that in seeking for Gloucester Surprise he had come across a whole group bearing a strong family likeness. As an example of what he contended, he published a lead of what we now know as Bristol, although he appended no name to the figures and left it purely as an illustration, so that we do not know whether or not he appreciated just what he was offering to the Exercise.

Bankes James added at this point some remarks on the classification of methods that should be interesting to us who are so used to what has now become accepted in method nomenclature. He says: 'I would distinguish Treble Bobs from Surprise methods by a rigid adherence to the bell in the Slow (as in Oxford and Kent) in the former. And again, no method should be classed under the title of Court Bobs in which consecutive places are made. This, of course, is only my personal opinion. . . .' The personality and achievements of Bankes James are apt to be somewhat obscured by the more prominent public activities of his brother, Law James, but we now see him as a brilliant investigator and student, reaching out far beyond the times in which he lived.

The important figures published by Bankes James attracted no immediate attention, and it was more than three years before the first peal of Bristol was rung. On March 22nd, 1901, the famous Brighton band, under their remarkable conductor, George Williams, rang 5,088 at the Church of Peter in three hours and nine minutes. In 'The Bell News' of April 6th George Baker, who rang in the peal, republished a lead of the method, commented on its qualities, and concluded his letter with the assertion: 'For complexity in ringing, all the band agree that Bristol Surprise stands first, and London Surprise must for ever take a back seat.' Time has proved the worth of Bristol, and whether or not George Baker was right there can be no doubt that the method, first put forward to demonstrate an academic point, has achieved a popularity that perhaps its author himself did not foresee. E. C. S.

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A YORKSHIRE PEAL TOUR

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Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in F.

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AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
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On Wed., Aug. 24, 1960, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

DONALD G. CLIFT	*Treble*	ALAN F. THIRST	5
WILFRED WILLIAMS	2	JOHN A. ANDERSON	6
RUTH M. BORDER	3	PETER BORDER	7
CECIL W. PIPE	4	DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

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HOWDEN, YORKSHIRE.
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On Wed., Aug. 24, 1960, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT THE MINSTER CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5152 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in E flat.

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DEREK P. JONES	3	TUDOR P. EDWARDS	7
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A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
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RUTH M. BORDER	3	PETER BORDER	7
ARTHUR H. REED	4	DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

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On Fri., Aug. 26, 1960, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND WILFRID,
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Tenor 23 cwt. 24 lb. in E flat.

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WILFRED WILLIAMS	3	DEREK P. JONES	8
JOHN A. ANDERSON	4	CECIL W. PIPE	9
ALAN F. THIRST	5	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

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RUTH M. BORDER	3	DEREK P. JONES	7
TUDOR P. EDWARDS	4	JOHN A. ANDERSON	*Tenor*

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 27, 1960, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PUDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in D.

WILLIAM A. THEOBALD	*Treble*	JOHN A. ANDERSON	6
RUTH M. BORDER	2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	7
CECIL W. PIPE	3	TUDOR P. EDWARDS	8
ALAN F. THIRST	4	DEREK P. JONES	9
PETER BORDER	5	WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

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WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Aug. 13, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Matthew,
A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 26 cwt. 18 lb. in D.

Edward Jenkins	*Treble*	Frederick E. Wilshaw	7
Fred Dunkerley	2	Bernard F. L. Groves	8
Frank Osbaldiston	3	William H. Dowse	9
Basil Jones	4	John Worth	10
Philip G. K. Davies	5	Robert B. Smith	11
Leslie W. G. Morris	6	Brian Harris	*Tenor*

Conducted by John Worth.
The conductor's 100th 12-bell peal.

HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
On Sun., Aug. 14, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F sharp.

Robert B. Smith	*Treble*	Frank Osbaldiston	5
Fred Dunkerley	2	Philip G. K. Davies	6
William H. Dowse	3	Basil Jones	7
Bernard F. L. Groves	4	Brian Harris	*Tenor*

Composed by J. S. Wilde. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

CLENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.
On Mon., Aug. 15, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Leonard,
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 18 lb. in F sharp.

John Worth	*Treble*	Denis Mottershead	5
Fred Dunkerley	2	Leslie W. G. Morris	6
Frederick E. Wilshaw	3	Edward Jenkins	7
Frank Osbaldiston	4	Robert B. Smith	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Parker. Conducted by Robert B. Smith.

HARTLEBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
On Mon., Aug. 15, 1690, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James-the-Great,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

Bernard F. L. Groves	*Treble*	Philip G. K. Davies	5
Fred Dunkerley	2	William H. Dowse	6
John Worth	3	Denis Mottershead	7
Basil Jones	4	Brian Harris	*Tenor*

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by John Worth.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Tues., Aug. 16, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Martin.
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 36 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in C.

Bernard F. L. Groves	*Treble*	Philip G. K. Davies	7
Frederick E. Wilshaw	2	William H. Dowse	8
Basil Jones	3	Denis Mottershead	9
Frank Osbaldiston	4	Edward Jenkins	10
Leslie W. G. Morris	5	Robert B. Smith	11
John Worth	6	Brian Harris	*Tenor*

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Leslie W. G. Morris.

SALFORD PRIORS, WARWICKSHIRE.
On Wed., Aug. 17, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2½ *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Matthew.
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 14 lb. in F sharp.

William H. Dowse	*Treble*	Frederick E. Wilshaw	5
Basil Jones	2	Bernard F. L. Groves	6
Frank Osbaldiston	3	Brian Harris	7
Leslie W. G. Morris	4	Edward Jenkins	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. Hattersley. Conducted by Basil Jones.

NORTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
On Thurs., Aug. 18, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5152 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in F sharp.

Edward Jenkins	*Treble*	Bernard F. L. Groves	5
Fred Dunkerley	2	Denis Mottershead	6
Basil Jones	3	Brian Harris	7
Robert B. Smith	4	John Worth	*Tenor*

Composed by Thos. B. Worsley. Conducted by John Worth.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
On Thurs., Aug. 18, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

Leslie W. G. Morris	*Treble*	Bernard F. L. Groves	5
Philip G. K. Davies	2	Robert B. Smith	6
Frederick E. Wilshaw	3	Frank Osbaldiston	7
Brian Harris	4	William H. Dowse	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Leslie W. G. Morris.

BADSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
On Fri., Aug. 19, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 4 lb. in F.

*Frank Osbaldiston	*Treble*	Basil Jones	5
Frederick E. Wilshaw	2	William H. Dowse	6
Leslie W. G. Morris	3	Denis Mottershead	7
Edward Jenkins	4	John Worth	*Tenor*

Composed by Thos. B. Worsley. Conducted by John Worth.
* 150th peal.

GREAT HAMPTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
On Fri., Aug. 19, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

John Worth	*Treble*	Philip G. K. Davies	5
Frederick E. Wilshaw	2	Robert B. Smith	6
Denis Mottershead	3	Brian Harris	7
Leslie W. G. Morris	4	Edward Jenkins	*Tenor*

Composed by Wm. Barton. Conducted by Robert B. Smith.

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
On Sat., Aug. 20, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 18 cwt. in E flat.

Brian Harris	*Treble*	Bernard F. L. Groves	6
Leslie W. G. Morris	2	Philip G. K. Davies	7
Basil Jones	3	William H. Dowse	8
Frank Osbaldiston	4	Robert B. Smith	9
John Worth	5	Edward Jenkins	*Tenor*

Composed by Wm. Pye. Conducted by Leslie W. G. Morris.
Rung as a welcome to John, born to the Rev. C. F. Pilkington (Vicar of Bromsgrove) and Mrs. Pilkington the previous day.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., July 21, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

*Alma M. Greaves	*Treble*	George E. Fearn	7
Muriel Reay	2	David J. Purnell	8
Elizabeth M. Yardley	3	Bryan D. A. Woolley	9
Ruth M. Border	4	John McDonald	10
Roderick J. Lees	5	John Anderson	11
Norman J. Goodman	6	Peter Border	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by Peter Border.
* First peal on 12 bells. Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Aug. 18, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Alma M. Greaves	*Treble*	George E. Fearn	7
Avril Ivin	2	George E. Evendon	8
Ruth M. Border	3	Bryan D. A. Woolley	9
R. George Morris	4	John McDonald	10
Roderick J. Lees	5	John A. Anderson	11
Peter Border	6	Stephen J. Ivin	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by Peter Border.

WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 3, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 35¼ cwt.

Peter Woodward	*Treble*	W. Eric Critchley	7
J. Frank Smallwood	2	J. Henry Fielden	8
Margaret A. Swann	3	Ian M. Holland	9
John Freeman	4	Geoffrey R. Parker	10
Peter A. Sharpe	5	Jack L. Millhouse	11
Leslie W. G. Morris	6	Wilfrid F. Moreton	*Tenor*

Composed by D. Parsons. Conducted by John Freeman.
A compliment to Messrs. J. F. Smallwood (76) and Herbert Langdon (79) on their birthdays, which were on September 1st and 2nd respectively.

TEN BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Aug. 4, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Harry Boswell	*Treble*	David J. Purnell	6
Elizabeth M. Yardley	2	David Beacham	7
Ruth M. Border	3	George E. Fearn	8
John Pinfold	4	John A. Anderson	9
Roderick J. Lees	5	Peter Border	*Tenor*

Composed by William Pye. Conducted by Peter Border.

APPLETON, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 10, 1960, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb.

FREDERICK C. WHITE ..	*Treble*	ERNEST J. MUNDAY ..	6
*A. TERENCE COLLINS ..	2	*BERTRAM J. COGGINS ..	7
†CHRISTINE M. WOODWARD	3	ALAN R. PINK	8
†BRIAN R. WHITE	4	†FRANCIS A. WHITE.. ..	9
J. HOWARD FREEBORN ..	5	MALCOLM S. CLOKE.. ..	*Tenor*

Composed by E. C. S. TURNER. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal on ten bells. † First of Royal in the method.
Rung on the Feast of St. Laurence.

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 13, 1960, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5075 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

R. GEORGE MORRIS	*Treble*	REGINALD WOODYATT ..	6
THOMAS W. LEWIS	2	JOHN J. STANIER	7
DAVID BEACHAM	3	DENIS R. MORRIS	8
JOHN G. SLATER	4	GEORGE E. EVENDEN.. ..	9
ALLEN MORGAN	5	HARVEY HOMANS	*Tenor*

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by REGINALD WOODYATT.
100th peal in the tower.
A wedding compliment to the Rev. Peter Chippendale (assistant priest) and Mrs. Chippendale.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Sept. 1, 1960, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

LINDA M. HUGHES	*Treble*	DAVID J. PURNELL	6
ALMA M. GREAVES	2	NORMAN J. GOODMAN ..	7
RUTH M. BORDER	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	8
JOHN PINFOLD	4	JOHN McDONALD	9
RODERICK J. LEES	5	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by W. PYE. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
Rung as a wedding compliment to David M. Lees.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Aug. 11, 1960, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

JOHN A. ANDERSON	*Treble*	RODERICK J. LEES	5
ALMA M. GREAVES	2	GEORGE E. FEARN	6
MAUREEN M. WOOLLEY ..	3	*PETER D. WARREN	7
JOHN PINFOLD	4	JOHN McDONALD	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN McDONALD.
* First peal of Major.

DRAYTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Aug. 18, 1960, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
J. A. Lambert's variation of J. R. Pritchard's. Tenor 19¼ cwt. in E.

*PHILIP W. GAY	*Treble*	OLIVE D. COUCHMAN ..	5
ELIZABETH M. YARDLEY..	2	ROGER J. GAY	6
†MONTY W. GILBERT ..	3	COLIN A. TESTER	7
MARGARET A. LADD ..	4	DAVID J. PURNELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by COLIN A. TESTER.
* First peal. † First of Major.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 21, 1960, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

ROBERT HARRISON	*Treble*	JAMES CHAPMAN	5
JACK BRAY	2	ARTHUR W. CROWDER ..	6
GEORGE MOODY	3	PHILLIP BARNES	7
STEPHEN BROMFIELD ..	4	ARTHUR W. HOODLESS ..	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ARTHUR W. HOODLESS.
First peal on the bells, dedicated August 3rd, 1947.
Rung as a farewell to the Rev. G. B. Sylvester, Vicar of the parish for 15 years.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Aug. 22, 1960, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in E.

BERNARD V. COLLISON ..	*Treble*	JOHN WARNER	5
FREDERICK S. MACEY ..	2	CHARLES A. BASSETT ..	6
OLIVE D. COUCHMAN ..	3	ERNEST J. LADD..	7
MARGARET A. LADD	4	COLIN A. TESTER	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by COLIN A. TESTER.
Rung as a 90th birthday compliment to the Rev. C. E. Ward, Rector for 45 years.

CONGLETON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 24, 1960, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb. in F.

JACK RILEY..	*Treble*	DENIS HENSHAW	5
REGINALD CHALLINOR ..	2	ROY WORRALL	6
ROBERT B. SMITH	3	BARRY CORBISHLEY	7
WALTER SHERRAT	4	HECTOR AIDLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by BARRY CORBISHLEY.
First peal of Bob Triples by all the band, and on the bells.
Rung as a farewell to David Boon, a ringer at the above tower, who is leaving the parish.

SPELDHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 24, 1960, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in F sharp.

OLIVE D. COUCHMAN ..	*Treble*	JOHN O. WELLER	5
THOMAS E. SONE	2	BERNARD V. COLLISON ..	6
MARGARET A. LADD	3	COLIN A. TESTER	7
REGINALD E. LAMBERT ..	4	ERNEST J. LADD..	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by COLIN A. TESTER.
First peal in the method as conductor. Mr. T. E. Sone has now 'completed the circle' in this, his 17th tower to do so.
A compliment to Mr. J. Willis (chairman of the Kent County Association) and Mrs. Willis, on the occasion of their diamond wedding.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Aug. 26, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.

LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ..	*Treble*	CHARLES CLEGG	5
*PAMELA BLAKELEY	2	NORMAN SMITH	6
JOHN H. FIELDEN	3	WALTER E. WILKINSON ..	7
PETER SCHOLFIELD	4	BARRY PICKUP	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by BARRY PICKUP.
* First peal of Major. First as conductor.

DORCHESTER, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 27, 1960, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

*†WENDY S. BONGARD ..	*Treble*	*†R. JOHN VARDY	5
*†JOHN W. PORTER	2	*BETTY J. DYKE	6
MARGARET M. GODLEY..	3	ARTHUR V. DAVIS ..	7
RICHARD H. DUKE ..	4	*ERNEST H. AMEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR V. DAVIS.
* First peal of Triples. † First peal at first attempt.
Rung as a welcome to the Rev. K. Meiklejohn, who was to be inducted as Rector of this parish on September 8th.

HOLBEACH, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 27, 1960, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in E flat.

MARGARET A. SWANN ..	*Treble*	GEOFFREY R. PARKER ..	5
STANLEY E. BENNETT ..	2	ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT ..	6
CLAIRE DILLAMORE	3	RONALD C. NOON	7
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN.. ..	4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

MOULTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 27, 1960, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in F.

*ROY KEEVES	*Treble*	ALAN J. FROST..	5
†ERIC BILLINGS	2	†MICHAEL R. BENNETT ..	6
DIANA M. LAWLESS.. ..	3	BARRIE HENDRY	7
GEOFFREY E. WATSON ..	4	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN ..	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by PATRICK I. CHAPMAN.
* First peal on eight bells. † First of Yorkshire. First of Surprise Major as conductor.

STRATFIELD MORTIMER, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 27, 1960, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, containing 1,120 Rutland, 1,280 Cambridge and Lincolnshire and 1,440 Yorkshire, with 69 changes of method.
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

ARTHUR SAYERS	*Treble*	*JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	5
BRIAN BLADON	2	GEOFFREY K. DODD	6
*MICHAEL HATCHETT	3	MALCOLM S. CLOKE	7
REGINALD W. REX	4	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Composed by P. G. K. DAVIES. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major.

MORECAMBE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Aug. 28, 1960, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.

*IRENE BRADSHAW	*Treble*	WILLIAM GERRARD	5
†DOROTHY ECCLES	2	†GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE	6
WILFRED BOLTON	3	§GEOFFREY SCHOFIELD	7
‡HERBERT RAINFORD	4	ROLAND F. ECCLES	*Tenor*

Composed by G. WILLIAMS. Conducted by ROLAND F. ECCLES.
* First peal. † 25th peal together. ‡ 25th peal, all for the Lancashire Association. § First of Major.

ASHBY FOLVILLE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 29, 1960, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation. Tenor 12¼ cwt. in F sharp.

MARGARET A. TURNER	*Treble*	ANDREW STUBBS	5
ANN BARR	2	RODERICK J. LEES	6
DIANA J. PERRINS	3	BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	7
*DAVID INGRAM	4	JOHN MCDONALD	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN MCDONALD.
* First peal of Surprise Major.

SOUTH LEIGH, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 29, 1960, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

CYRIL H. KINCH	*Treble*	EDGAR J. SMITH	5
J. HOWARD FREEBORN	2	BRIAN R. WHITE	6
CHRISTINE M. WOODWARD	3	*BERTRAM J. COGGINS	7
DENNIS C. BOWEN	4	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal of Surprise Major 'inside.'

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Aug. 30, 1960, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in G.

ERNEST MORRIS	*Treble*	BRIAN M. SMITH	5
G. STEDMAN MORRIS	2	*MARTIN C. FAULKES	6
PETER J. STANIFORTH	3	†A. JAMES POYNOR	7
HAROLD J. HAZELL	4	BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER (No. B.32).
Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* 50th peal. † 100th peal for the Guild.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Wed., Aug. 31, 1960, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT.
A PEAL OF 5120 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb.

ELIZABETH M. YARDLEY	*Treble*	JOHN MCDONALD	5
GEORGE E. FEARN	2	EDWARDS T. LLOYD	6
DAVID J. PURNELL	3	JOHN A. ANDERSON	7
ANDREW N. STUBBS	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDK. DENCH. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

ALDERTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., July 28, 1960, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In seven methods, being six extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Clifford's Pleasure, Southrepps, April Day, Old, Kennington and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

DAVID BURBIDGE	*Treble*	HARRY E. CURTIS	3
ROBIN H. ROGERS	2	ANTHONY G. OSBORNE	4
ALAN C. COZENS			*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN C. COZENS.

SAXTHORPE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Aug. 1, 1960, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In four methods, being four extents Plain Bob and one each of St. Clement's, Kent T.B. and Oxford T.B. Tenor 2¾ cwt.

GEOFFREY R DREW	*Treble*	THOMAS E. SPIGHT	4
TONY OWEN	2	DENNIS SYMONDS	5
TREVOR BAILEY	3	BEVAN W. WILLGRESS	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY R. DREW.
First peal as conductor away from the tenor. Fastest peal on the bells.

RADLEY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Aug. 19, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being an extent each of Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's, Childwall, Single Oxford, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 6¼ cwt.

*CATHERINE M. CHAPMAN	*Treble*	M. JO MORETON	4
MARIE R. CROSS	2	†MICHAEL COLEMAN	5
†DAPHNE J. POLLARD	3	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* First peal. † First in seven Plain Minor methods.
Rung as a farewell to Mr. R. Raven, a member of the local band, who is joining the staff of Shrewsbury School in September.

WILBURTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 20, 1960, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

GEOFFREY A. LUCAS	*Treble*	GEORGE E. THODAY	4
SHIRLEY M. PARSONS	2	GEOFFREY R. DREW	5
DONALD F. MURFET	3	MANSFIELD GINN	*Tenor*

Conducted by MANSFIELD GINN.

HORDLE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 27, 1960, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 11 cwt.

*A. ROBERT PARGETTER	*Treble*	FRANK L. HARRIS	4
WILLIAM T. GODFREY	2	ANDREW M. MACVE	5
ALEC W. FRY	3	JOHN HARTLESS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN HARTLESS.
* First peal on tower bells. First as conductor.
Rung in memory of William Frederick Feltham, captain of this tower for about 20 years.

CADOXTON-JUXTA-NEATH, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 31, 1960, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATWG.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

*DORIS M. SMITH	*Treble*	†BARRY COUZENS	4
†MICHAEL LARCHER	2	TREVOR M. RODERICK	5
ROY THROSBY	3	‡GWYN I. LEWIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.
* First peal. † First of Minor. ‡ 200th peal.

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QUENIBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 31, 1960, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents: (1) New Bob, (2) Huntspill Bob, (3) Reverse St. Bartholomew, (4) Stedman, (5) Plain Bob, (6) Kennington, (7) April Day, (8) Besthorpe, (9) Old Bob, (10) St. Simon's, (11) St. Albans, (12) Eynsham, (13) Shropham, (14) Cassington, (15) St. Martin, (16) St. Paul, (17) St. Leonard, (18) Mileham, (19) St. Peter, (20) Southrepps, (21) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (22) Clifford's Pleasure, (23) Costessy, (24) St. Columb, (25) St. Giles, (26) St. Nicholas, (27) St. Andrew, (28) Norwich, (29) St. Thomas, (30) St. Miles, (31) Winchendon Place, (32) St. John, (33) Walsingham, (34) St Luke, (35) Plain Bob, (36) Kennington, (37) April Day, (38) Besthorpe, (39) Old Bob, (40) St. Simon's, (41) St. Albans, (42) Grandsire.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in A flat.

HAROLD J. HAZELL	*Treble*	BRIAN G. WARWICK	3
ERNEST MORRIS	2	A. JAMES POYNOR	4

MARTIN C. FAULKES .. *Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

THARSTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 31, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in four variations of calling. Tenor 10 cwt. in A flat.

*CLIVE R. CALTON	*Treble*	‡LEONARD J. MINNS	3
†PAULINE M. ADCOCK	2	§PAUL CATTERMOLE	4

HARRY B. FULLER .. *Tenor*

Conducted by PAUL CATTERMOLE.

* First peal at first attempt. † First 'inside' and of Doubles. ‡ 25th peal for the Association, and first at a 5-bell tower. § 25th as conductor. First of Doubles for tenor.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Harry Moss, Ringing Master at St. Mary's, Diss.

WEST PENNARD, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 3, 1960, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being three 720's of York and four 720's of Cambridge. Tenor 24 cwt.

RONALD G. BECK	*Treble*	MICHAEL R. ROSE	4
PETER C. WRIGHT	2	GWILYM F. SALMON	5
VICTOR G. ROBERTS	3	EDWARD J. CHIVERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by RONALD G. BECK.

HARTFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 3, 1960, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Rev. E. Bankes James' arrangement. Tenor 12 cwt.

A. GORDON LAWRENCE	*Treble*	REGINALD W. WORRALL	4
CYNTHIA BIBBY	2	DENIS MADDOCK	5
HAROLD WORRALL	3	HARRY W. HOWARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

First peal of Cambridge on the bells.

WAINFLEET ST. MARY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sun., Sept. 4, 1960, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 11 methods: (1) Ipswich Surprise, (2) Plain and Double Bob, (3) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (4) St. Clement's and Double Oxford, (5) Bourne Surprise, (6) Double and Single Court, (7) London Surprise. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in F sharp.

GEOFFREY R. PARKER	*Treble*	*JACK L. MILLHOUSE	4
MARGARET A. SWANN	2	PETER A. SHARP	5
CLAIRE DILLAMORE	3	LOUIS WILLDERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* 800th peal.

A birthday compliment to Mr. Horace M. Day, of Market Deeping.

HANDBELL PEAL

BURWELL, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues. and Wed., Aug. 30 and 31, 1960, in 1 Hour and 34 Minutes,
AT HILL CROFT, TOYSE LANE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 14 in D.

*ROGER J. PALMER	1—2	ANTHONY R. MANN	3—4
RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN	5—6		

Conducted by RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN.

Umpires: MISS O. BRENDA CARTER and MISS MAUREEN E. LAURENCE.

* First handbell peal.

Rung for the christening of Andrew John Housden at Burwell on August 28th.

This peal was umpired by the godmothers and rung by the godfathers and father.

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LOUGHBOROUGH

The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—At St. Peter's Cathedral, on Aug. 30th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: W. B. Pitcher 1, Enid Roberts (first of Stedman Doubles as cond.) 2, H. Greenhalgh 3, F. N. Smeaton 4, C. H. Bagot 5, J. O. Goulter 6. First of Stedman 1 and 5. First of Stedman on the bells.

ASHTON, NORTHANTS.—On July 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: H. Curtis 1, R. Keeves 2, A. Osborne 3, M. Harvey (first 'inside') 4, A. C. Cozens (cond.) 5. Rung for the induction of the new Vicar.

ASHTON-KEYNES, WILTS.—On Aug. 7th, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Doubles: Heather Pullon 1, J. E. Pullon 2, M. J. Fellows 3, M. D. Fellows 4, P. Cattermole (cond.) 5. Rung for Evensong by visiting ringers from Worcestershire.

BATHFORD, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Williamson (first away from tenor) 1, June P. Crees 2, Brenda M. White 3, E. Naylor 4, S. A. Read (cond.) 5, R. S. M. Stubbs 6. In memoriam W. J. Prescott.

BLEDINGTON, OXON.—On Aug. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Heather Pullon 1, J. E. Pullon 2, M. J. Fellows 3, M. D. Fellows 4, P. Cattermole (cond.) 5, L. H. G. Gittins 6. Rung on Wychbold Young Ringers' summer tour.

BLUNSDON, WILTS.—On Aug. 20th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Aubrey (first quarter, age 12) 1, Miss S. Peake 2, Miss A. Porter 3, Mrs. G. Swain 4, B. S. Sheppard 5, A. R. Peake (cond.) 6.

BROCKENHURST, HANTS.—On Sept. 2nd, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: M. J. Hobbs 1, R. N. Marlow 2, Mrs. C. Reed (first of Surprise) 3, W. T. Godfrey 4, L. F. Cobb 5, A. W. Fry (cond.) 6.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.—At the Norman Tower, on Sept. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: W. Stannard 1, A. W. Rolfe 2, P. Everitt 3, D. Rowland 4, A. Ballam 5, H. Clarke (first) 6, R. Rose (cond.) 7, W. Goodship 8, F. Buckle 9, G. Jennings 10. Birthday compliments to A. W. Rolfe (73), A. E. Moore (78), and F. Buckle (69).

BUSHEY, HERTS.—On Sept. 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: S. E. Darmon 1, E. Ashby 2, P. Parslow 3, Mrs. J. Darmon 4, C. W. Woolley (cond.) 5, J. E. Rootes 6, N. Jenkins 7, R. Rowley 8. Rung for the institution and induction of the Rev. W. H. Chivers, as Rector of Bushey.

CANFORD MAGNA, DORSET.—On Aug. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob, 600 Grandsire): W Shute 1, Mrs. W. Read 2, J. Foote 3, D. Read 4, H. Pitman (cond.) 5, G. Finnemore 6. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. R. S. Miller, who has accepted an appointment at Gatcombe, Isle of Wight. Also a 21st birthday compliment to Miss J. Baker.

CAPEL, SURREY.—On Aug. 28th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob, 540 Plain Bob): R. Tullett 1, Hannah Penfold 2, E. Rapley 3, A. Harman (cond.) 4, Barbara Sheldon 5, P. Ede 6. First of Treble Bob for 5 and 6. For Evensong.

CARLISLE, CUMBERLAND.—On Aug. 28th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Hodgson 1, J. Ling 2, S. Hodgson 3, A. Hodgson 4, R. Warburton 5, J. Boustead (cond.) 6, A. Forsyth 7. Rung as a farewell to Miss J. Hodgson, who is leaving the district.

CHISLET, KENT.—On Aug. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Pauline Fennell 1, Mary S. Taylor 2, Beryl W. Abbott 3, H. J. Webb 4, P. Newing 5, J. C. Baldwin (cond.) 6. Rung as a compliment to Beryl Abbott, on graduating from Bristol University.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On Aug. 30th, at Holy Trinity, Watermoor, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Wakefield (first quarter on 8 bells) 1, F. J. Lewis, snr., 2, P. Wakefield 3, H. L. Cooke 4, E. H. Jeffries 5, P. Morgans 6, B. Wakefield (cond.) 7, W. Wrigley 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Skues, wife of the priest-in-charge at Watermoor.

CRANFORD, MIDDX.—On Aug. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Susan Goodfellow 1, A. Grant 2, June Richardson (cond.) 3, G. Thrush 4, Josephine Pole 5, J. Goodfellow 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. Parker, on their 25th wedding anniversary.

CONSETT, CO. DURHAM.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Armstrong (first quarter) 1, J. G. Wall 2, J. Vickery 3, K. Ather 4, R. Kelton 5, W. Tyson (cond.) 6. Rung in honour of the marriage this day of Miss Ella Foreman, ringer at this church, and Mr. Stanley Green.

DULLINGHAM, CAMBS.—On Aug. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Maureen E. Laurence (first quarter) 1, D. G. Taylor 2, R. J. W. Housden (cond.) 3, R. J. Palmer 4, A. R. Mann 5. Also, the same day, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: O. Brenda Carter (first quarter) 1, D. G. Taylor 2, R. J. Palmer 3, R. J. W. Housden (cond.) 4, A. R. Mann 5.

DUNS TEW, OXON.—On Aug. 24th, 1,320 Doubles (240 Grandsire, 360 St. Martin's, 360 St. Simon's, 360 Plain Bob): H. Ivings 1, Mrs. H. Ivings 3, C. C. Clarke 4, J. E. Ivings (cond.) 5.

QUARTER PEALS

ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.—On Aug. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Peck 1, Mrs. H. Ivings (first in method) 2, J. Sharpe 3, J. E. Ivings (first in method) 4, Miss D. Reeve 5, H. Fuller 6, J. Paul (cond.) 7, N. Watson 8. Rung for the wedding of Miss J. Massingham and Mr. P. Newton-Gates, son of the Rector. Also on Sept. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: C. Banham 1, P. Newing 2, H. Fuller 3, Miss D. Reeve 4, J. E. Ivings 5, N. Watson 6, J. Paul (cond.) 7, H. Ivings 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. Napier, widow of the late Rector.

FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.—On Sept. 4th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. H. Mills 1, P. N. Murgatroyd (cond.) 2, P. Joyce 3, G. S. Joyce 4, D. P. Treble 5, R. E. Finch 6. First of Cambridge for 2, 4 and 5. First quarter in a Surprise method rung by the Sunday service band. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. Peter Bustin and Miss Pat Whelan.

KEMPSFORD, GLOS.—On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse St. Bartholomew, April Day, Grandsire and Plain Bob): A. Cox 1, G. Land (first in more than one method) 2, W. Godwin (cond.) 3, B. Wakefield 4, P. Wakefield 5, R. Wakefield 6.

LECHLADE, GLOS.—On Aug. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Heather M. Pullon 1, M. J. Fellows 2, J. E. Pullon 3, M. D. Fellows 4, H. C. Evans 5, P. Cattermole (cond.) 6. Believed to be the first of Minor on the bells. Rung on the Feast of St. Lawrence.

LICHFIELD, STAFFS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Aug. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Marlene Jones (first quarter) 1, Penelope Sedgwick 2, J. B. Webb 3, B. J. Townsend 4, J. H. Allen (cond.) 5, C. M. Smith 6. For Eensong.

LONG ASHTON, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 2nd, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: R. J. Bowden 1, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 2, Elisabeth Bowden 3, R. G. Hooper 4, B. A. Shackleton (first in method 'inside') 5, D. J. Hunt 6, J. Brain (first of Bristol) 7, P. M. J. Gray 8.

MAGDALEN, NORFOLK.—On Aug. 26th, 1,260 Minor (Single Oxford and Plain Bob): P. Gagen 1, S. Elsey 2, W. W. Cousins 3, V. Bowen 4, J. Fox 5, F. H. Mastin (cond.) 6. Rung for the induction of the new Vicar.

MARSTON TRUSSELL, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (60 Stedman, 240 each of St. Simon's and St. Martin's and 360 each of Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss R. Anderson, Co. Durham (first in 5) 1, A. Jopp, Worcs (first in 5 Doubles) 2, C. C. Clarke, Oxon 3, R. H. Daw, Wilts (first in 5) 4, E. T. P. Field, Somerset (cond.) 5. Rung at the special request of the Vicar, by visitors to the Peterborough Diocesan Guild Festival, whilst the tower was not officially open.

MINSTER-IN-THANET, KENT.—On Aug 23rd, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: Beryl W. Abbott 1, Pauline Fennell 2, J. C. Baldwin 3, P. Newing (cond.) 4, Mary S. Taylor, H. J. Webb 5. First quarter of Minimus for all the band.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On Sept. 4th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: R. Bridges 1, Ann Hancock 2, L. Cordell 3, S. King 4, J. McPhail (cond.) 5, W. Wedlock 6. A birthday compliment to W. Wedlock.

NORTON ST. PHILIP, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Vennell 1, R. Smith 2, J. Phppen 3, F. Phelps 4, E. Bray (cond.) 5, D. Applegate 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of W. J. Prescott, of Bath.

OLD SWINFORD, STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—On Aug. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob, 660 Grandsire): P. J. Brown 1, M. D. Fellows 2, J. E. Pullon (cond.) 3, M. J. Fellows 4, J. C. Eisel 5, J. E. Lawley (first quarter, age 13, ringing 4 months) 6. First quarter on the front six.

PRESTON (WEYMOUTH), DORSET.—On Sept. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, April Day, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire): G. Cornick 1, Miss Sylvia Watson 2, Miss B. Marsh 3, Mrs. A. J. Slade 4, A. J. Slade (cond.) 5, G. H. Perry 6. Rung as a farewell to the Vicar, Rev. P. W. H. Isdell-Carpenter, M.A., who is leaving Preston, after 12 years, to become Rector of Frimley, Surrey.

QUENIBOROUGH, LEICS.—On Aug. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Margaret Kirk 1, S. W. Parker 2, C. Lowe 3, G. Stonehouse 4, D. Lowe (cond.) 5. First quarter on bells by a Sunday service band. Rung half-muffled in memoriam a churchwarden's father.

ROADE, NORTHANTS.—On July 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (Canterbury, Southrepps, Cliffords Pleasure, April Day, Kennington, Old and Plain Bob): M. Harvey (first quarter) 1, G. Walker 2, Miss F. Curtis 3, R. Keeves 4, A. C. Cozens (cond.) 5.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—On Aug. 31st, at the Church of St. Stephen, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of Stedman, Plain Bob, St. Martin's, St. Simon's, 300 Grandsire): G. Penney (cond.) 1, Miss A. Macfarlane 2, Miss C. Bland 3, Miss C. Rimmer 4, P. J. Fells 5, A. Malvan 6. First of Doubles in 5 methods by all.

ST. NICHOLAS-AT-WADE, KENT.—On Aug. 23rd, 1,260 Minor (Kent T.B. and Plain Bob): H. J. Webb 1, Beryl W. Abbott 2, Mary S. Taylor 3, Pauline Fennell 4, J. C. Baldwin 5, P. Newing (cond.) 6. Rung as a farewell to the conductor, who

ST. PETER-IN-THANET, KENT.—On July 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Elsdon 1, C. Cobbold 2, P. Fennell 3, S. Davies 4, M. Taylor 5, J. H. Baxter 6, T. H. Holmes (cond.) 7, W. Bridges 8. Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss J. Steed and is entering Rochester Theological College.

SEVENOAKS, KENT.—On Aug. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. J. Corby 1, Miss J. Buss 2, Mrs. L. M. Corfby 3, Miss P. Buss 4, R. V. Fuller 5, Miss D. E. Colgate 6, P. A. Corby (cond.) 7, P. J. Dye 8. First quarter 1 and 2. For morning service.

SWALCLIFFE, OXON.—On Aug. 26th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: A. W. Ivings (first of Minor) 1, Mrs. H. Ivings 2, H. Ivings 3, W. Ivings 4, J. E. Ivings 5, C. C. Clarke (first of Minor as cond.) 6.

TENDRING, ESSEX.—On Sept. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Brazier 1, Ann Collier 2, Ann Pryke 3, E. E. Davey (cond.) 4, Mrs. V. Hales 5, I Cooper 6. For Evensong.

TEWIN, HERTS.—On Aug. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss V. M. Ford 1, Miss J. M. Gambling 2, M. L. Jordan 3, D. M. Gambling 4, Miss A. M. Bailey 5, P. C. F. Wooster (cond.) 6. First quarter 1 and 3. Rung for the christening of Angelique Austin.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.—On Aug. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. J. Jefferies 1, C. J. Barrable 2, Pat A. Burt 3, A. F. Lee (100th quarter) 4, T. J. Milsom (cond.) 5, D. F. Jefferies 6. A compliment to the conductor on his 21st birthday.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.—On Sept. 4th, 1,440 combined Kent and Oxford T.B. Minor: Miss A. George 1, Miss O. D. Couchman 2, E. J. Ladd 3, S. Jenner 4, B. V. Collison 5, C. A. Tester (cond.) 6 First in the method by all. Rung for Evensong.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On Aug. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. R. Downes (cond.) 1, P. Chapman 2, R. Lumsden 3, C. Diggins 4, D. Hewitt 5, F. W. Sykes 6, A. J. Boyack 7, F. Taylor 8. For Evensong.

WALTON-LE-DALE, LANCS.—On Aug. 14th, 1,280 Kent T.B. Major: J. W. Couperthwaite 1, Maryl R. Crossthwaite 2, Judy Moir 3, Betty Faunch 4, D. Lawson 5, B. Tomlinson 6, J. B. Pickup 7, F. Stead (cond.) 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th.

WARMLEY, GLOS.—On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Rita M. Webb 1, Myra J. Wilkins 2, A. W. Gibbs (cond.) 3, H. Taysom 4, B. K. Lewis 5, I. G. Smith 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Gibbs, grandmother of the conductor.

WELLS, SOMERSET.—At the Cathedral, on Sept. 4th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Royal: A. H. Reed 1, E. Naylor 2, P. N. Tubbs 3, P. C. Wright 4, V. Roberts 5, M. Rose 6, J. Brain 7, G. Salmon 8, F. J. Chivers 9, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 10. For Evensong.

WESTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—On Aug. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Christine Harcup (first quarter) 1, R. G. Blackman 2, D. S. Jones 3, E. Treagus 4, L. Stilwell (cond.) 5, R. P. Wood 6, M. Marshall 7, N. Bridger (first quarter) 8. For Patronal Festival Evensong.

WHITNASH, WARWICKS.—On Aug. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Huxley 1, Miss D. V. Elson 2, R. Edden 3, I. C. Maycock 4, W. Male (cond.) 5, D. Harrison 6. A wedding compliment to Miss E. A. Trindall.

WILLINGHAM, CAMBS.—On Aug. 21st, 1,296 Surprise Minor: D. Murfet 1, Shirley M. Parsons 2, G. Thoday 3, G. E. Crisp 4, G. R. Drew 5, M. Ginn 6. For Matins.

WORCESTER.—At the Cathedral, July 10th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal: J. P. Stanier 1, R. G. Morris 2, R. J. Lees 3, N. Goodman 4, H. Neil 5, J. McDonald (cond.) 6, D. Beecham 7, T. W. Lewis 8, J. A. Anderson 9, R. G. Edwards 10.

YORKTOWN, SURREY.—On Aug. 31st, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: R. H. Mills 1, P. J. Joyce 2, P. Treble 3, W. W. Wright 4, G. S. Joyce 5, J. Basher (first of Major) 6, P. Murgatroyd 7, R. E. Finch (cond.) 8. First on 8 bells for 2, 3 and 4, and first quarter on 8 bells by Farnborough Sunday service ringers.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Entering St. Margaret's Church, Whitnash, for her wedding on Aug. 27th, Miss E. A. Trindall passed through the ringing chamber, which had been decorated for the occasion. The bride was one of the original band of post-war ringers at this church and had lately been secretary. After the ceremony she returned to the ringing chamber to start a quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor, which was successfully brought round.

To mark the christening of Andrew John Housden at Burwell, Cambridgeshire, a hand-bell peal was rung by the father and god-fathers and umpired by the two godmothers.

Starting to ring in February, Valerie Ford and Martyn Fordan, of Tewin, Herts, rang their first quarter on August 31st. Congratulations!

The Rev. R. P. Farrow has resigned the living of East Lulworth and left the district. His address now is Ramsey Hall, Byron Road, Worthing. Tel. Worthing 580.

The band who rang the peal at Stapleton, Bristol, on September 3rd, would like to associate it with the memory of the late Mr. Frank Skidmore, who learnt to ring on these bells, which are hung anti-clockwise.

Mr. Wilfred Williams has now conducted a peal of Surprise in each county in England and Wales and is the first ringer to do so. The last was Co. Durham.

A peal attempt of Yorkshire Surprise Major at East Grinstead on July 30th broke down after nearly three hours' ringing. The attempt had been arranged as a compliment to Miss June Clements and Mr. Dennis Mitchell, who were married that day at Worthing.

Mr. Walter Ayre informs us that his first peal as conductor was Bob Minor at Thornton Curtis, Lincs, on October 19th, 1912, in which there were four first peals. He adds that he tried hard to persuade the conductor of his first peal at his home tower, St. Peter's, Barton-on-Humber (April, 1911), that he wanted to call his own first peal, but he would not budge.

By ringing the tenor to the peal at Aspenden on September 3rd, Mr. F. Aldridge has become the first member of the local band to ring a peal at Aspenden since October, 1746, when a peal of Triples was rung by a resident band.

Mr. John C. Baldwin expresses his thanks to ringers of Newbury and district for their hospitality during his stay there.

Mr. A. Patrick Cannon has now rung 99 peals of Double Norwich Court Bob Major in 99 different towers.

Mr. Michael Hobbs, of St. Ambrose's, Bristol, while on holiday in the New Forest organised a quarter peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor at Brockenhurst on September 2nd.

Mr. P. Newing, of Littlebourne, Canterbury, is entering Rochester Theological College. On August 23rd he and John C. Baldwin, with friends, rang three quarter peals—at Chislet, St. Nicholas-at Wade and Minster-in-Thanet.

The Church of St. Andrew, Puckington, near Ilminster, Somerset, has lost its tower captain by the death, on August 29th, of Mr. Harry Bungay, aged 80. To his memory a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung on September 1st.

The ringers of St. Peter's, Pentre, Rhondda, wish to thank all persons connected with the following towers for the hospitality extended to them while on annual outing to Somerset on September 3rd: St. Andrew's Banwell; St. Mark's, Mark; St. Cuthbert's, Wells; St. Andrew's, Burnham; St. Mary's, Wedmore.

Richard Brown, of Kessingland, Suffolk, was unfortunate, whilst on holiday in Lincolnshire, in losing a peal of Minor (his first on six) on September 1st at Whaplode. Having rung two extents each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob, his rope broke 130 changes from the end of the third and last extent of plain. The band were sorry to see him go away empty-handed after ringing so well, and wish him greater success in his next attempt.

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GOLDEN JUBILEE OF BUCKFAST ABBEY BELLS

IN September, 1910, the Community of Buckfast Abbey received from the late Sir Robert Harvey, of Dundridge, near Totnes, the munificent gift of a ring of 14 bells. These bells, cast by Warner, with a tenor of 28 cwt. in D flat, were solemnly blessed on Michaelmas Day, 1910. The bells were first hung 'dead' in the old Abbot's Tower. In autumn of 1920 the tower of the present Abbey Church was sufficiently advanced for the bells to be hoisted into position and hung for ringing. The bells were hung in what is now the ringing chamber and were rung from the lantern gallery; an experience which many visitors found disconcerting as there was a sixty foot drop from the gallery to the chancel pavement. The bells were first rung by a band from Buckfastleigh for Christmas, 1920. Only one peal was ever rung on these bells; in 1930 a peal of Stedman Cinques, conducted from the tenor by the late Mr. William Pye. In 1935, with the commencement of the completion of the tower, the bells were taken down and sent to Messrs. Taylor's foundry, at Loughborough. Here they were recast—considerable metal was added so that the present tenor is 41 cwt. in C. In March, 1936, the 14 bells returned to Buckfast, together with a new bourdon bell—'Hosanna,' which weighs 7½ tons, and strikes F, a fifth below the tenor of the ring. All fifteen bells were rehung on steel frames and were first rung for Easter, 1936.

Since the hanging of the original bells in 1920, the community band had always rung call changes, until in 1955 the Rev. Oswald Mowan, O.S.B., became captain of the Abbey band. Greatly encouraged by the late Mr. J. E. Lilley, the Abbey ringers made a determined effort to master half-pull ringing. In the last few years great progress has been made, due mainly to the help received from members of the Devon Guild, among whom special thanks are due to Mr. E. M. Atkins, of Teignmouth

Two years ago one of the community rang the treble to a peal of Grandsire Triples, at Wolborough, and six of the Abbey band rang a quarter of Plain Bob Doubles without any outside help. During the present year three of the community rang in a peal of Plain Bob Minor and in a quarter of the same method, whilst in the last few weeks four of the community have rung in two quarters of Plain Bob Triples. The same four monks are also enthusiastic handbell ringers and ring touches of double-handed Plain Bob Major.

Since the bells were hung in their present permanent home, six peals of Stedman Cinques have been rung on them, also one of Grandsire Cinques and one each of Yorkshire and Cambridge Surprise Maximus, and one each of Plain Bob Major and Minor.

September 29th of this year will mark the golden jubilee of the Blessing of Buckfast Abbey bells. It is to be hoped that the event will be marked by at least one more peal, in which some at least of the ringers will be members of community.

A. L. B.

MR. A. JAMES POYNOR'S 100 PEALS

Minimus.—Plain (1) ('in hand' non-conducted).

Doubles.—Grandsire 2 (cond. 2), Reverse St. Bartholomew 1, St. Martin's 1, Winchendon Place Bob 1; 3 methods 2 (1), 4 methods 1 (1), 5 methods 2, 7 methods 2, 20 methods 1, 21 methods 1, 27 methods 1, April Day 1.

Minor—Plain Bob 6 (1), Kent T.B. 1 (1), Crayford College Bob 1, Oxford T.B. 1, 2 methods 3 (2), 3 methods 4 (1), 5 methods 3 (2), 6 methods 1, 13 methods 1.

Triples.—Plain Bob 1, Grandsire 4, Stedman 4.

Major.—Plain Bob 11 (1), D.N.C.B. 1, Braunstone 1, Bristol 1, Cambridge 7 (1), Derwent 1, Derby 1, Osgathorpe 1, Rutland 1, Superlative 3, Southall 1, Xenia 1, Yorkshire 6, Spliced Plain and Little Bob 1.

Caters.—Grandsire 2, Stedman 1.

Royal.—Plain Bob 3, Little Bob 1, Double Oxford 1, St. Clement's 1, Cambridge 3, Osgathorpe 1, Primethorpe 1, Queniborough 1, Xaymaca 1. Total 100 (13).

SERVANTS OF THE EXERCISE – No. 38



MR. WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT
Master,
Worcestershire and Districts Association.

Mr. W. B. Cartwright is a most valuable member of the Central Council. His advice and help, often sought, are ungrudgingly given, and he has piloted the Council through many a knotty problem. He is a solicitor of the Supreme Court, practising in the city of Birmingham, and is held in very high esteem in the ranks of his profession. The story of his progress is fascinating and shows what can be done by sheer hard work and perseverance.

He was born at Selly Oak, Birmingham, in 1900 and was educated at St. Mary's and Bournville Schools. He entered a solicitor's office in 1915, and by hard work qualified, passed his final examination, and was admitted as a solicitor, in 1940. This year he is taking part in the American Bar Association's annual conference and also the Commonwealth Law Conference at Ottowa.

Mr. Cartwright learned to ring at Selly Oak in 1919, and rang his first peal at Harborne, Birmingham, in 1920. This was Stedman Triples, conducted by the late George Pigott. Bill Cartwright has always been unswervingly loyal to the Worcestershire Association, and early in his ringing career he conducted many peals of London and Bristol Surprise Major. His work prevented him from building up a huge peals total, but he has, nevertheless, achieved a total of 272, of which he has conducted 105. He served the Association as Ringing Master of the Northern Branch from 1922-1924, and as secretary from 1934-1936. He was made an honorary member in 1937, and was appointed Master in 1956, which office he still holds.

Elected as Central Council representative in 1951, he was soon preferred for service on the Standing Committee, where he is able to give invaluable help and guidance. He is a good churchman, and has held a number of offices at St. Mary's, such as churchwarden, sidesman, and secretary of the P.C.C. for well over 20 years. He has done nearly everything, except take a service, and has even played the organ! Since 1922 he has served as Ringing Master at St. Mary's, ringing regularly for service there. He is married and has two children.

Such men as Bill Cartwright are the salt of the Exercise and we count ourselves fortunate to possess him in our ranks. He is remarkably modest and unassuming, a shining example to all of us.

JAFUS

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY RINGING WEEK

FOR the second year in succession the University of London Society was fortunate in finding accommodation for the annual ringing week which combined comfort with scope for the youthful mind of the company to find expression. Situated on the outskirts of Birmingham, Fircroft Theological College forms part of the Cadbury Trust, and adheres strictly to the Quaker temperance ideals which were written in when the Trust and the Bournville village were first established.

At this headquarters some of the more notable ringers of the area stepped from the pages of 'The Ringing World' and joined us for dinner on the first evening. For those of us who had not previously done so, it was a pleasure to meet Messrs. George Fearn, Frank Perrins, Edgar Shepherd and William Cartwright, who later joined in ringing handbells with members of the Society.

Having settled in, we began our programme in earnest on Sunday, when bands were dispatched to aid or impede various of the Birmingham towers, and two quarter peals were scored. The afternoon of Sunday was something of a lull before the Warwickshire countryside was stormed, and gave us an opportunity to be good tourists and visit places of interest in the area.

During the memorable week which followed, our routes took us as far east as Rugby and south-east to Coventry, Leamington, Warwick and the lovely town of Stratford-on-Avon with its equally-lovely bells. Here we disguised ourselves as cultured human beings and, contrary to the forebodings of those in whom the disguise was most thinly applied, spent a most enjoyable evening in the Shakespeare Memorial Theatre, watching 'Twelfth Night.'

The itinerary was planned to select bells of quality rather than to achieve a large total, and in this we were highly successful and generally managed to do justice to the bells by selecting bands for each touch rather than issuing a general invitation to 'catch hold.' The technical highlights of the week were courses of London Surprise Royal, Glasgow Major and various touches of Spliced up to a maximum of nine methods. Four peals were attempted, of which two succeeded, a slightly higher proportion than the previous year.

On Tuesday morning we were entertained on the Bournville carillon by Clifford Ball, B.Mus., who gave a most impressive and energetic recital and showed us 'the works' as well.

Friday night of a U.L.S. tour is traditionally party night, and proves a most successful way of reaching that final stage of exhaustion which a week of late nights and climbing steps just fails to produce. As usual, to the continued amazement and admiration of the entertainments committee, members accepted the most fiendish forfeits the aforesaid committee could devise, and emerged in good voice for the equally traditional sing-song which both ends the party and begins the next day.

The week concluded with a night in Dudley and, after a final dinner there, we were entertained by Dennis and Margaret Layton at their new home in Kingswinford. Thanks are due to Dennis and Margaret for all their work to arrange the week and make it a success, and also to all correspondents and local ringers who met or helped us in any way. J. M. L.

CHESHIRE RINGERS IN WORCESTERSHIRE

SATURDAY, August 13th, found us bound for Walsall, the main body of the party having assembled at Macclesfield, before calling at Newcastle to pick up Fred Wilshaw. The delightful bells at Walsall sounded well to the music of Yorkshire Maximus, which was John Worth's 100th peal on 12 bells; incidentally, he has a fine record of having rung over 100 peals on each of 6, 8, 10 and 12 bells. On leaving Walsall it was raining quite heavily, but it had eased a little when we stopped in Birmingham for a meal, before continuing on our way to Great Malvern, where we were to spend the week.

We awakened on Sunday in time to see the early morning mist rising from the surrounding lowlands, revealing some truly magnificent countryside, in which the Malverns' sit like miniature Himalayas. Breakfast over, we made tracks for the Parish Church at Malvern Link, where we enjoyed ringing for morning service. After lunch, a leisurely ride was made to Hanbury, where 'the youngsters' rang a peal of Cambridge Major in 2 hours and 59 minutes. We didn't meet any of 'The Archers,' of course, but the bells alone at Hanbury are worth 3 hours of any peal ringer's time. Meanwhile, the critics in the form of Messrs. Jenkins, Morris, Wilshaw and Worth had listened until 'the rains came down,' then they departed to ring for Evensong, at Dodderhill, another fine Worcestershire eight. Dinner at eight was 'par excellence' and it was at this point we were joined by Denis 'Umbala' Mottershead, making our number for the week up to 13.

Clent was the tower for our first attempt, Yorkshire, on Monday and we found that these bells moved along quite well, with very little effort. Those who had missed the morning attempt left Clent to go swimming at Stourbridge, but they returned in time to hear us come round. Time for a quick meal, then on to Hartlebury, where a peal of London was successfully accomplished on a ring of bells which have been returned to the 6th and as a result blend very well. After dinner the more energetic members of the party took to table tennis and handbell ringing.

BROKEN ROPE

It was an early start for us on Tuesday morning as we had to travel to Birmingham, to attempt a peal of Bristol at Erdington Abbey. Here we suffered our first loss of the week when the rope on the 6th bell broke after 1 hour and 50 minutes' enjoyable ringing. Our attempt at Birmingham St. Martin's was not due to start until 5.30 p.m. so we spent most of the afternoon 'window gazing.' We were late starting, which necessitated rather fast ringing and a peal of Cambridge Maximus was brought round in 3 hours and 32 minutes. We joined several of the well known Birmingham ringers for refreshment in the local, before returning to Great Malvern 'and so to bed.'

The following morning, Wednesday, we travelled in brilliant sunshine to Salford Priors and subsequently rang a peal of Bristol, which was followed by refreshments in the nearby inn. We were due to attempt a peal of London at Mickleton in the afternoon, but with the exotic weather continuing (and sunbathing in mind) we were destined to ring for not more than a quarter of an hour. Returning to the hotel, there was time to go swimming in the open air pool before dinner, which in turn was followed by one or the other of the two more leisurely pastimes (depending upon the taste of the individuals concerned!!!).

Just to prove to ourselves that we were still capable of ringing London we rang a 'tenors parted' peal in the method at Norton (Glos), on Thursday morning. The tower is set in most pleasant surroundings and the bells have unusual interest in that the treble and second have the same strike note.

THE HIGHEST RING

The members of our party who had not been ringing at Norton remained at Malvern on Thursday morning, hence they travelled directly to Upton-on-Severn for the afternoon peal attempt, which was to be Pudsey. Leslie called a delightful composition by Arthur Knights to a brisk peal, in which incidental 6-5's seemed to appear from nowhere. There was time for us to visit Stoulton, near Worcester, where we rang on the lightest ring (tenor 108 lbs.) of six in the world, also we were able to have a pull on the six at the Parish Church. It was a dash back to Malvern, where we arrived just in time for dinner. Surplus energy was once again used up on table tennis and handbell ringing. John Worth showed us that he can still move round a table tennis table at great speed.

Those listening to the peal of Bristol at Badsey on Friday were alarmed when it was suggested that the ringing should be interrupted so that an inspection of the tower could be made by an architect. Fortunately 'Arris,' using a little decorum, was able to persuade the architect to postpone his inspection, and the peal was completed without further ado. Great Hampton bells were one of the most pleasant surprises of the week and gave us no trouble in completing a peal of Lincolnshire in 2 hours and 55 minutes. We had a meal in Evesham, and with an hour to spare we accepted the invitation to ring on the 12 at the bell tower, where we enjoyed a half course each of Yorkshire and Cambridge Maximus. We rang on the majestic eight at Pershore Abbey in the evening, where some had to pluck up courage to go into 'the cage' for the first time!! After ringing at the Abbey we had a ring on the six at Pershore. Highlight of the evening was when Ted rang with the very young local ringers, the sum total of their ages not adding up to his age; and he still showing us how to ring tenors!!

Saturday arrived all too soon, we set out for Bromsgrove, where we scored a peal of Cambridge Royal. We were more than pleased to learn that, by a pleasant coincidence, the peal was to celebrate the birth, on the previous evening, of a son to the Rev. and Mrs. C. F. Pilkington.

Our thanks are extended to all incumbents, tower captains, and ringers who had made this tour possible: to Mr. Basil Jones, for his superlative arrangements, and to Messrs. Dunkerley, Worth and Jones for the use of their cars. It all passed so quickly, but time always does when you're having fun.

R. B. S.

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD

A meeting of the Guild held at Marsden on September 3rd was very well attended. Ringing ranged from rounds and call-changes to Bristol, Superlative and other Major methods, with one or two rings with the ten going. Quite a few learners attended and the committee were pleased with the result. A short service was held in the Lady Chapel of this 'Colne Valley Cathedral,' conducted by the Vicar of Marsden, who gave a warm welcome. A fine tea was provided by the local ringers, and quite a lively business meeting followed in the School Room. Ringing was had until the late evening, and handbell ringing followed. Next meeting probably Longwood in November. D. S.

NEWS FROM VANCOUVER, B.C.

On July 30th, members of the Vancouver Society of Change Ringers were guests of the ringers of Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria, B.C. The group travelled on the new ferry service linking the two cities, from Tsawwassen (pronounced (Chaw-wassen), 20 miles south of Vancouver to Swartz Bay, 25 miles north of Victoria.

Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major were rung at this first visit of the Vancouver group to Victoria. Visiting ringers were Mrs. Sally Luttrell, Mrs. Frances Bodie, Miss Maureen Good, Mr. Anthony Collins, Mr. Ronald Hyatt, all of Vancouver.

Other visitors were Mr. Fred Westlake, of Port Coquitlam, B.C., Mr. Peter Crook, of Bolton, Lancashire, and his daughter, Mrs. Paines, from Kelowna, B.C.

Later, at the beautiful Brentwood home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Izard, the group enjoyed a buffet supper and a plunge in Brentwood Bay.

A second outing was held on August 13th when both the Vancouver and Victoria groups journeyed to the ten-bell tower at the Benedictine Monastery, Mission, B.C. On this trip the Vancouver group were accompanied by their Ringing Master, Mr. Edwin Lee, formerly of Newark, Notts. Visitors from Victoria were Mr. E. W. Izard, Miss Margaret Izard, Mrs. Mary Barlow, Mr. Arthur Izard, Mr. Douglas Boniface and Mr. Ved Donaldson. Other visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Harold McDonald, of Ireland. Mr Westlake and Mr. Crook. Touches of Plain Bob Minor, Grandsire Triples and Caters were rung. An attempt was made at Stedman Caters. Guests were received by the Rev. Father Dunstan, Ringing Master, of the Abbey. Members toured the Abbey, after which tea was served.

E. G. WHITE, Chairman.
Vancouver Society of Change Ringers.

A SHALFORD WEDDING

A romance in Shalford (Surrey) tower was sealed by the wedding at the Parish Church on September 3rd of Mr. Alan Charles Arthur Hunter, only son of Mr. Leslie C. Hunter (captain of the tower) and Mrs. Hunter, of Chilworth, and Miss Pamela Ann Purdue, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Purdue, of Shalford. Both bride and bridegroom are keen ringers, and the bride is also Sunday School superintendent.

The Vicar and Rural Dean (Rev. W. R. Horth) officiated, assisted by the Rev. Cadoc Davies. The bride was attended by three child bridesmaids. Mr. Paul Butler was best man and Michael and Peter Johnson groomsmen. The reception, attended by 100 guests, was held at the Parrot Inn, Shalford, and the honeymoon is being spent at Dunsford, Devon.

OBITUARY

MR. ARTHUR HARDING

AN APPRECIATION

It was with deep regret that I read of the passing last month of Mr. Arthur Harding, as I well remember him coming forward to help the South and West District of the Middlesex Association. A few of us found plenty of spade work to do in the District, and one of my rewards was a peal of Kent Major with Arthur in his own tower of St. Mary's, Ealing, in February, 1910. He proudly told me it was the first peal of Major on the bells since 1798!

Arthur was fond of Major on the tenor or seventh, and he loved good striking; but what a wonderful record of service in his own tower, 60 years! One could write at length about Arthur, but the words 'well done' were never more deserving, and he will not easily be forgotten. W. SHEPHERD.

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LETTERS

NIGHTINGALE T.P.B. MAJOR

Dear Sir,—With reference to the Florence Nightingale peals, I did not produce a new method, Nightingale T.P.B. Major. This method was first produced by William Sottanstall and pealed at Liversedge in 1868. The method is an example of a class in which the work of the treble consists of dodging and place making (without plain hunting).

Students of change-ringing will know that, strictly speaking, a 'place' is made internally, and that the original word for dodge was 'bob.' For these reasons I think these methods could be all grouped under the heading Treble Place Bob.

Below are half-leads of each type of method in this group. As will be seen from their false course ends, peals in these methods are very difficult to obtain. Nightingale T.P.B., which is the first example below, has 12 f.c.e., and when Mr. Savory asked me to produce a simple composition I found it easier to use both 4ths and 6ths place bobs.

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12435678	12346578	12346578	12536478
21436587	21436587	21436587	21563487
24163857	24163857	24135678	25136847
42168375	42168375	42315687	52163874
24613857	24613857	24136578	25618347
42618375	42618375	42316587	52681374
46281735	46281735	24361857	56218734
64287153	64821753	42631875	65281743
46821735	46287135	24368157	56827134
64827153	64827153	42638175	65872143
68472513	68472513	46283715	68527413
86475231	86475231	64287351	86572431
68742513	68742513	46823715	68754213
86745231	86745231	64827351	86745231
87654321	68472531	68472531	68472531
13254768	15372846	17583624	15372846
13527486	13527486	15738264	15738264

Yours sincerely,

FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

Windsor.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL AND PEALS OF MINIMUS

Dear Sir,—Having never attended a Central Council meeting, one can only wonder how they must be run after reading Mr. E. A. Barnett's letter on the voting for or against recognising peals of Minimus.

Surely the matter of whether or not peals of Minimus should be recognised was important enough to deserve a vote of its own; obviously Mr. P. H. Whitaker and Peter Border thought so from their recent letters, whilst Mr. E. A. Barnett was in complete agreement with them from the start, as it was on his guidance that the first peal of Minimus in five methods was published as a Miscellaneous Performance.

I am in complete agreement with Peter Border. When two Surprise ringers ring a peal of Plain Bob Minimus on handbells, there is a degrading of the standards, and it is on this basis that the motion should be based.

I am sure that when the Standing Committee recommended that Minimus peals be recognised they had in mind ringers of 4- and 5-bell towers who may wish to ring peals, certainly not handbell ringers who wish to amuse themselves for an hour or so.

If, as now seems to be the case, the Central Council have to discuss the same motions year by year, there is still hope for Erin and Saturn Treble Bob Doubles, not to mention 9-bell peals. Put them all on next year's agenda and let us test members' opinions once again.—Yours sincerely, GEOFFREY K. DODD.

Highclere.

COLLEGE OF CAMPANOLOGY ANNUAL MEETING

The reunion this year, at Staines on Augsut 27th, although not a triennial elective meeting, took the form largely of a conference on the many matters of importance now arising in College activity. Attendance, though not large, included members from districts up to 300 miles apart.

The vice-president (Mr. Harry Miles) presided. Messages of good wishes and/or apologies for absence included the president (Mr. Ernest Morris), the College chaplains, the belfries consultant (Mr. Frederick Sharpe), the carillonneur of Chicago University (Mr. James Lawson), the Misses Marie Cross, Marion Lidgey and Kathleen Knight (the retiring registrar), and others at home and abroad. Acknowledgment of gratitude was made to Mr. and Mrs. R. I. Shepherd, who kindly made all local arrangements for ringing and for the meeting, and generously provided attractive refreshments.

To fill vacancies arising from retirement, Professor R. J. Brocklehurst (Somerset) was elected as a governor, Comdr. C. F. Jackson, R.N., registrar, and Dr. R. G. T. Bennett press and public relations officer. Other officers continue as hitherto, with registrar's office remaining at 40, Parkstone Avenue, Southsea.

THE ANNUAL REPORT

The annual report showed steady progress, the 100th membership registration having been effected during the year. Other interesting results for the year included (with numbers in brackets as totals since foundation—less than 40 per cent. so achievement is probably of a higher rating all round) correspondents 6 (19), tutors 6 (38), examiners retired 1 (15), College representatives in 29 counties in Britain, and in Eire, Northern Ireland, U.S.A., Tanganyika, Southern Rhodesia and—awaiting confirmation—New Zealand; schools of ringing now affiliated 2, learners instructed 143 (581), learners helped 187 (431), centres of instruction 44 (125), courses run 12 (34), talks and lectures given, including one B.B.C. broadcast, 61 (131). Efforts to advance the work of ringing training and practice in 1960 are recorded in a list of some two-dozen interesting varying activities. Participation in a municipal arts and crafts exhibition, with a ringing 'stall' and handbell demonstrations and a lecture, proved most successful. The belfries consultant gave valuable help and advice during the year. The report features the standard of instructional work being carried out.

COURSES.—Three types are now being run: (1) The 'serial' 10- or 12-session introductory course in bell-handling and control in the elements of change-ringing; (2) The week-end residential course in two or three ringing subjects; (3) The one-day instructor's course in elementary training. The numbers of courses quoted above are mainly of type (1). The first of type (3) course was given successfully by the College in Bristol in March last. The College also assisted, through one of its tutors, in the Oxford Diocesan Guild's course at Bigwood (type (2)). A College type (2) course is being considered for next spring in the South Midland area.

The report also emphasised the need for reporting activity and for correcting any false impression that the College is anything but altruistic in its work and publicity, and was adopted.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

The bursar, Surgeon-Captain A. Lawrey, detailed the accounts, which showed a credit position of about double that of the preceding year, but stressed the need for co-operation of all members in prompt payment of dues and prompt response to notices, etc., to avoid unnecessary postages and other expenses, since the organisation is entirely voluntary. The statement was adopted.

A reissue of the College Constitution, revised to correct minor points to date, was authorised. Copies will go automatically to new members, and to old members on application, enclosing 3d. postage. In respect of the rising status of the College, proposals were discussed for its public recognition. These are to be initiated in part immediately, with consideration later of the remaining proposals, depending on the maintenance of College achievement.

AFFILIATION TO CENTRAL COUNCIL

At its foundation the College Constitution enjoined its loyal adherence to the Rules and Decisions of the Central Council, to the support of 'The Ringing World,' and it provided for application for affiliation to the Council, but as to the latter only when the College should be demonstrably attaining its objectives and its numeric qualification for membership of the Council. As the College is now entering its fifth year of progress, it was resolved to consider such application at the close of the year.

Sales of recently-issued 2nd edition of Part I of the Ringers' Manual of Reference were reported as 'steady.' It was agreed to sponsor the publication of Part II—'Method Structure in Change Ringing,' which it is hoped to issue by the end of the year, booking of copies being invited. The other six 'Parts,' in various states of notes, etc., by specialists, are to be issued as soon as circumstances permit. It was resolved that one or more pamphlets, as interim publications in lieu of the complete 'Parts,' shall be issued, starting with one on Part III—'Practical Method Ringing.'

Resolved that leaflets be issued as follows: Leaflet 'N'—A revision of old leaflet No. 3, on the organisation and work of the College for the Exercise (Information); Leaflet 'M'—On the nature of the Parts of the Manual of Reference, but specifying the relevant Central Council and other publications, recommended for College study and practice; Leaflet 'C'—On the three types of course now being run and/or sponsored by the College. Type (1) course being detailed as to initiation and checking to completion.

The next reunion was proposed for London on Saturday, September 30th, 1961, when the triennial elections will be held.

PEALS OF MINIMUS

Dear Sir,—Now that the Central Council has committed itself to the recognition of peals on four bells, will it please—to prevent further lowering of the standard of ringing—take steps as soon as possible to obviate peals on three and two bells?—Yours faithfully,

CHAS. J. SEDGLEY.

Ipswich.

Dear Sir,—I should be very grateful if Mr. J. M. Jelley, who recently asked for suggestions as to a better way for two men to spend 1 hour and 25 minutes than in ringing a handbell peal of Minimus, would communicate with me at my home address.—Yours sincerely,

O. WILDE.

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ROVING & RINGING IN FIVE COUNTIES

(14th annual tour of the Society of Roving Ringers, July 23rd-August 1st)

IT had been a week of thunderstorms and as Saturday approached we crossed our fingers and waited anxiously. We weren't to know then that the 1960 tour was to be one of the driest ever; in fact, we were not to don our cycle capes until the final Saturday, and then only for a few minutes

Because railway time-tables were not devised for our convenience alone, only half of us arrived on time at Newark and we contented ourselves with some pleasant Grandsire Caters. Nineteen assorted ringers took part in the tour including one young lady, whom we found was regarded by the Y.H.A. as 'juvenile.'

Six youth hostels were visited and the appearance of that at Southwell assured us that our Sunday morning duties would be easily disposed of. Accordingly, we arrived at the Minster on time. The difficulties of ringing on this anti-clockwise eight are appreciated by many, but the local ringer present assured us that the striking in at least our initial touch of Grandsire had not been beaten by a visiting band. Spurred on we attempted Cambridge—with regret! Some of us attended morning service and the rest adjourned to the ringers' room for handbell ringing. We prefer to think that the course of Grandsire Cinques came to grief purely because of the choir's efforts in the same building.

SUNDAY'S MEAGRE RATIONS

Food is always difficult to find in the countryside on Sundays and all we could scrape together for lunch were a couple of pieces of bread each, some cheese and an onion. This was to be the staple diet of some of us for the rest of the week but the proprietors of 'Evenden's Enterprise' had not then opened shop. However, we were assured that one pint equals 250 calories and made do accordingly.

We were due to ring at Bingham after lunch but the vestry key had unfortunately been taken out for an afternoon spin. However, through the kindness of the locals, we eventually rang at Whatton (6), instead. We were now behind schedule as we crossed the tip of Leicestershire into Lincolnshire and arrived for evening service at Barrowby (6), feeling rather peckish. The Vicar had kindly offered refreshment afterwards but the hostel meal had already been booked and we regretfully had to decline. However, having been given precise instructions as to the quickest approach, we all stayed until immediately before the sermon.

On Monday morning the Cambridge Royal at Grantham gave a good start to the day although our Master soon realised that attention to striking, particularly of the little bells, would be the order of the week. Billingborough followed and, to the metronomic accompaniment of the clock pendulum, we rang our first London on this light eight. From here we could see the 'Stump'—our destination the following day. As expected, good striking was again lacking at Surfleet, our only twelve, and after some indifferent Stedman and Grandsire we resorted to Bob Royal. Left to our own resources we had no little trouble in removing the 'drum' mechanism at Holbeach and ringing here was greatly curtailed. By a stroke of genius Mr. Joint Secretary had arranged two nights at the local 'Do it yourself' hostel. Have you ever slept in a courtroom? Not every hostel can boast a coffin in the vaults, a theatre, a cinema, and a gymnasium all rolled into one.

BOSTON STUMP

Without saddlebags now we started on Tuesday for Algarkirk (6)—pronounced quite differently—another anti-clockwise ring in the midst of the transepts. At Kirton-in-Holland we accomplished our first full courses of Bristol and Double Norwich with, incidentally, the treble up the wrong way! We have still to decide how many steps there are to the top of Boston Stump but none of us felt inclined to make the journey downwards to listen to the outside effect of the half course of Cambridge. At Sutterton, after ascertaining we could ring neither Spliced nor Superlative we rang a good course of Yorkshire. On reflection some may suggest that the quality and variety of this year's ringing was not difficult to surpass, but at least one veteran was heard to say that no tour had been more enjoyable.

We passed the 100 mile mark on the way back to Holbeach and when we left on Wednesday morning, not without regrets, the Warden and his entourage raised no objection to our small mementoes of the visit. Before ringing at red-bricked St. Paul's, Fulney (8), at the approach to Spalding, we relaxed in the sun on the banks of the Welland. The mere 15 cwt. of the tenor at St. Mary and St. Nicholas', in the heart of Spalding, gives little indication of the majestic tone of this eight but, although they are easy to ring even from the ground floor, the difficult hearing produces a tendency to rush these bells. We followed the Welland south-west and collected more midges than we care to remember as we headed for Market Deeping (6). The metal facings bridging the very worn steps coupled with the narrow staircase required careful negotiation as we entered the chamber here. The local captain, who, incidentally, conducts a peal of Spliced every birthday, called us off to a good course of London.

We were now leaving the Fens—perhaps two days there on bicycles are enough—and after exchanging greetings with several hundred black sheep we met the A1—and the traffic—in Stamford. The mellow six at All Saints' are rung from a spacious chamber whose decor is second to none, and our first touch of Double Court was again called by the locals.

GRAND SOCIAL EVENING

The thought of a mere 20 miles the following day spurred us onwards as we tackled the climb south into Northamptonshire and the hostel at King's Cliffe. The warden(ess) here had planned a grand society evening (until 10.30 p.m.!) and so after the usual nightcap pleasantries, we redescended upon our hosts in jovial mood. To Uncle Victor's music we did our best with the Slow Bobtrot, the Sixscore Reel, and the extent of Highland Surprise, and we only hope the unfortunates who had by chance chosen to share our roof that night enjoyed it as much as we did.

Even the voice of the warden's daughter would have been lost in the local tower (6) next morning and it seems that ropes too have ears because one decided there and then that its working days were over. The rest of Thursday was to be spent in Rutland and, as we entered through the fields of golden barley, we realised how well the weather was treating us. We found the bells at Edith Weston (6) still half-muffled (back-stroke) from the previous day's ringing at the interment of the old Vicar. To appreciate the delightful echo effect of ringing in whole pulls (we kept this to Plain Bob), one might advocate the repetition in the 'echo' of any trips arising at handstroke! Shopping at the local N.A.A.F.I. gave us a 5 per cent discount for lunch and the baker's van arrived just at the right time—and, one might add, at the right place too!

LANDLORD A RINGER

The 'Cuckoo,' at Wing (our first five), opened specially for the occasion; as well as having been a ringer for 40 years the landlord appeared to have the monopoly of several of the village's industries. From here to Glaston (6) and so to Uppingham, the second town and the other eight of Rutland. The long draught gave the usual difficulty but our course of Rutland was respectable by any standards.

Rutland may be small but it has its quota of short, sharp hills and we were glad to reach Loddington hostel just over the border in Leicestershire. Two unfortunate circumstances led to our first accident as we again approached the hostel later that night. Firstly, the 'local' was not local enough and, secondly, the Y.H.A. Handbook warned us about the wrong hill! A few kicks and a subsequent professional three and sixpennyworth soon put right the buckled front wheel, but one can only hope that our Sherwood member involved will steer well clear of his merry 'Woe-men' in future.

We had not looked forward to breakfast at 7.30 on Friday, but we were soon glad to be out 'en bloc' (or so we thought) in the inviting sunshine, and Mr. Joint Secretary again showed his brilliant organising powers by arranging our 22 mile get-off-for-coffee-only morning on this particularly glorious day. In keeping to the valleys we found ourselves opening no fewer than seven gates and finished up struggling into Northamptonshire along the mire of a cart-track. It couldn't have been a more suitable day for a puncture and, sure enough, in between the gates and the mire we had our one and only.

Thrapston's was our only eight of the day and, paradoxically, although there were but two fives to come, this last full day together was one of the most enjoyable. We entered Huntingdonshire and climbed away from the main road into picturesque Leighton Bromswold. There is little pleasure in ringing a heavy 'long-draughted' five on a 'sticky' afternoon but—who knows?—someone might be listening, somewhere. This parish has had no Vicar of its own for many years, and £500 is needed to rehang the bells. But the church with its two pulpits is kept spick and span by the local farmer's wife (a churchwarden), and the former was not long in showing her appreciation of our ringing on her birthday. The 'fee' her eligible daughter ('I hope I shan't be here next time you come') brought found its way by popular consent into the alms-box and the gallon of lemonade waiting for us outside was indeed welcome. Our Master asked the young lady to convey our birthday greeting to mother and, permission having been volunteered, we departed over the farmlands and through the undergrowth towards Brampton (5).

On this trip our (hitherto) lively junior had a little trouble with her sweater and as a result found herself sampling the road surface at close quarters. However, we eventually reached Houghton Mill (No Smoking) and passed our last night together over the sound of rushing waters. We exhausted our limited repertoire by midnight (with the kind indulgence of the Warden) and began to look forward to next year when some industrious member hopes to publish a 'Hostel Hanthology'—perhaps incorporating a 'Guide to the Juke Boxes of Britain'(?)

The drift homewards started on Friday evening but was more than offset by the week-enders (i.e. trousers and skirts), whose arrival gathered momentum as Saturday progressed. From Godmanchester (8) and Spaldwick (6) we passed the Three Shire Stone and entered Northamptonshire for the last time. As we approached Higham Ferrers (8), we reluctantly put on our capes, although not for long, and eventually arrived at Wellingborough (8), with only ten miles to go. We cycled these last few of our 250 miles against the wind dreaming of the luxurious hot baths waiting for us at The Angel and The Ram, in Northampton, and, as our weary bones descended into the soothing waters, our tour of 1960 was virtually over.

1961 REUNION—SHREWSBURY

After dinner that night we decided to hold our 1961 reunion in Shrewsbury and we look forward to our cine enthusiasts reminding us there of the things we did when we thought no one was looking.

The rest of the week-end was spent ringing at eight towers in and around Northampton (at least some of us were up and about by 7 a.m. on Sunday), where we received many warm welcomes. In particular it is worthy of note that Easton Neston (8) are again ringable due to the untiring efforts of local ringers, who have spent many hours working on these bells. A very good course of London at Moulton on Bank Holiday Monday afternoon brought the whole proceedings to a close.

Refusal to give permission to ring is virtually unknown today but we should never take for granted this privilege, which is so unhesitatingly bestowed and we do appreciate the co-operation of all the incumbents and locals at the 36 towers visited this year. Our two joint secretaries again excelled themselves in carrying through the complicated arrangements without hitch and the maps and guides and assortment of multi-coloured pins may again rest for another six months or so.

'UMPA'

ST. CUTHBERT'S CHURCH, DARLINGTON

By ROBERT SCARR

' Ring forth, Holy Bells, Ring forth from your Tower,
With music that tells, of Christ's saving power,
Proclaim " Christ is Risen " Exalted and Crowned
And hath opened death's prison, And set free the bound.'

FOR over seven-and-a-half centuries the bells of St. Cuthbert's have rung out over the town of Darlington, and at no time is their message more becoming and welcome to Christian people than at Eastertide.

Built in the later years of the 12th century, the early church would no doubt have a low central tower with a single bell. When the spacious belfry and tower were added, nearly two centuries later, four bells would be introduced. In pre-clock days, people relied on the bells to tell them the time of worship, and for centuries the bells of the parish church were the only bells heard in the town.

The church records abound with references to the use of the bells. It is of interest to note that when the King's Commissioners visited St. Cuthbert's in 1553, to purloin what was of value, for the ' King's Highness use,' they left at the church—' four bells in the stepell; a sance bell, two hand bells, three sacring bells, and a little bell that the clock smyteth on.'

The bells were used extensively during the Stuart regime, and they proved an expensive item in the churchwardens' accounts. One item in 1630 is for ' Soape to the belles 2d,' but it is quite evident from the subsequent expenditure that more than soap was required. The next year a new ' headyoake for the Great Bell '—six feet long and 26 inches square—was brought from Elm Park, 16 miles away, at a cost of 15s.

17TH CENTURY RECASTING

In 1633 the Great Bell had to be cast anew, the bell founder and his men coming to Darlington to do the work. They set up a furnace near the church, and used 100 lb. of metal at 8d. a lb., 100 lb. at 7½d. a lb., 75 lb. at 7d. a lb. and 24 lb. of ' Pewther ' at 11d. a lb. When the casting was successfully accomplished, the churchwardens expressed their entire satisfaction by giving the bell founder and his men 7s. to go and enjoy themselves for the rest of the day.

The local ringers were certainly broadminded in those changing times. In 1632 they received 2s. 3d. for ringing for Charles I, but 19 years later the Presbyterian Vestry paid them 5s. for ringing to mark the defeat of Charles II at Worcester.

In January, 1753, a notice was brought before the parishioners as follows: ' Whereas some of the bells of the Parish Church, Darlington, are broke and cracked, and others so disproportioned in six, and now hang so badly, that they are at present of little use, and the major part of the parishioners are very desirous to have a new and compleat set of a Ring of 6 Bells. Now we whose names are hereby subscribed do hereby severally promise to pay into the hands of Mr. Francis Holmes, of Darlington, afforsaid, on or before March 25, 1755, the several sums set down below.'

Among the subscribers were the Earl of Darlington, £21; the Duke of Cleveland, £10 10s.; John Pease, £2 2s., and the total was £163 5s. 6d., a substantial amount in mid 18th century currency.

A record of August, 1755, states: ' Darlington has lately completed a New Ring of Bells, with Chimes, by subscription. The Bells were cast by Lister of London, and at the same time the chimes were added by J. Harrison, of Barrow.' It would seem that at that time four old bells were recast and two new bells added.

USES OF BELLS

The bells were used on many occasions in those early days. The ' Passing-bell ' was tolled by the sexton immediately after every death in the town, even if it occurred at midnight. This melancholy procedure was to invite the prayers of the parishioners for a soul passing into eternity.

Spencer records the story of old Willie Hall, who lived in Church Row, who on hearing the ' Passing-bell ' made his way to the belfry and inquired, ' Who are you ringing for now?' The sexton being exasperated by Willie's constant inquiry, reported, ' I'm ringing for the death of Willie Hall.' This so upset the old man that he never inquired again, and soon afterwards the bell tolled for Willie himself.

The ' Sacring-bell ' was used during the solemn parts of the Mass and was last heard in St. Cuthbert's on November 17th, 1569, at the time of the ' Northern Rebellion.' It would seem from the inventory of 1553 that, in addition to the small bell used inside the church a larger bell, in the ' Sancte-bell-cote,' was used to inform outsiders of the progress of the Mass.

The ' Curfew-bell ' was rung for many generations at 8 p.m., and the ' Funeral-bell ' was used for centuries, when the churchyard was the only sepulchre in the town. A church bell was rung in case of fire, and this continued until 1864.

RINGERS ON STRIKE

A local paper of May, 1860, records the following—' Tell it not in Yarm, whisper it not in Stockton, that at a recent confirmation service at Darlington—Darlington the conventional, the respectable—no peal of bells was rung. The brass-bell was sulky, the tenor bell was gruff, the treble bell was cantankerous, and all were silent. The reason—because there was no funds to pay the ringers.'

At the great restoration of the church (1863-5) the bells were taken down and five of them recast. For some time the authorities had been desirous of providing a ring of eight bells. When the market tower was being built at that time, Mr. Joseph Pease (of the monument) made a gift to the town of the clock with its bells.

When the first two bell arrived they were found unsuitable, and on being informed that these bells were just what was required to make a ring of eight for St. Cuthbert's, Mr. Pease very generously gave them for the church belfry.

The name of the donor was inscribed on the bells, and the full ring of eight was first heard on June 22nd, 1866, which was Mr. Pease's 67th birthday.

This was a ' Bell Festival ' for Darlington. Ringers came from Leeds, Ripon and Masham, to assist in the event. The Darlington amateur ringers led off at 6 a.m., the professional band taking up the ringing at 9 a.m.

After a good dinner at the Bull's Head—when a toast to Mr. Pease was honoured with acclamation—ringing was resumed until 8 p.m. Crowds gathered near the church to hear the music by the increased ringing of ' Sweet Chiming Bells.'

NEW YEAR CONSTERNATION

A former Vicar, the Rev. T. E. Hodgson, who considered the age old custom of ' ringing the New Year in ' as ' nonsense and an antiquated custom,' ordered the ringers to cease their activities at 11.45 p.m. on December 31st, 1880. This caused great consternation on the High Row, where a large crowd waited in vain for the ' Midnight Peal ': when it was not forthcoming they jumped to the conclusion that another strike had disturbed the harmony of the belfry.

After being silent for 30 years the carillon was restored by Sir J. E. Backhouse and his brother Charles, in 1907, in memory of their father, Edmund Backhouse, who was the first M.P. for the Borough.

In 1937, under the Barron bequest, all the bells were recast at Croydon, and afterwards rehung on iron frames with ball bearings. The present captain, Mr. T. Cooke, has given over a quarter of a century of service to the church. His wife and daughter are also active members of the band.

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PERSONAL

The ordination of Mr. John Orme will take place, in Chester Cathedral, on Sunday, September 25th, 1960, at 10 a.m. 6594

'WHEREFORE let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.' (I Cor. x. 12.)

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Will all ringing friends please note my change of address: Gladys Manchip, 61, Long Arrotts, Hemel Hempstead, Herts. Telephone Boxmoor 4794. 6617

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MISCELLANEOUS

READING UNIVERSITY SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS welcome freshers to their first practice on Thursday, October 6th, at 7.45 p.m., at St. Giles' Church, Reading. Further information from Jennifer Davies, 101, Denmark Street, Bedford. 6600

SHEFFIELD UNIVERSITY GUILD—Ringers coming up to this university as freshers next term are invited to contact the secretary. Notices concerning meetings will be displayed in the Union.—J. S. Rank, c/o 24, Fairfield Avenue, Kirk Ella, Hull. 6607

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the 'Rising Sun,' Carter Lane, E.C., Saturday, September 17th, 6 p.m.—John Chilcott, Hon. Sec. 6558

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Taunton Branch. — Meeting, Norton-Fitzwarren (6), September 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please. —A. H. Reed, Mimosa, George Street, Taunton. 6561

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Third quarterly meeting, Prestbury (8), on Saturday, September 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., in the School.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Saltburn, on Saturday, September 17th, at 3 p.m.—P. W. B. Semmens, Hon. Sec. 6634

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak and Chesterfield Districts.—Meeting at Ashover, September 17th. 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements. All welcome.—H. E. Taylor, A. B. Cooper, Dis. Sec. 6589

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch. — Meeting, Shouldham, Saturday, September 17th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 6577

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION and BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Hunts and Biggleswade Districts).—Joint meeting at St. Neots, Saturday, September 17th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m., followed by business meetings.—M. J. Dyer, A. Smith, Dis. Secs. 6575

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W.—Crusader meeting, Woodford, September 17th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. J. Waugh, 30, Fuller Road, Woodford, E.18 (BUC 7353). 6530

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting at Langham, Saturday, September 17th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. 6554

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting at Bagshot (8), on Saturday, September 17th, from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 6545

HAWKHURST GUILD.—Meeting, Saturday, September 17th, Battle. Members, please support.—E. A. Fellows. 6572

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Rededication of Little Hadham bells, on Saturday, September 17th, at 3 p.m. Ringing from 2. Tea at 5 p.m., at the Angel Inn. If you intend staying for tea please co-operate in assessing numbers by sending your name to Mr. A. S. Kent, 8, The Bourne, Clapgate, Albury, near Much Hadham, Herts.—R. Durrant, Dis. Sec. 6484

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Meeting to be held at St. Peter's, Belgrave (8) (No. 40 Corporation bus from Leicester), on September 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 6522

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Meeting on Saturday, September 17th, at St. Dunstan's, Cranford. Ringing 6-8.15 p.m. **only.**—E. R. Gotham, Hon. Dis Sec. 6621

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, September 17th, at Litton Cheney. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. 6569

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting, Broadwindsor, Saturday, September 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea please.—Barrett, 120, Gerrards Green, Beaminster. 6582

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting at Northfleet, Kent, on Saturday, September 17th. Bells of St. Botolph's available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to Mr. G. Butcher, 51, Dover Road, Northfleet, Kent. Evening ringing to be announced later.—A. W. J. Butler, Hon. Sec. 6568

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting, September 17th, Bingham. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—W. L. Exton, 60, Albert Street, Newark, Notts. 6516

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South West District.—Meeting at Glemsford (6), Saturday, September 17th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. Bloomfield, 10, Tye Green, Glemsford, Sudbury. 6521

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North East District.—Meeting on Saturday, September 17th, at Marlesford (bells 2.30 p.m.), and Wickham Market (bells 6.30). Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. —A. R. Bridges, Dis. Sec. 6576

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Maresfield (8), Saturday, September 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service and tea. Please notify Miss B. Catt, 55, Lampool Corner, Fairwarp, Uckfield, numbers for tea.—George North, 11, Richmond Terrace, Brighton. 6583

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch.—Annual meeting at Hartlebury, Saturday, September 17th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. This meeting is by special invitation. Please turn up and make it a success.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., 17, Ham Lane, Pedmore, Stourbridge. 6551

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.—274th anniversary, Saturday, September 24th. Bells (12) 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. (2s. per head). Names for tea, not later than Tuesday, September 20th, to C. D. Lumber, Spring Cottage, Painswick, Stroud, Glos. Painswick Feast, Sunday, September 25th. Ringing at 2 p.m. and 5.15 p.m. 6587

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—Practice meeting, Rowberrow, Saturday, September 24th. Bells (6) 5 p.m.—David H. White. 6606

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath and Frome Branches.—Combined meeting, Corston, September 24th. Usual arrangements. Newton bells also available. Names for tea, please, by 20th, to Mrs. Parfrey, 18, Meadlands, Corston, Bath.—E. Chivers and A. Lee 6595

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—A meeting will be held at Stretton, on Saturday, September 24th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 6636

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Fairfield, Buxton, on September 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. For tea please advise, before September 26th, Mr. E. Ellison, 70, Kings Road, Fairfield, Buxton, Derbyshire.—C. K. Lewis. 6640

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Joint meeting with the LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Hinckley Branch), at Claybrooke, on Saturday, September 24th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in the Village Hall, Ullesthorpe, at 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, by September 21st, to Mr. C. Clarke, 23, Goodacre Road, Ullesthorpe, Rugby. Please do your best to attend and make the meeting a success.—J. L. G. H. 6555

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby and Ilkeston District.—Monthly meeting at Horsley, Saturday, September 24th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Names for tea to W. A. Morley, Dis. Sec., 29, Short Row, Belper. 6625

DEVON GUILD. — South-West Branch — Quarterly meeting at Modbury, September 24th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. The Red Devon Hotel (3s. 6d. each). Names by 19th. to T. G Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 6611

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Bentley, on Saturday, September 24th. Bells (5—recently retuned and overhauled) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., for those notifying the undersigned at 109, Woodhouse Road, Wheatley, Doncaster, by Thursday, 22nd.—R. J. Sanderson. 6618

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (Southern District) and LADIES' GUILD (North-Eastern District).—Joint meeting, September 24th, at Brancepeth, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided—please bring own food. Those coming, please let me know by September 22nd. (This is important.)—F. P. Rock, Rosegarth, Yarm Road, Eaglescliffe, Co. Durham, or phone Eaglescliffe 2451. 6651

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Quarterly meeting at St. Werburgh's (6), Saturday, September 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Service, tea and meeting to follow.—F. Hussey, 39, Gordon Avenue, Whitehall, Bristol 5. 6629

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Alderton (6), September 24th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business. Names by September 20th, to Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Cheltenham. 6645

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chertsey District.—Meeting at Oatlands Park, Saturday, September 24th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, to Miss J. Smith, 5, Pantile Road, Oatlands Park, Weybridge. 6624

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Meeting at Chepstow, September 24th. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea please, to J. S. King, 1, Hughes Crescent, Chepstow. 6622

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire District.—Meeting at Butterwick, near Boston, on Saturday, September 24th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. A. Mills, 8, Upsall Road, Butterwick, near Boston. 6463

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midlands District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, September 24th, at St. Michael's, Brierley Hill, Staffordshire. Ringing 3 to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.30-5. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Ringing from 6 to 8 p.m. approximately. Notifications for tea, not later than Wednesday, September 21st, to Miss M. Funnell, 7, Lanchester Road, King's Norton, Birmingham 30. 6592

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting. September 24th, at St. George's, Bolton. Bells 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea at 5 p.m. Evening ringing at Holy Trinity only. Business follows tea.—Thornley, Sec.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Hinckley District) and COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Joint meeting, Claybrooke, September 24th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at the Village Hall, Ullesthorpe, 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, by the Wednesday previous, to Mr. C. Clarke, 23, Goodacre Road, Ullesthorpe, Rugby. 6637

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting at Thurcaston, on Saturday, September 24th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea at Wheatsheaf Inn 4.30 p.m. Names by the previous Wednesday, please, to Mr. F. T. Bindley, 31, Mill Road. 6626

MAIDSTONE GRAMMAR SCHOOLS' SOCIETY—Annual meeting at Barming on Saturday, September 24th. Bells (6) from 3.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please send names to secretary, Mrs. Pamela J. Usborne, 315, Loose Road, Maidstone. 6537

MIDLAND COUNTIES' GUILD.—Next meeting Winshill, Saturday, September 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5.15 p.m. All welcome. 6619

NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS.—The annual meeting will be held at Leicester on Saturday, September 24th. Business meeting, City Police Headquarters, Charles Street, at 3 p.m. The dinner, followed by a social evening, will be at the Co-operative Assembley Rooms, Humberstone Road, Leicester, at 6.45 p.m. Tickets, price 11s. 6d., obtainable from E. C. Turner, 173, Dominion Road, Glenfield, Leics. Latest date for tickets September 20th (Tuesday). Everyone welcome. Ringing arrangements: St. John's (10) 12 noon to 1 p.m., Cathedral 1.30 to 2.30, St. Margaret's (12) 3 to 4, All Saints' (8) 4 to 5, Cathedral 5 to 6.15 p.m. 6560

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Saturday, September 24th, Uttoxeter. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, September 21st, to Mr. E. Roberts, 26, The Crescent, Derby Road, Uttoxeter.—J. G. Burton, Hon. Sec. 6602

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, September 24th, at Marlow. Ringing 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by 20th, Miss Hague 6, Stompits Road, Holyport, Maidenhead. 6604

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, September 24th, at Boughton. Bells (5) 3.15 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea by Tuesday previous to E. Billings, 61, Melville Street, Northampton. 6605

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oundle Branch.—Meeting, Nassington (5), September 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea and transport from Elton, by Tuesday previous, to Mrs. Clarke, 7, Bassett Place, Oundle. 6642

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting to be held at Cosgrove, on Saturday, September 24th. Service at 3.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous, to E. R. Lambert, 8, Manor Close, Cosgrove, Wolverton, Bucks. 6566

RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD.—The autumn meeting, Bristol, Saturday, September 24th. Bells available St. James' (10) 11 a.m.-12 noon. Lunch—make own arrangements. Christ Church (10) 1.30-2.30, St. Stephen's (10) 2.45-3.45, St. Mary Redcliffe (12) 4.15-5.20, St. Philip's, (8) 7-8 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. (4s.) Staff Association Institute, Temple Meads Station.—J. A. Hoare, Hon. Gen. Sec., 6, Gendros Crescent, Fforestfach, Swansea. 6493

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Escrick, Saturday, September 24th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please provide own food, cups of tea only available.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 6635

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Mansfield District.—Meeting at Greasley (8), Saturday, September 24th. Note change of venue. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.45 Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, September 21st, to Mrs. D Beach, 'Peasholm,' 17, Coach Drive, Mansfield Road, Eastwood, Notts.—D. H. Rooks, Hon. Sec. 6597

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting at Willingdon, on September 24th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please send names for tea to R. W. R. Percy, Esperance, 47, Oldfield Road, Willingdon.—F. Beeney, Sec. 6641

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting, Longparish, September 24th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Parish Room. Hurstbourne Priors 7 to 7.45 p.m. St. Mary Bourne 7.45 to 9 p.m. Names for tea by previous Tuesday, to Mr. G. Brown, Lower Farm, Longparish. 6593

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ropley, on September 24th. Bells (6) available 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify by September 20th, to P. Dickinson, Riverbank Cottage, Cheriton, near Alresford, Hants. 6620

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Tadcaster, on Saturday, September 24th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Britannia Inn. Business meeting to follow in Church Rooms. Names for tea by Thursday, September 22nd, to Mr. J. Harrison, 5, Wharfe Banks, Tadcaster.—A. E. Marsh, Hon. Dis. Sec. 6638

SOCIETY OF FRIENDS OF THE EXERCISE.—Autumn gathering, King's Arms, Friday, September 30th. Tour of Kingsbridge area. Names for accommodation, to C. Savage, East Budleigh. 6630

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Quarterly meeting, October 1st. Service 4.30 p.m., Whitnash Parish Church. Tea and meeting will follow in Whitnash Parish Rooms. The principal business is to pay tribute to the veterans of the Guild, and it is hoped to have them all present. The following towers will be open for ringing: Wellesbourne 10.30 to 11.30 a.m., Sherborne 11.30 to 12.30 p.m., Whitnash and All Saints', Leamington Spa 2.30 to 4.30, St. Nicholas' and St. Mary's, Warwick, from 7.30 to 9 p.m. Please send names for tea by September 28th, to Mr. P. Oram, 15, Henley Road, Leamington Spa. **This is a must.**—J. L. G. H. 6598

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — General quarterly, Chesterfield (10), Saturday, October 1st. Bells from 2 to 5.15 p.m. Committee 4. Business meeting in belfry at 5.15 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. Staveley (8) available in evening in conjunction with meeting of Sheffield and District Society.—B. P. Morris, Sec. 6628

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Annual dinner, on October 1st, at the Saracen's Head Hotel, Chelmsford, 6.15 p.m. for 6.45 p.m. Tickets 15s. Early applications with stamped addressed envelope, please.—F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch. 6508

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting at Baldock, October 1st. 3 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names by Thursday, September 29th, to E. Buck, 13, The Rise, Baldock. 6610

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Great Gaddesden, Saturday, October 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, September 27th, to Mrs. Robinson, 3 Gade Cottages, Great Gaddesden, Herts.—J. Good, Dis. Sec 6608

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Annual general meeting at Ashford, Saturday, October 1st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Thursday, to Miss M. Jones, 30, Park Road, Ashford.—C. T. H. 6633

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Lewisham District) and SURREY ASSOCIATION (Northern District).—Joint meeting, West Wickham, Saturday, October 1st. 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, to Miss M. R. Andrews, 43, Wansunt Road, Bexley.—M. R. Andrews and W. Parrott, Hon. Secs. 6623

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbride District.—Annual District meeting, Saturday, October 1st, at Tonbridge. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, September 29th, to Mr. W. Dobbie, 13, Baltic Road, Tonbridge. 6616

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—J. Armiger Trollope Commemorative Dinner will be held at Ealing Town Hall, on Saturday, October 1st, 6.30 p.m. Tickets 17s. each, from any officer of the Association. Ringing during the afternoon.—T. J. Lock, Hon. Sec., 57, Holloways Lane, North Mimms, Hatfield, Herts. 6627

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The autumn general meeting of the Guild will be held at Newbury on Saturday, October 1st. 2.30 p.m., business meeting in the Corn Exchange, Newbury; 4.30, service in the Parish Church; 5.30, tea in the Corn Exchange. Applications for tea tickets, together with remittance of 2s. 6d., should be made to Mr. H. Lawrenson, 52, Kings Road, Newbury, Berks, before Wednesday, September 28th. Tickets can be collected at the business meeting. It is essential that names should be sent to Mr. Lawrenson in order to facilitate catering arrangements. Towers available and ringing times (subject to confirmation and alteration): 10-11 a.m.: Lambourne (8), Peasmore (6), Stanford Dingley (4), Beenham (6); 11-12 noon: East Garston (6), Chieveley (6), Midgham (6); 12-1 p.m.: Great Shefford (6), Shaw (6), Bucklebury (8); 1-2 p.m.: Speen (6), Newbury (10); 6.15-7.30 p.m.: Newbury (10); 6.30-7.30 p.m.: Kintbury (6), Thatcham (8); 6.45-7.45 p.m.: Hungerford (8), Hampstead Norris (6), Aldermaston (8); 7-8 p.m.: Compton (6), Yattendon (6), Mortimer (8); 7.30-8.30 p.m.: East Ilsley (8), Brightwalton (6), Burghfield (6).—M. R. Cross. 6563

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting, Aston, October 1st. Bells (12) available 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Guild Hotel, Witton Road, for those who notify by September 28th.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwall Road, Birmingham 30. SPR 1025. 6632

SUFFOLK GUILD.—West Central District.—Meeting, Barking (6), October 1st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by September 28th, to Mrs. Lester, 40, Stowmarket Road, Needham Market.—H. Mitson, Dis. Sec. 6612

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting at York, on Saturday, October 1st. Service in Minster 4 p.m. Choir festival, augmented choir. Minster bells 2 to 3.50: Acomb and Architectural Institute after meeting Tea 5 p.m., in Railway Institute. Names by September 29th, to Miss M. E. Milkman, 10, St. Oswald's Road, York. Snowdon Dinner tickets available.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 6603

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Annual meeting, St. Dunstan's, Canterbury, October 8th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 2s. per head. Names together with cash, please, not later than Wednesday, October 5th, to me. Nominations for District officers same date. Full details on tower notices. Copy to non-district members on receipt of S.A.E.—T. C. Phillimore, 47, St. Peter's Grove, Canterbury. 6631

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The 23rd annual dinner will be held in the Guildhall, Worcester, on Saturday, October 8th, at 5.45 p.m. **prompt.** Bells available: Cathedral (12) 3.30-5 p.m., All Saints' (10) 4-5.15 p.m. Tickets (12s. each) obtainable until Wednesday, October 5th, from Branch officers or J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 6613

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cecil Ebberson Memorial. Dedication service, Dersingham, Saturday, October 15th. Full details later.—W. Love, Gen. Sec. 6639

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Preliminary notice. Annual dinner and social will be held at the Masonic Hall, Coventry, on Saturday, October 22nd, 1960. Full details later. 6599

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—The 323rd anniversary dinner will be held at The Bridge House Restaurant, London Bridge, S.E.1, on Saturday, November 5th, at 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets (21s.) are now available. Details of ringing programme will be published later.—John Chilcott, Hon. Sec., 67, Farley Road, Selsdon, Surrey. 6557

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Advance notice of dinner at Euston Tavern (opposite King's Cross Station), on February 4th, 1961, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets (20s.) available from F. J. Matthews, 145, Wimbledon Park Road, London, S.W.18. 6596

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Correction: Peal Wakefield 3s. 6d. (page 580), read Peal Thrybergh 3s. 6d.

QUARTER PEALS

BRISTOL.—At St. James' Church, on Aug. 31st, 1,440 Yorkshire Surprise Royal: P. L. Pearce 1, Monica Horseman 2, D. J. Hunt 3, B. A. Shackleton 4, D. C. Exell 5, M. J. Horseman 6, R. G. Hooper 7, J. Brain 8, A. E. Cox 9, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 10. First of Yorkshire Royal for 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 8.

EAST BRIDGFORD, NOTTS.—On Aug. 31st, 1,260 Minor (720 Single Oxford and 540 Plain Bob): Christine Froggott 1, Ruth Blackshaw 2, R. Wilde 3, M. W. Harrison 4, F. Bradley (cond.) 5, J. Higgs 6. First in 2 methods 1 and 3. Rung as a farewell to Roderick Wilde, joining the R.A.C. for 12 years. Also a birthday compliment to Josephine Jennings.

WALCOT, BATH.—On Sept. 1st, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: L. R. G. Taylor 1, A. F. Lee 2, J. J. Jefferies 3, T. J. Milsom 4, J. R. C. Tiley 5, D. E. House 6, C. J. A. Brown 7, H. L. Parfrey (cond.) 8.

WINFORD, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, April Day and Plain Bob): B. Worner 1, L. Derrick 2, V. James (first in three methods) 3, M. J. Horseman (cond.) 4, J. Brain 5, H. Hardwidge 6.

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THE CARILLON WORLD

ENGLISH bellringers invariably take a passing interest in carillons and, while the art of a carillonneur differs materially from the art of change ringing, the common use of a bell, although in a different manner, provides a link. There is big news in the carillon world in the retirement of Kemel Lefevere, who for the past 33 years has been the foremost American carillonneur. His position of carillonneur of the Laura Spelman Rockefeller Memorial carillon at the Riverside Church, New York, has meant that he has been in charge of the largest and heaviest carillon in the world, with 74 bells and a bourdon of 20 tons.

As a recitalist, teacher, lecturer, composer and author, Dr. Lefevere has done more to promote the European art of the carillon in the New World than any other living carillonneur. He will sail to his birthplace, Belgium, on September 30th, but he has promised to return to New York in July, 1961, to give carillon concerts.

His successor is James R. Lawson, carillonneur of the Rockefeller Memorial Chapel and Mitchell Tower chimemaster at the University of Chicago for the past seven years, and he takes up his appointment on October 1st. Mr. Lawson is known to many English ringers. In 1959 he made an extended tour of this country and Europe and met a number of the leaders of our art of change ringing. He returned to America imbued with the spirit of introducing change ringing at the Mitchell tower as a subsidiary. At Chicago he had established an extensive library on all branches of ringing.

A man of initiative and energy, Mr. Lawson has received the approval of the Board of Trustees of the Riverside Church for the transfer of the headquarters of the Societas Campanariorum (Society of Bellringers) from Chicago to New York, and from here his various publications and bell music will be published and sold. On the 21st floor of the Riverside Church will be housed not only the library from Chicago but also the Margaret H. Shurcliff Memorial Library of the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers. The Campanological Museum will be moved to the 20th floor and this will be further developed.

Associated with Chicago University there was a carillon school, and Mr. Lawson plans to establish a similar institution at the Riverside Church. The quarterly bulletin of the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers will also be issued from this centre by a new Editorial Board. In 1964, the year of the next World's Fair in New York City, it is hoped that the Riverside Church may be the host for a great national festival of handbell ringers and also an international congress of carillonneurs.

THE NAVIGATRESSES

IF the feminine of actor is actress, then presumably the feminine of navigator is navigatress . . . anyway, that is what we had—two of 'em—on Saturday, September 10th, when the Tewkesbury and District Branch set off to tour some of the best towers in South Wales.

The tour started off as all tours start off—bleary-eyed and slightly bemused ringers, whose usual hours of rising, in the main, were much later than 6 a.m., staggering in silent protest to their seats on the coach. Not even the self-appointed wag could summon a flicker of a smile at that early hour of the morning. However, after much shunting from one point of the district to another we got under way, and made our first call at Chepstow, St. Mary's (10). We enjoyed ringing here and also on the light six at Penhow, St. John's.

And then to Newport, All Saints' (8). It was in Newport, after apparently going round in small circles, that we had the first niggles of doubts as to the abilities of our 'navigatresses,' but when we did arrive our patience was amply rewarded by the excellent bells. After a most pleasant lunch at Newport we went to Caerphilly, St. Martin's (8). Here again we had a delightful ring on the well-going bells.

It was from Caerphilly that our troubles of navigation really started. Whether it was that our 'navigatresses' were unable to read the Welsh signposts, although to the uninitiated the problem did not seem great, we do not know. Suffice to say that the 'navigatresses' were joined by navigators, confusion was added to confusion and chaos to chaos. We found ourselves attempting, apparently, to go down coal mines and to climb unclimbable hills.

We were trying to get to Ebbw Vale, but I doubt if anyone can now tell the route we actually took. The instructions we received from the helpful Welsh seemed only to complicate matters further. There was considerable argument between the 'navigatresses' and navigators as to who was right. Whoever was right, we found ourselves going up and up, reaching dizzy heights which, it was obvious from the expressions of sheer amazement on the faces of the natives and the startled expression of mountain sheep, had never been reached by a coach before. There were times, as we passed through mountain mist, when some of us wondered whether we were not in orbit; others called for oxygen, while others pointed out that the parachutes were in the boot of the coach.

There was one point when those in charge decided that yet another wrong turn had been taken and that we would have to reverse. 'Anything behind?', called the long-suffering driver. 'Nothing,' was the reply, 'not even the road.' On we pressed, praying fervently that the coach would not break down, as it was very apparent that apart from mad English bellringers and mountain goats, the hills we were on were uninhabited and seldom visited. We were all now suffering from euphoria caused by the rarified atmosphere. It had just been decided to form a people's committee to take over the running of the coach when signs of civilisation appeared. Believe it or not, we had come to a main road.

Eventually we found ourselves, rather later than expected, at Ebbw Vale, Christ Church (8), and we hope the kind lady who met us will, if she reads this, forgive our ironic laughter when she remarked: 'Indeed to goodness, I thought you must have got lost.' We were most grateful to her for waiting for us. At Ebbw Vale we had a most enjoyable tea, and Mr. T. Stewart, our oldest travelling member, took the opportunity of expressing thanks to our Ringing Master, Mr. T. Newbury, for arranging the outing. Mr. T. Brazier, on behalf of the Evesham District ringers, who had joined us, supported the thanks. Our last tower call was on the most excellent ten at Abergavenny, St. Mary's. How we delighted in these bells! Perhaps these were the pick of the bunch, although Ebbw Vale's, or indeed any of the other towers, were of very high quality and very well worth visiting.

Our hour of return was rather early in the morning, and the writer learnt later that one of our 'navigatresses' had had the misfortune of being locked out and had slept in her car for the rest of the night.

Our thanks go to all the many incumbents, secretaries, steeple keepers and others who corresponded with us, met us and generally looked after us.

E. W. P.

LAKE DISTRICT & NORTH OF ENGLAND TOUR

BURNLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 13, 1960, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 8 lb. in E.

ANNE C. GARNETT	*Treble*	BARWELL B. DIBBEN	5
GILLIAN A. NEAL SMITH	2	A. PATRICK CANNON	6
WILLIAM S. DEASON	3	ROBIN G. LEALE	7
ALAN E. BAGWORTH	4	RALPH G. EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED. Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

SEDBERGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Aug. 15, 1960, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in F.

ERNEST J. MUNDAY	*Treble*	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE	5
BARWELL B. DIBBEN	2	COLIN A. S. HARWOOD	6
WILLIAM S. DEASON	3	RALPH G. EDWARDS	7
ALAN E. BAGWORTH	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
Rung with felicitations to Mrs. A. P. Cannon on her birthday.

HAWKSHEAD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Aug. 16, 1960, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

A. PATRICK CANNON	*Treble*	WILLIAM S. DEASON	5
ERNEST J. MUNDAY	2	RALPH G. EDWARDS	6
GILLIAN A. NEAL SMITH	3	ROBIN G. LEALE	7
ALAN E. BAGWORTH	4	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

CROSTHWAITE, CUMBERLAND.
CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Aug. 18, 1960, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KENTIGERN.
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in F.

ANNE C. GARNETT	*Treble*	ERNEST J. MUNDAY	5
WILLIAM S. DEASON	2	*COLIN A. S. HARWOOD	6
ALAN E. BAGWORTH	3	*J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE	7
BARWELL B. DIBBEN	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by W. BARTON. Conducted by J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE.
* 50th peal together.

CLEATOR MOOR, CUMBERLAND.
CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Aug. 19, 1960, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST.
A PEAL OF 5088 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb. in E.

GILLIAN A. NEAL SMITH	*Treble*	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE	5
ANNE C. GARNETT	2	BARWELL B. DIBBEN	6
COLIN A. S. HARWOOD	3	ROBIN G. LEALE	7
WILLIAM S. DEASON	4	RALPH G. EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by BARWELL B. DIBBEN.

ASPATRIA, CUMBERLAND.
CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 20, 1960, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KENTIGERN.
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.

BARWELL B. DIBBEN	*Treble*	COLIN A. S. HARWOOD	5
ROBIN G. LEALE	2	ALAN E. BAGWORTH	6
GILLIAN A. NEAL SMITH	3	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE	7
ERNEST J. MUNDAY	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
First peal on the bells.

BAMBURGH, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Aug. 22, 1960, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AIDAN.
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

A. PATRICK CANNON	*Treble*	ERIC N. HARRISON	5
GILLIAN A. NEAL SMITH	2	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE	6
WILLIAM S. DEASON	3	ROBIN G. LEALE	7
BARWELL B. DIBBEN	4	J. ALAN AINSWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

ROTHBURY, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Aug. 22, 1960, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

J. ALAN AINSWORTH	*Treble*	ALAN E. BAGWORTH	5
ERNEST J. MUNDAY	2	ERIC N. HARRISON	6
F. HECTOR BENNETT	3	COLIN A. S. HARWOOD	7
MARION S. AINSWORTH	4	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE	*Tenor*

Composed by S. J. IVIN. Conducted by J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE.

TYNEMOUTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Aug. 23, 1960, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH, NORTH SHIELDS.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in E flat.

COLIN A. S. HARWOOD	*Treble*	ALAN E. BAGWORTH	6
ERNEST J. MUNDAY	2	J. ALAN AINSWORTH	7
BARWELL B. DIBBEN	3	ERIC N. HARRISON	8
F. HECTOR BENNETT	4	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE	9
WILLIAM S. DEASON	5	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

ALLENDALE, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 24, 1960, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT.
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

ERNEST J. MUNDAY	*Treble*	BARWELL B. DIBBEN	5
J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE	2	WILLIAM S. DEASON	6
F. HECTOR BENNETT	3	J. ALAN AINSWORTH	7
COLIN A. S. HARWOOD	4	ERIC N. HARRISON	*Tenor*

Composed by G. BAKER. Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Aug. 25, 1960, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 22 cwt. 23 lb. in E flat.

F. HECTOR BENNETT	*Treble*	BARWELL B. DIBBEN	6
J. ALAN AINSWORTH	2	ALAN E. BAGWORTH	7
WILLIAM S. DEASON	3	ERIC N. HARRISON	8
ERNEST J. MUNDAY	4	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE	9
COLIN A. S. HARWOOD	5	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by W. PYE. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

GATESHEAD, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Aug. 25, 1960, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
J. W. Parker's Odd and Even Bob Ten-Part. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM S. DEASON	*Treble*	GEORGE S. DEAS	5
CHARLES N. LEA	2	BARWELL B. DIBBEN	6
JOHN E. ANDERSON	3	J. ALAN AINSWORTH	7
ERNEST J. MUNDAY	4	ROBERT F. TELFORD	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

CHESTER-LE-STREET, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Aug. 26, 1960, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND CUTHBERT.
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

ERNEST J. MUNDAY	*Treble*	ALAN E. BAGWORTH	5
MARION S. AINSWORTH	2	COLIN A. S. HARWOOD	6
F. HECTOR BENNETT	3	ERIC N. HARRISON	7
J. ALAN AINSWORTH	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by W. BARTON. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 27, 1960, in 3 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 37 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb. in D flat.

BARWELL B. DIBBEN	*Treble*	ERNEST J. MUNDAY	6
GEORGE S. DEAS	2	A. PATRICK CANNON	7
F. HECTOR BENNETT	3	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE	8
WILLIAM S. DEASON	4	ERIC N. HARRISON	9
COLIN A. S. HARWOOD	5	J. ALAN AINSWORTH	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

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TEN BELL PEALS

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 13, 1960, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

James Bennett	*Treble*	James B. Morley	6
*Bernard W. Fairhead	2	Cecil W. Pipe	7
Charles J. Sedgley	3	†Leslie N. Melton	8
†Roger L. K. Whittell	4	Roderick W. Pipe	9
†David H. Buxton	5	Norman V. Harding	*Tenor*

Composed by William Pye. Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.
* First peal of Royal. † First of Cambridge Royal. The conductor has now called Cambridge from Minor to Maximus.

CARDIFF, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 3, 1960, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 26 cwt. 4 lb. in D.

Reginald G. Hooper	*Treble*	Donald G. Clift	6
Jacqueline S. King	2	Brynley A. Shackleton	7
Selwyn H. Dearden	3	Herbert W. Woolven	8
Robert E. Coles	4	Tudor P. Edwards	9
George Davis	5	David J. King	*Tenor*

Composed by A. M. Tyler. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

CULLOMPTON, DEVONSHIRE.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., Sept. 3, 1960, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in E.

Norman Mallett	*Treble*	*E. John W. Manley	6
E. Maurice Atkins	2	A. William Myers	7
Herbert C. Spencer	3	†Gordon Gaylard	8
Michael D. S. Hood	4	†Harry Gaylard	9
*Frederick Wreford	5	Thomas G. Myers	*Tenor*

Composed by H. J. Tucker. Conducted by Norman Mallett.
* First peal of Royal. First on ten as conductor, and first of Plain Bob Royal.
A compliment to Roger Keeley on the occasion of his ordination as a deacon at East Harnham.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 7, 1960, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Stephen-the-Martyr,
A PEAL OF 5152 LITTLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

*Elisabeth A. G. Bowden	*Treble*	†D. John Hunt	6
†Mrs. Anthony E. Cox	2	David Heighton	7
Francis C. Mogford	3	†Patrick J. Bird	8
‡Donald E. Cobb	4	Reginald G. Hooper	9
†Anthony E. Cox	5	Albert M. Tyler	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by David Heighton.
* First peal of Little Bob Royal. † First of Little Bob. ‡ First of Little Bob and of Royal. First in the method as conductor.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 10, 1960, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,
At the Cathedral Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5055 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 25¼ cwt.

Roy Bettley-Cooke	*Treble*	*Roger J. Lumley	6
John H. Fielden	2	Frederick A. Munday	7
Rita M. Jowett	3	*Peter Dawson	8
*B. Gillian Schofield	4	Derek Ogden	9
*John Rhodes	5	Peter Scholfield	*Tenor*

Composed by Cornelius Charge. Conducted by Derek Ogden.
* First peal of Stedman Caters.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 10, 1960, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 BELGRAVE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 30¼ cwt.

Edward Jenkins	*Treble*	John Worth	6
Frank Osbaldiston	2	William H. Dowse	7
Basil Jones	3	Leslie Boumphrey	8
Robert B. Smith	4	Peter Laflin	9
C. Kenneth Lewis	5	Brian Harris	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by John Worth.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

WICKEN, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 27, 1960, in 3 Hours,
At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

*Barry Davis	*Treble*	Christopher C. Clarke	5
James Linnell	2	Charles E. Truman	6
†Mrs. Jo Moreton	3	George W. Holland	7
Herbert C. Edwards	4	Wilfrid F. Moreton	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.
* First peal on eight bells. † First of Surprise Major 'inside.'

SWINDON, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 31, 1960, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mark,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED TRIPLES
Comprising 140 St. Clement's, 700 College Bob, 350 Double Grandsire and 3,850 Grandsire, with 50 changes of method. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

*Michael J. Stanley	*Treble*	*A. Terence Collins	5
Anthony R. Peake	2	Eric Sutton	6
Brian Bladon	3	Victor Griffin	7
Barry S. Sheppard	4	Lesley J. Bladon	*Tenor*

Holt's Ten-Part. Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.
* First peal of Triples. First of Triples as conductor. First of Spliced Triples by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Sept. 1, 1960, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Helen,
A PEAL OF 5120 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

J. Frank Smallwood	*Treble*	Burley P. Morris	5
Ronald H. Bullen	2	Harold Taylor	6
John F. Murfin	3	Clive W. Walklate	7
George H. Paulson	4	Ian M. Holland	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Ian M. Holland.
A birthday peal for Messrs. J. F. Smallwood (76, September 1st) and H. Langdon (79, September 2nd).

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD
On Thurs., Sept. 1, 1960, in about 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5024 QUEENSFERRY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

Celia F. Whitfeld	*Treble*	Thomas J. Lock	5
Joan Beresford	2	G. William Critchley	6
Claudia A. Critchley	3	Alfred J. House	7
Alick Cutler	4	Richard F. B. Speed	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Richard F. B. Speed.
First peal in the method

YARDLEY, BIRMINGHAM.
ST MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Sept. 1, 1960, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Edburgha,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in F sharp.

*V. Roy Tallis	*Treble*	*David Ingram	5
†Margaret A. Turner	2	Andrew Stubbs	6
Ann Barr	3	Clive M. Smith	7
*Penelope Sedgewick	4	John McDonald	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by John McDonald.
* First peal of Plain Bob Major. † First of Plain Bob Major 'inside.'

ASPENDEN, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 3, 1960, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Original. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

Michael D. Frost	*Treble*	Stanley Huckle	5
Bertie A. Cornell	2	†Richard A. Porter	6
*Christopher E. Hayter	3	Thomas J. Southam	7
Eric Edmondson	4	‡Frederick Aldridge	*Tenor*

Conducted by Thomas J. Southam.
* First peal in the method and first of Triples. † First in the method 'inside.' ‡ First on eight bells. First of Triples as conductor.

QUEENSFERRY SURPRISE MAJOR
—38—14, 56—56, 38—14—58, 36, 14, 56, 18
8ths place lead-end, 4ths place bob.
Composition as for first peal of Esher Surprise.

BILSBORROW, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 3, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HILDA.
A PEAL OF 5040 BILSBORROW IMPERIAL BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN H. GARTSIDE	*Treble*	DONALD LAWSON	5
MARYL R. CROSSTHWAITE	2	WILLIAM G. WILSON	6
W. JOHN COUPERTHWAITE	3	G. ALEC DIMMOCK	7
THOMAS BARKER	4	CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE.
First peal in the method (C.C.C. No. 176).

CRESSWELL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 3, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.

*LINDA M. JONES (13)	*Treble*	DENNIS SMEDLEY	5
†CAROLYN COLLIER	2	†KENNETH RUTLAND	6
†JAMES T. ROOKE	3	HERBERT T. ROOKE	7
†MALCOLM FOSTER	4	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN H. WOOD. Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ROOKE.
* First peal on eight. † First in the method. First of Little Bob Major as conductor.

EAST MEON, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 3, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 18 lb. in E flat.

*ANGELA J. MARTIN	*Treble*	REGINALD T. JONES	5
GILLIAN A. NEAL SMITH	2	†PETER S. SMART	6
ROBIN G. LEALE	3	WILLIAM S. DEASON	7
JOHN F. M. MAYBREY	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First peal of D.N.C.B. † First of D.N.C.B. 'inside.'
Rung as a compliment to the Rev. E. B. and Mrs. Wood, of Leatherhead, on the gift of a son.

HANDSWORTH, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Sept. 3, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In six methods, containing 1,600 London, 1,440 Rutland, 640 Cambridge and 480 each of Bristol, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 129 changes of method. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in F.

DAVID J. PURNELL	*Treble*	JOHN PINFOLD	5
RUTH M. BORDER	2	MICHAEL ELSON	6
PETER BORDER	3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	7
ANDREW STUBBS	4	JOHN McDONALD	*Tenor*

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY. Conducted by JOHN McDONALD.

ICKLETON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 3, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18¾ cwt.

G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	*Treble*	T. REGINALD DENNIS	5
GEORGE A. SPENCER	2	GEORGE E. THODAY	6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	3	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE	7
*PETER J. COLES	4	JACK S. DEAR	*Tenor*

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.
* First peal in the method.
Rung as a compliment to David Sutcliffe and Pauline Mitchell, who were married at Baldock on this day.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 3, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10½ cwt.

*ROBERT E. HARDY	*Treble*	KEITH D. WAPLES	5
MICHAEL E. STRACEY	2	RONALD A. WRIGHT	6
GILLIAN E. GRANEY	3	MARTYN W. HARBOTT	7
MIKAELA ERIK	4	GERALD PENNEY	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by GERALD PENNEY.
* First peal.
A 21st birthday compliment to Michael E. Stracey.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 3, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb.

*YVONNE EDWARDS	*Treble*	FREDERICK G. HANDLEY	5
ERNEST STITCH	2	GEORGE W. HUGHES	6
HOWARD HOWELL	3	MAURICE G. TURNER	7
WILLIAM DAVIES	4	BARNABAS G. KEY	*Tenor*

Composed by G. WILLIAMS. Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.
* First peal in the method. The ringer of the third has now 'circled the tower' three times.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 3, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, being 1,312 Bristol and 1,280 each of London, Cambridge and Superlative, with 110 changes of method and all the work of every bell in each method. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

PHILIP G. K. DAVIES	*Treble*	C. KENNETH LEWIS	5
FRED DUNKLRLEY	2	JOHN WORTH	6
EILEEN FEARN	3	ROBERT B. SMITH	7
CAROL FERNLEY	4	EDWARD JENKINS	*Tenor*

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

OVERTON, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 3, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. in G.

ERIC WOOLGROVE	*Treble*	REGINALD W. REX	5
ROBERT C. KIPPIN	2	MICHAEL J. THOMAS	6
M. ELIZABETH CHAPMAN	3	ERNEST J. MUNDAY	7
TOM CHAPMAN	4	GEOFFREY K. DODD	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.
First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major as conductor.
Rung immediately after the wedding of Julian Elliot and Mary Sanders, eldest daughter of the Rector of Overton and Mrs. F. A. Sanders.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Sept. 4, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OE 5056 WARWICKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

CAROL FERNLEY	*Treble*	*JOHN H. FIELDEN	5
EILEEN M. FEARN	2	A. PETER WHITEHEAD	6
FREDERICK SHALLCROSS	3	DEREK TAYLOR	7
NEIL BENNETT	4	*EDWARD JENKINS	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by NEIL BENNETT.
* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells, and by the Association.
Rung as a 15th birthday compliment to F. Shallcross (35th peal).

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Sept. 4, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 9 lb. in F.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	*Treble*	IAN H. ORAM	5
DORIS E. COLGATE	2	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	6
ARTHUR G. MASON	3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	7
FRANK I. HAIRS	4	PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

HIGHCLERE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD
On Wed., Sept. 7, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 27 lb.

REV. FREDK. A. SANDERS	*Treble*	†ERIC P. WOOLGROVE	5
*RONALD K. RUSS	2	ARTHUR W. SAYERS	6
ERNEST J. MUNDAY	3	GEOFFREY K. DODD	7
REGINALD W. REX	4	REGINALD F. CROOK	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.
* First peal of Plain Bob Major. † First on an 'inside' bell. 50th as conductor.
Rung as a welcome to the Rev. T. W. Lewis.

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Sept. 8, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 13 cwt.

H. GEORGE HART	*Treble*	REGINALD ROWLEY	5
ELSIE K. HART	2	*KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	6
NEVILLE JENKINS	3	D. KAY ADKINS	7
GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN	4	CHRIS. W. WOOLLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY.
* 200th peal, and has now 'circled the tower.'
Rung as a welcome to the new Rector (Rev. W. H. Chivers), instituted on September 5th; also to Carolyn Jayne Barker, grand-daughter of the ringer of the fifth, born August 11th.

FOBBING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 10, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation. Tenor 11 cwt. 27 lb.

*JAMES TOWLER	*Treble*	ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON	5
MARY ROAST	2	PATRICK W. SALTMARSH	6
*IAN PANTON	3	ERNEST W. FURBANK	7
*RICHARD J. HARRISON	4	JOE E. G. ROAST	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise.

SIX BELL PEALS

HASKETON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., July 17, 1960, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. in A flat.

ALAN J. CLARKE	*Treble*	CECIL W. PIPE	4
CLIFFORD R. LOVETT ..	2	ERNEST G. PEARCE	5
RODERICK W. PIPE	3	LESLIE N. MELTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.
Rung for the induction of the Rev. Musgrave-Brown.

HASKETON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Tues., Aug. 16, 1960, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., Double Oxford Bob, Oxford T.B. and St. Clement's Bob, and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. in A flat.

ROGER L. K. WHITTELL ..	*Treble*	RODERICK W. PIPE	4
ERNEST G. PEARCE	2	RONALD W. STEWARD ..	5
CLIFFORD R. LOVETT ..	3	JAMES BENNETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

BUCKLAND, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 20, 1960, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 5¼ cwt.

*RICHARD E. FENTIMAN ..	*Treble*	WILLIAM PARROTT	4
†ADRIENNE GIBSON	2	*DAVID HERSCHELL	5
†SYLVIA MARSH..	3	NICHOLAS D. J. WEBB ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by NICHOLAS D. J. WEBB.
* First peal. † First of Minor.
Rung by members of the Christ Church, Epsom, Sunday service band.

HOLT, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Aug. 30, 1960, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KATHERINE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 40 extents (ten different callings) and one 240. Tenor 9 cwt. 6 lb. in G.

RICHARD HUMPHRIES (15)	*Treble*	FREDERICK W. BOX	4
PHILIP S. GAISFORD.. ..	2	ROBERT J. PURNELL	5
RICHARD LOVELOCK	3	ROBERT J. DREWETT ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT J. PURNELL.
First peal by all the band, and first peal at first attempt for treble and tenor.
Rung as a farewell to the Rev. E. Lawson Brewis, who has retired from the ministry through ill health. Also as a wedding anniversary compliment to Frederick W. Box.

DARRINGTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 31, 1960, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.

HOWARD SCOTT	*Treble*	*KENNETH PARK..	4
DAVID CUBITT	2	*GEOFFREY TOWNEND ..	5
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	3	WILFRID F. MORETON ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* First peal of Surprise.
A farewell peal to David Cubitt, who has moved from Wakefield to Norwich.

IBSTOCK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Sept. 1, 1960, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in five methods: (1) Double Oxford Bob, (2) and (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Plain Bob, (5) St. Clement's Bob, (6) Kent Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. in F.

*MARK G. WOOD .. .	*Treble*	HAROLD J. HAZELL	4
ERNEST MORRIS	2	JOHN A. ACRES	5
BRIAN G. WARWICK.. ..	3	BRIAN M. SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal of Minor in five methods.

LYMPNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Sept. 2, 1960, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

*ROBERT P. BROTHERSTON	*Treble*	NICHOLAS J. DAVIES ..	4
VIOLET I. E. RELF	2	CRAWFORD T. HILLIS ..	5
MAURICE C. HUGHES ..	3	DAVID STAPLES	*Tenor*

Conducted by CRAWFORD T. HILLIS.
* First peal. A birthday compliment to Mrs. R. B. Davies, mother of the ringer of the fourth.

THRYBERGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Sept. 2, 1960, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MINOR

Being seven extents in 74 methods: (1) Mendlesham and Tonbridge Alliance, Belvedere Little Bob, Thelwall, London, Lytham, St. Clement's, Childwall, College, Wavertree College, Horsmonden, Killarney, Plain, Double, Reverse, Fulbeck, Canterbury, Frodsham, Windermere, Ennerdale and Cumberland Bob and Pontefract, Wath, Donottar and Cambrooke Delight; (2) Gedney, Gunby, Spilsby, Bicker, Surfleet, Spalding, Pinchbeck, Wainfleet, Normanton and Sibsey Alliance, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Norbury, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Kent and Bastow Little Court; (3) Old Oxford, College Bob IV, Willesden, Newdigate, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby, Charlwood, Marple, Braintree, Taxal, Humber, Clarence and Elston Delight and Morning Star Treble Bob; (4) Walsingham, Lammas, Olney, Fulmer, Cromer, Steventon, Tibenham and Chalfont Alliance and Little Bob; (5) London and Wells Surprise; (6) Cambridge and Primrose Surprise; (7) Double Oxford and Plain Bob; with 135 changes of method. Tenor 8 cwt. 26 lb.

MRS. JO MORETON	*Treble*	WILFRID F. MORETON ..	4
HOWARD SCOTT	2	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	5
HAROLD CHANT	3	IAN M. HOLLAND	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
Most methods in a tower bell peal by all, and for the Association. The first extent (25 methods) is included in a peal for the first time.

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 3, 1960, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-A-BECKET,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

JOHN ROBINSON	*Treble*	*PETER DALE	4
BRIAN SCHOFIELD	2	FRANK OSBALDISTON ..	5
CAROL FERNLEY	3	ROBERT B. SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.
* First peal in four methods 'inside.' Mr. Frank Osbaldiston has now 'circled the tower' to peals.

POLSTEAD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 3, 1960, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

*JUDITH MANDER	*Treble*	WALTER D. BAILEY	4
BARBARA MATTHEWS ..	2	GEORGE N. ORMAN	5
ROY DUESBURY	3	JAMES B. MORLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROY DUESBURY.
* First peal.

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SAXTHORPE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 3, 1960, *in* 1 *Hour and* 58½ *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 2¾ cwt.

FREDA P. GREAVES	*Treble*	PETER ADCOCK	4
JOHN V. TEMPLE	2	IVAN SAUNDERS	5
BEVAN W. WILLGRESS	3	GEOFFREY R. DREW	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY R. DREW.

Fastest peal by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

SEND, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 3, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. in A flat.

*TESSA P. KEMP	*Treble*	CATHERINE M. POWELL	4
*J. MARILYN. GIBBS	2	†RUPERT L. CAPORN	5
†GERALDINE M. PIPER	3	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 3, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

RONALD RUSSELL	*Treble*	WALTER WESTON	4
EDGAR A. COLE	2	FREDERICK DERRY	5
*ROGER ASHER	3	JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First peal (aged 13) at first attempt.

DARLINGTON.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 7, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being 720 each of Carlisle, Chester, London, Surfleet, Beverley, Cambridge and York. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in B flat.

JOHN E. ANDERSON	*Treble*	ERIC N. HARRISON	4
GEORGE S. DEAS	2	W. NORMAN PARK	5
J. ALAN AINSWORTH	3	ROLAND PARK	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

DEAN PRIOR, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Wed., Sept. 7, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE-THE-MARTYR.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

AUBREY L. BENNETT	*Treble*	FREDERICK E. DAY	4
REV. PAULINUS ANGOLD	2	D. ROY BOULD	5
REV. A. OSWALD MOWAN	3	THOMAS G. MYERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS G. MYERS.

Rung as a farewell to the ringer of the third, who is shortly going abroad.

PURLEIGH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 7, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, viz.: (1) Alnwick, (2) Chester, (3) London, (4) York, (5) Beverley, (6) Ipswich, (7) Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 12 cwt.

MARY ROAST	*Treble*	JOE E. G. ROAST	4
PATRICIA M. BOURN	2	PATRICK W. SALTMARSH	5
DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	3	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.

THORINGTON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 9, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Double Court, St. Clement's, Single Court, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

RACHEL J. R. NEWSTEAD	*Treble*	BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD	4
DAISY M. ANDREWS	2	GEORGE N. ORMAN	5
ALAN R. ANDREWS	3	ROY DUESBURY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

GOSBERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 10, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

(C.C.C. Nos. 28, 29, 34, 49, 50, 51 and 52.) Tenor 17¾ cwt.

RONALD RUSSELL	*Treble*	J. MARTIN THORLEY	4
JOHN G. AMES	2	FREDERICK DERRY	5
ALAN G. PAYNE	3	JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

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DATE TOUCH

HEDON, YORKS.—On Sept. 12th, 1,960 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob, 720 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob and 520 Spliced Plain and Little Bob): J. Singleton 1, I. Booth 2, I. Goldthorpe 3, R. Gibson 4, G. Pybus 5, J. Rank (cond.) 6. First date touch by all.

ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—At St. Peter's Cathedral, on Sept. 5th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: W. B. Pitcher 1, H. Greenhalgh 2, Enid Roberts (cond.) 3, F. N. Smeaton 4, B. R. Cox 5, C. H. Bagot 6. For Synod Evensong. Also on Sept. 11th, 1,272 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: H. Greenhalgh 1, W. B. Pitcher 2, Enid Roberts (first of Oxford as cond.) 3, F. N. Smeaton 4, B. R. Cox 5, C. H. Bagot 6. First of Oxford 2, 4, 5, 6. First of Oxford on the bells and in the State. For Evensong.

ASHFORD, KENT.—On Sept. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Josephine Hardy (first of Triples) 1, Mrs. T. Cullingworth 2, Margaret Jones 3, H. S. Wickens 4, N. J. Davies 5, T. Cullingworth 6, J. R. Cooper (cond.) 7, D. Godden 8. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. G. Pearson and Miss J.-A. Hedges.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On Sept. 11th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: June Dear 1, M. Hopkins 2, C. Harwood (cond.) 3, P. Flack 4, N. Newman (first of Major) 5, J. Dear 6, E. Buck 7, R. Castledine 8.

BATHAMPTON, BATH.—On Sept. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Scott-Watson 1, Miss J. P. Crees 2, Miss M. Viner 3, K. Harrison 4, R. S. M. Stubbs (first as cond.) 5, F. Gooding 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam William J. Prescott.

BEXHILL-ON-SEA, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 6 and 8 covering): D. George 1, J. Carr 2, Audrey Eldridge 3, M. Swift (first 'inside') 4, C. F. Pilbeam 5, C. E. Verdon (cond.) R. Vale 7. For Evensong and as a farewell to the Rev. E. J. Utley (assistant curate), on leaving to become Chaplain of the Dudley Road Hospital, Birmingham.

BUXHALL, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 1st, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. H. Ivings 1, H. A. Mitson 2, F. Borley 3, T. A. Brett 4, H. Ivings 5, E. A. Cracknell (cond.) 6. First as conductor. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. Copinger-Hill, widow of the late Rector.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—At the Cathedral, on Sept. 6th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: J. W. Unwin 1, Mrs. D. A. Chapman 2, J. C. Baldwin 3, P. J. Small 4, C. T. Hillis 5, S. Walter 6, D. C. Chatfield 7, N. J. Davies 8, D. A. Chapman (cond.) 9, B. J. Luck 10.

CARLTON COLVILLE, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 13th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss S. J. Hubbard (first quarter) 1, Miss M. Solomon 2, R. C. L. Brown 3, R. W. Bickers 4, M. J. Parker (cond.) 5. Birthday compliments to the treble ringer and to Mrs. E. Flaxman.

CHALFONT ST. GILES, BUCKS.—On Sept. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (8 callings): B. A. Cracknell (cond.) 1, B. Edwards 2, Mrs. P. S. Cracknell 3, Mrs. E. M. Roberts 4, P. Atkins 5, J. Onians 6. First of Grandsire 'inside' for 2 and 5. The conductor has now 'circled the tower' to quarter peals. For Evensong on the Patronal Festival.

CHESTERTON, CAMBRIDGE.—On July 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. J. Algood 1, C. A. Johnson 2, Miss M. M. Lovelace 3, S. Brown 4, H. Muncey 5, G. Pratt (cond.) 6. Rung as a farewell to Mr. Alan C. Charter on the occasion of his marriage to Miss Frances Meller.

CHIGWELL ROW, ESSEX.—On Sept. 11th, 1,280 Kent T.B. Major: Miss A. Lowings 1, A. W. Beard 2, J. Carrott 3, Miss J. Peacock 4, A. H. Worboys 5, D. W. Beard 6, F. V. Gant (cond.) 7, A. J. Salisbury 8. For Matins.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On Sept. 4th, at the Church of St. John the Baptist, 1,301 Stedman Caters: Miss H. Talbot (first of Stedman Caters) 1, Mrs. F. E. Collins 2, E. J. Razzell 3, F. E. Mitchell 4, G. H. Humphries 5, N. Brown 6, C. Cartwright (first of Stedman Caters) 7, N. G. Steere 8, F. E. Collins (cond.) 9, R. G. Abbott 10.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.—At St. Cuthbert's Church, on Sept. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. T. Cooke 1, F. Hodgson 2, E. Pannell 3, E. Thompson (first quarter) 4, W. E. Mashiter 5, T. Cooke (cond.) 6.

DROITWICH SPA, WORCS.—On Sept. 11th, at St. Peter's, Witton, 1,259 Grandsire Doubles: A. Rawlings (first quarter) 1, G. Rawlings (first 'inside') 2, M. J. Fellows 3, M. D. Fellows 4, P. Cattermole (cond.) 5, A. H. Hawker (first quarter) 6. Rung for Evensong.

QUARTER PEALS

EAST LANGDON, KENT.—On Sept. 12th, 1,296 Plain, Reverse and Double Bob Minimus: J. C. Baldwin (cond.) 1, M. Taylor 2, P. Fennell 3, N. J. Davis (first of Minimus) 4. First quarter in three methods for 2 and 3.

EYNSHAM, OXON.—On Sept. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, April Day, St. Bartholomew's and Grandsire): H. Mills 1, H. Floyd (cond.) 2, D. Floyd 3, A. Hicks 4, C. Bennett 5, A. Harris 6. For the wedding of Miss Phyllis Elizabeth Hole (a local ringer) to Mr. Andrew George Pimm.

EXNING, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Doubles (St. Nicholas', St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Grandsire and Plain Bob): Miss H. Cross 1, J. Gentleman 2, W. J. Couperthwaite 3, R. J. Palmer 4, A. R. Mann (cond.) 5. First quarter in five methods by all the band and on the bells.

HARTPURY, GLOS.—On Aug. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Kinsey 1, W. Spiers 2, Joy Smith 3, W. Dudley Wilson 4, L. Barry (cond.) 5, R. Chew 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. Frank Skidmore.

HASTINGS, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 11th, at Christ Church, Blacklands, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. J. Downing 1, E. F. P. Bryant 2, Joan M. Downing 3, R. I. Vaughan 4, A. Jackson 5, J. Downing 6. Rung for the baptism of Jill Susan Downing, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Downing.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On Sept. 8th 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jean Warner 1, H. Colcombe 2, Pamela Bird 3, Gwen May 4, J. F. Maybrey 5, J. King (cond.) 6, C. N. Chinnery 7, D. Leach 8. For the induction service of the Vicar, the Rev. F. H. Hargroves.

HESSLE, YORKS.—On Sept. 10th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent T.B., 540 Spliced Plain and Little Bob): J. Singleton 1, I. Booth 2, I. Goldthorpe 3, S. Pybus 4, R. Gibson 5, J. Rank (cond.) 6. First quarter of Minor in three methods for all except the conductor.

HORSELL, SURREY.—On Aug. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): D. Priestley 1, J. Martin 2, Miss J. Drury 3, G. Oliver 4, B. Priestley (cond.) 5, Miss P. Drury 6. For Evensong.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, All Saints and Grandsire): P. Friend 1, C. Hill 2, B. Shedel (cond.) 3, W. Hill 4, R. Jones 5. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Hill, vice-captain.

LLANGASTY TAL-Y-LLYN, BRECON, BRECONSHIRE.—On Sept. 9th, 1,416 Plain Bob Minimus: M. T. Johns 1, T. H. Owen 2, M. R. Thomas (first 'inside' and first as cond.) 3, C. A. Lewis 4. Witness: H. F. Williams. First of Minimus by all the band.

MERROW, SURREY.—On Sept. 4th, 1,260 Doubles (April Day, Dedworth, Grandsire and Plain Bob): K. Glue (longest length) 1, Ann Lepper (first 'inside') 2, Jill Lane (cond.) 3, Pamela Warren 4, D. May 5, J. Mitchell 6. For Evensong.

NORTHILL, BEDS.—On Sept. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Cooper 1, A. H. Smith 2, F. Hull 3, P. Smith 4, B. Sims (cond.) 5, L. Norman 6. An 80th birthday compliment to Mr. W. Wagstaff, of the local band, who has rung at Northill for 60 years.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss R. Reay 1, Mrs. M. Hayes 2, N. Hayes 3, J. Murphy 4, C. Taylor 5, D. House 6, D. Forder (cond.) 7, J. Dacombe 8. A tribute to Mr. S. Silverlock, organist and choirmaster of the church for 32 years.

NUNBURNHOLME, YORKS.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Barbara Cammack 1, I. Booth 2, I. Goldthorpe 3, G. Pybus 4, R. Gibson 5, J. Rank (cond.) 6.

OCKHAM, SURREY.—On Aug. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. D. Leach 1, Miss J. Drury 2, Miss P. Drury 3, J. Martin 4, B. Priestley (cond.) 5. For morning service.

PENARTH, GLAM.—On Sept. 10th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: W. J. Goodfellow 1, R. G. Havard 2, D. Llewellyn 3, N. Tamping 4, A. M. Coombs 5, R. Hughes 6, B. Taylor 7, E. J. R. Hartley (cond.) 8. Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Ann Bowen and the Rev. Philip Holford.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—On Sept. 11th, at Emmanuel Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Virginia Drake (first quarter) 1, H. H. Thomas 2, G. Godard 3, Sylvia Sims 4, F. Day 5, A. Weatherley 6, J. P. Sims (cond.) 7, A. E. Perkins 8. Rung for Evensong at which Jeremy Charles, son of the Rev. Trevor and Mrs. McCabe, was christened. Jeremy is the first great-nephew of the ringer of the second.

POCKINGTON, YORKS.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, Clifford's Pleasure, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire): I. Campbell (first quarter) 1, I. Booth 2, J. Rank 3, I. Goldthorpe 4, R. Gibson (cond.) 5, J. Lumb 6. With best wishes to Tom Darley, of Hemingbrough, for a speedy recovery.

PUCKINGFORD, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 1st, 1,280 Grandsire Doubles: R. Dean 1, J. Drew (cond.) 2, G. Monckton 3, R. Welch 4, T. Lock 5, J. Stenner 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. Henry Bungay (80), captain of this tower, interred this day.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): A. Martin 1, L. Allen 2, B. Coatsworth 3, A. Clayton 4, C. Mew (cond.) 5, B. Bull 6. For Evensong.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Double Court Triples: W. Ward 1, M. Hallet 2, G. Sandwell 3, F. May 4, W. Ellis 5, M. Hatch 6, A. House (cond.) 7, E. Blower 8. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. A. E. Harvey, curate of this parish, who is leaving for Morpeth.

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Welch 1, F. Welch (cond.) 2, G. Monckton 3, R. Pond 4, J. Cornelius 5, R. C. Beale 6, R. Welch 7, J. Stenner 8. Rung in thanksgiving for God's gift of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. D. Walters, born in Cyprus, Sept. 5th; granddaughter of conductor.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On Aug. 28th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Sangwin 1, C. Sangwin 2, Mrs. J. M. Kippin 3, C. Durham 4, H. Heald (first quarter 'inside') 5, S. Everett 6, H. Stacey 7, C. H. Kippin (cond.) 8. Rung after Evensong.

TENBY, PEMBS.—On March 13th, 1,259 Grandsire Triples: T. Osborne 1, N. Bennett (cond.) 2, Stella Lewis 3, J. Webb 4, E. Williams 5, W. G. Thomas 6, H. Jenkins 7, T. Griffiths 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the late Frederick Jenkins, for many years a ringer at this church. Also, on May 15th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent and Oxford T.B., 540 Double Oxford): Stella Lewis 1, J. Webb 2, W. G. Thomas 3, A. R. Price 4, H. Jenkins 5, N. Bennett (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to the tower captain, Harry Jenkins.

WEST BUCKLAND, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Joan L. Taylor 1, J. J. Ford 2, Mamela M. Stevens 3, C. J. Stevens 4, E. J. Ford (cond.) 5, H. Taylor 6.

WEST TARRING, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. M. Horn 1, S. Howard 2, M. Fromm 3, D. Smith 4, J. Parslow (cond.) 5, R. Harmer (first quarter) 6. A farewell to the assistant curate, Rev. Donald Brett, with all good wishes.

WHITBY, YORKS.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Lamerton 1, A. V. Coates 2, G. White 3, Kathleen Mallinson 4, S. R. Elwick (cond.) 5, June Mallinson 6, H. Waters 7, F. Lamerton 8. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. Taylor on the occasion of their ruby wedding.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Linnell 1, P. D. Taylor 2, R. Rogers 3, G. E. Green 4, T. E. Roberts 5, F. C. Case 6, C. E. Truman (first on eight as cond.) 7, G. Foddy 8. A birthday compliment to T. E. Roberts. Also, on Sept. 11th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: T. E. Roberts 1, F. C. Case 2, C. E. Truman 3, J. Linnell 4, G. E. Green (cond.) 5, G. Foddy 6. First of Stedman Doubles for 3 and 5. A birthday compliment to G. Foddy.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Sept. 8th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: Barbara Johnson (first quarter) 1, Susan Rawlings 2, C. Mew 3, K. Newman (cond.) 4. First of Minimus for all the band.

WITNEY, OXON.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Judith Coggins 1, E. J. Hill 2, Valerie Lewis (first quarter) 3, D. J. Smith 4, B. R. White 5, E. J. Townsend 6, B. J. Coggins (cond.) 7, L. T. Oliffe 8. For Patronal Festival Evensong.

LATE NEWS

An old London ringer, Mr. Fred Digby, died on September 17th. He was a loyal and valued member of the band that rang for service ringing at St. Margaret's, Westminster, and St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate.

Mr. Tom Riley, connected with SS. Peter and Mary's Church, Liss, for 40 years, died on August 30th in Haslemere Hospital, aged 59.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Guildford Diocesan Guild has had a big disappointment. Last October they made arrangements for their annual dinner, and confirmed these in March when they were told there would be a slight increase in the price of tickets. Now they are confronted with not only a 2s. increase in the price per head but also a 10 guineas hall fee and starting time delayed. The terms were regarded as excessive. A search for an alternative venue in Guildford and other towns has not been successful, and the dinner for this year has been cancelled.

Thanington, Kent, had its peal on the bells on September 3rd.

A maiden peal was rung at Holt, Wiltshire, on August 30th. It was the first peal by all the members of the band.

Mr. D. J. Hunt writes strongly discouraging attempting the peal of 5,184 Plain Bob Major composed by Mr. Brian Downes ('R.W.', August 19th). 'To have 18 courses of a peal with 8-7's at back—ugh!'

Mr. David Cubitt, who has contributed frequently to our columns on the history of ringing in Wakefield, has moved to Norwich. We wish him every happiness in his new appointment.

Mr. Brian Threlfall writes calling attention to two errors in the report of the Cambridge University tour. The peal at Stansted should have read Cambridge. The peal attempt at St. Neots which was lost was 'going too well' and not 'not going too well,' as appeared.

Another of Mr. James H. Musson's pupils—13-year-old Roger Asher—makes his first appearance in our peal columns with a peal at Silk Willoughby, Lincs, on September 3rd. 'A most creditable performance,' writes the conductor.

Mr. E. A. Barnett, hon. secretary of the Central Council, had a nasty fall from a ladder into his greenhouse while painting his house at Crayford. Cuts to his arm and hand necessitated hospital treatment. Sympathy was sent to him from the Veterans' gathering in London on Saturday, with thanks for arranging for ringing at St. Clement Danes'.

An interesting B.B.C. broadcast in the Home Service on Monday, September 26th, at 3 p.m. is the harvest thanksgiving service for the Blind, from Little Berkhamsted Parish Church, Herts. The three bells, all cast before 1552, and hung in a wooden steeple, will be heard before the service. The Rev. J. Shepheard-Walwyn, who is blind, will conduct the service; the preacher, the Vicar (Rev. H. G. Bawtree-Williams), was formerly blind, and the lessons will be read by two blind people—Mr. William Sharp (aged 83) and Mrs. Peggy Jackson. The congregation of blind people will be drawn from all over the county.

We apologise to all concerned over the error in the 'Contents' on page 585 concerning the wedding at Houghton Conquest. Alas, a case of mental aberration.

Among those who rang in the quarter peal of Grandsire Triples at Blacklands, Hastings, for the baptism of Jill Susan Downing were her father, two grandparents, two godparents, an uncle and aunt. Her parents were ringers at this church and now reside in Watford.

Bells will be heard prior to the harvest thanksgiving service to be televised by the B.B.C. from Sherborne Abbey, Dorset, at 6.30 p.m. on Sunday, October 2nd. The preacher will be the Bishop of Sherborne, the Rt. Rev. V. J. Pike. The captain of the ringers is Mr. Percy Lambert.

Can any reader supply the old inscriptions in ochrous red on the white plaster of the north wall of Imber Church, on Salisbury Plain? This church is War Office property. The inquiry comes from a member of a party of archæologists, who thought the figures indicated early examples of change-ringing. The possible date is 1682.

Mr. Ernest Morris gave a talk on 'The History and Romance of the Bells' to the Leicester Rotary Club on September 12th. This Club is one of the largest in the United Kingdom, with over 150 members, the majority of whom were present and much appreciated Mr. Morris's discourse.

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ALPHABET FOR BEGINNERS

By T. J. LOCK.

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RAISING.—To listen to Raising (and lowering) as it should be done, visit certain towers, particularly in Devon and Cornwall. I would imagine that in this part of our country as much attention is given to raising and lowering as is given to the remainder of the ringing, whether it be round, call or change. 'Raising in peal' is when all the bells, hanging freely with their mouths downwards, are swung higher and higher until all swing the full circle so that they can be set up, at the same time being caused to strike continuously in rounds. Of course, one, two or more bells may be raised at a time. There are two ways of raising a bell, one being the wrong way! This will be explained later.

REGULAR METHOD.—Not all methods which have been composed, even if they have been based on a principle, are accepted as regular and, as such, are not recognised. At the same time, it would be difficult to express in a few words what a regular method is. There are one or two essential conditions such as, every working bell must do the same work; no bell must move more than one place at a time; a method must be true within itself. It would be better to test the regularity or otherwise of a method by trial and error, i.e., can a bell lead for three or more blows, can the treble be made to dodge in 2—3; can this be done; can that be done? If the reply is in the negative then the method would not be regular.

REVERSE METHOD.—A Reverse method is one in which the places are made at the same distance from the treble's lying behind as they are in the original of the method from its leading. Study Reverse Plain Bob, when you will most probably have the effect of turning Plain Bob round about or upside down. In many cases the methods have distinctive names; for instance, Reverse Hereward Bob is known as Pershore Bob.

RIGHT.—This term has the same meaning as, and is often used instead of, Home.

ROLL UP.—Even if the allegation that ringers when in their own company can talk only about ringing is true, you will rarely hear this term mentioned in conversation. The occasion when 'Roll up' or 'Roll 'em up' is most often called, or even shouted, is when the ringing is a bit rough and the conductor is giving his command. It has been known that the delinquent ringer or ringers wake up, as well! A roll up is taken to be when the back bells are struck in their natural order, as in rounds, and most usually occurs at, just before or just after a lead end. The lowest number of bells to which the term is applied is eight, when the fifth, sixth, seventh and tenor are struck in this order, but if the lead end 13245678 came up that would be a roll up as well. One could say that a roll up on ten or twelve bells would be when the back bells from either the fourth, fifth, sixth, or seventh onwards are struck in their natural order—there is really no hard and fast definition.

ROPESIGHT.—Ropesight is the power of noticing the rope and finding out and following the right one, and it is the faculty of being able to pick out the bell which has to be followed that is the foundation of all change ringing. This last sentence is quoted from the Jasper Snowdon Change Ringing series 'Ropesight,' copies of which are still obtainable. The power of noticing the ropes comes naturally with experience, and whilst it may seem at first to be beyond you, you sooner or later acquire a field of vision that embraces all the ropes. Moreover, ropesight is gained by a certain amount of elimination to the extent that if, say, you were ringing the second bell to a plain course of Plain Bob Minor and you had just finished your lead, the fourth would come to take you from the lead. You sight the fourth and strike after it, you then sight the sixth and strike after that. By this time you can forget about, or eliminate, these two bells which then leaves the fifth, the third and the treble. You sight the fifth and strike after that, eliminate it, and so you repeat with the remaining two bells, the third and the treble.

SERVANTS OF THE EXERCISE – No. 39



MR. CECIL W. PIPE

Suffolk Guild

Thirty-five years or so ago, Mr. C. W. (Jim) Pipe was the type of young man who could be guaranteed to set the young ladies' hearts a-fluttering. Tall, fair, and extremely good-looking, he had a physique and bearing which only service in the 1st Life Guards could provide. He greatly enjoyed his five years' service in that Regiment, especially when on Horse Guard in Whitehall. No doubt he was one of the much-photographed guards who create so much interest for the sightseers visiting London. He had personality, too, which proved to be very useful later, when he raised, single-handed, a sum of no less than £1,300 for the repair of Grundisburgh Church tower and the rehanging and augmentation of the bells from eight to ten.

Born at Hasketon, Suffolk, in 1906, he joined the church choir at Grundisburgh when 8 years old. Seeing the sexton raise the tenor bell for a death, he went up the next day, tied a sack round the clapper and raised a bell by himself without breaking the stay. He invited his friends to ascend the tower to see the bell upside down. Then he taught five other boys to ring, and they went around to various towers ringing. None of them broke a stay and they paid good attention to the matter of striking. His first peal, Bob Major, rung in 1920, was conducted by Mr. G. E. Symonds, and his second peal was conducted by James Motts.

His service in the Life Guards took him to London, and he soon came under the influence of the College Youths, in which Society he served as junior and senior steward. On returning to Grundisburgh, he took up insurance work in 1931, and also became actively interested in the affairs of the Suffolk Guild, serving as general secretary and treasurer from 1946 to 1957. He was elected as their representative on the Central Council in 1946, and in 1957 was made a vice-president.

Jim Pipe has rendered yeoman service in Suffolk, and has spent many hours in belfries other than his own, oiling, repairing, splicing, cleaning, etc. He has inspected many rings of bells, giving advice which has often led to rehanging and improvement. He has given many talks on bells and ringing to various bodies such as Rotary Clubs. He has taught scores of youngsters to ring, including his two sons, George and Roderick, who are both brilliant conductors.

His wife, Sylvia, is one of the foremost lady ringers in the country, and she conducted the peal he is most proud of—Spliced Surprise in four methods—from a non-observation bell. His peals total at the beginning of August was 463, of which he has conducted 50. He has organised many ringing tours in all parts of the country — who hasn't heard of 'Pipe's Pilgrims'? One of his theories is that the number of changes required for peals should be reduced. Another, much more practical, is that more attention should be given to the control of noise from *all* towers. His pet saying is that if he had not given half his life to ringing he would be a rich man! However, we suppose he has thoroughly enjoyed it all, and we are glad to have such a man in our ranks As captain of the Grundisburgh band, he has maintained regular service ringing twice every Sunday, and regular weekly practices.

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WEDDING OF MR. GEOFFREY PEARSON

Mr. Geoffrey Pearson, of Worsley, Lancs, was married to Miss Jane-Ann Hedges, of Headcorn, Kent, on September 3rd, at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Headcorn.

Ringing friends of the bridegroom were joined by the bridegroom and his best man, Mr. Alan Pendlebury, for a touch of Stedman Triples before the wedding service, and rang out the happy couple with a course of Bristol Surprise Major. A peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major was then competently performed, and the ringers were afterwards entertained by the bride's parents and the bridegroom's mother and brother Alan, himself a ringer.

Unfortunately, the bride and bridegroom had already departed by this time (by devious route) for the Channel Islands, having listened to part of the peal prior to joining the train at Headcorn Station.

The couple will be living at Little Wilbraham, Cambs, following the honeymoon.

MISS DOREEN DUTTON MARRIED

The marriage took place on August 6th between Mr. John Hunting and Miss Doreen Dutton. The ceremony was solemnised at the Parish Church of Emmanuel, Southport, where the bride first learnt to ring.

The bridegroom, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Hunting, of 40, Skampton Road, Leicester, studied at the Leicester College of Technology and Commerce, and later qualified as a teacher at Loughborough Training College. An up-and-coming football referee, he is learning to ring.

The bride, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Dutton, of 26, Links Avenue, Southport, was educated at Southport High School for Girls and the City of Leicester Training College. Doreen, who is a county hockey and cricket player, still finds time to enjoy mid-week and Sunday ringing at Leicester Cathedral, where she is secretary of the Cathedral Society. She is also a member of the Roving Ringers.

The Rev. B. F. F. Crane officiated at the service, in which the choir was led by the organist, Mr. A. E. Salmon.

A white figured lace ballerina-length dress with tiered net bustle back was worn by the bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr. Derek Dutton. Bridesmaids were the Misses Margaret Forrest, who is a ringer at Emmanuel Church, Hilary Corlett, a school friend, and Brenda Keir, of Bedford. Mr. Ronald Kenrick, Ringing Master at Emmanuel Church, was best man, and groomsmen were Messrs. George Waterhouse, David Bromilow and Donald Holt.

After a reception at the Bold Arms Hotel, Churchtown, the honeymoon was spent in the Austrian Tyrol. Their permanent address is 3, Ashbourne Road, Wigston, Leicester.

KENT RINGERS IN SOMERSET

ON Sunday, August 14th, a party of ringers from Kent were joined by ringers from Somerset and Birmingham for a week's tour of Somerset and the Dorset coast.

Ringing started at Yeovil with an unsuccessful attempt for a quarter peal of Bob Royal. Most of the party seemed unused to heavy bells (40 cwt.), but more was to come in the afternoon when we joined the local band in ringing for Evensong at Wells Cathedral (10, 56 cwt.). Another ten was visited in the evening, Evercreech (21 cwt.).

The tour started in earnest on Monday morning on the very pleasant eight at Clevedon (St. Andrew's, 14 cwt.). Ringing commenced with a good course of Cambridge Major, followed by Stedman and Grandsire Triples. After this the eight at Blagdon (19½ cwt.), with rather a long draught, proved a little tricky, but Double Norwich was rung quite successfully.

Unfortunately, the party lost two of its local male members for the afternoon, because they had to make hay while the sun shone! Meanwhile the eights at Banwell (23 cwt.), Winscombe (17 cwt.) and Cheddar (23 cwt.) were visited by the remainder.

A VISIT TO THE CEILING

Tuesday dawned bright and clear, and ringing eventually started at Langport (17 cwt.), a pleasant six, which were rung to Stedman Doubles, St. Clement's, Plain and Little Bob and Surfleet Minor. We were a little worried at first because, after raising the bells and being asked to stand, the ringer of the second was lifted nearly to the ceiling. Fortunately no damage was done—the slider had slipped the block, and subsequent ringing, though brief, was enjoyed. At the next tower, Curry Rivel, a well-toned eight, Bob Major, Stedman and Cambridge were rung without mishap.

We lunched at West Coker, where an enthusiastic stalwart considered it well worth a pint of ale to run and fetch the keys and raise all the eight bells (14 cwt.) so that the afternoon's pealers would save energy. Ringing here was necessarily brief before a peal of Bob Major was attempted at Martock (25 cwt.). This was successfully (though unintentionally) brought round at the halfway stage, since the two and three changed courses.

Meanwhile the 'enthusiastic stalwart' was not a little disconcerted to arrive back at the Dormobile to find it enveloped in a smoke screen, produced from a rather burnt leg of lamb.

Crewkerne (8, 22 cwt.) was visited after tea, and the party was joined by Harry Gaylard, of Yeovil, and the local tower captain. This fine Taylor eight was much enjoyed and was rung to Yorkshire, Little Bob, Stedman and Grandsire.

Wednesday was a day by the sea. The first tower was Lyme Regis, where lack of parking facilities delayed one carload, and the first touch was of Minor. Subsequently these bells were much enjoyed. Thence to Bridport (8, 21 cwt.), where we were watched by two French schoolboys. We envied the local ringers, there being no shortage of diverse hostelries all along the road, one of which had a sign depicting the belfry of this church.

RUNG KNEELING

The next stop was Burton Bradstock (6, 10½ cwt.), where our 'enthusiast' was again bribed to fetch the keys. The ropes and sallies were so low here that, after fetching six hassocks, a touch of Bob Minor was rung—all ringers kneeling! After quenching our fiery thirsts at a pleasant local inn, we made our way to the beach for a swim and some lunch. Unfortunately, this was the point of departure for one of our Birmingham ladies, who had to return to work.

After a long stop for tea in Bridport we visited Beaminster, with a pleasant, rather heavy Bilbie eight (25 cwt.). The party seemed to lack energy or inspiration, despite a restful afternoon, as we didn't really do these bells justice.

A SUCCESS

Thursday morning was booked for a peal attempt at Drayton, and after repeated warnings from the organiser not to be late, we were all amazed and not a little amused when he eventually arrived three-quarters-of-an-hour later after getting lost trying to find another Drayton. A peal was successfully brought round in 3 hours 2 minutes, details of which appear elsewhere.

After lunch we rang on the pleasant, though a little heavy, six (17 cwt.) at Stoke-sub-Hambdon, and the rather noisy six at Norton-sub-Hambdon (18 cwt.). Crewkerne was again visited for tea, and we then had a brief ring at Merriott (6, 12 cwt.), omitted earlier in the week due to lack of time. The last bells of the day were at South Petherton (8, 23 cwt.) in a fine octagonal tower. Resources of energy had been considerably exploited by this time, and this and the long draught combined to produce little striking worthy of these bells.

The final day's ringing started at Bruton, on a melodious but heavy six (25 cwt.); nevertheless, Cambridge Minor, Grandsire and Stedman were rung. We were rather late at Charlton Horethorn, as one car had to retrace a mile to collect the spare wheel from a local garage. We were not very impressed with this eight (14 cwt.), and soon made our way to Castle Cary, where we enjoyed the eight (15 cwt.), although only Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman were rung. The tour finished in the afternoon by ringing at Chewton Mendip, on a very fine eight (24 cwt.), Litton, a rather noisy six (11 cwt.), and Hinton Blewett, a tuneful five (9½ cwt.).

Our thanks are due to the organiser and all the local incumbents and tower captains who allowed us to use their bells and who met us.

TALGARTH RINGERS IN THE MALVERN HILLS

The ringers of St. Gwendoline's Church, Talgarth, were joined by ringers from places as far afield as Brecon, Glasbury, Gilwern, Eardisley, Old Radnor and Llandrindod Wells for their annual ringing tour, which this year, on August 31st, was in the Malvern district.

Ledbury, the first tower, was reached shortly after 10 a.m., and here the party were joined by the Vicar of Llanarth, the Rev. Ivor Richards. Touches of Grandsire, Bob Major and Stedman Triples were rung on the fine ring of eight (tenor 24 cwt.), housed in a detached campanile. At Dodderhill, touches of Grandsire, Bob Major and Stedman were rung at the Church of St. Augustine on the ring of eight (18 cwt.). These bells went remarkably well and were enjoyed by all.

Thence to Droitwich, where the party split up and went their several ways for lunch. In the afternoon two towers were visited—St. Mary de Wych, Wychbold, where touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Bob Minor and Kent were rung, and St. Mary's, Hanbury, situated in a position of pre-eminence on top of a hill.

The party returned to Worcester for tea. The heavy rain spoilt an otherwise perfect day. At Tarrington the ringing was brought to a premature end when the clapper of the fifth bell fell out after touches of Stedman and Bob Minor.

The trip was organised by Mr. D. H. Bennett, the Talgarth Ringing Master, to whom the thanks of all are due for arranging five excellent rings of bells.

D. P. D.

OBITUARY

CANON C. E. LAST

Great Horwood ringers will sadly miss in the tower a faithful member of the band, for Canon Charles Edward Last, the Rector for the past seven years, took as much interest in the west end of the church as the east.

His death at sea was a shock to his wide circle of friends, especially after hearing that the voyage to some extent had done him good. His voice had failed him for two years, and after trying treatment in various hospitals without success, he was invited to Singapore for Chinese treatment. But he died before reaching the harbour.

Canon Last was the son of the Rector of Launton. His early years in the ministry were spent in the Carlisle diocese. In 1956 he became Rural Dean of Mursley. When he first came to Great Horwood his ringing was limited to a plain course of Grandsire Doubles, but he made rapid progress and was soon able to master five methods. He became chairman of the Central Bucks Branch in 1958. As well as a keen ringer he was a fine bass singer.

Great Horwood Church was filled to capacity on Sunday, September 4th, for the memorial service. The service was conducted by the Rev. A. Dilworth (Vicar of Whaddon), the lesson read by the Rev. C. L. G. Hutchings, R.D., and the address given by the Bishop of Buckingham (the Rt. Rev. R. M. Hay). Prayers were led by the Ven. Gordon Savage, and the service closed with the singing of the Nunc Dimittis.

Previous to the service his fellow ringers at Great Horwood rang a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles, the band consisting of Miss J. Emery 1, E. Barrs 2, F. G. Edmans (captain) 3, F. Gregory 4, M. Jamieson (conductor) 5, K. Moore 6. As the service concluded a short touch was rung by officers of the Oxford Diocesan Guild and the Central Bucks Branch. Those taking part were H. L. Roper (librarian), Miss M. R. Cross (general secretary), D. Wheeler (secretary, Central Bucks Branch), F. Gibbard, F. G. Edmans and D. Wheeler.

MEMORIAL TO THE LATE MR. ERNEST J. JELLEY

On September 8th, at St. John the Divine's, Leicester, before a good company of ringers and friends, a plaque commemorating a half-muffled quarter peal of Grandsire Caters to the memory of the late Ernest J. Jelley, of South Wigston (who was a great helper at this church), was dedicated by the Vicar (the Rev. Basil Williams).

A perfect course of Grandsire Triples on handbells followed, rung by John J. Jelley 1-2, Sidney Harrison 3-4, Ernest Morris 5-6, Russell S. Morris 7-8.

Both before and after the ceremony the ten bells of St. John's were rung to a variety of methods, in which all attending took part.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

MR. PETER BORDER'S REPLY

Dear Sir,—I was glad to see in your issue of September 9th the various comments provoked by my letter on the subject of handbell peals of Minimus.

In reply to Mr. Brewin, I would say that if he were to take the trouble to re-read my original letter, he would find that the sarcasm of which he complains refers entirely to the footnote accompanying the peal in question. I did not intend (and I do not believe that I did) to slight the Leicester Diocesan Guild in general at all.

With reference to Mr. Jelley's letter, I could indeed suggest many ways in which two men could occupy themselves for 1 hour and 25 minutes. However, as the peal report shows that a Mr. K. B. Townsend was also engaged for the same time, perhaps it would be better if I suggested an occupation for three?

Mr. Jelley has also seen fit to raise comment upon an entirely irrelevant subject, viz., peals of Yorkshire Maximus, to which I will take the opportunity to reply. The whole point of using the single at Wrong in such a composition is to obtain a peal of approximately 5,000 changes without disturbing the coursing order of the back bells. Of course, I am aware that 5,040 can be obtained by the use of bobs alone, but only at the expense of rather peculiar music while the necessary juggling is being done. I claim no originality in conception for this device; in fact, the idea is quite well known, but to the best of my knowledge it has not previously been employed to shorten peals of Surprise Maximus.—Yours faithfully,

PETER BORDER.

Coventry.

'FIRING' AT WINCHESTER

Dear Sir,—I believe the 'firing' of the bells at Winchester Cathedral for the Queen Mother's birthday must be a local custom, because it took place when I visited the Cathedral with a touring party a few years ago, and on a Sunday morning at that. It was an experience I don't wish to share again, and judging by the faces of some of my colleagues, I was not alone in this respect.

'Firing' is by tradition associated with festive occasions, and whilst this custom at weddings, and to some extent on national occasions, is deep-rooted and likely to remain so, I think the practice should be used sparingly, and not used simply as a sort of supporting act of the 'you're happy down there, so are we—just listen' type.

Prolonged 'firing' is unnecessary, whatever the occasion, and has nothing to commend it. At best it is a bad habit, lacking in imagination, and at worst a rather crude demonstration which shows a negative approach to the situation. What is worse, it leaves a sense of bewilderment as well as a bad impression on the non-ringing public, especially those living nearby, who are often enforced listeners anyway. These people can be our best or worst ambassadors, and in my opinion they are more likely to react favourably to the sound of a well-struck quarter peal. This, by contrast, has the merit of being a far more tolerable, as well as a more practical demonstration, and more fitted to the occasion, whether it is a national one or as a compliment to a distinguished birthday.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN BRAIN.

Backwell, Somerset.

'FIRING' OF BELLS

Dear Sir,—In his recent letter with regard to the 'firing' of bells, Mr. Gauntlett quotes the case of bells heard 'firing' 'reasonably well.' Whilst 'firing' cannot be defended on strictly musical grounds, there is no doubt that this traditional form of salute can be extremely effective provided that it is performed only with absolute precision.

The effectiveness of 'firing' is entirely due to the contrast between it and the preceding rounds or changes. The resounding crash, preceded as it is by a dramatic pause and then, when repetition of this mighty sound is still expected, the bells breaking out into the 'cascading thirds' of the Queens change, cannot fail to impress even the unaccustomed ear of the layman. However, the essence of this effectiveness is contrast, and the prolonged 'firing' of bells can only detract from the listeners' appreciation of the performance. Possibly the best arrangement is two bursts of 'firing' each of seven whole pulls, preceded by and ending with rounds, with the possible inclusion of Queens between the two salutes, although it often requires considerable physical effort to break fluently into that change immediately after 'firing.'

The attainment of good 'firing,' like all things worth while, is not easy, particularly as the opportunities for intentional practice are few; but our art would be the poorer if one should never again hear a sonorous ring immaculately engaged in the performance of this inimitable salute.—Yours faithfully,

Selsdon, Surrey. JOHN CHILCOTT.

THE LIGHTEST RING

Dear Sir,—I read with interest in 'The Ringing World,' dated September 9th, of Mr. Arthur Jopp's claim to the lightest ring of six in the world, thus relieving Mr. Jarvis of this proud title.

At the present time Mr. Jarvis can claim ownership of the lightest ring of six *on which a peal has been rung*; I therefore wish the footnote of our Balscote peal to be amended accordingly.

May I, on behalf of the Balscote band, wish Mr. Jopp and his ringers every success in their attempt to claim this unique record from Mr. Jarvis.

The best of luck, Mr. Jopp, and may we read of your success in the not-too-distant future.—Yours faithfully, C. C. C.

Deddington, Oxford.

FIELDS FOR COMPOSITIONS

Dear Sir.—The composition rung to Osgathorpe and published in the 'R.W.' of August 26th is not merely a reduction of the 6,496 but a different composition. As proof of this, the longer peal is false to Southport, the first-named of the published list of methods to which the 5,152 is true. There are many other methods which have the f.c.e. 26543 in combination with the York group of f.c.e.'s, all of which are false to the 6,496 but true to the 5,152.

On the subject of Surprise Major compositions, it is a great pity that so much time is wasted in trying to find new avenues in the 'built-up' areas of Yorkshire and Pudsey, when there is so much badly needed development required in the wide open spaces so ably being done by such composers as Dick Speed, Stephen Ivin and Dennis Knox. I have hundreds of good methods for which there is no composition; a few of them have recently been rung to peals composed by the above-named.—Yours, etc.,

S. BURTON.

Leicester.

Settling An American Argument

A statement made by Professor Price, of the University of Michigan, before a convention of sound experts, that the so-called technique of 12-tone composition and serial writing, started by Schonberg and other composers about 30 years ago, was not modern but had been used in English change-ringing for about three centuries, was challenged by members of the audience.

To settle the argument, the Professor wrote to Mr. Paul Taylor for recordings of typical English church bell music. These recordings were made by Leicester Cathedral band on September 12th, in charge of Mr. Herrick Bowley.

First was rung on the back six of the Cathedral bells rounds, reverse rounds (654321), *Queens, reverse Queens* (642531), *'outwards'* (342516), *the first 38 changes only of Oxford T.B. Minor, 'Stand' being called at the treble's backstroke dodge in 5-6 halfway through the second lead.*

Then on 12 bells rounds, reverse rounds, Queens, reverse Queens, 'outwards' and the first lead of Bob Maximus (omitting the dodge and running round at the treble lead). This was followed by set changes on 12 bells especially designed by the Professor for musical effect.

For good measure, rounds on 13 (including the flat 6th!), and as requested Grandsire Doubles (back six), Triples, Caters and Cinques, and a bobbed course of Grandsire Triples on the 'Stelfex' eight were rung.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Canterbury District With Ladies' Guild

Summer came at last for the joint meeting of the Canterbury District and the Kent Branch of the Ladies' Guild at the Church of SS. Ethelburga and Mary, Lyminge, on September 10th. This was a delightful setting in a very beautiful old church with many historical associations.

A large number gathered to ring on the recently-restored eight. Unfortunately, the meeting was marred by an accident to a visitor, when she fell in the church, necessitating her removal to hospital. We hope that she will soon be fully recovered.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. F. G. A. Luckett), who has recently come to this parish from Pluckley.

After an ample tea in the Village Hall, the Canterbury District held a short business meeting, under the chairmanship of Mr. J. Willis. A number of new members were elected, many of whom were young ringers from the local tower. The next District meeting will be the annual on October 8th. Mr. Luck welcomed the Ladies' Guild, on behalf of the District, and thanked all those responsible for the success of this meeting. As Mrs. Mitchell had to make an unexpectedly early departure (though she was able to return later in the evening), Mrs. Barnett responded for the Ladies' Guild, thanking the Canterbury District for their welcome and congratulating them on the excellent attendance at their meeting, which could not be entirely due to the presence of the ladies. The next ladies' meeting will be on October 15th at Milton-next-Gravesend.

Further ringing was enjoyed during the evening, and a ladies' touch of Stedman Triples was achieved. S. M. D.

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LAKE DISTRICT & NORTH-EAST TOUR

FRIDAY, August 12th, saw the management of the King's Head Hotel, Loughborough, rolling out the red carpet for two carloads of peal-hungry tourists, comprising a Metropolitan contingent in the shape of Jill Neal Smith, escorted by Messrs. Dibben, Deason and Leale, followed eventually by the Provincials, these being Anne Garnett chaperoned by Messrs. Munday, Bagworth, Castledine and Harwood. The receptionist seemed surprised that breakfast was not ordered for 5 a.m., but was eventually convinced that the guests were not yet tired of life and therefore had no intention of performing at the Foundry next day.

At Old Glossop (8) on Saturday morning they were joined by Ralph Edwards and Pat Cannon, whose respective wives had also come along to keep them in order. Some brisk touches were rung on these pleasant bells, without overturning the stayless treble and second. In rather depressing weather the convoy proceeded through the Lancashire countryside (via Ashton-under-Lyne, Oldham and Rochdale) to St. Peter's, Burnley, where Mr. Norman Smith met them and a peal of Yorkshire was rung on this excellent eight. Later in the evening the Lake District was entered, and the Skelwith Bridge Hotel, near Ambleside, became the headquarters for the next four days.

'CANNON'S FOLLY'

On Sunday, ringing for Matins on the majestic eight at Ambleside was followed by an expedition, which was intended as a relaxing scenic tour but will probably go down in history as 'Cannon's Folly'; transit of the infamous Wrynose and Hardknott passes involved the negotiation of continuous 1-in-3 gradients clinging to the edges of awesome precipices, and the destination was reached with chronic palpitations and molten grease dripping from the hub-caps. Two touches of Bob Major sufficed at the tower in question. Despite coming home the easy way, some were still too late to ring for Evensong at Langdale (6), and are grateful to Mr. Birkett for allowing ringing after the service.

On Monday morning the peal attempt was at Sedbergh (8), where they were pleased to meet Mr. Gardiner and hear something of Mr. Woodhouse and his famous ringing machine. 'The tenor king' masterfully brought Middleton's round for the umpteenth time.

Ringing in the afternoon was first at Orton, a pleasant eight, whose ropes have seen better days; the eight at Kirby Stephen, rung from the ground floor in a most impressive church; and Appleby (6), another ground floor ring. The day's ringing concluded on the fine eight at Penrith, where one who knew not his own strength neatly bisected the tenor slider at the conclusion of the rise, thus disgracing the party, who were, however, somewhat compensated by his subsequent short (very short) period of quiet meditation.

'A GERM'

Tuesday dawned to the sound of dismal wailing from those of the party stricken by a localised outbreak of plague; they received scant sympathy, however, from our 'medical officer,' who confidently, but somewhat vaguely, diagnosed 'a germ' and prescribed bed and no peals. The morning peal was on the excellent light eight at Hawkshead, where the band were pleased to ring with the Vicar and Mr. Shuttleworth. In the afternoon some bold hearts ventured on to Lake Windermere, whilst others remained idle until the time came for ringing at Bowness (8) and Brathay (6).

On Wednesday morning, Cambridge Royal at Dalton-in-Furness was lost at the halfway stage through an error on the part of the conductor: however, he can at least claim credit for craftily shifting the blame on to shoulders more accustomed to bearing it. Ringing after lunch was at Ulverston (6), Broughton (a good eight) and Millom (6). Later some of the party rang an extent of London Minor at Kirkby Ireleth and returned to Skelwith Bridge via a route which, to the amazement of the driver (but not of the navigators), involved a further crossing of the Wrynose Pass.

On Thursday morning 'goodbye' was said to Skelwith Bridge, with hopes for better weather elsewhere. At Crosthwaite Mr. Brownrigg recorded the first five minutes of the peal of Lincolnshire; it is to be hoped that no one who subsequently hears it will think that it was all like that! The afternoon was free: whilst some climbed mountains, others swindled the local stamp dealers, and all eventually met again at the Globe Hotel, Cockermouth. Ringing in the evening was at Bridekirk (6) and Cockermouth (8), where Mr. Roger Wettenhall met the party. The first touch of Spliced Surprise was rung on the bells.

FOLLOWING 'BOND'S BASHERS'

Friday was an energetic day, with a peal of New Cambridge on the excellent eight at Cleator Moor to set the ball rolling; those not ringing were kindly entertained to tea by Mr. and Mrs. Tembey. After lunch we rang on the eights at Arlecdon and Hensingham, another pleasant but very odd-struck ring. Frequent reference to visitors' books in this area gave the impression that preceding the party was a company referred to locally as 'Bond's Bashers'; perhaps we left a better impression. Evening ringing was at St. Bees (8), Egremont (where Derwent Surprise Major went well) and Workington, where the eight have recently been rehung and our medical officer challenged A. P. C.'s opinion of women in the belfry by turning in the tenor to Spliced.

After saying goodbye to Anne Garnett, Mrs. Cannon and Mr. and Mrs. Edwards on Saturday morning, those remaining made their way to Aspatria. As this was to be the first peal on the bells, we decided on a dead cert, with the result that the well-known music hall turn of Cannon and Heywood put on a three-hour show. Although, contrary to popular belief, these bells go extremely well, their quietness in the ground floor ringing chamber detracts from their appeal. The afternoon was spent at sunny Silloth. At Thursby, Hector Bennett joined for the remainder of the tour; the six here certainly needed some ringing, and we were very grateful for the subsequent refreshments at the Vicarage. The last tower of the day was St. Stephen's, Carlisle, where Mr. Butterfield met us and later joined us at the Red Lion Hotel.



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INTO SCOTLAND

On Sunday morning, after ringing for Matins at Carlisle Cathedral, both cars set their separate courses for Scotland, and some hours later entered the fair city of Edinburgh, where the master in charge at Fettes College was probably surprised to receive two parties of tower-grabbers within half-an-hour of each other; the tower key not being available, neither was successful. We rang for Evensong at both St. Cuthbert's and the Cathedral, and are most grateful to Messrs. Wilson and Raine for accommodating us at such short notice. Another two hours' driving brought us to Berwick-upon-Tweed, England, where we were pleased to see Marion and Alan Ainsworth and Eric Harrison, who were to complete the party for the rest of the tour.

The responsibility for the arrangements here passed from the writer to Alan Ainsworth, and the resulting outbreak of fanaticism meant two peal attempts on Monday. In the morning Bristol was rung on England's most northerly ringable bells—the musical eight at Bamburgh; the back-enders had to work hard here. After lunch a Cannon knock-knock gained permission for us to ring at Embleton (6), after which the writer handed over his notebook to A. P. C. and headed for southern climes. R. L.

After ringing at Embleton we said goodbye to Jill and Robin, and continude to Alnwick to book in at the White Swan. The band that went to Rothbury, a pretty village set in the Northumbrian hills, scored a good peal of Yorkshire on a somewhat noisy ring, watched by a lady who stood in the belfry for over two hours!

Tuesday morning started with fine weather, and our first tower was the famous Watch Tower at Morpeth, where we were welcomed by Miss Jennie Armstrong and Mr. Nicholas Wright; we rang a fast course of London on these modern Taylor bells. Mr. Wright accompanied us to Cramlington (a line, heavy six) and Whitley Bay (8), home of the famous Gofton family, where we rang Rutland.

ONE OF THE BEST

After booking in at the Rex Hotel, a substantial lunch prepared us for one of the best peals of the tour—Cambridge Royal at North Shields: the bells here are a handy ring by Mears and Stainbank, and have been a ten since 1878. Although, as usual, there were some odd-struck bells, a brisk beat was maintained throughout, and we finished an excellent peal in the fast time of 3.2.

Coming out of the tower we were greeted by that well-known Cheshire and Suffolk leg-puller, David Vincent, and enjoyed a pleasant hour in the 'local,' during which the subject of bell-hanging was the chief topic! 'Bor Deervud' came to Newcastle Cathedral practice, where our 12-bell ringing was not distinguished, but we finished with a good course of London on the back eight.

On Wednesday, the frequent wet weather returned. We rang at Newburn, a noisy and heavy six, Newton Hall (6) and the well-known Hexham Abbey, where we rang Bristol and Superlative on a fair ring of fixed vintage. We continued to Allendale, set in lovely country, where we found a first-class Taylor ring, cast in 1910. The Vicar welcomed us at the church, and a very fast peal of Rutland was well rung in 2.29. Arriving back at Whitley Bay, we enjoyed the generous hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Capey, parents of Marion Ainsworth, who had prepared a sumptuous supper for us. Their kindness was much appreciated.

BOTH FEET OFF THE GROUND

On Thursday another peal of Cambridge Royal was rung, at Gosforth on the northern outskirts of Newcastle. This was also a big day for the maternity hospital next door to the church; we understand that our 'fastest on the bells' was not the only record broken. Although the bells are generally a very fine ring, the toggles on 2-3 tend to stick a little, with the result that Bill Deason was able to demonstrate his unusual skill at ringing with both feet off the ground on a number of occasions.

LAKE DISTRICT TOUR—Cont.

After lunch we visited St. George's, Jesmond, where we rang Lincolnshire and Spliced, and then to Fenham, where Mears and Stainbank cast one of their best rings in 1930. Here we were joined by Kenneth Arthur and Alan Ainsworth's sister, who joined us for a touch of Stedman. Once again we were delighted to enjoy northern hospitality, this time at Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ainsworth's, Alan's parents, for a grand tea. An extra peal for the evening was something out of the ordinary. The tower was Gateshead, a fast-moving ring, where three of our band joined five Tynesiders and Alan called a complex peal of Stedman Triples by J. W. Parker.

Friday brought us to our only day in County Durham, where our first job was to ring a peal of Lincolnshire at Chester-le-Street, an old-style Taylor ring. After lunch we visited parts of the county which are mainly industrial but still preserve some scenic beauty. First was Lanchester, a very fair ring of six, and then Tanfield, scene of the annual ringers' cricket match. As this was the writer's 2,325th tower, he decided to try something new (for him), and called nine leads of spliced four, including London. The band decided he'll be out of the beginner's stage very soon now!

At Benfieldside, where the six are hung in two tiers in a very small tower, we were met by Mr. C. T. Lamb, who had kindly also arranged the next two towers. These were the two eights at Blackhill, where we found a fair ring at St. Aidan's and some fine, modern Taylor bells at St. Mary's. In the evening we attended the practice at Consett, and were later most generously entertained to supper by Mr. and Mrs. Norman Errington.

THE FINAL PEAL

The last day of the tour arrived and, after a free morning, we met at Newcastle Cathedral where, with the assistance of George Deas, we rang a very good peal of Bob Royal, Alan Ainsworth making a fine job of the 37 cwt. tenor. To encourage him in his task he was presented with a gramophone record token before the start, with our very grateful thanks for his excellent arrangements. Thank you, Alan, and also Eric for the use of your car.

After spending Saturday night in Boroughbridge, we rang on Sunday morning at Sherburn-in-Elmet, where the writer was pleased to meet some old friends. So, after a fortnight, we returned home, having covered some 1,700 miles with ringing in 59 towers and passing through 23 counties. We shall always remember the North of England for its wonderful scenery and the kindness and hospitality of its ringers. A. P. C.

BARNSLEY DISTRICT CUP CONTEST

Four teams entered for the cup contest on September 10th, held with the monthly meeting at Hoylandswaine, near Sheffield. Two new teams entered—Ossett and Wentworth—the latter including Canon King and his two sons. The test was 720 changes, with Mr. Tom Hilton as judge and his son as marker.

Results and order of ringing were: Wentworth 121 faults, Shelley 55, Cawthorne 49, Ossett 101. The cup was presented by Mr. Fred Wigmore, a member of the Ely Diocesan Association. Receiving the cup on behalf of Cawthorne, Mr. Wilfred Broadhead recalled that 34 years ago he helped Cawthorne to win it. Mr. Edward Atkinson thanked the judge and marker, and all who had helped with the meeting.

An excellent tea was served in the Church Hall, and the next meeting was fixed for Hemsworth, near Pontefract, on October 8th.

Mr. H. Chant has adapted and increased Mr. C. K. Lewis' 22 methods of Minor in an extent to 25. It was rung in a peal at Thrybergh, Yorks, on September 2nd.

EAST RIDING RINGERS' SUMMER TOUR

FOR their summer tour, the East Riding Ringers decided to visit towers in the more scenic parts of Yorkshire. Ten ringers from churches in the East Riding took part, and were joined from time to time by other ringing friends. Most of the party assembeld at Malton Youth Hostel on Friday, August 26th.

On Saturday, ringing took place on the octaves at Malton and Norton before a pleasant ride through the Vale of Pickering to Wykeham, where we were joined by our tenth member, who had cycled from Middlesbrough that morning. Here we rang a variety of Doubles methods on the five bells, which stand in a separate tower at the entrance to the churchyard. Scarborough was covered in mist when we arrived, and the bells had competition from a fog horn on the pier. A wet ride over the moors brought us to Boggle Hole, where we spent the night.

Before the Sunday morning service we made the tower at Fylingdales sway nicely to Stedman and Grandsire Triples. The Vicar, in his sermon, thanked us and appealed for a 'local crew' to ring the bells. We arrived in Whitby after lunch to ring the famous 'Bells of St. Mary's' prior to the annual blessing of the fishing boats in the harbour below. Here we had a large audience as many thousands lined the quaysides for the service. After riding across the moors in a thunderstorm, we arrived at Saltburn in time to ring the heavy octave for Evensong. We attended the service and were given permission to ring the bells again before proceeding to the local youth hostel for the night.

A 'STRONGARM' HOUSE

The following day was spent in the Clevelands, and we soon arrived at Marske, where we were able to ring the back five of this very light six to a variety of Doubles methods. The fine octave at Skelton was put to good use, and after lunch we were pleased to find that Guisborough has a tower where two of the six bells are provided with seats for ringing! Here we tried some Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Minor in comfort! The six at Stokesley proved very awkward to ring, but we all liked the fine octave at Carlton, where we rang Cambridge and Grandsire Triples. At Whorlton two of the local band joined in a course of Grandsire Doubles before we ascended the steep road over the Hambletons via Scarth Nick to Osmotherley, where we spent the night at a 'Strongarm' house. We were awakened at regular intervals throughout the night by a two-bell clock chime at the nearby church.

Tuesday started fine, and assisted by a back wind we soon arrived at Thirsk, with its impressive church. Here we were joined for the day by ringers from York and Bradford; Stedman Triples and Cambridge Minor were rung. After taking the wrong road, we eventually arrived at Kirby Wiske, where we rang the delightful six before having our packed lunches in A. B.'s garden. Bolton-on-Swale bells were not considered suitable for peal ringing, but by using 'brute force' we were able to knock out some Bob Minor. Catterick had a curious assortment of ropes, but the bells were somewhat better than the previous tower's. At Richmond courses of Cambridge and Yorkshire Major were rung before a pleasant ride up Swaledale to Grinton Youth Hostel, where we stayed the night. In the local inn we learned that Grinton bells are 'the finest in the North.'

The following morning a quarter peal was attempted before leaving Grinton, but this came to grief due to intruders. A short ride over the moors brought us to Middleham for our second visit this year. A short detour was made to ring at East Witton, also for a second visit by the band. This concluded the ringing on Wednesday, and a long, hard ride up Coverdale and through Upper Wharfedale brought us to Linton, where we spent the night. After supper, our Ringing Master proved his skill by cycling across the forded river in the dark for a pint of ale.

AN ACCIDENT

On Thursday, three of us were involved in an accident, one cyclist being taken to hospital. With depleted strength, we managed to ring at Gargrave, Skipton, Kildwick, Addingham and Ilkley. The 'Yorkshire tail-ends' characterised the ringing that day.

Rain accompanied us when we left Burley Woodhead Youth Hostel on Friday, but we were cheered up by a well-struck touch of Kent Major at Otley. Ringing was difficult in the confined space at Collingham. After a visit to Kirk Deighton tower, we cycled to York for the night.

The last day of our tour began, after an early start, with a quarter peal of Doubles at Pocklington. A second quarter peal was rung at Nunburnholme. After ringing at Market Weighton the team split up to wend their various ways home. This ended a very successful holiday, in which we cycled over 350 miles and visited 32 towers.

Thanks must be accorded to Ian Goldthorpe and John Rank for organising the tour, and to all incumbents and tower captains for their co-operation and the use of their bells. J. I. B.



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RETURN THANKS

Mr. E. T. Paul Field expresses his sincere thanks for the sympathetic attitude of very many ringing friends during the five months which have elapsed since the loss of his beloved wife. Especially he thanks the bands of St. Mary's and St. James', Taunton, for their unfailing kindness which has lessened the loneliness of bereavement. 6652

PERSONAL

IF God be for us, who can be against us? (Rom. viii, 31b.)

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MISCELLANEOUS

BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY welcomes ringers coming up for the first time this term. Please contact A. J. Collings, 9, Jephson Road, St. Jude's, Plymouth, Devon. First meeting at the Union, 5.15 p.m., Tuesday, October 4th. 6655

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD DINNER.—Owing to circumstances beyond the control of the committee, the dinner this year is cancelled. 6651

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS.—Ringers coming up to Oxford University this term are invited to attend the business meeting at 8.15 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 11th, in the Old Bursary, New College.—N. J. Martin, St. Peter's Hall. 6646

UNIVERSITY OF NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY.—Will freshers coming up this year, and other members interested in a pre-sessional conference peal, please contact J. G. Underwood, The Department of Chemistry, The University, Nottingham. 6643

DAVENTRY BRANCH OUTING.—Members taking part please note: Willoughby 12.10, Daventry 12.20, Staverton 12.25, Byfield 12.35, Newnham 12.50, Weedon 12.55, Bugbrooke 1.5, Lower Heyford 1.10. 6671

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.—All ringers who are coming up as freshers this year are invited to write to the Secretary: I. Maycock, 109, Heathcote Road, Whitnash, Leamington Spa. 6679

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MEETINGS

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Fairfield, Buxton, on September 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. —C. K. Lewis. 6640

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby and Ilkeston District.—Monthly meeting at Horsley, Saturday, September 24th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. 6625

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting at Oatlands Park, Saturday, September 24th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 6624

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Meeting at Chepstow, September 24th. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. 6622

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midlands District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, September 24th, at St. Michael's, Brierley Hill, Staffordshire. Ringing 3 to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.30-5. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Ringing from 6 to 8 p.m. approximately. 6592

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting at Thurcaston, on Saturday, September 24th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea at Wheatsheaf Inn 4.30 p.m. 6626

MIDLAND COUNTIES' GUILD.—Next meeting Winshill, Saturday, September 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5.15 p.m. All welcome. 6619

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, September 24th, at Marlow. Ringing 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 6604

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester and District Branch.—Annual meeting, Brill, Saturday, Sept. 24th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m.—C. H. Kinch, Hon. Sec. 6656

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting at Willingdon, on September 24th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—F. Beeney, Sec. 6641

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting, Longparish, September 24th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Parish Room. Hurstbourne Priors 7 to 7.45 p.m. St. Mary Bourne 7.45 to 9 p.m. 6593

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ropley, on September 24th. Bells (6) available 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. 6620

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Meeting, Bletsoe (6), Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please assist by sending names for tea by Sept. 28th at very latest.—R. L. Piron, 8, Bowhill, Bedford (tel 61835). 6672

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, October 1st. Service 4.30 p.m., Whitnash Parish Church. Tea and meeting will follow in Whitnash Parish Rooms. The principal business is to pay tribute to the veterans of the Guild, and it is hoped to have them all present. Adjusted arrangements: St. Peter's, Wellesbourne, 10.30 to 11.30 a.m.; All Saints', Sherborne, 11.30 to 12.30; St. Mary Magdaline's, Lillington, 2.30 to 3.30; St. Margaret's, Whitnash, 3 to 4.30. Service, Whitnash, 4.30. Tea, Whitnash, 5. All Saints', Leamington Spa, 6 to 7.15; St. Nicholas', Warwick; St. Mary's (10), Warwick, 7 to 9 p.m. Please send names for tea by September 28th to Mr. P. Oram, 15, Henley Road, Leamington Spa. *This is a must.*—J. L. G. H. 6598

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—General quarterly, Chesterfield (10), Saturday, October 1st. Bells from 2 to 5.15 p.m. Committee 4. Business meeting in belfry at 5.15 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. Staveley (8) available in evening in conjunction with meeting of Sheffield and District Society.—B. P. Morris, Sec. 6628

DEVON GUILD.—North East Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Burlescombe, Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business after. Holcombe-Rogus bells (6) available after 7 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, Sept. 26th, to Secretary, Roseneath, The Avenue, Tiverton. 6648

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Newcastle, Saturday, Oct. 1st. Ringing: Gosforth 11 to 12.30, Jesmond 2 to 3, Fenham 2.30 to 3.30, Cathedral 3.30 to 4.15 and 7 to 9, Gateshead 7 to 9 p.m. Service in Cathedral 4.15, with tea at St. John's 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea by Sept. 29th to D. A. Bayles, 12, Crichton Avenue, Chester-le-Street. 6669

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Annual dinner, on October 1st, at the Saracen's Head Hotel, Chelmsford, 6.15 p.m. for 6.45. p.m. Tickets 15s. Early applications with stamped addressed envelope, please.—F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch. 6508

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice, Pirbright (6), Saturday, Oct. 1st, from 6 to 9 p.m. 6649

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting at Baldock, October 1st. 3 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names by Thursday, September 29th, to E. Buck, 13, The Rise, Baldock. 6610

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Great Gaddesden, Saturday, October 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, September 27th, to Mrs. Robinson, 3 Gade Cottages, Great Gaddesden, Herts.—J. Good, Dis. Sec 6608

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting at Rickmansworth (10), Saturday, Oct. 1st, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, by 28th, to Mr. H. A. Bradbury, 74, Winton Drive, Croxley Green, Rickmansworth.—G. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 6591

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Annual general meeting at Ashford, Saturday, October 1st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Thursday, to Miss M. Jones, 30, Park Road, Ashford.—C. T. H. 6633

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Lewisham District) and SURREY ASSOCIATION (Northern District).—Joint meeting, West Wickham, Saturday, October 1st, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, to Miss M. R. Andrews, 43, Wansunt Road, Bexley.—M. R. Andrews and W. Parrott, Hon. Secs. 6623

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbride District.—Annual District meeting, Saturday, October 1st, at Tonbridge. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, September 29th, to Mr. W. Dobbie, 13, Baltic Road, Tonbridge. 6616

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The annual meeting will take place at Morecambe (8) on Saturday, Oct. 1st, after tea. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to P. Handley, Heversham Hall, Milnthorpe, Westmorland. 6650

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Drighlington (8), Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. M. Brown, 3, Driftholme Road, Whitehall Road, Drighlington, Bradford. 6653

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting, South Wigston, Saturday, Oct. 1st. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in Church Rooms 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Sept. 28th, please, to Mr. B. G. Warwick, 12, Dorothy Avenue, Glen Hills, Leicester.—J. P. Kesterton, Dis. Sec. 6661

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—J. Armiger Trollope Commemorative Dinner will be held at Ealing Town Hall, on Saturday, October 1st, 6.30 p.m. Tickets 17s. each, from any officer of the Association. Ringing during the afternoon.—T. J. Lock, Hon. Sec., 57, Holloways Lane, North Mimms, Hatfield, Herts. 6627

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The autumn general meeting of the Guild will be held at Newbury on Saturday, October 1st. 2.30 p.m., business meeting in the Corn Exchange, Newbury; 4.30, service in the Parish Church: 5.30, tea in the Corn Exchange. Applications for tea tickets, together with remittance of 2s. 6d., should be made to Mr. H. Lawrenson, 52, Kings Road, Newbury, Berks, before Wednesday, September 28th. Tickets can be collected at the business meeting. It is essential that names should be sent to Mr. Lawrenson in order to facilitate catering arrangements. Towers available and ringing times (subject to confirmation and alteration): 10-11 a.m.: Lambourne (8), Peasmore (6), Stanford Dingley (4), Beenham (6); 11-12 noon: East Garston (6), Chieveley (6), Midgham (6); 12-1 p.m.: Great Shefford (6), Shaw (6), Bucklebury (8); 1-2 p.m.: Speen (6), Newbury (10); 6.15-7.30 p.m.: Newbury (10); 6.30-7.30 p.m.: Kintbury (6), Thatcham (8); 6.45-7.45 p.m.: Hungerford (8), Hampstead Norris (6), Aldermaston (8); 7-8 p.m.: Compton (6), Yattendon (6), Mortimer (8); 7.30-8.30 p.m.: East Ilsley (8), Brightwalton (6), Burghfield (6).—M. R. Cross. 6563

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Titchmarsh (8), Saturday, Oct. 1st. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by Tuesday previous, please.—L. Witton, 4, John's Street, Thrapston, Kettering, Northants. 6673

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting, Aston, October 1st. Bells (12) available 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Guild Hotel, Witton Road, for those who notify by September 28th.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwall Road, Birmingham 30. SPR 1025. 6632

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Westbury, Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to E. J. Hitchins, 136, Bradley Road, Trowbridge, Wilts. 6306

SOUTH DEVON ASSOCIATION.—Annual eight-bell festival (call-changes), Dartmouth (St. Saviour's), Saturday, Oct. 1st, commencing with service at 3 o'clock. 6644

SUFFOLK GUILD.—West Central District.—Meeting, Barking (6), October 1st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by September 28th, to Mrs. Lester, 40, Stowmarket Road, Needham Market.—H. Mitson, Dis. Sec. 6612

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bretforton, Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business. Names for tea by Wednesday, Sept. 27th, to W. J. Newman, 7, New Road, Hampton, Evesham. 6666

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Practice, Wychbold, Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells (6) available 7 to 9 p.m.—F. Hyde, Branch Sec. 6658

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting at York, on Saturday, October 1st. Service in Minster 4 p.m. Choir festival, augmented choir. Minster bells 2 to 3.50; Acomb and Architectural Institute after meeting. Tea 5 p.m., in Railway Institute. Names by September 29th, to Miss M. E. Milkman, 10, St. Oswald's Road, York. Snowdon Dinner tickets available.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 6603

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Annual meeting, St. Dunstan's, Canterbury, October 8th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 2s. per head. Names together with cash, please, not later than Wednesday, October 5th, to me. Nominations for District officers same date. Full details on tower notices. Copy to non-district members on receipt of S.A.E.—T. C. Phillimore, 47, St. Peter's Grove, Canterbury. 6631

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting, Sibsey, Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, Oct. 3rd, to me.—W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. 6670

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Meeting at Dyffryn, Neath, Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business.—R. E. Coles, Branch Sec. 6662

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 8th. St. George's, Wells Way, Camberwell, 4 to 5.30 p.m. Business 5.30 to 6. St. Margaret's, Westminster, 7.15 to 8.30 p.m. Everyone welcome.—Rogers, 53, The Grove, Isleworth. ISL 3921. 6657

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Meeting, New Buckenham, Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Time of service to be arranged. Names for tea by Wednesday, Oct. 5th, to Mr. W. G. Saunders, King Street, New Buckenham, Norwich.—C. F. W. Phillippo, Hon. Sec. 6654

SOUTH WALES NOMADS.—Practice meeting, Cwmcarvan, Saturday, Oct. 8th, 4 to 7 p.m. All welcome. For transport from A40 'bus stop please contact D. Pike, 58, Caradog Road, Caerleon, Newport. 6647

WAITING TO RING



PICTURED here are the ringers of St. Curig's, Porthkerry, Glamorgan, waiting to ring for a wedding. The church will only accommodate 70 people, even when chairs are placed under the tower at the west end where the ringers stand. These chairs are removed while the register is being signed so that the bells can greet the happy couple leaving the church.

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An outing was held in May, with ringing at Llangibby, near Usk, Staunton and Newland (Forest of Dean), and Marshfield, near Newport. [Photo by courtesy of 'Barry and District News.'

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Ringing meeting, Saturday, Oct. 8th, Mildenhall (10). Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting follows. Names for tea by Wednesday, Oct. 5th, to Mr. J. Y. Parker, Broom Cottage, Worlington, Bury St. Edmunds. 6674

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The 23rd annual dinner will be held in the Guildhall, Worcester, on Saturday, October 8th, at 5.45 p.m. **prompt.** Bells available: Cathedral (12) 3.30-5 p.m., All Saints' (10) 4-5.15 p.m. Tickets (12s. each) obtainable until Wednesday, October 5th, from Branch officers or J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 6613

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual dinner, Saturday, Oct. 29th, Rose and Crown Hotel, Tonbridge, 6.15 for 6.45 p.m. Tickets (13s.) from Miss D. Colgate, 30, Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks. Please apply early as number limited. 6660

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—ST. JOHN'S, HILLINGDON.—No practice on Monday, Sept. 26th. Joint meeting of Ladies', Oxford and Middlesex Guilds on Saturday, Oct. 29th.—F. W. Goodfellow. 6659

(For Late Notices see back page.)

OUTING

To N.W. Bucks and District

A very enjoyable day amongst the 5- and 6-bell towers of N.W. Bucks and nearby Oxon and Northants was spent by a small party of ringers on August 27th.

Two of the local band met us at Wotton Underwood, which is approached by a mile-long road in very poor condition; unfortunately one carload arrived late, but managed a quick pull before continuing to Brill, another ground floor six of quite pleasant tone. Two fives followed. Ludgarshall and Piddington, which White's, of Appleton, have recently rehung: Mr. E. H. Jones welcomed us here. It was a long drive to our next call at Souldern, where the sallies often catch in the rather small rope holes; however, the bells 'go' well, and a rapid bob course of Cambridge was enjoyed. Croughton Church possesses a fine ring of five by Taylor's (1924), and we were pleased to have one of the locals join in a touch. One more visit before lunch was to Brackley, an old six rehung and retuned by Mears to make a good 13¼ cwt. ring. Although ropesight is difficult, due to the ropes hanging in two straight lines, a course of London was successfully brought round.

A longer lunch interval than intended caused us to be late at most of the afternoon towers. The first two were fives—Evenley, a light, poor-toned ring, and Tingewick, a 'lumpy' ring, rung from a gallery. Our pull at Hillesdon was very short as the key arrived late; however, we were able to admire the fine church while waiting—regrettably, the bells do not match the church. The Rector and his wife met us at East Claydon, and before we raised the bells in peal the Rector recited the Oxford Guild Office. Then on to North Marston, to find another good Mears six of exactly the same weight as Brackley's; the Vicar met us and related some of the interesting features of his church and its history. Granborough's five were sampled prior to a break for tea.

Another gallery ring was found at Swanbourne (6, 14 cwt.), while our last ground floor six was at Mursley, a very musical ring. The Vicar and one of the old ringers greeted us at Drayton Parslow, having a six which are very rarely heard, though again a tuneful ring. The final tower was Wingrave: the bells require a lot of effort—it is hoped to have these rehung in the near future.

As the party included ringers from as far apart as Staffordshire and Kent, a prompt departure soon after 9 p.m. was advisable, but not before agreeing that it had been a successful day. Thanks to all those who had readily given us permission to ring at their various towers.

I. H. O.

LATE NOTICES

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting, East Haddon (6), Saturday, Oct. 1st. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to E. Thresher, 22, Watson Road, Long Buckby, near Rugby. 6677

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—General meeting, Saturday, Oct. 15th, at St. Olave's Parish Hall, Mark Lane, E.C.3, 4 p.m. Ringing: St. Lawrence Jewry 2 to 3, St. Olave's, Hart Street, after meeting and tea. Weekly practices begin at St. Olave's on Oct. 11th at 6.30. Freshers especially welcome. Nearest tube, Tower Hill. 6675

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual Jasper Snowden commemoration dinner will be held at Rotherham on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. The bells of Rotherham Parish Church (10), Eastwood (8), Whiston (8), Thrybergh (6), Wentworth (6), Rawmarsh (8) will be available morning or afternoon, times to be published later. Tickets, 12s. 6d. each, from Mr. J. J. L. Gilbert, 56, Glencoe Road, Sheffield, 2, also inquiries for hotel accommodation. Peals will be arranged Friday evening or Saturday morning if desired. The Ecclesfield Handbell Ringers will entertain at the dinner. A cordial welcome will be extended to all visitors.—N. Chaddock, J. J. L. Gilbert, organising committee. 6678

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THE NAME OF SNOWDON

THE mention of the name of Snowdon straightway brings to mind that excellent series of ringing text books which still forms the vade-mecum of the average ringer.

Jasper Whitfield Snowdon, who originated the series, had a deep and extensive insight into all aspects of change-ringing, from elementary instruction to the composition and proof of complex methods. An even greater gift which he possessed was his willingness and ability to impart this knowledge to others, with a clarity of written expression which few writers achieve. Though many books on ringing preceded his, Jasper was the man who really popularised the ringing text book, and his introduction of standard diagrams was an original and progressive step.

Whilst some of his written works are designed for beginners, others form the foundation on which many modern composers build up their systems of composition and proof in advanced methods.

Jasper Snowdon, born at Ilkley in 1844, established a competent local band there and was instrumental in the augmentation of the bells from six into eight. On his initiative the Yorkshire Association was established in 1875, and he served as president from then until his untimely death in 1885.

The Exercise and the Yorkshire Association were fortunate that the good works begun by Jasper were able to be developed and completed by his brother William, who became second president for 25 years. Aided by his wife, Laura, and the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, he effected the completion and publication of Jasper's manuscripts, thus preserving these valuable works for future generations.

William Snowdon was noted for his punctual and regular attention to service ringing and to the affairs of the Yorkshire Association. He was esteemed as a perfect gentleman, holding the view that 'ringing makes all men equal.' In all that he did he was supported by his wife Laura, who, until her death in 1941, continued publication of The Snowdon Series. Their daughter, Margaret E. Snowdon, then took over the responsibility of the books.

This gracious lady is still an ardent church worker at Cartmel Priory, and during the years after 1941 she has, aided by such men as the late J. A. Trollope and Ernest C. S. Turner, seen that the books have been thoroughly revised, brought up to date, and republished.

In 1959 she handed over care of the series to a younger person, Mrs. Winifred Turner, who can be relied upon to ensure their continuity in the future. Although the books have moved with the times, they still have the hall-mark of the illustrious name of Snowdon.

It is fitting that such names should be remembered, and on October 22nd this year members of the Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers and friends from many parts of the country will, on the occasion of their annual commemoration dinner, gather at Rotherham to pay tribute to Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and other past officers of the Yorkshire Association. N. C.

A BELL FOR THE MISSION FIELD

THE seed was sown in the autumn of 1959 when Father Cox, of the U.M.C.A., home on leave from his new church, St. Michael's, M'twara, Tanganyika Territory, ascended the detached tower of St. David's Cathedral one practice night to see the ringers and tell them what a fine ring of bells they had. In conversation, it transpired that his church had not a bell, and his people were summoned by a hammer being beaten on a tractor wheel!

The ringers decided that they must try and find a bell for M'twara Church. Mr. Frederick Sharpe was consulted, and through him they learnt that Mr. F. A. White, the bell-hanger at Appleton, had one for sale, cast in 1848 by William Taylor, of Oxford. The price was £45, and a deposit was paid to secure the bell.

To raise the money the ringers took on various jobs in their spare time, such as potato picking, pruning and rooting out nettles. Another gave a part of his B.B.C. fee for a broadcast, and there were also personal gifts. Then it was decided to make the appeal to a wider circle. A collecting box bearing the story of the M'twara bell was placed in the Cathedral to attract the sympathy of the many visitors. The Dean, however, had a more appealing idea—placing the box on the top of a huge old bell which stands in the nave, a reminder of the sad old days when the Cathedral bells had cracked. A coffee morning in the City Hall finally completed the task.

On September 14th St. David's ringers heard from Father Cox, expressing his thanks and saying how much he was looking forward to the early arrival of the bell, which will be going out from Central Africa House with a priest who is soon leaving for this diocese.

A PEAL WEEK-END IN SUFFOLK

ALL PEALS RUNG FOR THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.
On Sat., Sept. 17, 1960, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb. in A flat.

RODERICK W. PIPE	*Treble*	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	5
JOE E. G. ROAST	2	*LESLIE N. MELTON	6
NORMAN J. GOODMAN	3	JOHN A. ANDERSON	7
PETER J. EVES	4	JOHN MCDONALD	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by JOHN MCDONALD.
* First peal of London Surprise Major.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.
On Sat., Sept. 17, 1960, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3 version. Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

CECIL W. PIPE	*Treble*	PETER J. EVES	6
JOE E. G. ROAST	2	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	7
*ROGER L. K. WHITTELL	3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	8
JOHN MCDONALD	4	RODERICK W. PIPE	9
*JAMES B. MORLEY	5	JOHN A. ANDERSON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. KENNETH LEWIS. Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.
* First peal of London Surprise Royal. First of London Surprise Royal as conductor.

BURGH, SUFFOLK.
On Sun., Sept. 18, 1960, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. BOTOLPH AND ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

RONALD W. STEWARD	*Treble*	LESLIE N. MELTON	4
ROGER L. K. WHITTELL	2	*JOHN MCDONALD	5
RODERICK W. PIPE	3	JOHN A. ANDERSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.
* First peal of London Surprise Minor.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 17, 1960 in 3 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in C.

*J. KEITH WARD	*Treble*	*STANLEY JENNER	7
†CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	2	‡WILFRID G. WILSON	8
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	3	§THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	9
THOMAS J. LOCK	4	‡WALTER H. DOBBIE	10
‡FREDERICK R. SCOTT	5	‡FRANK C. PRICE	11
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	6	PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
* First 12-bell peal. † 300th peal. ‡ First of Yorkshire Maximus. § First of Maximus.

TEN BELL PEALS

BUCKFAST, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., Sept. 10, 1960, in 3 Hours and 52 Minutes.
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 41 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in C.

GEOFFREY M. BREWIN	*Treble*	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	6
JAMES G. NEWMAN	2	ALFRED E. RUSHTON	7
RONALD C. NOON	3	GERALD C. HEMMING	8
BARRIE HENDRY	4	BRYAN PATTISON	9
JAMES R. TAYLOR	5	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.
First 10-bell peal on the bells.
Rung in connection with the golden jubilee of the blessing of the Abbey bells on Michaelmas Day, 1910.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 10, 1960, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3 version. Tenor 34 cwt. 3 qr. in D flat.

JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK	*Treble*	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	6
*JOHN J. L. GILBERT	2	*†IAN M. HOLLAND	7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	3	WILFRID F. MORETON	8
*HOWARD SCOTT	4	*J. HENRY FIELDEN	9
*GORDON BENFIELD	5	*NORMAN CHADDOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by C. KENNETH LEWIS. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* First peal of London Royal. † 100th peal for the Association. First of London Royal for the Association by a resident band.

WATFORD, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Sept. 10, 1960, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E flat.

J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE	*Treble*	GORDON T. PETERS	6
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	2	ALAN E. M. BAGWORTH	7
MICHAEL P. MORETON	3	JACK S. DEAR	8
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	4	JOHN H. CRAMPION	9
JOHN HILL	5	FREDERICK E. COLLINS	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by FREDERICK E. COLLINS.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Sept. 15, 1960, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

ALMA M. GREAVES	*Treble*	JOHN A. ANDERSON	6
MURIEL REAY	2	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	7
RODERICK J. LEES	3	JOHN MCDONALD	8
JOHN PINFOLD	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	9
DAVID J. PURNELL	5	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

CROSS STONE, TODMORDEN, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri. Aug. 9, 1960, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9¼ cwt.

PHILIP J. H. HUDSON	*Treble*	*PETER SCHOLFIELD	5
*S. BARRY SCHOFIELD	2	*JOHN H. FIELDEN	6
*B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD	3	NORMAN SMITH	7
*GEOFFREY CHEETHAM	4	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
* First peal in the method. First of London on the bells. The conductor has now rung peals at 100 Yorkshire churches.

HEADCORN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 3, 1960, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt.

MRS. T. CULLINGWORTH	*Treble*	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	5
*KATHLEEN M. YEO	2	IAN H. ORAM	6
JOHN R. COOPER	3	RALPH BIRD	7
MAURICE E. DOWNS	4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.
* 50th peal.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Geoffrey Pearson and Jane-Ann Hedges, married at this church immediately prior to the commencement of the peal.

DAVENTRY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Sept. 4, 1960, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in E flat.

DAVID J. PURNELL	*Treble*	RALPH G. EDWARDS	5
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	2	JOHN A. ANDERSON	6
PETER BORDER	3	PHILIP MEHEW	7
RICHARD C. PRICE	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Sept. 6, 1960, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

SHIRLEY HARRIS	*Treble*	*ROBERT B. SMITH	5
EILEEN M. FEARN	2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	6
CAROL FERNLEY	3	BRIAN HARRIS	7
BASIL JONES	4	FRANK OSBALDISTON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by BASIL JONES.
* 100th peal of Major.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Sept. 7, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

NORMAN HAYES	*Treble*	JOHN R. FAITHFULL	5
MARY S. TAYLOR	2	JANICE E. WILLIAMSON	6
DAVID E. HOUSE	3	DAVID J. FORDER	7
PAULINE FENNELL	4	MICHAEL J. THOMAS	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by MICHAEL J. THOMAS.
First peal as conductor.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Sept. 9, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY AND UNDIVIDED TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 lb. in E flat.

RICHARD J. BOWDEN	*Treble*	MICHAEL R. ROSE	5
ELISABETH A. G. BOWDEN	2	DON C. EXELL	6
D. JOHN HUNT	3	*PATRICK J. BIRD	7
*DONALD E. COBB	4	JOHN H. GILBERT	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by JOHN H. GILBERT.
* First peal in the method. First of Bristol on these bells, and of Surprise at the Cathedral. First of 'Bristol' in Bristol since September, 1925.

BISHOP'S CLEEVE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 10, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in D flat.

REV. JOHN B. T. HOMFRAY	*Treble*	*WENDY BIRD	5
PETER BAKER	2	PETER T. HURCOMBE	6
FRED NEWTON	3	CYRIL A. WRATTEN	7
*DERRICK ASTON	4	LESLIE ASTON	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by CYRIL A. WRATTEN.
* First peal of Major 'inside.'
Rung as a farewell to Miss Wendy Bird, of the local band, who is leaving for the Teachers' Training College, Salisbury.

HOLLESLEY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat. Sept. 10, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. in F.

RODERICK W. PIPE	*Treble*	CECIL W. PIPE	5
JAMES BENNETT	2	GEORGE E. SYMONDS	6
*BRENDA E. DOWNING	3	*ROBERT F. DOWNING	7
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY	4	WILLIAM J. BUTTON	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY (No. 8).
Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.
* First peal of Surprise Major.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 10, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

LOUIS WILLDERS	*Treble*	*PETER A. SHARP	5
*DELIA SMITH	2	GEOFFREY R. PARKER	6
MARGARET A. SWANN	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	7
*CLAIRE DILLAMORE	4	JOHN WALDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal of Double Norwich Court Bob.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

LODDON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 10, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Composer's Twelve-Part, No. 17 in the method. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

GODFREY G. WALPOLE	*Treble*	F. CHARLES GOODMAN	5
ARTHUR G. BASON	2	NORMAN V. HARDING	6
NOLAN GOLDEN	3	BERT GOGLE	7
WILLIAM LOVE	4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
Rung in honour of the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Barrett, who were married at this church.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Sept. 12, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
F. H. Dexter's variation of Thurstans' Four-Part.
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

JOHN M. JELLEY	*Treble*	A. JAMES POYNOR	5
ERNEST MORRIS	2	RUSSELL S. MORRIS	6
*MRS. G. A. HALLS	3	BRIAN G. WARWICK	7
GORDON A. HALLS	4	G. RONALD EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal of Stedman Triples.

NORTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 10, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 lb. in A flat.

CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	*Treble*	GEORGE A. SPENCER	5
*HORACE E. WERRET	2	A. REX AGG	6
EDWIN G. BUCK	3	COLIN A. S. HARWOOD	7
ERIC EDMONDSON	4	GEORGE E. THODAY	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.
Conducted by COLIN A. S. HARWOOD.
* First peal in the method.
Rung as a welcome to the Rev. David Ritchie and Mrs. Ritchie.

ROMSEY, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 10, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ETHELFREDA,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 8 lb. in D.

DONALD G. CLIFT	*Treble*	ALAN F. THIRST	5
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD	2	ROBERT C. KIPPIN	6
WILLIAM T. COOK	3	BRIAN D. THRELFALL	7
R. ROGER SAVORY	4	WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

UFFCULME, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., Sept. 10, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's. Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

PHILIP N. TUBBS	*Treble*	WALTER H. POOLE	5
FRANK L. HARRIS	2	DAVID T. NORTH	6
RAYMOND P. SELWAY	3	ARTHUR H. REED	7
GWILYM SALMON	4	ALBERT W. DYER	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR H. REED.

QUEENSBURY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Sept. 12, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In eight methods, being 960 London, 928 Watford, 896 Bristol, 672 Cambridge, 512 Dorchester, 448 Pudsey and Superlative, and 416 Lincoln; all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 14 cwt.

J. NEVILLE PARKIN	*Treble*	GEOFFREY F. BRYANT	5
MRS. SHEILA M. MOULDS	2	J. HENRY FIELDEN	6
PATRICIA REEVE	3	JOHN F. BRYANT	7
M. VIVIEN COPPING	4	ROBERT E. MOULDS	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by J. HENRY FIELDEN.
Rung by the Sunday service band of All Souls' Church, Halifax.

HERSHAM, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Sept. 14, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. in G sharp.

A. PATRICK CANNON	*Treble*	WILLIAM S. DEASON	5
CHRISTINE M. HARBOTT	2	EUNICE A. HILEY	6
*COLIN CHINNERY	3	JOHN F. M. MAYBREY	7
CATHERINE M. POWELL	4	FRANK W. LEWIS	*Tenor*

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First peal 'inside.' The conductor has now 'completed the circle' of this tower.
Rung as a compliment to the new Vicar (Rev. F. H. Hargraves) and his wife.

GATESHEAD, COUNTY DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Sept. 15, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Taylor's Six-Part. Tenor 15 cwt.

J. ALAN AINSWORTH	*Treble*	KENNETH ARTHUR	5
FREDERICK ROSS	2	KENNETH W. CHEESEMAN	6
NORMAN ERRINGTON	3	ERIC N. HARRISON	7
WILLIAM TYSON	4	ROBERT F. TELFORD	*Tenor*

Conducted by KENNETH W. CHEESEMAN.
First peal in the method as conductor.

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WILLESDEN MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Sept. 15, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. *Treble*	DENNIS KNOX 5
JOAN BERESFORD 2	JOHN R. MAYNE 6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE 7
ALICK CUTLER 4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. *Tenor*

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Sept. 16, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.

ROSEMARY FLEMING .. *Treble*	H. GEORGE HART 5
*CATHERINE WHITE 2	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 6
ELSIE K. HART 3	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 7
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 4	JOHN R. MAYNE .. .. .. *Tenor*

Composed by IAN M. HOLLAND. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
* First peal of Surprise 'inside.'
A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Hart.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 17, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

MARION ARCHER .. .. *Treble*	HAROLD WAGSTAFFE 5
CYRIL WRIGHT 2	STANLEY SLANEY 6
*EILEEN A. OSBORNE 3	LEONARD GOODALL 7
ELIZABETH A. WARDILL .. 4	IAN M. HOLLAND .. .. *Tenor*

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by IAN M. HOLLAND.
* First peal in the method.
Rung in connection with the appeal to restore the organ of this church, destroyed by fire in 1959.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Sept. 16, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

PETER F. BORER .. .. *Treble*	RALPH BIRD 5
*ARTHUR G. MASON 2	IAN H. ORAM 6
FRANK I. HAIRS 3	‡HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. 7
†ANDREW M. MACVE .. 4	TREVOR A. CROSS .. .. *Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY (C.C.C. 5).
Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.
* 75th peal on the bells. † First in the method. ‡ 1,100th peal.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Borer on the birth of a daughter, Denise Ann.

ESHER, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 17, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes.*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in A flat.

A. PATRICK CANNON .. *Treble*	PETER G. SMART 5
*ANGELA J. MARTIN 2	‡KATHLEEN M. HIGGINS .. 6
†RUPERT L. CAPORN 3	JOHN F. M. MAYBREY .. 7
CATHERINE M. POWELL .. 4	WILLIAM S. DEASON .. *Tenor*

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by CATHERINE M. POWELL.
* First peal on eight bells 'inside.' † First on eight bells. ‡ First peal. First touch of Major as conductor.

BOURNEMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 17 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5056 HAMPSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21¼ cwt. in E.

HERBERT A. MITCHELL .. *Treble*	HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS .. 5
DOROTHY T. GARDINER .. 2	LEWIS F. COBB 6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 3	FRANK L. HARRIS 7
MICHAEL J. BEST 4	RONALD N. MARLOW .. .. *Tenor*

Composed by JOHN R. MAYNE. Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.
First peal in the method for all.

HAZELBECH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 17, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 12 lb. in F sharp.

PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. *Treble*	RODERICK J. LEES 5
DIANA M. LAWLESS 2	ALAN J. FROST 6
ERIC BILLINGS 3	GEORGE E. FEARN 7
RUTH M. BORDER 4	PETER BORDER .. .. .. *Tenor*

Composed by PATRICK I. CHAPMAN. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

LEVERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Eastern Branch.)
On Sat., Aug. 6, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELENA.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 9 cwt. in G.

*H. LAKIN .. .. .. *Treble*	*T. MOTTRAM 4
*MISS N. WILLINGHAM .. 2	*W. H. LAKIN 5
*C. ASKEW 3	*A. PICKWELL .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by W. H. LAKIN.
* First peal. First as conductor. First on the bells.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 13, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.
A PEAL OF 5040 NETHERSEALE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 14 cwt.

ALBERT J. DAVEY .. *Treble*	GEORGE E. THODAY 4
*HAROLD S. PEACOCK 2	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS .. 5
DONALD F. MURFET .. 3	*MANSFIELD GINN .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by MANSFIELD GINN.
* 25th peal together. First in the method by all the band.

STAPLETON, BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 3, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In six methods, being two extents of Kent Treble Bob and one each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN H. GILBERT .. .. *Treble*	*DON C. EXELL 4
*CLIFF J. RICHARDS 2	D. JOHN HUNT 5
ELISABETH A. G. BOWDEN 3	†JOHN BRAIN .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by D. JOHN HUNT.
* First peal in six methods. † First of Minor. First in six methods as conductor. First on the bells.

THANINGTON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 3, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 2,640 of Grandsire (Morris's 240 and 20 extents) and 2,400 of Plain Bob. Tenor 6¼ cwt. in C.

*JOSEPHINE D. HARDY .. *Treble*	NICHOLAS J. DAVIES 3
†PAUL A. BATCHELOR .. 2	CRAWFORD T. HILLIS .. 4

DENNIS A. CHAPMAN .. *Tenor*
Conducted by DENNIS A. CHAPMAN.
* First peal. † First of Doubles. First of Doubles as conductor. First on the bells.

FINDON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 7, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

*ANDREW J. THOMSON .. *Treble*	RAYMOND A. BROWN 4
ANGELA GRAINGER 2	HERBERT W. WOOLVEN .. 5
*VICTOR J. DALE 3	GEORGE E. THODAY .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. THODAY.
* First peal. The conductor's 50th peal.

GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Sept. 7, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in 14 methods: (1) Double and Single Court, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) St. Clement's, Childwall, Double Oxford and Thelwall, (4) Plain Bob and Oxford Bob, (5) Double Bob and Fulbeck, (6) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (7) Reverse Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in A.

JOHN COATES .. .. .. *Treble*	LOUIS WILLDERS 4
CLAIRE DILLAMORE 2	HAROLD DENMAN 5
JACK L. MILLHOUSE 3	PETER A. SHARP .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

SHELLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 7, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF EMMANUEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in G.

TREVOR TARBATT .. .. *Treble*	PETER SCHOLFIELD 4
WILFRID F. MORETON .. 2	*GEOFFREY TOWNEND .. 5
RODNEY PAGDIN 3	*KENNETH PARK .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* First peal in seven methods.

CONSETT, COUNTY DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Sept. 8, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 17 cwt.

J. GEORGE WALL	*Treble*	KENNETH W. CHEESEMAN	4
DENIS A. BAYLES	2	*ROBERT B. SKELTON ..	5
WILLIAM TYSON	3	RICHARD OLIVER	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.

* First peal in five methods.

Rung for the wedding at this church on September 3rd of Miss Ella Foreman, of the local band, to Mr. Stanley Green.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Sept. 8, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 15 methods, being seven 720's, viz.: (1) London and Wells Surprise, (2) Norwich Surprise, (3) Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise, (4) Hereford and Oxford Bob, (5) Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Childwall and Thelwall Bob, (6) Double and Plain Bob, (7) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

*DAVID E. CULHAM.. ..	*Treble*	*ALLEN W. CANSDALE ..	4
*EVELYN R. M. CANSDALE	2	FRANK B. LUFKIN	5
*BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD ..	3	URBAN W. WILDNEY ..	*Treble*

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* Most methods to a peal.

EAST SUTTON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Sept. 10, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in 14 methods: (1) London, Wells and Cunecastre: (2) Lightfoot and Wearmouth: (3) York and Durham: (4) Beverley and Surfleet: (5) Annable's London: (6) Norwich: (7) Cambridge, Ipswich and Bourne. Tenor 10 cwt. in G sharp.

JOHN R. COOPER	*Treble*	IAN H. ORAM	4
CRAWFORD T. HILLIS ..	2	RALPH BIRD	5
ANDREW M. MACVE	3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

First peal in 14 Surprise methods by all the band, and on the bells.

HADDENHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 10, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, comprising an extent each of Double Oxford Bob, Double Court Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

GEORGE A. WALKER ..	*Treble*	*ANTHONY R. MANN ..	4
ROSEMARY J. SEABROOK	2	ROGER J. PALMER	5
*†W. JOHN COUPERTHWAITE	3	MANSFIELD GINN	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROGER J. PALMER.

* First peal in seven methods. † 25th peal for the Association. First as conductor in more than one method.

WOOTTON WAWEN, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 10, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor 10½ cwt.

*KEITH C. STONE	*Treble*	‡JOHN W. PERKINS	4
†‡RICHARD H. SPRAY ..	2	‡PETER S. BENNETT	5
MAURICE C. HUGHES ..	3	*JAMES A. CROOK	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER S. BENNETT.

* First peal. † First 'inside.' ‡ First of Plain Bob Doubles.

Rung to commemorate the engagements of Mr. H. Windsor to Miss J. Elliman and Mr. R. Winter to Miss B. Thompson.

BROADWAS-ON-TEME, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Sept. 12, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents of Broadwas Bob and ten each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, April Day, Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 4½ cwt. in D flat minor.

*PETER J. BROWN	*Treble*	*JOHN C. EISEL	3
MICHAEL J. FELLOWS ..	2	†PAUL CATTERMOLE	4
MARTIN D. FELLOWS ..	*Tenor*		

Conducted by PAUL CATTERMOLE.

* First peal on five bells. † 25th peal for the Association.

Rung within the octave of Holy Cross Day.

BURGH, SUFFOLK.
On Tues, Sept. 13, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. BOTOLPH AND ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 13 methods: (1) Norfolk Surprise, (2) Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise, (3) Double Court and College Bob, (4) St. Clement's, Double Oxford and Oxford Bob, (5) London Surprise, (6) Plain and Double Bob, (7) Kent and Oxford T.B. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

ERNEST G. PEARCE	*Treble*	RODERICK W. PIPE	4
JAMES B. MORLEY	2	PETER S. BEDFORD	5
JACK PILGRIM	3	LESLIE N. MELTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

The greatest number of methods rung in a peal of Minor by the band, on the bells, and for the Guild.

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Sept. 13, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-A-BECKET,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven methods in seven extents: (1) Single Oxford Bob, (2) St. Clement's Bob, (3) Double Plain Bob, (4) Plain Bob, (5) Cambridge Surprise, (6) Oxford Treble Bob, (7) Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

CAROL FERNLEY	*Treble*	BASIL JONES	4
EILEEN M. FEARN	2	BRIAN HARRIS	5
LESLIE BOUMPHREY	3	ROBERT B. SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.

BLAYDON-ON-TYNE, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 14, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in eight methods: (1) Beverley Surprise, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Kent and Oxford T.B., (4) Double Oxford, (5) Single Oxford, (6) St. Clement's, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt. in B.

JOHN E. ANDERSON	*Treble*	KENNETH ARTHUR	4
MARION S. AINSWORTH ..	2	FREDERICK ROSE	5
STEPHEN THOMPSON	3	GEORGE S. DEAS	*Tenor*

Conducted by KENNETH ARTHUR.

WYCHBOLD, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 14, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-DE-WYCHE,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten extents each of Plain Bob and Grandsire, three each of April Day, Dedworth, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Stedman, and two each of Kennington, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, Reverse St. Bartholomew and Wychbold Pleasure. Tenor 10½ cwt. in G sharp.

PAUL CATTERMOLE	*Treble*	ARTHUR D. COOK	4
JAMES E. PULLON	2	MARTIN D. FELLOWS ..	5
MICHAEL J. FELLOWS ..	3	ARTHUR D. FELLOWS ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by PAUL CATTERMOLE.

Fastest peal on the bells. Most methods rung to a peal by all, and on the bells.

A birthday compliment to Mr. E. Dudley Wilson, of Redmarley D'Abitot.

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NORTON DISNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Sept. 14, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 11 methods: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Double and Single Court, (3) St. Clement's and Double Oxford, (4) London Surprise, (5) Plain and Oxford Bob, (6) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (7) Double Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 27 lb. in B flat.

DELIA SMITH	*Treble*	G. LEONARD THOMPSON	4
MARGARET A. SWANN	2	GEOFFREY R. PARKER	5
A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

GREAT TOTHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 17, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being one extent of Cambridge Surprise and two each of Kent T.B., Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 11 lb.

GEORGE BARBER	*Treble*	SIDNEY C. EASTER	4
*ALISON MANN	2	JAMES TOWLER	5
BERNARD C. MANN	3	ARTHUR HUBBLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR HUBBLE.

* First peal of Minor.

Rung as a compliment to John Easter and Celia Bloomfield on their engagement, and as a going-away peal for Alison Mann, who is attending a teachers' training college at Putney.

DAVENHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 17, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of one extent of St. Clement's, two each of Plain Bob, Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B. Tenor 14 cwt.

CHRISTOPHER JONES	*Treble*	JOHN RYDER	4
DENNIS MADDOCK	2	HAROLD WORRALL	5
MICHAEL THOMPSON	3	HARRY W. HOWARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

SUTTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 17, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being four extents of Norwich Surprise, two of Cambridge Surprise and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 18¼ cwt.

ARTHUR YARROW	*Treble*	GEORGE THODAY	4
ROGER I. PALMER	2	MANSFIELD GINN	5
DONALD F. MURFET	3	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS	*Tenor*

Conducted by MANSFIELD GINN.

WOULDHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 17, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in ten methods: (1) London and Wells, (2) York and Durham, (3) Beverley and Surfleet, (4) Annable's London, (5) Norwich, (6) Ipswich and (7) Cambridge. Tenor 13¼ cwt. in G.

TREVOR A. CROSS	*Treble*	IAN H. ORAM	4
ANDREW M. MACVE	2	RALPH BIRD	5
JOHN R. COOPER	3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

First peal on the bells since 1925, that being the first.

HANDBELL PEAL

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Sept. 14, 1960, *in* 1 *Hour and* 53 *Minutes.*
AT 24, DOYLE AVENUE, HILSEA,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Bob, Reverse Bob, St. Clement's Bob and College, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor size 7.

*NEVILLE HAILE	1—2	S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT	3—4
ROGER BALDWIN	5—6		

Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.

* First handbell peal of Minor in more than one method.

A birthday compliment to the ringer of 1-2.

John Taylor & Co.

LOUGHBOROUGH

The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

QUARTER PEALS

ASTBURY, CHESHIRE.—On Sept. 14th, 1,440 Surprice Minor: J. Riley 1, N. Sherratt (cond.) 2, W. Sherratt 3, R. A. Challinor 4, P. A. Mason 5, R. Worrall 6. First in the Chester Group by all the band.

ASTON-ON-TRENT, DERBYS.—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. W. Pincombe 1, J. S. Knighton 2, M. A. Fern 3, G. Cheverton (first quarter) 4, A. Whiting (cond.) 5, E. Barker (first quarter) 6.

BLETCHINGLEY, SURREY.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. J. Beeson 1, T. Bird 2, G. Olliver 3, Miss F. Hankey 4, F. W. Bird 5, W. Dunn 6, A. Streeter (cond.) 7, J. Burgess 8. For Evensong, also the birthdays of Mr. F. W. Bird and Mr. T. Bird.

BOSHAM, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 6th, 1,440 Minor (Single Oxford and Double Oxford): C. R. C. Coussmaker (Oxford) 1, Jennifer Davies (Reading) 2, R. Brown (Southampton) 3, G. Crisp (Southampton) 4, A. J. Griffin (Cambridge) 5, J. R. Taylor (Cambridge, cond.) 6. For the Universities' Association.

BRISTOL.—On Sept. 18th, at 76, Hill Street, Totterdown, 1,272 Bob Minimus: K. W. Price 1-2, T. K. Price 3-4. Witness: David J. M. Price. To commemorate 'Battle of Britain' Sunday.

CARDIFF, GLAM.—On July 24th, 1,328 Plain Bob Major: L. Muller 1, F. Hannington 2, J. Davies 3, W. Harford 4, T. Yeomans 5, L. Hulbert 6, J. Pryor 7, T. Lewis (cond.) 8.

CHEW MAGNA, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Peggy Dando 1, Gladys Bishop 2, D. Dando 3, A. Hazzard 4, P. Gallop 5, C. Hall 6, C. Bishop (cond.) 7, H. Babb 8. First of Stedman for 2 and 6. Rung by the Sunday service band for the enthronement this day of the Rt. Rev. E. B. Henderson as Bishop of Bath and Wells.

COMPTON DANDO, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 16th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: C. Harvey 1, Mrs. A. J. Frith 2, R. W. Treasure 3, C. Allward 4, F. C. Mogford (cond.) 5, L. B. Coles 6. Rung in honour of the enthronement this day of the Rt. Rev. E. B. Henderson as Bishop of Bath and Wells.

CONINGSBY, LINCS.—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Janet Burrell (first quarter) 1, Mary Morriss 2, E. Flintham 3, A. E. Flatters 4, J. P. Morriss 5, L. H. Taylor (cond.) 6.

DONCASTER, YORKS.—On Sept. 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Kathleen Mallender 1, Marguerite Batram 2, E. Baldwin 3, G. Graham 4, H. Scott 5, H. Wagstaff 6, W. E. Critchley (cond.) 7, G. White 8.

DORKING, SURREY.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. P. Cannon (cond.) 1, B. Read 2, C. Lloyd 3, Ethel Clear 4, J. Stedman (first 'inside') 5, E. G. L. Coward 6, G. F. Pratt 7, B. Coward 8. The conductor has now called a quarter-peal from every bell in the tower.

EAST HARPTREE, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (10 callings): Philippa King (first quarter) 1, Jacqueline A. Purnell 2, R. J. Gay (cond.) 3, P. W. Gay 4, D. Uphill 5, F. H. Andrews 6.

ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 18th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. R. E. Lester 1, Mrs. H. Ivings 2, Miss A. E. J. Lester 3, R. E. Lester (cond.) 4, J. E. Ivings 5, H. Ivings 6, J. Paul 7, H. Fuller 8. For Matins on 'Battle of Britain' Sunday.

EPSOM, SURREY.—At Christ Church, on Sept. 18th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. Fentiman (first of Major) 1, G. A. Cockman 2, Sylvia Marsh 3, D. Herschell 4, W. Parrott 5, Adrienne Gibson 6, F. Oakshott 7, N. D. J. Webb (cond.) 8. First of Major 'inside' for 2 and 4. Rung for 'Battle of Britain' Sunday and to welcome the new Vicar (the Rev. R. E. Falkner, M.A.).

GORING-ON-THAMES, BERKS.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Pepler (first quarter) 1, Patricia Hibbert 2, Mrs. C. Hibbert 3, N. Tull 4, C. J. Hibbert (cond.) 5, J. Hibbert 6, W. Irving 7, J. Hiscock 8.

HASTINGS, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 11th, at Christ Church, Blacklands, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. J. Downing 1, E. F. P. Bryant 2, Joan M. Downing 3, R. I. Vaughan 4, A. Jackson 5, J. Downing (cond.) 6, A. A. Price 7, J. E. Downing 8. Rung for the baptism of Jill Susan Downing, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Downing.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Aug. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Bell 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, F. R. Nicholls 3, P. E. Wells 4, A. J. Davey 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service. Also on Sept. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss B. Foster 1, C. Bell (first 'inside') 2, A. Smith 3, F. R. Nicholls 4, A. J. Davey 5, H. S. Peacock 6. For morning service.

HEREFORD.—At the Cathedral, on Sept. 11th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: M. Munn 1, Rosemary Jarrett 2, F. Reed 3, A. T. Wingate 4, T. Wood 5, G. Davis 6, G. T. Cousins 7, A. W. Davis (cond.) 8. First of Major for 1, 2 and 5. For Evensong.

KIMPTON, HERTS.—On Sept. 17th, 1,680 Plain Bob Minor: Miss V. M. Ford 1, Miss J. M. Gambling 2, D. M. Gambling 3, D. S. Harris 4, J. G. Cull 5, P.C. F. Wooster (cond.) 6. Rung to mark the wedding of Audrey Bailey to Ronald Short, which took place at Tewin this afternoon.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: P. Harper (first quarter) 1, Miss G. E. Graney 2, D. J. Goodman 3, Miss M. Erik 4, R. J. Picton 5, R. W. R. Picton 6, B. M. Barker (cond.) 7, K. D. Waples 8.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. W. Powell 1, Mrs. D. A. Chapman 2, G. S. Morris (cond.) 3, Mrs. C. W. Powell 4, D. A. Chapman 5, R. Pittman 6, H. G. Keeley 7, J. Rattenbury 8. For Evensong.

NORTHMOOR, OXON.—On Sept. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Bowsher 1, V. Clifton 2, N. Leslie 3, A. Cantwell 4, D. Leslie (cond.) 5, P. Trinder (first quarter) 6. A wedding compliment to Mr. A. Pimm and Miss P. Hale.

OTTERY ST. MARY, DEVON.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. C. Turner 1, E. J. Manley 2, E. Marks 3, C. J. Turner 4, J. Carter 5, J. Quick (first of Triples as cond.) 6, F. Shepherd 7, R. T. Wood 8. Rung before the Sunday afternoon organ recital at this church.

OXFORD.—At St. Giles' Church, on Sept. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss L. Woolf (first of Triples) 1, P. Walker 2, L. Stilwell 3, Mrs. T. J. Lock 4, A. H. Gearing 5, T. J. Lock (cond.) 6, P. J. Coles 7, H. J. Pratley 8. For Evensong in the octave of St. Giles. Also at the Church of St. Martin and All Saints, on Sept. 18th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: E. G. Moore 1, F. A. H. Wilkins 2, Dawn V. Elson 3, E. R. Venn 4, C. Coles 5, N. I. Allnutt 6, R. B. Meadows 7, W. F. Judge (cond.) 8. Rung prior to Matins for 'Battle of Britain' Sunday.

PUTNEY, S.W.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. Hughes (first quarter) 1, Miss C. Carpenter 2, A. Clayton 3, M. P. Moreton 4, A. Bishop 5, B. Coatsworth 6, C. Mew (cond.) 7, B. Bull 8. A birthday compliment to the conductor on his 19th anniversary. For Evensong.

RUSHDEN, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Bennett (first quarter) 1, Miss A. Chettle (first quarter) 3, S. P. Hodgkins 4, J. Mills-Clifton 5, B. Whitworth 6, A. L. Priestley 7, W. Dickens 8. Rung to welcome the Rev. David and Mrs. Croad to this parish.

SKILGATE, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss V. Churchill (first on five) 1, Miss J. Stevens 2, Miss P. Stevens 3, C. J. Stevens 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 6. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Short with the band's best wishes for their future happiness.

STONELEIGH, WARWICKS.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. K. Hubbard (aged 12, first quarter) 1, Gillian A. Williamson 2, K. J. Hancock (first 'Inside') 3, Sheila J. Rench 4, P. K. Williamson (cond.) 5. For Evensong.

STORRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Linda Lee (first quarter) 1, Mrs. Chacksfield 2, J. Chacksfield (first 'Inside') 3, Jean Horton 4, J. R. Maple (cond.) 5, K. Pritchard 6. For Evensong and as a birthday compliment to the treble and tenor ringers. The conductor has now 'circled' the tower.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On Sept. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. W. Sangwin 1, A. E. Bissat 2, Miss B. Boyle 3, C. Sangwin 4, H. Heard 5, H. Stacey 6, F. Sangwin (cond.) 7, G. Halford 8. Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss P. Simpson and Mr. K. G. Avery.

STRENSHAM, WORCS.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Doubles (120 each of Besthorpe, Kennington, Old Bob, April Day, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury, 240 each of Plain Bob and Norfolk, and 60 Grandsire): D. Penn 1, M. Hawkes (cond.) 2, J. Firkins 3, A. Halling 3, E. W. Penn 5, R. Perks 6. For Evensong.

TWYNING, GLOS.—On Aug. 28th, 1,260 St. Simon's Bob Doubles: Christine Halling 1, F. Hawkes 2, Judith A. Harding 3, R. G. W. Robertson 4, M. Hawkes (cond.) 5, R. Hawkes 6. First in the method for all the band.

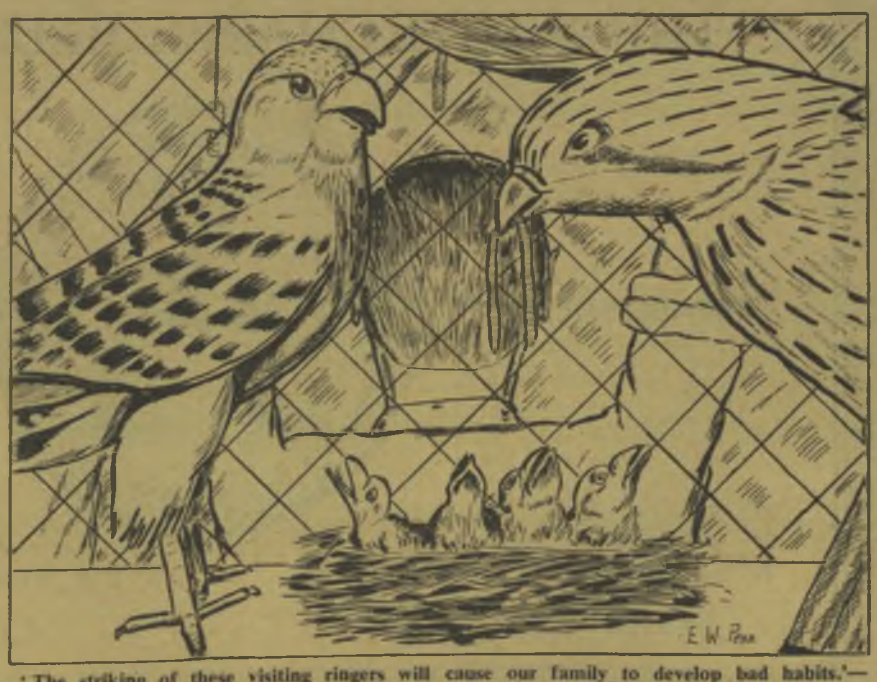
WALKINGTON, YORKS.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Rank 1, I. Booth 2, J. Singleton (first of Minor 'inside') 3, G. Pybus 4, I. Goldthorpe 5, R. Gibson (first of Minor as cond.) 6.

WENDOVER, BUCKS.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss C. Parsonage (first quarter) 1, Miss S. Howard 2, Miss M. Hobbs 3, Miss M. Barrett 4, W. Lee (cond.) 5, L. Floyd 6. For Evensong.

WESTERLEIGH, GLOS.—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret Wild 1, J. Ferris 2, W. Taylor 3, M. Webb 4, H. T. Ferris (cond.) 5, H. Shellard 6. For Harvest Festival.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Aug. 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Linnell 1, G. E. Green (cond.) 2, F. C. Case 3, C. E. Truman 4, R. Rogers (first on eight) 5, T. E. Roberts 6, P. D. Taylor 7, G. Foddy 8. Also on Sept. 13th, 1,260 Erin Triples: G. W. Holland 1, T. E. Roberts 2, C. E. Truman 3, R. Rogers 4, W. A. Yates 5, J. Linnell 6, G. E. Green (cond.) 7, G. Foddy 8. First quarter of Erin on the bells and by all the band.

WIVELISCOMBE, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Gale 1, C. Bellew 2, G. Sparkes 3, A. Turner 4, W. Hartnell 5, W. J. Nurcombe 6, F. Casely (cond.) 7, W. Baker 8. Rung for the enthronement of the new Bishop of the Diocese this day at Wells Cathedral.



'The striking of these visiting ringers will cause our family to develop bad habits.'—Mother Kestrel Hawk at Tawstock, Devon. ('R.W.', page 416.)

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BELFRY GOSSIP

After countless attempts, Mrs. Pat Halls has at last scored her first peal of Stedman Triples. The credit for this achievement goes entirely to that eminent conductor, Brian Warwick, who succeeded in the difficult task of keeping her firmly on the blue line. Pat has previously rung to within four minutes of her ambition to achieve a peal of Stedman Triples. The general belief was that she would have wrecked the peal if it had taken longer than 2 hours 8 minutes to complete!

Mrs. D. Strong, of Nailsea, has been admitted to Bristol General Hospital.

A peal week-end in Suffolk consisted of peals of London in Minor, Major and Royal.

Application for a faculty for the Charles W. Blakey memorial was made early in the summer. Our latest information is that 'the matter is with the Chancellor.' It will not be possible, therefore, to hold the dedication in October as originally intended.

Schoolgirl Gillian Schofield, of Bradford, mentioned recently in connection with a peal of Spliced Surprise, has a 12-year-old brother who obviously intends to catch up his sister. He rang a peal of London Surprise Major at Cross Stone, Todmorden, with scarcely a mistake. Congratulations, Barry!

Miss Audrey Bailey, for her wedding to Mr. Ronald Short at Tewin on September 17th, had an unusual compliment in the form of a third-of-a-peal rung at Kimpton. What happened was that the band intended to ring a half peal, but a false start and restricted time only allowed for a third-of-a-peal.

One peal and two quarter peals were planned for the wedding of Mr. David H. White (secretary of the Axbridge District) and his bride and fellow ringer at Uphill tower, Miss Annette E. Lang. The peal attempt on the wedding day at Mark unfortunately came to grief after the treble rope slipped wheel. However, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was successfully rung. A quarter peal at Uphill was lost after the conductor had been stung by what was believed to be a wasp after about 1,000 changes.

We were pleased to note that Mr. Nolan Golden conducted the peal at Loddon on September 10th in honour of the silver wedding anniversary of his old friends Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Barrett. It was at Loddon Church that they were married, and after the peal the ringers and friends were most hospitably entertained in the Church Hall.

Leverton, near Boston, has had its first peal rung on the bells. The performance on August 6th was by a band all of whom had not rung a peal previously. Congratulations!

The extents of Broadwas Bob included in the peal of Doubles rung at Broadwas-on-Teme, Worcs, on September 12th, consisted of Norfolk Doubles with plain bob leads replaced by Reverse Canterbury plain leads.

An interesting note regarding the peal of Bristol Surprise Major at Bristol Cathedral on September 9th is that the last peal of Bristol in the city was at St. Stephen's on September 12th, 1925.

The new Vicar of Hersham, Surrey (Rev. F. H. Hargraves), showed his appreciation of the band who rang a peal in honour of his induction by entertaining them to refreshments. A much-appreciated gesture.

To welcome the Coventry Guild to Whitnash for their quarterly meeting tomorrow (Saturday) will be Mr. F. W. Hauley, who reaches his 95th milestone today. He hopes not only to participate in the ringing with other veterans but also to read the lesson at the service.

Miss Catherine M. Powell, of Stoke D'Abernon, gave another example of her accomplishments when she called her first peal of Major at Esher on September 17th. Every call was in its correct place, and her ability enabled Mr. A. P. Cannon to ring his 800th peal! Catherine is the first lady to call a peal of Major for the Guildford Guild. Mr. Cannon's peals have been rung in 616 towers with 1,259 different ringers. He has conducted 412 peals.

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VETERANS STILL FORGATHER

NINETY-FIVE-YEAR-OLD Mr. F. V. Sinkin came from hospital on September 17th to attend the veterans' reunion at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, London. The 37 other male veterans present accorded him a hearty welcome. This year's gathering was honoured by ladies, and qualifying for the veteran distinction were present Miss Evelyn Steel, Mrs. E. M. Mitchell, Mrs. Hairs, and in the background, superintending the tea, Mrs. E. E. Davis.

For five years these gatherings have been organised by the originator, Mr. A. W. Coles. The planning of this year's function was in the capable hands of Mr. John Euston, and when the future of these gatherings was discussed there was a unanimous wish that they should be continued and that Mr. Euston should make the arrangements.

In the afternoon there was ringing at St. Lawrence Jewry, St. Clement Danes' and St. Botolph's. The bells of St. Olave's, Hart Street, were also available, but not sufficient ringers attended. A short service was conducted in St. Botolph's Church by Prebendary H. H. Treacher, who is retiring from the living after some 10½ years in office. As in previous years, he came to the tea table, and in a short speech of welcome told the gathering that it was 'his last time.' 'I know the value of these gatherings, of getting together and having a good old natter.' He congratulated Mr. Sinkin on being present, and hoped that the fellowship St. Botolph's had to offer would be continued in years to come.

The story of this year's gathering was told by Mr. Euston. First he had a word of appreciation for Mrs. Davis and her helpers for the excellent tea.

Pressed to reply, Mrs. Davis said it was a great pleasure to have them all. 'Some of us,' she added, 'feel we are veterans as much as you are.'

Mr. Euston read out a long list of apologies. Among them were Messrs. A. A. Hughes, the Leatherhead contingent, Maynard (Walthamstow), Wainwright (Southgate), Alf Poole (Horley), Brinklow and Bert Aldridge (Bexley), Jim Bennett, Stephen Hoare, Gilbert Goodship, William Shepherd, Dr. Taylor and Canon C. Carew Cox.

DEBT TO VETERANS

Not a veteran himself, Mr. Euston had complimentary things to say to the veterans present. If one glanced through 'The Ringing Worlds' until 1930, they would read of their achievements in peals. He did not think the ringing today was better than what they achieved. (A voice: 'What about Minimus?') It was also to these veterans that they owed Sunday ringing, and it needed to be more encouraged. The reason he was so interested in these veterans' reunions was because they did all the work for the foundation of ringing today. It was not then easy travel, but meant walking miles.

The 38 veterans present that afternoon made an average age of 74. The following, who had died since the last reunion, were remembered: Bill Wenban, Bill Langdon, Bob Grimwood, Fred Mitchell, Frank Skidmore, Albert Lock, of Abingdon, and Miss Stella Davies.

A vote of thanks to Mr. Jack Euston for his work in organising the gathering was proposed by Mr. S. Howard.

THOSE PRESENT

F. V. Sinkin (95), H. Stalham (87), Reuben Sanders (86), I. J. Attwater (82), A. F. Wellington (82), F. Howard (81), J. W. Chapman (79), T. R. Dennis (77), Richard F. Deal (76), W. H. Hewett (74), H. E. Smith (74), H. Belcher (74), N. Tomlinson (74), A. Hunter (74), E. W. Furbank (73), C. J. Sedgley (73), A. W. Coles (72), F. W. Wicks (72), A. Turner (72), Tom Collins (72), F. I. Hairs (72), C. E. J. Norris (71), R. Stilwell (70).

Under 70.—S. Howard, H. Allen, H. J. Hazell, W. J. Rawlings, W. A. J. Knight, A. D. Barker, P. J. Spice, J. Marks, E. E. Holman, W. Insley, T. W. White, H. W. Clark, R. Newman, A. Cutler.

SERVANTS OF THE EXERCISE – No. 40



JOHN FREEMAN

Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

Mr. John Freeman is a man held in high esteem by the Exercise and the Central Council. Quiet and thoughtful, he is never noisy in debate, but when he does speak he is listened to with much respect. Like his father, he is solid and reliable, and his sound common sense ensures that his contributions to discussions on the Standing Committee are of the utmost value.

Born at Lincoln in 1919, he was educated at Lincoln School, and later qualified as a Public Health Inspector. He is also a member of the Institution of Municipal Engineers. He learned to ring at Lincoln Cathedral in 1934, and in just over a year conducted his first peal, Stedman Cinques, a really remarkable achievement for one so young. His services to the Lincoln Guild have been outstanding, for besides being a member of the Guild's committee, he represents that body on the Diocesan Advisory Committee, and has been Central Council representative since 1948. Such a useful man would naturally find his way to the Standing Committee, and in 1954 he was elected to both that and the Towers and Belfries Committee.

His ringing performances are outstanding, and amongst many notable achievements are the record length of 14,144 London Surprise Major, which he conducted, a peal of 5,016 Stedman Cinques in short courses throughout, called from a non-observation bell, and a 'John' peal of Cambridge Maximus, rung by College Youths, which he also conducted. Other notable peals were 'silent' Spliced Surprise Major in four methods, 'silent' Stedman Triples at Gainsborough, Spliced Surprise Major in 32 methods, Cambridge Surprise Major 'in hand,' H. Law James' seven-part peal of Stedman Triples and Erin Triples, all of which he conducted. He also took part in the first peals of Surprise Major in 16 and 22 methods, and peals of Spliced Plain Major 'in hand' in up to 50 methods. He has conducted peals on all numbers from 6 to 12, both on tower- and handbells.

His peals total up to July was 355, of which he conducted 198. Of the total, 84 peals have been on handbells, rung by the 'blue line' method. The foundation of the handbell ringing was laid in the period 1937-39, when John, his father and brother used to practise daily. John Freeman is a very likeable young man: his quiet modesty has endeared him not only to ringers in Lincolnshire but to the Exercise generally. JAFUS.

THE WEDDING AT TEWIN

The wedding of Miss Audrey Bailey, one of Hertfordshire's best-known ringers, to Mr. Ronald Short, secretary of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, at St. Peter's Church, Tewin, Herts, on September 17th, was a very happy occasion.

Ringing for the wedding was first by the bride's Tewin friends, followed by the Somerset contingent. A choir solely of bellringers sang for the service conducted by the Rev. Blamire-Brown, prest-in-charge, with another ringer (Mr. Garrod) as organist. The best man was Mr. H. Best and the bridesmaid Miss M. Christie.

During the signing of the register Tewin ringers rang handbells from the choir stalls, and formed an archway with handbells as the bridal party left the church. Ringing after the service was by members of the Hertfordshire County Association.

The reception was held in the School Hall, Tewin, after which the bride and bridegroom left for the Cotswolds for their honeymoon. Mr. and Mrs. Short are making their home in Bridgwater. Hertfordshire's loss is very much Somerset's gain.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

Northern District

About 45 members from 18 towers attended the meeting at the Church of St. Nicholas, Witham, on September 10th. The Vicar (Rev. R. D. Black) welcomed visitors and conducted the service. Mr. Osborn was at the organ. After the service, the Vicar conducted the ringers round the ancient church, pointing out some of the historical features.

An excellent tea was arranged by wives of the ringers and was served in the Church Hall. At the meeting, two new members were elected, both of Sible Hedingham. Wethersfield was chosen for the next meeting, and November 19th the proposed date. M. E. M.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

Week-end Ringing Course

To spend a whole week-end learning and talking about bells and ringing was a new experience for almost all of the 30 people who were at Hartpury from September 16th to 18th. On reflection one realises that although the Association has held hundreds of meetings of its members over the years, this is probably the first one where the agenda has been entirely devoted to ringing rather than to procedural details of running the Association (i.e., election of officers, place and date of next meeting, etc.).

This is a strange fact when you think about it, for surely the spreading of knowledge about bells and ringing and the teaching of ringing are also subjects with which any Association should be concerned? At any rate, all of us who were at Hartpury for the week-end learnt something we did not know before about the history of bells, method structure, ringing instruction, care and maintenance of bells, belfry organisation and conducting, and we became the more useful ringers for the knowledge. What we also realised was that there was a great deal more besides that we ought to know and do not, and that there are many others in our Association who would also like to know more, so we hope that this course will have started something and lead on to other courses of a similar or different type.

One thing is certain—that getting to know some more about ringing in such pleasant surroundings as those at Hartpury was a most enjoyable experience for us all. P. G.

Mr. Paul Cattermole, in a peal at Wychbold, introduced Wychbold Pleasure, which is Dedworth with the plain lead-ends rung as Reverse Canterbury. He states that a search of old 'Ringing Worlds' has not revealed another name for this variation.

BRIDGE THAT GAP! By B. D. PRICE

THE Central Council have dealt admirably with teaching a beginner to handle a bell, and many books have adequate expositions on method ringing, but there is a gap between the beginner ringing call-changes and 'blue line' ringing, which is not in practice bridged by a graded set of exercises for the learner. This (these) article(s) are an attempt to bridge that gap.

It is quite obvious to the ringer who travels about that there are fundamentally different approaches to change-ringing. At one extreme are ringers who learn a string of numbers, can only ring a limited repertoire of plain hunt, plain courses, etc. Many cannot strike their bell well because the ropesight on which they depend does not give sufficient notice for proper bell control in changes. There are next those who learn a coursing order, and can adjust it at calls for simple touches, but still rely on memorising numbers. It is more likely than not that a ringer in either of these categories cannot hear his own bell, or the rhythm of the changes, but rings purely by ropesight, and the finer points of striking bells of different weights are unknown. Most rely on the tenor for leading, and hence cannot ring even-bell methods.

Then there are ringers who have freed themselves largely from numbers, but rely wholly on such mnemonics as 'first, last, near, full, far.' Finally the 'blue line' ringers who ring by rhythm and a knowledge of their own position in that rhythm, with ropesight as an aid.

It cannot be doubted that the biggest single factor in arrested progress is the lack of hearing one's bell, and hence of hearing the rhythm of the changes. The two faculties of rhythm and ropesight must be united at the earliest possible stage for the beginner, and a too rapid transition from call-changes to plain hunting avoided. The beginner so often falls into a struggle for numbers, or just ropesight without rhythm, and rhythm is acquired by accident rather than by design on the part of the instructor.

The graded exercises to be explained were invented for a special need—that of training beginners in a way which would obviate a local tradition of learning by numbers, but they have proved very successful over a short period and are set down here for others to try. The cardinal point is not to move the learner's bell too far at once (plain hunting is too difficult in this respect) so that he has time to digest the important matter of rhythm, and to acquire the sheer physical skill of 'cutting in' and 'holding up' without taxing his brain at the same time. One does not give a car driver his first lesson on gear-changing in a busy street!

All the exercises are on even numbers, and no cover bell tolerated, as 'leading off the tenor' is but a special case of learning numbers. This does not, of course, rule out odd-bell ringing later. Use the 'blue line' method from the start. Emphasise rhythm and picking out one's own bell. Tackle each exercise a little before the last one is done correctly (i.e., *well struck*), and run quickly through them all at each practice. The sequence will be found very useful for starting a band from scratch.

Exercise 1. All place making.

1 2 3 4

2 1 4 3
2 1 4 3
1 2 3 4
1 2 3 4

Exercise 2. All dodging.

1 2 3 4

2 1 4 3
1 2 3 4

Ring these two exercises continuously. Use the traditional 'Go next time,' and 'This is all' from the start. Extend to six and eight bells, but prudently.

Exercise 3. 1-2 places, 3-4 dodge.

1 2 3 4

2 1 4 3
2 1 3 4
1 2 4 3
1 2 3 4

Not as artless as it looks, as 1 and 2 when leading have to lead by rhythm since the bells behind are different.

Exercise 4. 1-2 dodge, 3-4 places.

Extend these to six and eight bells. Ring the changes on the pairs dodging and place making.

Exercise 5. Dodging with places.

1 2 3 4

2 1 4 3
1 2 3 4
2 1 4 3
2 1 4 3
1 2 3 4
2 1 4 3
1 2 3 4
1 2 3 4

This gives practice at holding up and cutting in, at hand and at back. Ring the changes on the pairs, with plain dodging, and plain places.

Exercise 6. Places and hunting (four bells only).

1 2 3 4

2 1 4 3
2 4 1 3
4 2 3 1
4 2 3 1
2 4 1 3
2 1 4 3
1 2 3 4
1 2 3 4

The more experienced ringers on 1 and 4. Those on 2 and 3 still make places, but have to look for different bells. Add 5-6 dodging if desired.

Exercise 7. Little Bob.

1 2 3 4

2 1 4 3
2 1 3 4
1 2 4 3
1 4 2 3
4 1 3 2
4 1 2 3
1 4 3 2
1 3 4 2
3 1 2 4
3 1 4 2
1 3 2 4
1 2 3 4

This is a bigger step, but the treble ringer is just making places, and in practice it has been found that dodging gives more time for thought than plain hunting. Extend to six later.

Exercise 8. Treble Bob Hunt.

1 2 3 4

2 1 4 3
1 2 3 4
2 1 4 3
2 4 1 3
4 2 3 1
2 4 1 3
etc.

Everyone dodges with two bells alternately, and passes another. Extend to six later.

Exercise 9. Double Bob (on four only).

1 2 3 4

2 1 4 3
2 4 1 3
4 2 3 1
2 4 3 1
4 2 1 3
etc.

The treble hunts (a more experienced ringer!). The others dodge as in treble bob hunt except with the treble, when they make places.

Exercise 10. Plain Bob on four.

The gap is now bridged!

If this system were to be adopted in a thriving belfry, beginners could have ten to 15 minutes devoted to them with experienced ringers helping, and the rate of progress would be correspondingly quicker. Fundamental differences in the teaching of early change-ringing are so vital that the Central Council should set up a committee of enquiry to resolve the matter, and save in the future the tremendous waste of energy which I am sure occurs now.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

The Guild summer festival again proved to be an attraction for many ringers on September 3rd. Visitors from far and wide swelled the numbers of members to something like 120 at tea in the Parish Hall at Welford. They were given a hearty welcome at the service in church by the Rector (Rev. H. G. Withey) and also by the Guild president (Canon G. F. Turner) at tea.

The Guilsborough Branch, in which area Welford lies, went all out to provide ringing to suit everyone with an imposing array of 18 towers. In this historical part of the country is Naseby, scene of the battle between Charles I and Cromwell on June 14th, 1645, and marked in a field nearby with an obelisk. In the church was seen Cromwell's table.

Two recently-restored rings—Marston Trussell and Cottesbrooke—were 'on show,' and enthusiastic appreciation of the work done at each tower was heard many times. For their work in preparing for such an extensive day's ringing the Guilsborough Branch officers and members were thanked by Mr. E. Nobles, seconded by Mr. M. Coleman, after tea, and included in the thanks were the Rector of Welford, the organist, and the ladies who provided a tea suitable to the occasion.

A number of 'new towers' were added to the list of some of the younger members, who were out in great strength.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

Northern District

A quarterly meeting of the Northern Disrtict was held at West Hill, Wandsworth and Putney, on September 3rd. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. at West Hill, under the direction of Mr. Norman Bagworth.

The service to the Association's form was taken at Putney by the Curate (Rev. J. Mason), who joined the company of 27 ringers at tea in the New Church Hall. This was in true Putney style, and once again those present were the guests of the Putney ringers.

The routine business meeting concluded with votes of thanks to all who had made the meeting so enjoyable, with special reference to Mr. Whelan, of Wandsworth, for arranging the ringing there, and to Mr. Tony Clayton for so ably organising the meeting at such short notice.

Ringing for two hours on the Putney bells, under the direction of Mr. F. E. Collins, concluded a happy day.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE RESTORATION RINGERS

Dear Sir,—After reading your publication about the efforts of young people renovating disused towers, I would like to inform you of the efforts of six ringers, whose average age is only 16, who have, during the past three months, restored the ring of bells at Halling, which have been silent for 28 years.

Under the able captaincy of R. G. Rye, the six members of the young band climbed the tower steps and spent a week of hard work and spare time oiling the bearings, cleaning the tower, painting the frame, replacing broken stays, and clearing 1¼ cwt. of dirt from the tower's three rooms. The band restored the tower in a week so that the six bells could be rung for the Whitsun services.

Later, the 'Restoration Ringers,' as they are now known, taught a band of local inhabitants to ring, and now that the Halling band are progressing steadily, the ringers are set to move across the other side of the River Medway to the neighbouring parish of Wouldham to teach change-ringing to the Wouldham band, and it is the Restoration Ringers' wish to ring a peal soon.

It is also hoped that the towers of the Kent County Association which are not normally rung at will, in the near future, be heard regularly after a few visits of the Restoration Ringers.

The thanks for the success of the ringers' efforts are due to the incumbent of Halling and the Rev. R. Godfrey (incumbent of Wouldham), who both agreed to the idea.—Yours faithfully,

R. CRANE.

Rainham, Kent.

BRIGHTON TREBLE BOB

Dear Sir,—The reference to the late Mr. F. Dench and his producing Brighton Treble Bob, also that a peal of it was never rung, is interesting; but one of his compositions he intended for the method was rung at Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk, on August 28th, 1911. Here is the footnote to a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major rung at Bury on September 29th, 1912:

'This peal was rung to replace a peal rung by the same band on August 28th, 1911, which was afterwards proved to be false in several places, Mr. F. Dench having published the composition in 1897 as a 5,056 of Brighton Treble Bob and not intending it for Kent.'

It was rung on handbells by F. Dewell 1-2, H. A. Turner 3-4, A. E. Moore 5-6, F. J. Levitt 7-8, and conducted by A. E. Moore, who is still living and recently celebrated his 78th birthday. He is a skilful ringer and conductor.—Yours, etc.,

E. G. HIBBINS.

Cambridge.

IMBER CHURCH INSCRIPTIONS

Dear Sir,—The late Miss Edith Olivier, Wiltshire writer and historian, who lived at The Daye House in the grounds of Wilton Park, near Salisbury, had a copy of the 17th century table of changes painted on the walls of Imber Church, as she once showed it to me. If I remember rightly, she also told me that the Wiltshire Archæological Society had some records on the matter. I understand that her niece now lives at Wilton, and it is possible that Miss Olivier's papers have been preserved, so an inquiry there might be successful.—Yours faithfully,

EDWARD G. CAPLE.

Clevedon, Som.

P.S.—Walters does not mention the writings in his 'Church Bells of Wiltshire.'—E. G. C.

NO RIGHT TO CRITICISE

Dear Sir,—In almost all societies and fraternal organisations—sad to say, in the Christian Church itself—will be found a certain minority of folk always ready to pour contempt upon their fellow men.

The ringing fraternity is by no means an exception, judging by recent correspondence in 'The Ringing World' on peals of Minimus. It would be interesting to know how much time and patience has been given for the benefit of learners by Mr. Border and his fellow critics.

As Ringing Master of St. John-the-Divine's, Leicester, for the last 14 years, I would like to point out that we now have a first-class band of enthusiastic youngsters, loyal and regular attenders for both Sunday service and practice ringing. The lads all share in the running of the belfry, conducting, etc., which has produced a wonderful fellowship, second to none.

Whilst in no way wishing to be disrespectful to the Leicester Guild, I contend that one's duty to one's church takes priority to that of any Guild. Little help came from the Guild as a whole during the years when we were struggling for existence.

The two persons (one a local ringer) who rang the much-criticised peal of Minimus have done a great deal of spadework for our benefit by constant attendance at practice and by arranging 6-bell peals for our youngsters, although good Surprise ringers themselves. No doubt the 15-year-old (also a local ringer) derived a certain amount of pleasure from it. It was rung after Evensong.

I am a person of straight speaking, and would point out that if permission is given by me for a so-called 'stunt' to be performed in my own belfry, which in my opinion would contribute towards this fellowship, it is *not* within the province of Mr. Border or anyone else to shoot their darts of sarcasm at those concerned. Personally, I couldn't care less for his opinion or what he says. There is far too much of this kind of snobbery among ringers, which in some cases is the cause of depleted bands and empty belfries.

I am sure that many ringers who knew the late William Willson, for many years Ringing Master of St. John's, will agree that he would have resisted in the strongest terms any attempted interference in the affairs of his belfry.

Let us not waste any more valuable space in 'The Ringing World' on petty arguments. Let Christian spirit prevail.—Yours sincerely,

S. HARRISON.

Leicester.

ONE-MAN PEALS NEXT!

Dear Sir,—Having read the letters in recent issues on the ringing of peals of Minimus, no one has mentioned the greatest danger to our art. One man could ring a peal of Minimus on handbells, thus destroying our argument that recorded bells, etc., do not call for a team effort.

This would also give the enthusiast a chance to pile up his peal total and to stop even more people from sending their names to you with more than 25 peals at the end of the year.—Yours sincerely,

EDWIN G. BUCK.

Baldock, Herts.

SAPCOTE, LEICS.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Minor (720 Cambridge Surprise and 540 Plain Bob): Miss D. Page 1, Miss C. Stratford 2, Miss J. Stratford 3, Miss D. Stratford 4, A. M. Lindsey 5, M. E. Brown (cond.) 6. Rung for the Wake Festival.

AGAINST 'FIRING' BELLS

Dear Sir,—I would like to endorse Mr. H. Gauntlett's views concerning the 'firing' of bells, although not wishing to alter any *traditional* practice on royal occasions. How long has it been usual to 'fire' the bells in royal salute? Perhaps someone could trace the history of this practice for us, then we should be better able to judge whether 'firing' the bells on royal occasions is justified. I suggest it would be better to leave the firing of royal salutes to the guns!—instruments made for that very purpose.

The late Mr. Sam Hector used to refer to the bells hanging in Trowbridge tower as 'those musical instruments.' I consider that 'firing' bells produces a *hideous* noise: why use our 'musical instruments' for such a purpose? I am sure any wedding party would prefer some nicely-rung changes on the bells.

One other point: the late Major C. C. Hughes D'Aeth, one-time Master of the Salisbury Guild, convinced me that the practice of 'firing' the bells of St. Peter's Church, Bournemouth, was fraught with some danger to the bells and fabric of the tower. I should explain that the tower is a long and slender one in design and is surmounted by a spire as high as the tower itself. The bells are hung to swing in one direction, i.e., east and west. To 'fire' such bells is 'like giving a man a terrific punch in the belly,' was Major D'Aeth's forthright way of putting his view.—Yours faithfully,

ARTHUR V. DAVIS.

Southbourne, Bournemouth.

CECIL EBBERSON MEMORIAL

Dear Sir,—With reference to the notice advertising the service of dedication of the Cecil Ebberson memorial, the Norwich Diocesan Association wish to thank the many friends of the late Mr. Ebberson who have subscribed towards the cost of the memorial.

The memorial is a tablet, 12 in. × 17 in., executed in Hopton Wood stone, and is being erected in the belfry of Dersingham Parish Church. The lettering is as follows:—

In grateful memory of
CECIL VICTOR EBBERSON
a ringer at this church for
thirty years and Ringing Master
of the Western Branch of
the Diocesan Association
1953—1959.

Yours sincerely,
W. LOVE.
General Secretary and Treasurer,
N.D.A.

COMPOSITION FOR EIGHT METHODS

Dear Sir,—May I be allowed to make a small correction to the composition on page 616? It is really a composition of Lincolnshire, and the 43265 F.C.E. should not have appeared. It was used for New Cambridge and will go to all eight methods with the F.C.E.—Yours faithfully,

CHAS. J. SEDGLEY.

Ipswich.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Biggleswade District

The Biggleswade District's monthly meeting at Sandy on September 10th was not very well supported, only eight District members being present. Visitors from the Bedford District and Middlesex increased the number to 12.

The service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. T. Colls), with Mr. R. Ward at the organ. Tea was arranged at the King's Head, and this was followed by the business meeting, with Mr. B. Sims in the chair. Methods rung ranged from Plain Bob to Norwich Surprise.

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PIPE'S PILGRIMS' NORTH COUNTRY TOUR

A SMALL but an enthusiastic party left Grundisburgh Green at 5.45 a.m. on Sunday, July 31st, for the North Country. After an uneventful journey, Sleaford was reached at 9.45 a.m., and after ringing for Matins the party was augmented by several old faces and some new ones.

An early light lunch was well received at Grantham, and further Pilgrims nearly completed the coach's complement. Grantham ringers very kindly arranged ringing on their fine ten the previous evening for those Pilgrims staying overnight.

Tea was taken at Kingston-upon-Hull after a very long journey. The recently-augmented 12 at Holy Trinity was the objective afterwards, and while all had their turn in ringing, which included Stedman Cinques and Cambridge Royal, those not ringing were able to enjoy the wonderful view from the church roof, from which can be seen three cathedrals. A cross country route through York brought us to Boroughbridge where, after an evening meal and an enjoyable social hour, we retired, very sleepy, to bed.

Monday morning was bright and sunny as we left for another cross country journey to Lake Windermere, which was viewed in all its glory from the coach windows. Ample justice was done to a chicken salad luncheon at Dalton-in-Furness, and at St. Mary's Parish Church, almost adjacent to the hotel, all were able to enjoy a good hour-and-a-half's ringing on a grand ten.

IN THE LAKE DISTRICT

Sightseeing was to follow, with Coniston Water the objective. A brief halt was made on the west side of this lake for the enthusiasts to take photographs before carrying on to Ambleside for tea and further ringing on the heavy eight (tenor 32 cwt.), which are a joy to the listener. It was here where many were caught without protection when a cloudburst descended. Journeying on past Rydal Water and Grasmere Lake, our night's resting place was the Rothay Hotel, Grasmere. This charming hotel is in extensive grounds in a beautiful fell-land setting, and is owned by the Rev. Mr. Dand (a former vicar of Woodbridge) and Mrs. Dand, who were known to many of the party.

We were sorry indeed to leave Grasmere on Tuesday morning, but all enjoyed the sightseeing drive through Kirkstone Pass and along one side of Ullswater. Lunch was taken at Keswick and was followed by a visit to Derwent Water before proceeding to Cockermouth for an hour's ringing on a modern, very pleasant light eight by Mears and Stainbank. It was here that we were met by Roger Whetenhall, who joined us in ringing. After tea the party proceeded to Cleator Moor to ring on a delightful 21 cwt. eight. Here the only touch of Spliced Surprise of the week was rung.

Headquarters for the night was the Abbotts Court Hotel, St. Bees. After refreshments, some took a stroll to the beach, while others found their way to the town to sample the local waters. The Church of SS. Mary and Bega is within easy walking distance of the hotel, and so early ringing did not mean early rising. The party also visited the light eights at Egremont and Workington during Wednesday morning.

STEEPLE-KEEPING WORK

After lunch at Workington the coastal journey to Silloth was pursued. Whilst most of the party enjoyed an afternoon by the sea, a few valiant members, under the direction of Ron Edwards, ascended the tower in an attempt to put into order a ring of bells silent since 1928 and now declared unringable. With limited facilities, the gallant few achieved the impossible, which included almost the rehanging of the seventh. Ropes were put on and after tea the bells were raised very carefully one by one before the ringing of several methods on a most pleasant 23 cwt. eight which only needed rehanging. What a pity to find such fine bells never rung.

On to Carlisle to ring on the peculiar eight at the Cathedral, and the 14 cwt. ground floor eight at St. Stephen's, before seeking out our night's resting place—the State-owned Red Lion Hotel.

Thursday morning took us right across country to Newcastle upon Tyne. The party was privileged to see parts of the ruined remains of the historical Hadrian's Wall en route. Our first ring of the day was on the recently-augmented ten at Gosforth, where we were met by Dennis Bayles, who kindly piloted us for the rest of the day. Lunch was taken at Whitley Bay, but a heavy mist prevented us from viewing the sea.

The pleasant 17 cwt. eight at St. Paul's were put into action immediately after lunch. Although a giant pendulum swings across the ringing room, our efforts were not thwarted and the standard was fairly high. More ringing was to follow, at Tynemouth, on a fine ten in a large tower. The journey to Roker included a ferry trip across the Tyne, the coach almost filling the space reserved for vehicles.

AT ROKER

After tea at Roker we said farewell to Dennis Bayles before we found our way to the Parish Church of St. Andrew, a modern church which had the appearance of being built on prison lines, with a grey, forbidding look. The bells, a modern ten by Gillett and Johnson, are magnificent, rather loud but ideal from the ringing viewpoint. No excuses for poor striking can be offered here. The ringing included a course of Double Norwich Caters and a fine touch of Grandsire Caters to end with.

On down the coast to West Hartlepool, where we were greeted by Fred Hodgson and two of his learners. Ringing here ranged from rounds to Cambridge Royal, before we left to continue to Middlesbrough for the night. It was on the snooker table at the Star and Garter that the so-called experts proved to be not as good as they thought when coming up against two beginners who won all their small change.

On Friday morning the Church of St. Cuthbert, North Ormesby, eluded us for a while. When it was eventually found, our efforts were rewarded by some good ringing. An early lunch was taken at Darlington so that as much time as possible could be devoted to ringing on the glorious eight. Journeying back down the A1 we turned off to visit the very old church at Bedale, where the tenor is a pre-Reformation bell and does not quite reach the intended note of D natural. However, the bells are well worth a visit.

The fourth ring of the day was at Ripon Cathedral. A delightful ten here, but what a pity that the ninth shouts above the others. Satisfactory ringing was followed by a delicious tea before, like Turpin, we rode to York where, unlike Turpin, we were privileged to ring at the Minster. What a glorious sound these bells make outside, but how disappointing to the ringer, for they can be hardly heard inside the tower. Three leads of Treble Bob Maximus were followed by Stedman Cinques and Caters.

PRESENTATION

After the evening meal, Arthur and Mrs. Barker suitably conveyed the appreciation of all to Jim and Sylvia Pipe for their untiring efforts and usual efficient planning to ensure a happy, carefree week for the party. A pair of garden shears was presented to Jim and a wrought-iron plant pot holder to Sylvia. Our driver, who had sportingly entered into the spirit of things, was also presented with a cigarette lighter as a token of our appreciation.

On Saturday morning we rang at Epworth on a very pleasant ground floor eight before carrying on to Gainsborough, where a course of Gainsborough Surprise Major was brought round. At Grantham, sad farewells were made. The nucleus continued the journey back to Grundisburgh, reached at 9.30 p.m., after covering 1,100 miles in seven days.

It had been a most enjoyable holiday, and our heartiest thanks are due to our organiser for his excellent arrangements, which must have entailed endless hours of hard work.

B. D. A. W.

The Sunday service band at All Souls', Halifax, continue in the forefront of ringing. Their latest—Spliced Surprise Major in eight methods.

WORCESTERSHIRE YOUNG RINGERS

Worcestershire Young Ringers from Wychbold and Stourbridge had a 10-day cycle tour embracing six counties, which started from Worcester on August 2nd. The first tower was Powick, having the heaviest six in Worcestershire.

The first full day was spent in the Avon Valley and included Berrow, having the best five in Worcestershire, Tredington, a half-timbered tower with a good five rung from round the font, and Bishop's Cleeve with bells really worthy of the fine church.

St. George's, Didbrook, on the Thursday morning, had some unusual features. The ropes hang just inside the main entrance, with four in a straight line on one side and the tenor on the other side of the doorway. To complicate matters the 'circle' is anti-clockwise. The day was spent in the valley of the Windrush River, the Slaughters being lovely villages, with a fine ring of five at Upper Slaughter. A wonderful welcome was received from the ringers of Stow-on-the-Wold when we joined them at practice, and every member of the team tried the 30 cwt. tenor.

A good quarter of Doubles was rung at Bledington on Friday before journeying to Bourton-on-the-Water, where the lovely eight bells were rung to call-changes and Doubles. Saturday was spent in the valley of the Thames, and among the towers visited were Great Rissington, Windrush, Coln St. Aldwyn and Meysey-Hampton. At Ashton Keynes we were rather disappointed at the narrow dyke which is apparently the Thames.

The lovely five at Cricklade were much enjoyed before attending morning service. In the afternoon we rang at Preston and Ampney Crucis, where 2 and 3 have exactly the same note, and for Evensong a good quarter at Ashton Keynes.

Three people were needed to get Purton tenor up the right way on Monday, and after these lovely bells Lydiard Millicent and Rodbourne Cheney seemed very light. The Vale of the White Horse was visited on Tuesday to ring at Shrivenham and Uffington. Wednesday started with a good quarter of Minor at Lechlade, and later at Leafield the Vicar entertained the party to a sumptuous tea. Thursday was a very wet day. A good new ring was found at Enstone.

Great Pollright, having a minor six which had not been rung for several years, was the first tower on Friday. At Sutton-under-Brailey the five are rung from the church porch, and the ropes of 1 and 3 fall about 1½ inches from the walls! The last day's programme was only two towers—Henley-in-Arden and Studley, with some of the best ringing in Spliced Doubles and Minor.

Thanks are accorded to local ringers and incumbents.

P. C.

STONE, STAFFS, RINGERS' OUTING

St. Michael's, Stone, outing this year was into Shropshire. Good ringing, including Stedman and Plain Bob Major, opened the ringing programme at Church Stratton. The long climb of 136 steps to the ringing chamber at Ludlow Parish Church was well rewarded, although ringing was restricted to half-an-hour owing to the nearby hospital.

After lunch the border was crossed into Wales, and at Knighton, Kent T.B. Major, Plain Bob and Grandsire were all brought round. The curate met the party and joined in the ringing at Bridgnorth, and at Newport, the last tower, local ringers had everything in readiness. A good fall in peal ended a pleasant tour. To all who contributed to the success of the outing sincere thanks are returned.

ST. COLUMB MAJOR, CORNWALL.—On Aug. 18th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: C. A. Lewis (first on eight) 1. J. K. Foot 2. R. C. Warburton 3. R. G. Morris 4. R. E. Tallis (jun.) 5. M. C. Hughes 6. M. S. Hart 7. P. S. Bennett (cond.) 8. Rung on the Packwood ringers' tour as a birthday compliment to Miss Pamela M. Turner, non-touring secretary.

OBITUARY

JAMES GEORGE RUMSEY

AN APPRECIATION

Jim Rumsey has been described in the Suffolk idiom as 'a good owd ringer.' He was indeed: safe, a good striker, could ring any bell as required: had one ambition, which was to be punctual in attendance and of use when he arrived.

Born in Holborn in 1882, he removed to Debenham as a boy of seven. One of six brothers and sisters, he and they became members of the church choir. Later on Jim joined the ringers, who at that time were under the leadership of William Grimes. With Alfred W. Grimes, William C. Rumsey (a cousin), William J. Groom and others joining about that time, a new era commenced in Debenham tower. The old saying that Debenham bells if pulled off and left to themselves would ring Bob Triples came to an end.

In 1897 Jim rang his first peal, Bob Major. This was followed in succession by peals of Treble Bob, Oxford, followed by Kent, the 'correct' order in Suffolk in those days, and Double Norwich. About the time the writer joined the tower, Superlative Surprise was being considered. After much practice, and a few peals with outside help, the first Surprise peal by the Sunday band was rung, Jim ringing the tenor. This was in 1907. The signwriter who wrote the peal board put the words 'weight 20 cwt.' directly beneath the name James G. Rumsey, which caused Jim—who had a fine sense of humour—to remark that he had no idea he weighed so much.

In 1911, some time after his marriage, he removed to Leiston, and worked for many years for Richard Garrett and Sons, agricultural engineers. Recommencing where he left off at Debenham, he was soon a member both of the choir and the ringing society, and thus became connected with the Bailey family, then going ahead smartly under the conductorship of that remarkable man, Charles F. Bailey. Service ringing, combined with a succession of peals in a good selection of Surprise methods, some of which were rung for the first time, with occasional visits to other towers in East Anglia, made up the rest of Jim's ringing career.

The Leiston men did much handbell ringing with the success which is now history, but Jim took little part in this, ringing two peals only. Later in life he took up the duties of sexton and verger, and his devotion to this work gained him the appreciation of both clergy and congregation.

Failing health compelled him to retire and also to give up ringing, his last peal being appropriately enough rung at Debenham in 1950. In his declining years, his wife having predeceased him, he owed much to the devoted care of a sister, being often in pain and weakness.

He was interred in Leiston Cemetery on August 29th, following a service in the church, at which his two remaining sisters and a brother, with brother ringers present, listened to a moving tribute by one of the clergy. In the evening the Leiston band rang muffled bells to mark the end of a dedicated life. P. L.

HIS PEALS

Doubles, Grandsire and Plain 1, T.B. Minor 4, Grandsire Triples 3, Stedman Triples 14, Plain Bob Major 19 (2 handbell), Kent T.B. 16, Kent Royal 4, Kent T.B. Maximus 1, Oxford T.B. Major 24, Double Norwich 27.

Surprise Major.—Superlative 34, Cambridge 31, New Cambridge 4, Bristol 52, London 39, Guildford 8, Suffolk 5, Dublin 2, Rochester 12, Surrey 2; and one each of the following: Norfolk, Yorkshire, Lancashire, Edinburgh, Camdon, Essex, Premier and Waveney. Total: 310.

MR. GEORGE GILBERT

We regret to announce that Mr. George Gilbert, of Burnham, Bucks, died early on Friday morning at the Canadian Red Cross Memorial Hospital, Taplow. He was 73.

The funeral service was held at Burnham Parish Church yesterday at 3 p.m.

MR. T. RILEY

Briefly announced in our last issue, Mr. Tom Riley died on August 30th in Haslemere Hospital after a few days' illness from coronary thrombosis. He was 59.

'Tommy' Riley had been connected with the ringing at St. Peter and St. Mary's Church, Liss, for 40 years, and at times he was the only ringer. He never reached great heights in change-ringing, but endeared himself to many by his hard work behind the scenes, especially in organising outings, special ringing and the like. For many years he was tower secretary; he was also a keen member of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild.

Besides ringing, he served the community in other directions, such as being treasurer of the football club for 22 years, treasurer of the slate club and scorer for the cricket club. A great little man and a true friend, he will be missed by many.

At the funeral service, the church bells were rung before and after by 12 ringers representing Liss, Petersfield, Blackmoor and Hawkley towers. C. E. B.

SHELLEY CUP CONTEST

The Shelley Cup contest, held on September 17th, was won by Cawthorne with 31 faults, followed by Meltham 34, Warsop 40 and Friezland 73. The test piece was 600 changes preceded by 120 changes practice. Messrs. Percy Hawthornethwaite and Herbert Holbrook were the judges, and Mr. Albert Goldthorpe marker. Mr. Noel F. Moxon received the cup on behalf of the winners, and each member of the team received a jam dish.

Thanks to the Shelley ringers were voiced by Messrs. Moxon, Harry Mann and Rooke, whose team (Warsop) were competing for the first time.

The meeting stood to remember Mr. Harry Roberts, of Kirkburton, who commenced his ringing at Shelley before going to Kirkburton. He was a judge for the Halifax Society for many years.

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD

An encouraging feature of the quarterly meeting of St. David's Guild, held at St. Mary's, Pembroke, was the number of young ringers present and the election of eight probationary members. The company present included ringers from Tenby, Burry Port, Carmarthen, St. David's, Llanelly, and the local band.

Following a service conducted by the Rev. T. C. Johns, the ladies of Pembroke provided a very nice tea in the Church Hall, and they were thanked by the Rev. T. J. Thomas, Vicar of Burry Port. The Rev. T. C. Johns presided at the business meeting, when it was decided to accept the invitation to hold the December meeting at Llandovery. A collection for the Bell Restoration Fund amounted to £1 11s. Mr. H. Jenkins proposed a vote of thanks to the chairman, and the proceedings closed with prayer. A very good day's ringing was then concluded in the tower.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

North Dorset Branch

The quarterly meeting of the North Dorset Branch, held at Maiden Bradley on September 10th, was attended by a larger number than usual, there being 40 present from 13 towers, including visitors from the Bath and Wells Guild. Doubles and Minor were rung on the six bells before the service.

After an excellent tea in the Village Hall, the business meeting was despatched with reasonable brevity under the acting-chairmanship of the Vicar (Rev. J. Wright), who welcomed the Branch to his parish. The business included the election of a new member from Mere, and the decision to contribute £5 to the Guild funds in addition to the ordinary subscription. This was in response to a suggestion made at the annual meeting of the Guild last May.

Ringing was later resumed at Maiden Bradley, Horningsham and Bourton.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

Views On Minimus

For the September quarterly meeting of the Leicester Diocesan Guild a 6-bell tower was chosen as the venue for the first time since the Guild was formed in 1946. It was undoubtedly a tremendous success, as over 50 members and friends sat down to tea, and the tiny village church at Twyford was competely filled for the service, which was taken by the Rev. A. W. Harrison, Vicar of Somerby.

During the afternoon, bells at Great Dalby (5) and Somerby (6) were available for ringing. At the business meeting, which was presided over by the president (Mr. P. J. Staniforth), a special welcome was given to Mr. Evander Littlewood, who has been ringing at Asfordby for over 60 years. The president presented eight certificates—five to ringers from Blaby, who are to have their five bells rehung by the end of the year. This tower now has 13 enthusiastic ringers who are learning to ring at South Wigston, Whetstone, and other churches.

After the routine items on the agenda had been disposed of, members were reminded of the annual dinner and social, which would be held on October 29th in the Shakespeare Hotel, Braunstone, on the outskirts of Leicester. The Lord Bishop of Leicester and the Provost of Leicester Cathedral (together with their wives) were to be the guests. Tickets (price 12s. 6d.) would be available from the secretary shortly. Ringing during the afternoon would be arranged by the Leicester District committee.

Under the item 'Any Other Business,' members expressed their views on the recent peal of Minimus rung for the Guild. ('Performance, please,' one member said!) It was moved by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mr. Rowley, that 'the Guild ask the Central Council *not* to recognise peals of Minimus.' This motion was eventually carried by 26 votes to 1.

The secretary then had the unpleasant task of reporting that he had received a telephone complaint from the Vicar of Copt Oak who, having granted a band permission for a peal attempt at his church, had waited two hours for them to arrive, and had had no message saying they were not coming or apology since. Mr. Harrison agreed to contact the Vicar of Copt Oak and find out more details of who the culprits were.

Miss Betty Smith, of Ashby Folville, requested that when peal bands visited her church and altered the length of ropes they should replace them afterwards. Finally, Mr. Day gave a warm welcome back to Mr. J. Harry Cook, the popular Ringing Master of the Melton District, who is recovering from an internal operation.

Thanks were expressed to all who had made the meeting so enjoyable.

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MISCELLANEOUS

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.—The first practice next term is on Wednesday, October 5th, at 8 p.m., at Great St. Andrew's Church. Ringers coming up are welcome. Or contact the Secretary, Frances Secker, Girton College. 6714

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — North Eastern District.—Mistley, Essex: Weekly practice resumed Thursday, 7.30, not Monday as before. —A. Honeywood, 2, Oxford Road, Mistley.

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.—First practice, Sacred Trinity, Salford, Saturday, Oct 11th. Week-end tour, October 28th to 30th: all freshers welcome.—R. Johnston, 8, Moor Park Mount, Headingley, Leeds, 6.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS.—Ringers coming up to Oxford University this term are invited to attend the business meeting at 8.15 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 11th, in the Old Bursary, New College.—N. J. Martin, St. Peter's Hall. 6646

SUFFOLK GUILD.—S.W. District.—The supper and social arranged for October 15th has had to be cancelled owing to catering difficulties.—R. J. Seabrook. 6710

PEAL CARDS AND QUARTER PEAL CARDS, minimum 12 in set, price 6s. 6d. post free. For quarter peal cards, second copy written out in style of a peal is essential.—'The Ringing World' Office, Guildford.

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MEETINGS

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Newcastle, Saturday, Oct. 1st. Ringing: Gosforth 11 to 12.30, Jesmond 2 to 3, Fenham 2.30 to 3.30, Cathedral 3.30 to 4.15 and 7 to 9, Gateshead 7 to 9 p.m. Service in Cathedral 4.15, with tea at St. John's 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. 6669

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Annual dinner, on October 1st, at the Saracen's Head Hotel, Chelmsford, 6.15 p.m. for 6.45. p.m. Tickets 15s. Early applications with stamped addressed envelope, please.—F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch. 6508

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice, Pirbright (6), Saturday, Oct. 1st, from 6 to 9 p.m. 6649

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting at Rickmansworth (10), Saturday, Oct. 1st, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—G. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 6591

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Annual general meeting at Ashford, Saturday, October 1st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.—C. T. H. 6633

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbride District.—Annual District meeting, Saturday, October 1st, at Tonbridge. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. 6616

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Blackburn Branch.—Meeting, Immanuel, Oswaldtwistle, Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Special method, Lancashire Surprise.—John Pilkington.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—Meeting, St. Peter's, Hindley, Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please make your own arrangements for tea. 6683

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—J. Armiger Trollope commemorative dinner, Ealing Town Hall, Saturday, Oct. 1st. Service 6 p.m. in Church of Christ the Saviour, Ealing Broadway. Ringing arrangements: St. Stephen's, West Ealing, 2.30 to 4 p.m.: St. Mary's and Christ the Saviour, 4.30 to 5.45 p.m.—T. J. Lock, Hon. Sec. 6699

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting, Aston, October 1st. Bells (12) available 3.30 p.m. 6632

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. — Southern Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Bretforton, Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business. 6666

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Northern Division) and SURREY ASSOCIATION (Southern Division). — Joint meeting, East Grinstead (8), Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Tea for those who have notified.—E. L. Hairs and G. A. West, Hon. Secs. 6682

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting, St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station), Monday, Oct. 3rd, 7 p.m. 6698

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Monthly practice on Wednesday, Oct. 5th, will be held at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, 6.30 p.m. 6700

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Hemsworth, near Pontefract, Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Please bring food.—J. W. Buxton. 6695

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Westonzoyland, Saturday, Oct. 8th, 3.15 p.m. Usual arrangements. Please notify for tea.—R. Short, Chilton Trinity. 6693

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Skilgate, Saturday, Oct. 8th. Numbers for tea essential by Oct. 5th.—A. R. Tudball. 6707

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Dunkerton, Saturday, Oct. 8th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to A. F. Butt, 10, Brooklands, Dunkerton, Bath. —Alan Lee, Sec. 6686

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Ashwick (6), Saturday, Oct. 8th. Usual arrangements. —E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 6715

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—Meeting, Great Barford, Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Tea 5. Service 6.30 p.m. Ringing in honour of Canon A. J. W. Pym, who is shortly retiring.—A. Smith, Dis. Sec. 6718

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Walkington, Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells (6) 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in Parish Hall. Names for tea by Thursday, Oct. 6th, to Miss J. Gray, 7, Northgate, Walkington, Beverley. 6688

BUXTON, NORFOLK.—The overhauled ring of six will be rededicated by the Rev. Gilbert Thurlow (vice-president, Norwich Diocesan Association) on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Service 3 p.m. Ringing and refreshments afterwards. All ringers cordially invited. 6721

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Next meeting will be at Wingerworth, Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to E. Blythe, 58, Church Street South, Derby Road, Birdholme, Chesterfield.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 6702

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Joint meeting with the Cambridge District and Cambridge University Guild at Longstanton, Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. —D. F. Murfet, Dec. Sec. 6708

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Meeting at Capel (6), Saturday, Oct. 8th. Tea and business in the Institute. Newdigate (6) in evening. Don't let the local ladies down: please send post card for tea.—C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst, Sussex. 6689

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting, St. Mary's (8), Old Harlow, Saturday, Oct. 8th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea at the Queen's Head.—G. Blake, Dis. Sec., Hamlet House, Roydon, Harlow. 6691

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch. —Meeting, Ashleworth (5) (No. 3 unringable), 3 to 4.15 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 8th. Evening ringing at Hartpury (6) approx. 7 to 8.30 p.m. Names by Oct. 5th to Green, 30, Malvern Road, Gloucester. 6705

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 8th, Hannington, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., Blunsdon. Evening ringing at Blunsdon. Names for tea to R. Luton, 169, Cheney Manor Road, Swindon. 6694

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — South Forest Branch. — Meeting at Tidenham, Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Coombe, Oaklands Farm, Newnham, Glos. 6704

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton Branch.—Monthly meeting, Wickwar (6), Saturday, Oct. 8th. Usual arrangements. Notify for tea.—B. Cooper, Ranger's House, Dursley. 6724

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Annual meeting, St. Dunstan's, Canterbury, October 8th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 2s. per head. Names together with cash, please, not later than Wednesday, October 5th, to me. Nominations for District officers same date. Full details on tower notices. Copy to non-district members on receipt of S.A.E.—T. C. Phillimore, 47, St. Peter's Grove, Canterbury. 6631

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Annual meeting, All Saints', Maidstone, Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, to L. Mannering, 30, Hastings Road, Maidstone.—R. L. Sills, Dis. Sec. 6706

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting, St. Mark's, Preston, Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bring own food. Lane Ends and Larches buses from town centre and railway station, alight Pedder Street.—L. Walmsley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 8th, at St. Mary's, Walton. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, Oct. 5th, to Mr. A. Jackson, 77, Bedford Road, Liverpool, 4.—T. E. Radcliffe. 6711

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Half-yearly meeting, Saturday, Oct. 8th, 2.30 p.m., Ambleside. Names for tea to A. Capstick, Kirkwood, Millans Park, Ambleside.—N. M. Newby.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Meeting, Kegworth, Saturday, Oct. 8th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Oct. 4th to P. J. Sutton, 12, Broadhill Road, Kegworth, near Derby.—C. W. Hall. 6676

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting, Sibsey, Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, Oct. 3rd, to me.—W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION. — Llandaff Branch. — Meeting at Dyffryn, Neath, Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business. —R. E. Coles, Branch Sec. 6662

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 8th. St. George's, Wells Way, Camberwell, 4 to 5.30 p.m. Business 5.30 to 6. St. Margaret's, Westminster, 7.15 to 8.30 p.m. Everyone welcome.—Rogers, 53, The Grove, Isleworth. ISL 3921. 6657

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 8th, at St. Mary-the-Virgin's, Monken Hadley. Ringing 3 to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at the Olde Tea Shoppe, Barnet, 5.15 p.m., only for those who notify by Oct. 5th C. W. Ward, 12, Alston Road, Barnet, Hertfordshire. Evening ringing 6 to 7 p.m., also at St. John-the-Baptist's, Barnet, 7.30 to 9 p.m. 6687

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Ringing meeting, Saturday, Oct. 8th, Swynnerton (6). Bells 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Oct. 5th, to Mr. W. H. Watkin, Early Lane, Swynnerton, Stone.—J. G. Burton, Hon. Sec. 6720

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Meeting, New Buckenham, Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Time of service to be arranged. Names for tea by Wednesday, Oct. 5th, to Mr. W. G. Saunders, King Street, New Buckenham, Norwich.—C. F. W. Phillippo, Hon. Sec. 6654

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Preston Capes, on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Names for tea by Monday previous to me.—F. W. Hancock, Church View, Willoughby, Rugby. 6709

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Berrington, Saturday, Oct. 8th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to W. Lloyd, Belswardine Hall, Cressage, Shrewsbury.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Annual Goose Fair meeting, Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells: St. Mary's (10), 3 p.m.: St. Peter's (10), 6 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—S. Adams, Hon. Dis. Sec. 6703

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Ringing meeting, Saturday, Oct. 8th, Mildenhall (10). Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting follows. Names for tea by Wednesday, Oct. 5th, to Mr. J. Y. Parker, Broom Cottage, Worlington, Bury St. Edmunds. 6674

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting, Southern and Western Divisions, at Steyning (8), Saturday, Oct. 8th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to E. W. Keys, Greystones, Salthill Road, Fishbourne, Chichester, Sussex. No tea guaranteed unless names are received by Thursday, Oct. 6th. 6697

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting, Wickham, Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m., Church Hall. Names by previous Tuesday to Mr. John Rolph, 20, Buddens Road, Meon Park, Wickham. 6701

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The 23rd annual dinner will be held in the Guildhall, Worcester, on Saturday, October 8th, at 5.45 p.m. **prompt.** Bells available: Cathedral (12) 3.30-5 p.m., All Saints' (10) 4-5.15 p.m. Tickets (12s. each) obtainable until Wednesday, October 5th, from Branch officers or J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 6613

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 15th, 2.30 p.m., Hexham Abbey. Names essential for tea (3s. 6d. per head) to C. T. Lamb, 26, St. Mary's Crescent, Blackhill. 6692

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Quarterly meeting, Thorpe Bay (8), Saturday, Oct. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. H. R. Wilson, 133, St. Augustine Avenue, Thorpe Bay. 6717

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Rochester District) and LADIES' GUILD (Kent Branch).—Rochester District annual meeting combined with the Ladies' Guild at Milton-next-Gravesend, Saturday, Oct. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to Mr. F. A. Mitchell, 21, Lamorna Avenue, Gravesend. 6690

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dersingham, Saturday, Oct. 15th. Service of dedication: CECIL EBBERSON MEMORIAL. Service to commence 3 p.m. Preacher, The Archdeacon of Lynn, the Ven. H. K. Percival Smith, M.A. Tea directly after the service. Names to Mr. A. E. Nurse, 7, Centre Vale, Dersingham, King's Lynn.—W. Love, Gen. Sec. 6696

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, Oct. 15th, Newbury. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, Oct. 11th, to H. P. Reed, 74, Queens Road, Newbury. 6713

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—Meeting at Sandford St. Martin (6), Saturday, Oct. 15th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea and business 4.45 p.m. Duns Tew (5) 7.30 p.m. Names for tea by Oct. 11th to C. C. Clarke, High Street, Deddington. 6723

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—Meeting at Seaton (5), Saturday, Oct. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to W. C. A. Clark, Middle Street, Wing.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting, Walsall (12), Saturday, Oct. 15th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names by Wednesday, Oct. 12th, to Mr. G. W. Hughes, 3, Delves Road, Walsall. *Dinner tickets available at this meeting.* Bells also available at Rushall (6), 2.30 to 3.30 p.m. Carillon recital, Town Hall, 12.30 to 1.15 p.m. 6680

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual Jasper Snowdon commemoration dinner will be held at Rotherham on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. The bells of Rotherham Parish Church (10), Eastwood (8), Whiston (8), Thrybergh (6), Wentworth (6), Rawmarsh (8) will be available morning or afternoon, times to be published later. Tickets, 12s. 6d. each, from Mr. J. J. L. Gilbert, 56, Glencoe Road, Sheffield, 2, also inquiries for hotel accommodation. Peals will be arranged Friday evening or Saturday morning if desired. The Ecclesfield Handbell Ringers will entertain at the dinner. A cordial welcome will be extended to all visitors.—N. Chaddock, J. J. L. Gilbert, organising committee. 6678

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual dinner, Saturday, Oct. 29th, Rose and Crown Hotel, Tonbridge, 6.15 for 6.45 p.m. Tickets (13s.) from Miss D. Colgate, 30, Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks. Please apply early as number limited. 6660

LATE NOTICES

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Autumn general meeting, Saturday, Oct. 1st, Newbury. Business meeting, Corn Exchange, 2.30 p.m. Service, Parish Church, 4.30. Tea, Corn Exchange, 5.30. Ringing—10-11 a.m.: Lambourne (8), Peasmore (6), Stanford Dingley (4), Beenham (6): 11-12 noon: East Garston (6), Chieveley (6), Midgham (6): 12-1 p.m.: Great Shefford (6), Shaw (6), Bucklebury (8): 1-2 p.m.: Speen **(cancelled)**, Newbury (10): curtailed to before meeting: Kintbury (6), Thatcham (8): 6.45-7.45 p.m.: Hungerford (8), Hampstead Norris (6), Aldermaston (8): 7-8 p.m.: Compton (6), Yattendon (6), Mortimer (8): 7.30-8.30 p.m.: East Ilsley (8), Brightwalton (6), Burghfield (6).—M. R. Cross. 6726

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 8th, Healey. Bells 3 p.m. Business 6 p.m. Names for tea to B. Coop, 123, Market Street, Whitworth, Rochdale.—Hudson, Sec. 6727

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

West Dorset Branch

About 30 members and visitors attended the quarterly meeting at Broadwindsor on September 17th. The bells were raised in peal, and methods included London Surprise Minor. The service was conducted by the chairman of the Branch (Rev. J. S. Arthur), Canon C. C. Cox read the lesson and the Rev. P. Smith gave the address.

Tea was served in the Reading Room, kindly given by Broadwindsor P.C.C. At the business meeting four new members were elected—Dorothy Symonds, Patricia Keats, Vivienne Denning and Michael Dawe, all of Beaminster. Mr. F. Wreford, who was elected a non-resident member prior to a peal, was duly ratified.

Notice was given of the dedication of the new sixth bell at Powerstock. Other meetings were arranged as follows: October 14th at Netherbury, November 18th at Evershot. The annual to be at Lyme Regis on November 26th. The chairman thanked Broadwindsor for their hospitality, and Mr. Studley, Vicar's warden, very humorously replied.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Sonning Deanery Hold Striking Competition

An innovation in the form of a striking competition among the towers in the Sonning Deanery Branch took place at St. Michael's, Sandhurst, on September 17th.

Six towers entered teams of six ringers, and the object was perfect striking, whether in rounds, call-changes, or a method. Two well-known members of the Guildford Diocesan Guild—Major E. T. Bragg and the Master, Mr. C. W. Denyer—adjudicated, and were installed in a schoolroom close to the church. Mr. Harold Smith, a Branch Ringing Master, was in the tower to watch the ringing and give advice, while Mr. W. Parker marshalled the teams. In another schoolroom Mrs. Parker and her helpers provided tea from 4 till 6 p.m., which was much appreciated.

Each team decided to ring Grandsire Doubles, and some good striking was heard. As the last team vacated the tower the judges left the schoolroom, and in announcing their verdict gave a summary of the faults of each team and general comments on the ringing, which proved most helpful for future contests.

The results were: Sonning 38 faults, Hurst 44, Sandhurst 46, Easthampstead 62, Twyford 83 and Arborfield 96.

Mr. Smith thanked Major Bragg and Mr. Denyer for their services, Mr. and Mrs. Parker for all the local arrangements, and the Branch secretary for his part in organising the event.

A combined practice followed. It is hoped the contest will be an annual event. B. C. C.

THE BEGINNER

As a child I used to go out and sit on the church roof, while the men inside pulled the bell ropes. Even then I was aware that all the words my grandfather bellowed across the ringing chamber were not ringing terms; but I wasn't quite sure what they were. (They did not sound at all amiable.) Now I know.

As I stand holding the rope, arms stretched up, with sweating hands, palpitating heart, and weak legs, the terms from my childhood comes floating across to me, painfully clear, to mingle with the clashing of the bells and numbers desperately rushing through my brain: four, six, five, dodge, three, five, one, three, lead. Even as I think of these numbers I am filled with a sense of guilt, and I think quietly, lest anyone should hear—because I am breaking the law. Ringing by numbers is just not allowed. I must ring by my position.

More clashes and we 'stand.' Hands, with skin like aged yellow parchment, blister bloated, relax; legs, trembling, sink to the wooden benches and a cool stone wall supports the back and helps to calm the exploding heart.

There is silence for a while: the body regains its composure and shredded nerves gather themselves together. Then, rueful smiles break across the faces of experts—and others, and someone suggests we try again.

This time an expert falters—in despair? We grin in gladness, and in doing so lose our place again and, grin gone, blushing, pull the bell rope harder.

Place regained (with music and discord), we pull on.

Sweat-soaked, no nerves left, arms aching, overcome by tiredness and yawns, suddenly we find we have completed a course, place perfect (if a little badly struck). We brighten up and smile, ring 'simple rounds,' and stand.

On Saturday night, in some foreign village tower, a hardened ringer asks: 'And what would you like to ring?'

And startled, the timid whisper, 'I'm only a beginnner.' Like a worm to a beautiful butterfly.

MARGARET HOLMES.

Market Deeping, Lincs.

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QUARTER PEALS

HESWALL, CHESHIRE.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (660 Grandsire and 600 Plain Bob): R. H. Davies 1, Kay Richmond 2, E. Britton 3, E. T. Carvell 4, A. J. Martin (cond.) 5, T. A. Morgan 6. First quarter 1 and 2. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Davies, of Moreton, on their 25th wedding anniversary.

KENWYN, CORNWALL.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. R. J. Southwood 1, C. Sangwin 2, C. Holloway 3, D. C. Woodward 4, F. A. White 5, B. R. White 6, R. A. Southwood (cond.) 7, C. Taylor 8. Rung following evening Communion for the Harvest Thanksgiving.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 11th, 1,296 Little Bob Royal: Miss A. Hales 1, Miss S. Collins 2, Miss D. Lawless 3, A. Idle 4, R. Turner 5, R. Black 6, R. Marsh 7, B. Austin 8, G. Watson (cond.) 9, A. Frost 10. First quarter 1 to 8. For Evensong.

LEICESTER.—At St. Margaret's Church, on Sept. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. G. Still (first quarter) 1, E. Morris 2, F. P. Harwood 3, W. J. Tanser 4, K. Mason (first of Triples) 5, A. E. Hartley 6, G. A. Olliffe (cond.) 7, P. Davis 8. Rung for Evensong and as a compliment to Edward J. Clements, a ringer of this church, on his marriage to Miss Barbara Chalmers, of Bothwell, Lanarkshire, which took place at Great Falls, Montana, U.S.A.

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LICHFIELD DIOCESAN RINGING FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, September 10th, was an historic day for the Diocese of Lichfield as far as ringing was concerned. On this particular day a Ringing Festival was held, embracing the three Archdeaconries comprising the Diocese of Lichfield. Three ringing societies were involved—the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, the Shropshire Association and the North Staffordshire Association. The whole venture was to be known as the 'Lichfield Diocesan Ringing Festival.'

To obtain a true background to the Festival one must go back to 1882 when the North Staffordshire Association was founded, followed closely in 1883 by the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford. It is interesting to read from the very first report of the latter Society, published in June, 1884, the following: 'As a Society had already been formed for North Staffordshire (the Archdeaconry of Stoke) it seemed advisable to found a similar Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.' We have reason to hope that ere long a Society will be formed for the Archdeaconry of Salop, and that the three will work together, and thus embrace the whole of the Diocese of Lichfield.' In June, 1959, at the Annual Meeting of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, a proposal was put forward that an approach be made to the other two societies in the Lichfield Diocese with a view to holding an annual joint Ringing Festival. Such a Festival is to be held in the territory of each Archdeaconry in rotation.

There followed a considerable amount of correspondence between the three societies, and after a lapse of six months the final details were worked out. It was decided that the first Festival should be held in the Stoke-on-Trent area with the North Staffordshire Association as hosts. This was particularly appropriate, as this year is the 50th anniversary of the establishment of Stoke as a city.

The day arrived at last, and the weather was kind. A sprinkling of ringers was soon in action at all the available towers in the area. Ringing began at 10.30 a.m. at Kidsgrove, where the delightful six bells were put to good use. Two more towers followed before lunch—Tunstall, Christ Church, with eight bells, tenor 10½ cwt. of good tone, and Norton-le-Moors, an excellent 'Taylor' eight with tenor 12½ cwt. There were no formal arrangements for lunch, and visitors made their own amongst the many cafés in Hanley.

During the afternoon three more towers were available: firstly the fine-sounding ten at St. John's, Hanley (tenor 18 cwt.), secondly the pleasant six at St. Mary's, Bucknall, where ringing during the afternoon was sandwiched between weddings, and lastly the headquarters for the day, St. Peter's, Stoke. Here the eight bells (tenor 20 cwt.) were fully employed, and some of the best ringing of the day took place. A short service was held at St. Peter's and was conducted by Preb. F. A. R. Chapman, Vicar of Stoke. In his address he welcomed members of the three societies to the Potteries. He had, he said, served in all three Archdeaconries during his time in the Ministry, and it gave him great pleasure to see so many ringers coming to Stoke for this Festival.

After the service tea was taken at Stoke Church Institute, where a salad meal had been prepared for visitors. Approximately 75 people sat down, but this in no way reflects the true attendance at the Festival as many made their own arrangements in nearby cafés. It is estimated that about 120 ringers from all parts of the Diocese attended during the day.

Following the tea the chairman of the North Staffordshire Association, Mr. G. W. Biddulph, extended a welcome to all visiting ringers. This was a new venture, he said, which had been an unknown quantity. He was, however, very pleased that it had been so successful and expressed the hope that it would be the precursor of many similar Festivals. Mr. D. J. Tranter, secretary of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, thanked the North Staffordshire Association for their hospitality, and Mr. Harry Poyner expressed the thanks of the Shropshire Association.

In the evening ringing continued at St. Peter's, Stoke, Christ Church, Fenton, with its ring of eight bells (tenor 14 cwt), and St. John's, Longton, another 'eight' with a tenor of 15 cwt. As dusk fell ringers gradually dispersed and made their various ways home to all parts of the Diocese, filled with many happy memories of a very successful day.

We are all indebted to Mr. J. G. Burton and his many helpers from the North Staffordshire Association for a memorable day in the Potteries. The organisation and enthusiasm of everyone was first-class, and a very high standard has been set for future Ringing Festivals. We look forward with pleasure to meeting our new-found friends next year, when the Festival is to be held in the Stafford Archdeaconry.

D. J. T.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 24, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes.*
AT THE CATHEDRAL AND ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 23¼ cwt.

BERTIE A. CORNELL	*Treble*	WILLIAM T. COOK	7
WILFRED WILLIAMS	2	WILLIAM J. ARNOLD	8
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	3	DENNIS RANDALL	9
ALAN F. THIRST	4	ALAN J. FROST	10
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	5	BRYAN PATTISON	11
PATRICIA DOORN	6	PHILIP MEHEW	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Sept. 26, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 24 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 25 cwt.

RICHARD GRANT	*Treble*	GEOFFREY M. BREWIN	7
WILLIAM A. LACEY	2	*DAVID T. DARBY	8
*ANDREW N. STUBBS	3	JOHN A. ACRES	9
ROBERT B. SMITH	4	E. ALAN JACQUES	10
JACK P. KESTERTON	5	PETER J. STANIFORTH	11
HERRICK B. BOWLEY	6	WILLIAM J. ROOT	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERRICK B. BOWLEY.
* First peal of Maximus.

TEN BELL PEAL

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Sept. 26, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 23¼ cwt.

ALAN A. POTTS	*Treble*	DONALD PEASON	6
HAROLD C. LONYON	2	GERALD FARRER	7
JOHN WORTH	3	HARRY FARRER	8
EDWARD F. POTTS	4	BASIL JONES	9
DENNIS A. HENSHAW	5	BRIAN HARRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
Rung for the marriage of John C. Brocklehurst to May Lomas, which took place on September 24th at the above church. Miss May Lomas is a member of the service ringing band at the church.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

CAERPHILLY, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 17, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.
A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

*ROGER HAVARD	*Treble*	*BRINLEY TAYLOR	5
DAVID J. LLEWELLYN	2	*GEOFFREY J. B. STICKLAND	6
*WILLIAM HARFORD	3	*WILLIAM DARE	7
THOMAS YEOMANS	4	TREVOR T. LEWIS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. HUNT. Conducted by TREVOR T. LEWIS.
* First peal of Double Norwich.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Derek Faulke and Miss Janet Harvey.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 17, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in G.

ELIZABETH M. YARDLEY	*Treble*	BARRIE HENDRY	5
RUTH M. BORDER	2	*DAVID J. PURNELL	6
PETER BORDER	3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	7
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* First peal in the method.

NEW MILLS, DERBYSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 17, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. in G sharp.

*JOHN ROBINSON	*Treble*	CAROL FERNLEY	5
*HAROLD LONYON	2	BASIL JONES	6
EILEEN M. FEARN	3	PHILIP G. K. DAVIES	7
†DAVID W. BRUNNING	4	ROBERT B. SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by WM. BARTON. Conducted by ROBERT B. SMITH.
* First peal in the method. † First in the method 'inside.'

RUSPER, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 17, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

STANLEY G. PONTING	*Treble*	ALAN E. BAGWORTH	5
ANNE C. GARNETT	2	ERNEST J. MUNDAY	6
GILLIAN A. NEAL SMITH	3	ROBIN G. LEALE	7
BERNARD E. MATTHEWS	4	JOHN D. ROCK	*Tenor*

Composed by W. BARTON. Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

SHIFNAL, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 17, 1960 *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5020 SHIFNAL ALLIANCE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in E flat.

RICHARD E. MORRIS	*Treble*	BARNABAS G. KEY	5
BERYL W. ABBOTT	2	DAVID FRIEND	6
MARY C. POYNER	3	REGINALD H. NEWTON	7
HARRY POYNER	4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by HARRY POYNER.
First peal in the method.

WAREHAM, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 17, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF LADY ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5152 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in E.

*GILLIAN A. HUSSEY	*Treble*	COLIN CONWAY	5
D. JOHN HUNT	2	‡J. ANTHONY BENNETT	6
†CLIFF J. RICHARDS	3	WILLIAM SIMMONDS	7
†DON C. EXELL	4	JOHN H. GILBERT	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by JOHN H. GILBERT.
* First peal of Major. † First in the method. ‡ First of Double Norwich 'inside.' First peal on the bells since being rehung.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Sept. 18, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In nine methods, comprising 1,280 London, 1,280 Rutland, 640 Bristol and 320 each of Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire, Pudsey, Wembley and Lincolnshire; with 120 changes of method.
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

EDWARD JENKINS	*Treble*	A. PETER WHITEHEAD	5
FREDERICK SHALLCROSS	2	NEIL BENNETT	6
FREDERICK W. GROCOTT	3	DEREK OGDEN	7
*JOHN H. FIELDEN	4	DEREK TAYLOR	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise. First in nine Surprise Major methods for the Association.
Rung as a farewell to the tenor ringer, who is leaving to join H.M. Forces.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Mon., Sept. 19, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Grove's variation of Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

CHARLES SANGWIN	*Treble*	CLIVE HOLLOWAY	5
*DAVID C. WOODWARD	2	FRANCIS A. WHITE	6
†HENRY TREWIN	3	BRIAN R. WHITE	7
HARRY STACEY	4	OLIVER I. GITTINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN R. WHITE.
* First peal of Triples 'inside.' † First of Triples.

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THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Sept. 23, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation. Tenor 12 cwt.

FRANK W. PERRENS	*Treble*	HUBERT G. SUMMERS	5
BEVERLEY A. THOMPSON	2	†COLIN SWEENEY	6
RUTH M. BORDER	3	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON	7
*ROGER HARRIS	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.
* First peal of Surprise. † First of Cambridge.
Rung as a compliment to the Rector of Allesley (Rev. G. A. Hughes) on the 21st anniversary of his ordination, and a 21st birthday compliment to Roger Harris.

DORE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 24, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Being 1,280 London, 1,312 Bristol, 1,568 Cambridge and 992 Superlative, with all the work of every method for each bell.

SUSAN CHADDOCK	*Treble*	ROBERT E. MOULDS	5
M. VIVIEN COPPING	2	JOHN J. L. GILBERT	6
SHEILA M. MOULDS	3	†WILFRID F. MORETON	7
J. HENRY FIELDEN	4	NORMAN CHADDOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.
* 750th peal. Tenor 11¼ cwt. in G.

DRAYCOTT-IN-THE-MOORS, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 24, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 25 lb. in F sharp.

HARRY GRIFFITHS	*Treble*	DEREK J. TRANTER	5
ARTHUR PRITCHARD	2	J. DENNIS HOLDEN	6
EDMUND MALIN	3	FREDK. E. WILSHAW	7
ERIC E. SPEAKE	4	RICHARD J. WARRILOW	*Tenor*

Composed by RICHARD F. B. SPEED. Conducted by ERIC E. SPEAKE.

GODALMING, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 24, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.

ANN M. COX	*Treble*	STANLEY G. PONTING	5
JILL M. LANE	2	*ELIZABETH STEVINSON	6
WILLIAM T. BEESON	3	DOUGLAS A. R. MAY	7
*CLIVE G. JOHNSTONE	4	HAROLD A. MAY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by HAROLD A. MAY.
* First peal.

LONDON, E.C.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Sat., Sept. 24, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OLAVE, HART STREET.
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, being 1,312 Bristol and 1,280 each of London, Cambridge and Superlative, with 112 changes of method and all the work of each method for each bell. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in G.

JOAN BERESFORD	*Treble*	J. MICHAEL LAKIN	5
HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	2	JOE E. G. ROAST	6
PETER J. EVES	3	*FRANK J. MATTHEWS	7
THOMAS H. FRANCIS	4	DENNIS BERESFORD	*Tenor*

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by DENNIS BERESFORD.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Sept. 24, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

BRIDGET FORDER	*Treble*	*TESSA P. KEMP	5
CEDRIC J. MURPHY	2	ADRIAN J. TUMBER	6
M. ELIZABETH CHAPMAN	3	DAVID J. FORDER	7
BRYAN J. WOODRUFFE	4	TOM CHAPMAN	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by TOM CHAPMAN.
* First peal 'inside.'

PERSHORE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 24, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS.
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising 1,088 London, 1,024 Cambridge and 992 each of Bristol, Pudsey and Superlative, with 101 changes of method and all the work of the five methods for every bell. Tenor 28 cwt.

THOMAS W. LEWIS	*Treble*	FRANK W. LEWIS	5
*R. GEORGE MORRIS	2	†RONALD F. DISERENS	6
†JOHN N. DISERENS	3	*DAVID BEACHAM	7
*GEORGE E. EVENDEN	4	NOEL J. DISERENS	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by NOEL J. DISERENS.
* First peal of 5-spliced. † 50th peal together.
Rung by members of the Society of Roving Ringers as a wedding compliment to Ronald D. Short and Audrey M. Bailey.

WOBURN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 24, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans' Four-Part.
Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in D.

JOAN M. WILCOCKSON	*Treble*	ALFRED E. RUSHTON	5
HENRY B. WHITNEY	2	JOHN R. MAYNE	6
VALERIE WILLARD	3	W. NORMAN GENNA	7
*ROBERT L. PIRON	4	*BRUCE GRAINGER	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
* First peal of Stedman Triples.
Rung for the ordination of P. Palmer (priest) and B. J. Gardiner (deacon), both of Leighton Buzzard, which took place at St. Albans on September 25th. Also to commemorate the 92nd anniversary of the dedication of this church.

MORPETH, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Sept. 26, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE WATCH TOWER,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Tenor 10 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

*KENNETH ARTHUR	*Treble*	†NICHOLAS I. WRIGHT	5
JOHN E. ANDERSON	2	FREDERICK ROSS	6
†NORMAN ERRINGTON	3	*‡J. ALAN AINSWORTH	7
MARION S. AINSWORTH	4	§GEORGE S. DEAS	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.
Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.
* 100th peal together. † First in the method. ‡ 250th peal. § 100th peal.
Rung as a compliment to the Duke of Northumberland, who was presented with the Honorary Freedom of the Borough of Morpeth on September 22nd, 1960.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

WENHASTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 10, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's College Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

C. JACK GIBSON	*Treble*	PETER S. BEDFORD	4
ERNEST G. PEARCE	2	JOHN W. BLYTHE	5
ROGER L. K. WHITTELL	3	LESLIE N. MELTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE N. MELTON.
Rung in honour of the joint birthdays of Messrs. Pearce and Bedford, as a birthday compliment to Miss Janet Gibson and Mr. Ken Brown, and a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Margaret Ladd, of Tunbridge Wells.

CHURCHILL, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Sept. 12, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

HAROLD HOOPER	*Treble*	CECIL MOGFORD	4
GEORGE PRESCOTT	2	SIDNEY SMITH	5
MARJORIE LEGG	3	JOHN BAKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.
Rung in memoriam E. J. Avery.

WALLINGTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Sept. 12, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in A flat.

*MICHAEL HOPKINS	*Treble*	CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	4
JUNE I. DEAR	2	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE	5
†ROBERT E. DYMOND	3	EDWIN G. BUCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE.
* First peal. † First 'inside,' and of Minor.

WARKTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Sept. 15, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

*PETER M. FLECKNEY	*Treble*	RYLAND E. MARCH	3
†‡DIANA M. LAWLESS	2	‡ALAN J. FROST	4
BURLEY P. MORRIS	*Tenor*		

Conducted by BURLEY P. MORRIS.
* First peal at first attempt. † First of Doubles. ‡ 25th peal together, and Grandsire from Cinques to Doubles.

HENSINGHAM, CUMBERLAND.
CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 17, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 13¼ cwt. in F sharp.

JOHN HAILE .. .. .. *Treble*		GEOFFREY TEMBEY	4
VERA C. BELL	2	STANLEY RICHARDSON ..	5
*EDNA BIRNEY	3	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.

* First peal.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. J. Whittaker.

NAVENBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 17, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 11 methods: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Single and Double Court, (3) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (4) London Surprise, (5) Plain Bob and Oxford Bob, (6) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (7) Double Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. in F sharp.

MARGARET A. SWANN .. *Treble*		G. LEONARD THOMPSON ..	4
CLAIRE DILLAMORE	2	GEOFFREY R. PARKER ..	5
PETER A. SHARP..	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE.. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

A wedding compliment to Dr. Franz Jakob Frolich and Miss Freda Margaret Palmer Jones, whose marriage took place at this church earlier in the day.

QUEENBOROUGH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 17, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In three methods, being three different extents of Plain Bob and two different extents each of Single Oxford and St. Clement's. Tenor 9 cwt. in B.

*PETER NEGUS .. .. .. *Treble*		†PETER M. WILKINSON ..	4
JOSEPH GRENSTED	2	GEORGE KENWARD	5
WILLIAM A. WOOD.. ..	3	GEORGE A. NAYLOR .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.

* First peal. † First of Minor.

An 89th birthday compliment to George Wood, a local ringer. Also to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Battle of Britain, with gratitude to The Few.

LEWTRENCHARD, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sun., Sept. 18, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Ten callings. Tenor 8 cwt.

*HORACE HICKS .. .. *Treble*		JACK BENOY	4
WILLIAM MANNING	2	WILFRED C. BOUCHER ..	5
D. ROY BOULD	3	*BERNARD C. HEAL .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by D. ROY BOULD.

* First peal. First peal on the bells.

Rung for Harvest Festival, and as a wedding compliment to Mrs. Janet Jeffery, daughter of the fourth ringer.

BLYTHBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., Sept. 19, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob, and one each of St. Clement's, Childwall and Kent T.B. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

PETER S. BEDFORD .. .. *Treble*		H. WILLIAM BARRETT ..	4
JACK PILGRIM	2	JOHN W. BLYTHE	5
RAYMOND PECK	3	C. JACK GIBSON .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

A birthday compliment to Susan Blythe, daughter of the conductor.

CORBY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Sept. 19, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in six methods: (1) Oxford T.B., (2) Kent T.B., (3) St. Clement's, (4) and (5) Single Oxford, (6) Double Oxford, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

AUDREY M. HALES .. .. *Treble*		RONALD G. RUSSELL ..	4
SHELAGH R. COLLINS ..	2	ALAN J. FROST	5
DIANA M. LAWLESS.. ..	3	ARTHUR GIBBS .. .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by ALAN J. FROST.

LYDIARD MILLICENT, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Sept. 20, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

Being 31 methods in seven extents: (1) Whitley, Wooler, Northumberland and Carlisle; (2) Munden, Chester, Alnwick and Newcastle; (3) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Primrose, Hull and Bourne; (4) Surfleet, Hexham, Berwick, Beverley, Durham and York; (5) Rossendale, Stamford, Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Annable's London and Netherseale; (6) London, Wells and Cunecastre; (7) Allendale and Westminster; with 105 changes of method. Tenor 10 cwt.

A. TERENCE COLLINS .. *Treble*		RONALD A. WRIGHT.. ..	4
LESLEY J. BLADON	2	ANTHONY R. PEAKE	5
VICTOR GRIFFIN	3	BRIAN BLADON .. .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

The most Surprise and Minor methods to a peal by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

Rung in memoriam Mr. G. V. Bladon, father of the tenor ringer, who passed away on September 18th, 1960.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Wed., Sept. 21, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, viz.: Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Double Oxford, Kent T.B., St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 15¼ cwt. in F.

*WILLIAM GARRARD .. .. *Treble*		HUBERT A. MITSON	4
ROBERT E. LESTER.. ..	2	ERNEST G. PEARCE	5
ROGER L. K. WHITTELL	3	LESLIE N. MELTON .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by LESLIE N. MELTON.

* First peal.

LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 21, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL
A PEAL OF 5040 HATHERN SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout. Tenor 8 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

FRANK C. PRICE .. .. *Treble*		RAYMOND G. SMITH.. ..	4
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY ..	2	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN ..	5
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ..	3	JOHN R. MAYNE .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Association. The treble ringer has now 'circled the tower.'

THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION
On Wed., Sept. 21, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being extents of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

MRS. VIOLET A. HALES .. *Treble*		PERCY W. MILLS	4
ALAN R. ANDREWS	2	EDWARD E. DAVEY	5
FREDERICK A. HARVEY ..	3	WALTER F. DOWNES.. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Mills on the occasion of their silver wedding; also a birthday compliment to Mrs. P. W. Mills.

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WILLINGTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Sept. 22, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 24 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

MARION J. CLARKE	*Treble*	JENNIFER M. DAVIES ..	4
HELEN B. NEVIN	2	JAMES R. TAYLOR	5
DEBORAH HOPKINS	3	BRYAN PATTISON	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.

Rung on the 74th birthday of Mrs. Wooding, mother of the local captain.

GREAT WITCOMBE, GLOUCESTER.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Sept. 23, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In nine methods, viz.: (1) Double Oxford and Thelwall, (2) Oxford T.B., (3) Single Oxford, (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) St. Clement's and Childwall, (6) Kent T.B.; (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 6¼ cwt.

*ALLAN A. PATON	*Treble*	SHIRLEY M. PARSONS ..	4
IVOR GOULTER..	2	CYRIL A. WRATTEN	5
†PETER T. HURCOMBE ..	3	GEOFFREY R. DREW.. ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY R. DREW.

* First peal. † 25th peal. First in nine methods as conductor.

EDGMOND, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 24, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, differently called. Tenor 9 cwt. (approx.) in G.

*ERNEST MORRALL	*Treble*	†RICHARD E. MORRIS ..	4
MARY C. POYNER	2	FREDERICK A. H. CATTELL	5
HARRY POYNER	3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY POYNER.

* First peal, first attempt. † First of Minor 'inside.'

A wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Toogood.

KILNDOWN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 24, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being an extent each of Netherseale, Primrose, Wells, Durham, Wearmouth, Bourne and Surfleet. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

RALPH BIRD	*Treble*	CRAWFORD T. HILLIS ..	4
JOHN R. COOPER	2	BERNARD F. L. GROVES ..	5
ANDREW M. MACVE.. ..	3	IAN H. ORAM	*Tenor*

Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

First peal in seven Surprise methods on the bells.

OXENDON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 24, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 six-scores of Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 lb. in A.

ARTHUR J. MILLWARD ..	*Treble*	*MARY D. WILFORD.. ..	3
W. JOHN KINCHIN	2	CECIL A. SWANN	4
DEREK E. GRIFFIN	*Tenor*		

Conducted by DEREK E. GRIFFIN.

* First peal. The tenth peal on the bells.

RANWORTH, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 24, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in ten methods: Single Court, Double Court, Spliced Double Oxford and St. Clement's, Spliced Plain Bob and Double Bob, College Bob, Combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise; 55 changes of method. Tenor 12 cwt. in F.

DAVID CUBITT..	*Treble*	NOLAN GOLDEN	4
ARTHUR G. BASON	2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT ..	5
*WILLIAM LOVE..	3	F. CHARLES GOODMAN ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* 100th peal. First in ten methods on the bells.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Simon Everard, son of the Rector, and Miss Georgina Weir, of Storrington, Sussex.

YALDING, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 24. 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being an extent each of Cunecastre, Lightfoot, Warkworth, London, Beverley, Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in E.

ANDREW M. MACVE.. ..	*Treble*	IAN H. ORAM	4
BERNARD F. L. GROVES ..	2	*JOHN R. COOPER	5
CRAWFORD T. HILLIS ..	3	*RALPH BIRD	*Tenor*

Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

* 50th peal together. First in seven Surprise methods on the bells, and the first peal since 1936.

TEWIN, HERTFORDSHIRE.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Sept. 24, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5160 DOUBLES

Being 43 extents in ten methods, viz.: One extent of Stedman, two each of St. Remigius' Bob, St. Nicholas' Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Winchendon Place Bob, St. Osmund Bob, St. Martin's Bob, St. Simon's Bob and Grandsire, and 26 of Plain Bob. Tenor 10¼ cwt. in A flat.

*JOAN SPREADBURY	*Treble*	†WILLIAM D. N. FOOTE ..	4
TREVOR N. J. BAILEY ..	2	MICHAEL J. ROWE	5
†ALAN G. SPREADBURY ..	3	*W. C. G. WAINWRIGHT	*Tenor*

Conducted by TREVOR N. J. BAILEY.

* First peal. † First of Doubles.

CLIFFORD, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun,, Sept. 25, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being three extents each of Clifford's Pleasure and April Day, and 12 each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in F sharp.

L. CLIVE PROSSER	*Treble*	ROBERT HATCHER	4
*COLIN A. LEWIS	2	A. BRYAN ELLSMORE.. ..	5
JOHN HOPE	3	DANZEY WATKINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. BRYAN ELLSMORE.

* First peal of Doubles. Rung to welcome the Rev. C. J. Hayes.

WEST RETFORD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Sept. 26, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. in A flat.

ALEC WILSON	*Treble*	GEORGE CHALLANS	4
KATHERINE BURCHNALL ..	2	A. HARRY HAWCROFT ..	5
GRACE BURCHNALL	3	HAROLD DENMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD DENMAN.

Rung after the marriage at East Retford Church of Miss Valerie Anita Waterfield and Mr. Richard Gozney Hobbs; both were ringers at this tower.

GREAT DALBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Sept. 27, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,

Being 480 Stedman, 720 April Day, 960 each St. Simon's, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt.

HAROLD T. BONSHOR ..	*Treble*	MRS. C. E. COOPER	3
*ARTHUR J. STIMSON ..	2	ROLAND H. COOK	4
CHARLES E. COOPER	*Tenor*		

Conducted by CHARLES E. COOPER.

* First peal.

Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, Rev. Gilbert Leonard Slater.

CLUTTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 28, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in ten methods: Spliced College Bob and St. Clement's College Bob, Combined Thelwall Bob and Double Oxford Bob, Wavertree College Bob, Childwall Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob; 63 changes of method. Tenor 10 cwt.

REGINALD G. HOOPER ..	*Treble*	BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON..	4
CLIFF RICHARDS	2	DAVID HEIGHTON	5
PATRICK J. BIRD..	3	FRANCIS C. MOGFORD ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID HEIGHTON.

First peal in ten methods by all the band, and on the bells.

NEWTON FERRERS, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Thurs., Sept. 29, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in G.

WALTER H. MARKS	*Treble*	ALAN J. COLLINS	4
WILLIAM G. LAVERS.. ..	2	A. WILLIAM MYERS.. ..	5
D. ROY BOULD	3	THOMAS G. MYERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS G. MYERS.

First peal on the bells.

To mark the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels. Also a birthday compliment to T. G. Myers.

HANDBELL PEAL

HILSEA, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 27, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT 24, DOYLE AVENUE.
A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 7 in D.

K. SUSAN M. KNIGHT ..	1—2	ROGER BALDWIN	5—6
M. ELIZABETH CHAPMAN..	3—4	TOM CHAPMAN	7—8

Composed and Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.

HALF PEALS

MARCH, CAMBS.—On July 3rd, 2,520 Plain Bob Minor: M. Jones 1, D. Feek 2, June Peel 3, J. Payne 4, T. A. Bevis (cond.) 5, W. Moore 6. First length of Minor over 720 changes for 1, 2, 3 and 4. First half peal in tower. Rung for Morning Prayer.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On Sept. 19th, 3,240 Plain Bob Royal: Mrs. N. Chaddock 1, Mary Atkinson 2, Pat Walker 3, M. Fowler 4, Susan Chaddock 5, I. Tilling 6, P. Walker 7, J. Seager 8, N. Chaddock (cond.) 9, J. N. D. Chaddock 10. Longest length by 2 and 7 (' inside '). A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. N. Chaddock.

BISHOPSTOKE, HANTS.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss V. Rowe 1, A. J. Tumber 2, J. R. Faithfull 3, Mrs. M. E. Chapman 4, G. Hutchinson 5, H. H. H. Higson 6, T. Chapman (cond.) 7, E. C. Wheeler 8. Rung half-muffled as a last respect to Mr. A. G. Hall, former churchwarden.

BRISTOL.—At St. Werburgh's Church, on Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Keith Ingham (first quarter) 1, Leslie Clash 2, Kenneth W. Price (cond.) 3, Sydney G. Riches 4, Patrick C. F. Wooster 5, Arthur True 6. For Harvest Festival.

BROOMFIELD, ESSEX.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Groves 1, Miss E. Frith (first ' inside ') 2, M. J. Edwards 3, A. R. Groves 4, A. S. Hudson 5, I. R. Panton (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

BURNHAM-ON-SEA, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 16th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: A. J. Garbett 1, H. W. Knight 2, Marjorie Legg 3, K. Prime 4, F. B. Comer 5, D. H. White 6, G. Prescott 7, M. V. White (cond.) 8. Rung as a compliment to David H. White, secretary of the Axbridge branch, and Annette E. Lang, both members of Uphill Tower, on the occasion of their marriage the following day at Burnham-on-Sea.

CAMBRIDGE.—On Sept. 22nd, at the Church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs, 1,248 Cambridge Surprise Major: P. H. Pigg 1, H. Muncey 2, Miss H. Muirhead 3, T. R. Dennis 4, E. G. Hibbins (cond.) 5, G. Pratt 6, H. F. Brown 7, J. W. Quinney 8.

CHEWTON MENDIP, SOM.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,280 Lincolnshire Surprise Major: Donald Lee 1, Ronald G. Beck 2, Peter E. Wright 3, Michael R. Rose 4, Victor G. Roberts 5, Alec W. Fry 6, Gwilym F. Salmon (cond.) 7, Edward J. Chivers 8.

CHIPPING NORTON, OXON.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Francis 1, J. Keyte 2, S. Pulker 3, M. Sinden 4, I. Harris (cond.) 5, J. Benfield 6, F. Perry 7, C. Tompkins 8.

COMPTON BISHOP, SOM.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: T. Feltham 1, H. Hooper (cond.) 2, A. J. Peters 3, J. Hooper 4, J. Brinson 5, J. Loxton 6. Rung as a wedding compliment to David H. White and Miss Annette Lang. Also a birthday compliment to ringer of fifth.

CORFE, SOM.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: P. N. Tubbs (cond.) 1, B. Burston 2, R. Shire 3, G. Salter 4, H. Churchill 5.

EALING, MIDDX.—On Sept. 25th, at Christ the Saviour, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Rank (first in method) 1, D. Johnson (first in method) 2, Miss J. Scrutton 3, H. J. Eldred 4, J. Perrett 5, D. Theedom 6, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 7, F. Ranson 8. For Evensong.

EASTCHURCH, KENT.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Judith White 1, P. M. Wilkinson (cond.) 2, H. Gardner 3, J. Mason 4, H. Hayward 5, D. Pellet (first quarter) 6. Rung as a farewell to Judith White, who is leaving to go to training college.

ECCLESTON, LANCS.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Kent T.B. and Plain Bob Minor: J. Nelson (cond.) 1, J. Owens 2, J. Humble 3, D. Marsden 4, R. Crowe 5, W. H. Hunter 6. Rung to celebrate the official opening of the new Bishop Rawstorne C. of E. Secondary School, Croston, Lancs.

FEERING, ESSEX.—On Sept. 24th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: C. Turner 1, W. G. Wade 2, W. G. Bilner 3, H. Langstone 4, G. Everett (first as cond.) 5, H. Nichols 6, J. Papworth 7, A. T. Beckwith 8. Rung for the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Marshall.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On Sept. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. J. Hibbert (cond.) 1, G. W. Bishop 2, J. W. H. Hibbert 3, J. H. Napper 5, C. J. Garlick 5, M. Bishop 6, W. Corderoy 7, L. F. Cox 8.

HALIFAX, YORKS.—On Sept. 4th, at All Souls' Church, Haley Hill, 1,280 Lincoln Surprise Major: J. N. Parkin 1, Mrs. Sheila M. Moulds 2, Patricia Reeve 3, J. F. Bryant 4, C. Sweeney 5, G. F. Bryant 6, J. H. Fielden 7, R. E. Moulds (cond.) 8. Rung to mark the christening of Richard Sweeney.

HAWKLEY, HANTS.—On Sept. 21st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: I. Wetherley 1, F. Bowden (cond.) 2, Mrs. F. Bowden 3, B. S. Gambrill 4, C. Johnstone 5, C. Pound 6.

QUARTER PEALS

HESTON, MIDDX.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Harbour 1, M. Hawkins 2, Miss S. Garrett 3, P. Ruch 4, B. Rose 5, R. Sumner 6, P. Bettridge (cond.) 7, S. Porter 8. For Harvest Festival.

HIGHER WALTON, LANCS.—On Sept. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Martin 1, J. Taberner 2, D. Harwood (first ' inside ') 3, W. Mansley 4, H. Calderbank 5, F. Stead (cond.) 6. Also on Sept. 7th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: D. Harwood (first of Treble Bob) 1, Mrs. M. Crossthwaite 2, C. Crossthwaite 3, D. Lawson 4, L. Walmsley 5, M. Morgan 6, A. Gardner (first of Treble Bob) 7, F. Stead (cond.) 8. Both rung as a mark of esteem and appreciation to Canon B. E. Hughes on his retirement from the ministry.

INGHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Y. Parker 1, Mrs. H. Ivings 2, Miss D. M. Reeve 3, A. F. Ballam (cond.) 4, H. Ivings 5. Rung for the diamond wedding of Mr. A. Footer, for many years a ringer at this church, and Mrs. Footer. Also for Harvest Thanksgiving.

KENSINGTON, LONDON.—On Sept. 24th, at St. Mary Abbots Church, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: W. Williams 1, H. Belcher 2, W. Rawlings 3, R. Hinde 4, E. Rowe 5, R. Overington 6, W. Cook 7, C. W. Ottley 8, J. Phillips (cond.) 9, J. H. Lott 10. Rung on the occasion of the collation and induction of the Rev. H. L. O. Rees, M.A., to the living of St. Mary Abbots.

LUTON, BEDS.—On Sept. 24th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: Miss J. Wilcockson 1, J. R. Mayne 2, G. Hawkins 3, B. Hullatt 4, R. Piron 5, R. Kendall 6, L. A. Goodenough 7, H. Wood 8, A. E. Rushton (cond.) 9, H. R. C. Mann 10. Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss J. Hobbs-Webber and Mr. K. Skinner, which took place at this church this day.

MARKET BOSWORTH, LEICS.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Chesterton 1, J. Lawrence 2, R. Statham 3, B. Newton 4, H. Hollis 5, J. Hodgetts 6, G. Newton (cond.) 7, R. W. Proudman 8. For thanksgiving gift day for Church Restoration Fund on eve of Harvest Festival, and as a wedding compliment to Miss Rachel Graver, of St. Peter's band, and Mr. Phillip Horne, ringer of St. Mary's, Nottingham.

MILVERTON, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss F. M. Hartley 1, Mrs. E. S. Powell 2, Miss J. Taylor 3, H. V. Young 4, E. Ford 5, W. Stevens 6, C. Tarr (cond.) 7, H. Taylor 8. Rung for the enthronement in Wells Cathedral that afternoon of the Right Rev. Edward Barry Henderson, as the 74th Bishop of Bath and Wells.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. M. Powell 1, J. Ketteringham (cond.) 2, P. Parry 3, L. Derrick 4, H. Hardwidge 5, Olwen Quint 6. Also on Sept. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jennifer Brake 1, Mrs. Ketteringham 2, Mary Powell 3, C. Kortright (cond.) 4, H. Hardwidge 5, Olwen Quint 6. Also on Sept. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jennifer Brake 1, J. R. Quint 2, T. Phillips (first quarter as cond.) 3, P. Blake 4, C. Kortright 5, H. Hardwidge 6.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sept. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Branston (first of Minor) 1, L. Brighton 2, G. Davis (first ' inside ') 3, Miss P. Ridley (first quarter) 4, Mrs. M. Parker 5, M. Parker (cond.) 6. For morning service.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Heath 1, A. Clayton 2, C. Mew 3, B. Bull 4, B. Coatsworth (cond.) 5, J. Harrold 6. Rung on the Feast of St. Matthew and to the memory of William T. Elson, sometime ringer at Putney. Also on Sept. 25th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: A. Clayton (first of Major) 1, J. Perrett 2, M. Lewis 3, J. Rank 4, D. Johnson 5, B. Coatsworth (first of Major) 6, G. Goodman 7, C. Mew (first of Plain Bob Major and first of Major as cond.) 8. For Matins and as a birthday compliment to Patricia Randall, of Kingston.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At St. Peter's Church, on Sept. 18th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: C. F. Sayer 1, H. V. Frost 2, F. J. Spicer 3, Miss C. Pullin 4, Mrs. J. Dodds 5, S. P. Darvill 6, K. J. Darvill 7, R. W. Darvill 8, T. J. Southam (cond.) 9, G. W. Debenham 10. Rung as a wedding compliment to Audrey M. Bailey and Ronald Short, who were married at Tewin the previous day.

SOUTHAMPTON, HANTS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sept. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Green 1, M. J. Thomas 2, Mrs. M. Taylor (first quarter) 3, J. W. Faithfull (cond.) 4, K. S. B. Croft 5, J. R. Faithfull 6, O. N. Curtis 7, P. Pitfield 8. Rung to celebrate the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. E. Beech, Mrs. Beech being a member of the local band.

SOUTH CERNEY, GLOS.—On Sept. 21st, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: M. J. Stanley 1, W. A. Godwin 2, V. Griffin 3, B. Wakefield 4, A. R. Peake (cond.) 5, P. Wakefield 6. A farewell to P. Wakefield, who is leaving for Nottingham Training College, and to B. Wakefield, who is leaving for Oxford University.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On Aug. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: K. Bodicoat 1, Mrs. B. G. Warwick 2, M. G. Wood (first of Plain Bob Triples ' inside ') 3, B. G. Warwick 4, G. H. Bray 5, A. E. Bodycote 6, B. M. Smith (first of Plain Bob Triples as cond.) 7, D. W. Stenson (first on eight) 8. For Evensong. Also on Sept. 11th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: D. W. Stenson 1, K. Bodicoat (first ' inside ') 2, M. G. Wood 3, Mrs. B. G. Warwick 4, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 5, D. J. Bodicoat 6. For Evensong.

STAINES, MIDDX.—At St. Peter's Church, on Sept. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Miss C. O'Kelly 1, R. Wiggins (first of Triples) 2, Miss J. Williams 3, R. Shepherd (cond.) 4, J. Tomkinson 5, E. Skipsey 6, M. Bartlett 7, B. Shepherd 8. First quarter peal by a regular Sunday service band for over a quarter of a century.

STREATHAM, LONDON.—On Sept. 25th, at St. Leonard's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. R. Sanders 1, D. J. Woodhams 2, J. W. Rea 3, J. W. Chapman 4, R. Sanders 5, J. W. Euston 6, J. W. Smith (cond.) 7, E. Wright 8. For Harvest Festival.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church, on Sept. 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. P. Minchen 1, Mrs. E. Sutton 2, Dr. H. Craig 3, R. G. Townsend 4, P. Minchen 5, W. W. T. Daniell 6, E. Sutton (cond.) 7, E. Vincent 8. For Harvest Thanksgiving.

TALGARTH, BRECONSHIRE.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: W. Chick 1, E. J. Smith 2, D. H. Bennett (cond.) 3, S. V. Edwards 4, W. G. Smith 5, J. Parry 6. A compliment to Mr. Reg Rees (a member of the tower) and Mrs. Rees on the occasion of their wedding at Berkeley, Glos. this day.

TEWIN, HERTS.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (720 Grandsire, 540 Plain Bob): F. J. Garrod 1, C. Geeves 2, M. Jordan 3, D. Gambling 4, W. T. Holmes (cond.) 5, Mrs. B. Banks 6. Rung for Harvest Festival service, also for Miss A. M. Bailey and Mr. R. Short, who were married on Sept. 17th, at Tewin.

THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.—On Sept. 18th, 720 St. Clement's, 540 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. P. W. Mills 1, Mrs. D. Stuteley 2, E. E. Davey (cond.) 3, Mrs. V. Hales 4, P. W. Mills 5, W. Downs 6. Rung for Evensong, and as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. Downs, also a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Mills on their silver wedding anniversary.

TICKHILL, YORKS.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Sheila Concah 1, W. Cannings 2, H. Barnes 3, R. Watkinson 4, K. Durdy 5, A. Hulley (cond.) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss P. Frankland, a member of the local band.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.—On Sept. 18th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Pat A. Burt 1, T. J. Milsom 2, C. J. Barrable 3, J. R. Hobbs 4, A. F. Lee (cond.) 5, D. F. Jefferies 6. First in the method by all the band. Also on Sept. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): P. R. Young 1, C. J. Barrable 2, Pat A. Burt 3, A. F. Lee (cond.) 4, T. J. Milsom 5, Eileen Elliott (first quarter, age 16) 6. Both rung half-muffled as a tribute to Herbert Edward Mullins. The first was rung on the day he died while attending Communion service, the second on the day of his funeral.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On Sept. 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. C. W. Roberts 1, D. Hawkins 2, H. Neil (cond.) 3, Miss V. Miles 4, M. C. Austin 5, K. R. Scrimshaw 6, R. J. Chapman 7, R. D. Pearson 8. First of Stedman 2 and 6.

WARMLEY, GLOS.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: I. G. Smith (first of Minor) 1, Rita M. Webb 2, Myra J. Wilkins 3, Gloria M. Newton 4, B. K. Lewis 5, A. W. Gibbs (cond.) 6. For Matins.

WENTWORTH, YORKS.—On Sept. 18th, 1,320 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire and Plain Bob): K. West 1, M. King 2, M. A. Beaumont 3, E. P. King 4, M. R. Meadows (cond.) 5, A. Beaumont 6. First quarter in 3 methods by all the band. Rung to commemorate the Battle of Britain.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Winsborough 1, Jillian Outhwaite 2, R. Abbott (first quarter) 3, M. Legg 4, D. Manger (cond.) 5, A. Smith 6. For the wedding of Miss S. Ryan to Mr. J. Pannell, a local ringer. Also on Sept. 18th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minor: Hillary Martin 1, Ann Buncombe 2, D. L. Parker 3, N. J. Martin 4, J. C. Parker 5, D. C. Manger (cond.) 6. Rung as a farewell to Mr. J. Parker, a former captain of the band, and Mrs. Parker, who are leaving the district.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The tower of St. Brandon's, Brancepeth, was crowded for a joint meeting of the Durham and Newcastle Association's Southern District and the North East Ladies' Guild on September 24th. The visitors found a ring of eight which was not easy to strike well, and the ropes of several bells badly needed adjustment. At one point we had the secretary of the Southern District kneeling on the trapdoor to ring the fourth.

The Rector conducted the service, and his sermon was one of the best the ringers had heard. He spoke of ringing as a gift of time and service, as a call to duty and as a bringer of joy to those who heard the bells. He is himself learning to ring.

At a meeting which followed tea, Mr. Kenneth Arthur, thanking the Rector and wardens for the use of the bells, descrbied the church as a gem, but referred to the fact that ringers there had never been members of the Association. He hoped this would be remedied when the Association got its scheme of instruction under way.

Miss Bertie thanked the ladies who had prepared the tea.

This was the District's annual meeting, and Mr. F. W. Cooke (Darlington) was re-elected Vice-president and Mr. Peter Rock (Egglescliffe) secretary. It was agreed to hold a joint meeting on November 26th with the Yorkshire Association at Richmond.

Ringing during the afternoon and evening included Plain Bob and Grandsire, Stedman, Triples, Yorkshire Surprise and Double Norwich, with rounds and call-changes for a number of beginners.

Brancepeth Church is one of the most attractive in the county, standing in parkland adjoining Brancepeth Castle, and having a great wealth of fine woodwork inside. E. P.

THE LADIES' GUILD

Visitors to the meeting of the South Wales District of the Ladies' Guild, held at Chepstow on September 24th, included Mr. and Mrs. Kortwright (Brockley) and Mr. and Mrs. R. Short, who were only able to stay for one ring.

The choral service was conducted by Canon Ernest Evans who, besides welcoming the Guild emphasised the invaluable services rendered to the church by lady choristers and lady bell ringers.

Tea was waiting in the Church Hall, and Mr. J. Pryor thanked all concerned with the preparations. Mrs. Audrey Bruton thanked Canon Evans for his kind welcome, and Miss Dilys Hulbert thanked the organist and choristers.

At the business meeting five new members were elected from Chepstow, St. Mellons and Llangibby. Mrs. Bruton reported on the annual meeting in Bath, and it was decided that the next District meeting would be in January.

The Cowbridge ringers, on their annual outing, joined in the ringing in the evening.

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LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH

Very pleasant weather favoured the meeting of the Monmouth Branch, held at Llangibby on September 10th. Some 45 ringers were present including visitors from Lydney and Hereford. Mr. George Ward (Master) arranged suitable ringing for all, and this varied from rounds to Spliced Triples and Surprise.

Canon E. T. Davies, the well-known diocesan historian, conducted a very lively service with fine music, hearty singing and an inspiring address. The Rev. Ivor Richards read the lesson. Tea was enjoyed in the Church Clubroom, provided by the young Llangibby ringers and their mothers, who were all sincerely thanked by the Rev. Ivor Richards.

New members were elected from Caerleon, Panteg and St. Woolos', Newport. Mention was made of restoration funds for Panteg and Llanarth, and any donations could be sent to the respective incumbents. It was decided to hold the Branch dinner on the last Saturday in January.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD

The 13th annual outing of the Guild on September 10th was a great success. Some confusion over the bridges on Tonbridge made us 15 minutes late at Kingswood, where all enjoyed the good six. Mr. Symonds welcomed us at Ashtead, where Yorkshire would not go. There was a frantic search by one of the locals at Christ Church, Epsom, for the key, but the main attraction here was the garden in front of The Cricketers.

Some good Minor was enjoyed at Cobham, as was the tea awaiting us at Old Woking. Mr. Munday met us afterwards, and good touches were rung on this musical eight. The six at Stoke were put to good use.

The fine tenor voice of Ray Large added to the attractions of the homeward journey; but when a stop was made for refreshments the appeal of the juke box and dart board was such that it was well past midnight when 'Ernie' put his car away. C. A. B.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Cawthorne bell ringers have this year won the triple crown in contest ringing, viz.: The Halifax Cup, the Hoylandswaine Cup and the Shelley Cup. Previous teams with three wins were Friezland, 1949, and Silkstone, 1951. Liversedge in 1935 won four competitions—the quadruple crown.

The weekly practice night at Winshill, Burton-on-Trent, has been changed to Tuesdays, 7.30 to 9 p.m. All visitors welcome.

Here's a coincidence. Hitch-hiking to Canterbury during the Reading and Southampton Universities' summer tour, a ringer acquired a lift to Canterbury in the same ancient green car as last year and, what's more, the car's owner was also a ringer.

The ringing of bells at Putney on St. Matthew's Day is of ancient origin, dating from a 17th century will. This was observed by the ringing of a quarter peal on September 21st. The whole band also attended a Corporate Communion in the morning.

The three quarter peals of Grandsire Doubles rung at Nailsea were to mark the enthronement of the new Bishop of Bath and Wells, to congratulate Miss Audrey Bailey and Mr. R. D. Short on their marriage, and as birthday compliments to H. Hardwidge and Tony York.

To the delight of Miss J. Armstrong, the Duke of Northumberland, when he was made a freeman of Morpeth, mentioned the curfew. Alas, a peal a few days later to commemorate the honour conferred on the Duke again disturbed the curfew. We hear that Miss Armstrong and her brother, Fred, have been chiming the Ellacombe set in lieu of the curfew.

The Newcastle Cathedral Guild, with friends, enjoyed a week-end in Yorkshire on September 17th/18th, highlights being the ringing at Bradford Cathedral on the Saturday and at Skipton for the Sunday morning service. The week-end was voted to be the most successful of recent years, with all thanks due to the secretary, George Deas.

Reading Mr. Frank T. Blagrove's letter on the naming of Surprise methods, that many ringers did not possess a copy of Corrigan's Surprise Major methods, Mr. Ernest Weatherby, of Los Angeles, has kindly sent to the Editor his copies to loan to ringers desirous of borrowing them. We thank Mr. Weatherby for his kind thought. If any reader desires to consult these volumes, will he send a stamped addressed envelope to the Editor. The books **must** be returned within seven days.

The ringers in the quarter peal at Ingham, Suffolk, were lucky to score it, as the rope broke as the tenor was being lowered.

Mr. Charles J. Sedgley makes a correction to his letter, 'Composition for Eight Methods' (page 659). It should read: 'It was used for New Cambridge and will go to all B methods with b F.C.E.'

During the absence abroad of the Rev. Oswald Mowan, all inquiries regarding the use of Buckfast Abbey bells should be addressed to the Rev. Paulinus Angold, Buckfast Abbey, Devon.

Mr. Leslie N. Melton, of Ipswich, asks us to state that in his report of a Lincolnshire tour he meant nothing derogatory to Mr. and Mrs. Ted Chapman when he said: 'They helped us to lose spliced.'

We are asked to state that the triennial elections of the College of Campanology will take place in 1962 and not 1961 as stated in the report on page 627. The figures given in the college's annual report are based on a return of 40 per cent of the forms sent out.

The quarter peal of Plain Bob Triples by the St. Peter's Guild, Staines, the first for over a quarter of a century, is a landmark in the progress of the new Guild. The practice repertoire now includes Stedman, Kent T.B. and Cambridge Surprise (no Grandsire yet), and they hope to be ringing Surprise methods as a regular Sunday service feature by Christmas. Excluding the Master, the average age of the band is 15 years.

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The autumn general meeting of the Association took place at Hull on September 17th, providing an opportunity for members to try out at Holy Trinity Church the most recent addition to Yorkshire's rings of 12 bells. Unfortunately, the attendance fell short of that of the corresponding meeting last year, one result being that little use was made of the charming ring of eight at Hedon during the afternoon, although the heavy six at Kirk Ella proved quite an attraction in the evening. It was generally agreed that an excellent 'splice' had been made at Hull, the two added trebles blending beautifully with the noble ten, and quite distinct from some other recent augmentations in the county, adequately powerful through the simple expedient of not lacking in weight.

Following an excellent tea at the Manor Cafe, the business meeting was held when, in the absence of the president, the chair was taken by Mr. Vernon Bottomley, supported by the general secretary (Mr. L. W. G. Morris), the hon. treasurer (Mr. G. Benfield) and the hon. secretary (Mr. W. E. Critchley).

An omnibus vote of thanks to the incumbents of Holy Trinity Church, Hull, Hedon and Kirk Ella parish churches was unanimously accorded on the motion of Mr. N. Chaddock, seconded by Mr. L. M. Woodhead, and a similar vote of thanks to the respective local companies on the motion of Mr. E. Hudson, seconded by Mr. W. Barton. In reply, Mr. F. G. Reed kindly undertook to convey them to the appropriate quarters. There being no specific invitation regarding the next meeting, the chairman announced that the committee had recommended that it be held at Bradford Cathedral on January 21st, if suitable arrangements could be made. Mr. E. Hudson moved and Mr. W. E. Critchley seconded that the committee's recommendation be accepted, and this was carried unanimously.

A LANCASHIRE APPLICATION

The chairman next reported that the committee had considered a letter from the secretary of the Blackburn Branch of the Lancashire Association, concerning two remote 6-bell towers situated in the extreme West Riding. He had correctly pointed out that these towers (Slaidburn and Gisburn) were more accessible to his branch, and sought to ascertain the opinion of the Yorkshire Association on the question of holding a meeting of his Branch at one or both of these towers. Following a short discussion, Mr. J. Seager moved and Mr. L. Drake seconded that no objection be raised, and that the secretary concerned be informed accordingly. This was carried.

It was unanimously agreed to accept all committee recommendations in connection with the report of the rules sub-committee, the only outstanding item being the tower affiliation scheme. The committee proposed to make inquiries from three Associations known to operate such a scheme, and to consider and make a recommendation in the light of information gained.

The chairman reminded the meeting that the Snowdon dinner would take place at Rotherham on October 22nd, and appealed for loyal support in order to ensure its success.

On the motion of Mr. J. Seager, seconded by Mr. W. E. Critchley, the following new members were elected: Ian Campbell (Kirk Ella) and Paul Scrowston (Cottingham) as resident members, and as out-county members, D. G. Clift (Harrow), T. P. Edwards (Pentre Rhondda), A. H. Reed (Taunton) and Mrs. R. M. Border (Coventry). The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the chairman for the able manner in which he had conducted the business.

THE NEW QUARTER

This issue is the first issue of a new quarter. We welcome the many new subscribers and remind those whose subscriptions are due that early payment saves much clerical work. Remit to Mr. J. E. Jeater, Greystones, Cusgarne, Truro, Cornwall. Rate: 3 months 9s. 6d., 6 months 18s., 12 months £1 15s.

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MR. FRANK I. HAIRS

Honorary Member of Central Council

Mr. Frank I. Hairs is probably the first person a new member sees on entering the Central Council. For several years he has been in charge of the attendance roll, and very efficiently does he carry out his duties. He has a high respect for the dignity of the Council, and would be in the forefront were it ever necessary to defend its traditions. Never very wordy in debate, either in Council or Standing Committee, his contributions are listened to with great respect, for they are full of sound common sense.

It was a stroke of good fortune for the Central Council that he was elected to 'The Ringing World' Committee when it was reconstructed some years ago, and his first-class knowledge of printing—he was a printer by trade—has proved invaluable to the Committee.

Born at Clapham in 1888, he learned to ring at St. Mary's and rang his first peal there in 1906. This was Grandsire Triples, conducted by J. W. Driver, of Fulham. Round about 1913 he formed a friendship with Miss Elsie L. Bennett, daughter of Frank Bennett, and their enthusiasm for ringing was such that on one occasion they cycled 30 miles, rang three handbell peals—Stedman, Grandsire and Plain Bob—and cycled 30 miles back, all in the space of 12 hours! In 1916 Elsie and Frank were married, and they rang a handbell peal of Stedman Caters at Guildford the same day.

Apart from being a most capable handbell ringer, Elsie was an accomplished swimmer, and on one occasion when they were out swimming together, Frank was taken ill, and Elsie saved his life by bringing him ashore unaided. Her prowess on handbells was recognised by the College Youths, who waived their rules and elected her a member. She is now, so far as we know, the only lady member of that Society. Frank and Elsie took part in the first married couples' peals of Grandsire, both on tower- and handbells, and Cambridge Royal on tower bells.

They were frequent visitors to Surfleet where, during the lifetime of Rupert Richardson, many ringers' parties were held, and many were the exploits some of them got up to—ringing handbell peals in bed, etc., etc.

Frank has always been a staunch supporter of the Sussex County Association, and acted as peals secretary (1931–1944), Central Council representative (1939–1950) and Master (1944–1949). In 1951 he was elected an Honorary Member of the Council, and he serves on the Standing Committee and 'The Ringing World' Committee. His daughter, Olive Barnett, is the wife of the Central Council's secretary.

Frank Hairs' peals total is 560, of which he has conducted ten. He has never been keen on conducting although quite capable of doing so. It will be seen from all this that Frank and his family have played an active part in building up the Exercise as we know it, and now that he has retired we can wish him many happy years of retirement; and perhaps he will now find time to settle down to a little steady peal ringing!

JAFUS.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Mid-Devon Branch

Over 70 ringers, representing Cornwall, Devon, Berkshire, Somerset, Dorset, Oxford and Surrey, combined for some good ringing, ranging from rounds to Stedman Cinques, when the Mid-Devon Branch met at Buckfast Abbey on September 24th. The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar of Buckfastleigh (Rev. J. W. Timms) in the Chapel close to the Abbey.

At the business meeting, which followed tea, Guild certificates were presented to Keith Fursdon and Neil Forrester, both of Torre. Confirmed as non-resident life members were G. Brewin, J. G. Newman, J. R. Taylor, J. G. Hemming, A. E. Rushton, G. Hemming, B. Pattison, P. J. Chapman, R. C. Noon, J. K. Ward and Miss Gill McMurray.

The following were elected as new members of the Branch: J. Squance, L. J. Prowse (Torre); T. Canon, W. Force, Miss J. Manvell, Miss Mileham, Miss J. Moore (Paignton); Miss C. Dodridge, R. Hart (Dartmouth, St. Clement's); Mr. Colquhoun (Teignmouth) and Rev. Brendan Prior (Buckfast Abbey).

The secretary said that with the new members the Branch now had a membership of 80, and that in three years a deficit of 15s. had been turned into a balance of £9. It was proposed that the annual meeting should be held at Teignmouth on January 14th.

The chairman (Mrs. H. Hood) extended the best wishes of the Branch to the Rev. Oswald Mowan (captain of the Abbey ringers) for his visit to Rome, and thanked him for the use of the Abbey bells, a privilege for which the Branch was extremely grateful.

WESTON FAVELL BELLS REHUNG

Weston Favell, Northants, bells have been rehung by Messrs. White, of Appleton, at a cost of approximately £350, and at a try-out on September 23rd a considerable improvement was noted in the 'go.' Previously the tenor, fourth and second were apt to drop. This has been remedied and the frame has been bolted to the main beams and single irons fitted to give added strength. Ball-bearings have replaced plain.

The bells are a minor five and take up all the room in the bell chamber: there is insufficient space for another bell. The oak frame, built for five bells only by John Over, of Rugby, in 1808, is still in good condition. It replaced an earlier frame, portions of which had done service since circa 1450, when the tower possessed only three bells—a beam in the belfry of that date showing three rope holes is still preserved. In 1683 these three bells were recast into a four by the brothers Henry and Matthew Bagley.

They were doubtless then a major four, and only a treble would have been needed to have made them into a major five. But in 1707 along came Henry Penn, of Peterborough, who altered the note of the third by bevelling the lip of the bell in order to add a tenor instead of a treble, obviously to sell more metal. And so Weston Favell became a minor five, and a minor five they will have to remain, in view of the major operation that would have been needed to have made them otherwise.

P. A.

QUARTER-PEALING WITH E. W. P.

Saturday, September 24th, was, most surprisingly, hot and sunny, and off we set to ring quarter peals.

First came Toddington, with a quarter of Grandsire; second Dumbleton, with a quarter of Grandsire; third 'The Hobnails,' with sustenance; fourth Beckford, with a quarter of (you'll never guess, Grandsire!). Last came Kemerton, and it was here that 'E. W. P.' did his level best to wreck the piece de résistance — a quarter of mixed Doubles with multitudinous variations.

Swinging his 17-odd stone on the end of a short and springy new rope, he performed antics enough to keep a circus audience enthralled: the effect on the rest of the band was nearly disastrous. For a start, every time he stretched up on tip-toe at backstroke (oh, a graceful bird is the elephant!) a rift appeared amidships, which he tried to cover up with one hand while endeavouring to control his intransigent bell with the other. However, on receiving an assurance that the ladies would avert their eyes should the worst befall, he was able to concentrate on the bell; but many were the despairing passes he made at a sally that danced tantalisingly away from his grasp!

Now maybe we could have coped with these distractions but for the fact that only the conductor had any clear idea as to what we were supposed to be ringing. There are Doubles methods that are seldom encountered outside the Central Council's Collection, and now we know why. Such things as Reverse Canterbury plain course with All Saints' plain leads as bobs, at the end of a long day, would discourage the best of men. Small wonder then that E. W. P. was reduced to uttering wild, despairing sounds and making faces at the conductor (and eyes at the treble), while the mirth that convulsed the rest of the band did nothing to help the striking. But all the best things come to an end, and the eleventh method/variation was triumphantly brought round despite all attempts at sabotage!

Our grateful thanks to Martyn Hawkes for arranging a most enjoyable outing, to the incumbents for the use of their bells, and to E. W. P. for providing the light relief.

'NAVIGATRESS.'

Afterthought.—If E. W. P. really wants to know the route we took from Caerphilly to Ebbw Vale, a fortnight ago, the above-signed will be only to pleased to tell him. The shortest way it may not have been, but lost were we? Never! Indeed to goodness, no! —N.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

Despite the counter attraction of 'open day' at local R.A.F. stations, some 60 ringers attended the West Lindsey Branch meeting held at Messingham on September 17th. Evensong was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. P. M. Freeman), who gave an interesting address in which he stressed the importance of ringing from the right motives.

Following tea in the Church Hall, a business meeting was presided over by the vice-president (Mr. C. H. Baker), when four new members were elected from Messingham. An application for membership from ringers at Dunholme was not accepted. Mr. J. M. Blaikie proposing that this tower should first make a formal request to the Guild committee to be transferred from the Central Branch. The Secretary (Mr. G. L. A. Lunn) pointed out that an alteration to the existing boundary in the Dunholme area would result in a more equitable distribution of towers between the two branches.

After votes of thanks, a return was made to the tower where ringing continued until 9 p.m. M. L. M.

A 'FIRST' IN A STAINES TOWER



[Photo: G. Cattley.

The St. Peter's Guild of Ringers, Staines, scored a 'first' of a different sort on September 10th, when the first marriage between members was solemnised at St. Peter's Church. The bridegroom was Mr. Edgar Thomas Skipsey, the popular assistant Ringing Master, and his bride Miss Jean Elizabeth Williams, the secretary/treasurer of the tower. The bridegroom is also an assistant Scoutmaster, and the bride has been a Sunday School teacher at St. Peter's for some years.

The Vicar (Rev. R. W. Carter) officiated at the choral service. The bride was given away by her father and was attended by four bridesmaids, who included her sister, Margaret, and the bridegroom's sister, Linda.

Ringing friends from Stanwell joined with St. Peter's ringers to celebrate in the traditional manner, and the bells were 'fired' as the bridal couple left the church.

A reception was held at the Anne Boleyn Hotel, after which the happy couple honeymooned at Torquay. The Guild presented the couple with a set of front door chimes.

BUSHEY HEATH OUTING

An early start was made on September 17th by the Bushey Heath bellringers and friends for their outing to the Isle of Wight, which was reached by 11 a.m. Four towers—Newport, Carisbrooke, Brading and Ryde — were visited, and ringing included rounds, Grandsire Triples, Stedman, Bob Major and Kent T.B.

After an enjoyable day the party returned by the 7.30 p.m. ferry, during which some members found to their discomfort that it is very unwise to sit on the windward side of a boat in a fairly choppy sea. A very tired and happy party arrived home at 12.15 a.m. Thanks are extended to all those who met us at the various towers. F. M.

OUTINGS

MARLBOROUGH BRANCH IN WYE VALLEY

Favoured by a glorious spell of fine weather, the annual outing of the Marlborough Branch on September 24th was an outstanding success. The two coaches, one in charge of the popular secretary Arthur Palmer, and the other the no-less-popular chairman, George Newman, met at the rendezvous, Chisledon, after picking up their loads.

The objective was the Wye Valley, with Ross-on-Wye as the focal point. The morning ride through the Cotswolds and the magnificent view over Birdlip was much enjoyed to the first tower, Huntley, where touches of Grandsire and Bob Minor were safely negotiated. It was only a 15-minute run to Longhope, and here we were greeted with the news that a wedding was to take place shortly. We duly greeted the blushing bride with our very best efforts. Incidentally, the churchyard at Longhope was the best any of the party had seen.

After lunch at Ross, the ring of eight at Bridstow was our first objective. The journey resulted in Arthur's coach missing the route, but after retracing their path for two miles the tower was reached. Owing to local difficulties, ringing was not possible at Fay, but we were privileged to have a full afternoon at Bridstow, with touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Bob Minor and Grandsire Triples. Tea was taken at Ross, and we left at 6 p.m. for Weston-under-Penyard. A stiff climb from the main road was well rewarded by a beautifully-toned six (tenor 10 cwt.) hung on ball-bearings, and some delightful ringing was accomplished. It was not until 7.30 p.m. that we left on the homeward journey, with a stop at Cricklade for refreshments.

Our heartfelt thanks include not only incumbents and tower keepers but Mr. Swain, of Ross-on-Wye, for his excellent feeding and ringing arrangements. W. A. E.

INTO N.W. OXFORDSHIRE

Ringers from Old Marston were joined by friends from St. Giles' and St. Aldate's, Oxford, Radley, Wolvercote, and Stanton (St. John's) for a half-day outing to the Chipping Norton Branch area on September 24th.

Ringing started on the somewhat noisy bells of Enstone, where various Doubles methods as well as Plain Bob and Kent T.B. Minor were enjoyed. The huge tower at Spelsbury, with the bells hung in one corner, provided a novelty, and at Chadlington a good start was made with a very quick 120 Stedman Doubles. It was a hungry party that had tea at Chipping Norton and heard the last part of a very good peal of Plain Bob Major.

Before ringing at Great Rollright (10 cwt.), members of the party who were not courting visited the Rollright Stores. The bells are very lumpy and out of tune, and those ringing five and six had a very trying time until a local ringer mentioned that the bells had been rung up the wrong way. The last tower was Swerford (5), where the long draught presented a little difficulty to the beginners.

Methods rung during the day were Grandsire, Stedman, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob Doubles, Plain Bob and Kent T.B. Minor. Thanks are accorded the organisers, incumbents and tower captains. E. R. V.

HONITON, DEVON.—On Sept. 16th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Jennifer Davies (Reading) 1, Helen Nevin (Southampton) 2, B. Grainger (Nottingham) 3, F. Sage (Reading) 4, A. T. Griffin (Cambridge) 5, J. R. Taylor (Cambridge, cond.) 6. Rung by members of the Universities' Association camping in Devon.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'BOND'S BASHERS'

Dear Sir,—As one of the participants in this year's tour of the St. Christopher's Society, I feel that the above title, applied to our party by Robin Leale in his article on page 644, is far from justified. It should be mentioned that none of the local ringers we met in Cumberland complained of any poor ringing on our part: if any such remarks were made 'behind our backs,' then surely such criticism is not worthy of notice.

We also took tape-recordings of our ringing on the tour which will show that we did not 'bash'—unlike those who rang in the peal at Crosthwaite, apparently!

I look forward to our tour next year with plenty more good ringing, and hope Mr. Leale's party will be equally fortunate. — Yours sincerely,

IAN H. ORAM.

Lee, S.E.12.

Dear Sir,—The term 'Bond's Bashers' in the account of a Lake District and North East tour in this week's 'Ringing World' is, I strongly suspect, R. L.'s quip and not that of anyone on the spot. If he had known I was the rabbit of the party so opprobriously referred to, he could have indulged his alliterative leanings in the singular. I will say this, that I heard other members of our party in some of the best striking I have had the pleasure of listening to.

But the crux of the matter seems to me to be in the next phrase. We have a saying up here that 'too much of owt's good for nowt.' A well-struck peal is pure delight to ringers, either performing or listening (so far, I've only listened), but from my observations and inquiries it is too much for most people, and I should be surprised, therefore, if R. L. and his friends, however good their performances, left behind a better impression than we did, for a successful quarter at Inverness was our longest attempt.

I count it a privilege to have been invited to tour with Peter Bond and his friends, who are now more to me than names in 'The Ringing World.' My car is at their disposal for future occasions, and I hope to repay their unselfish help and do better next time.

There is a reference to the fine ring here on the next page to his account, and if ever R. L. comes to try it I shall be honoured to join him in a touch of Plain Bob or Grandsire. In the meantime he can count me a Bondsman. —Yours sincerely,

A. BASHFORTH.

Kirby Wiske, Yorks.

'FIRING' AT WINCHESTER

Dear Sir,—I remember the touring party mentioned in Mr. Brain's letter coming to Winchester Cathedral on August 4th a few years ago. The late Mr. Lampard wrote to Mr. Brain, the leader, saying we had to ring the Cathedral bells for a royal birthday that morning at 9.15 and that the Cathedral band would carry out this duty, and after that the visitors would be free to ring until the time of the service at 10.25 a.m. The visitors took over with one or two locals to help, and all 12 bells were rung. No long and disgruntled faces were seen!

We have never had any complaints about the 'firing' of bells for royal birthdays. In Winchester we have to do as we are told, so I expect the 'firing' will continue.—Yours truly,

G. NOICE.

Winchester.

'FIRING' OF BELLS

Dear Sir,—When I lived in the shadow of Winchester Cathedral I considered it an honour to be invited to take part in early morning ringing on occasions of national rejoicing. 'Firing' notwithstanding, the reaction of my neighbours whose bedrooms fronted the Cathedral green, was: 'Bells? we never hear them.'

What, in passing, is wrong with local custom? It will be a dreary day when statutory orders are issued by a central authority, and birds of passage like myself have to produce their certificates of competency to ring.

I am, sir, yours faithfully,

J. MERRITT, Lt.-Cdr., R.N.

H.M.S. 'Lion.'

A QUESTION OF COMPOSITION

Dear Sir,—I was very interested to learn another criterion for determining the originality of a composition (see page 643).

I should be even more interested to know how a composition which contains the whole of the courses headed by 26543 and 23456, for instance (as does the 5,152 Osgathorpe), can be true to methods having 26543 as a f.c.h. —Yours faithfully,

ANTONY T. CLEAVER.

Redbank, Bristol.

A BEDFORDSHIRE WEEK-END IN SOMERSET

At 5 a.m., on September 17th, ten enthusiastic ringers from Bedfordshire set out for what was to prove a most enjoyable tour of Somerset.

Reaching Evercreech a little before 10 o'clock, the main party were joined by the Hertfordshire contingent of three, who had travelled overnight, and Philip Mehew, who probably has a magic carpet — he always seems to turn up when there is any ringing to be had!

The pleasant ring of ten at Evercreech made a suitable beginning to a splendid day's ringing. A short journey brought us to Chewton Mendip, where the very tuneful ring of eight was a real delight. Next came Chew Magna (8) and Wrington (10) before tea at Yatton, followed by an hour's ringing on the fine eight bells of St. Mary's Church (where the oldest bell, the seventh, has been in service for 509 years!) and the last tower of the day, Long Ashton.

Throughout the day a good standard of ringing was maintained, and if there were moments when things didn't go quite as they might have done amends were made by some quite immaculate touches, notably the Yorkshire at Chewton Mendip and the 5-spliced at Yatton. It was a real pleasure to have a few local ringers join us for an occasional touch.

Saturday night was spent at Bristol where, thanks to the co-operation of Mr. D. J. Hunt, excellent accommodation had been reserved, and on Sunday morning our attentions were divided between St. Mary's, Redcliffe, Bristol Cathedral and St. Stephen's. Some of us were also privileged to have a pull at St. George's before leaving Bristol (again, thanks to the good offices of Mr. Hunt).

The return journey was completed in summer-like conditions. Somerset will be remembered for its beautiful scenery, its noble churches and its fine bells, and above all for its splendid hospitality; and our sincere thanks are due to the incumbents and local ringers who gave us such a hearty welcome. For a splendidly arranged trip, our sincere thanks are extended to the organiser, Ron Sharp.

A. E. R.

SCHONBERG AND RINGING

Dear Sir,—The reported comparison by an American professor of change-ringing with the 12-note music of Schonberg and his followers ('R.W.', page 643) is interesting but founded upon a misunderstanding.

Schonberg's method of composition involves the use of all 12 notes of the chromatic scale (on the piano, all 12 notes, black and white, within an octave). These notes are arranged by the composer in an arbitrary order (a so-called 'note-row'). A piece of music consists of repetitions of the chosen note-row, which is subject to variation only in pitch, rhythm, or by some of its notes being combined into chords. The 12 notes must always be played in the same order or in one of two closely related orders, in which the row is either inverted or reversed.

Change-ringing shares with 12-note music the principle that each note must sound once only in each change (or repetition of the note-row), but it is based on a quite different idea. Whereas in 12-note music the order of the notes is fixed and the pitch and rhythm varies, in change-ringing the pitch and (we hope) the rhythm is fixed, and the only variation is in the order of the notes; to ring according to Schonberg's theories would involve restricting the number of changes used to four which are closely related, while varying the striking and including 'firing.' A further point of contrast is that whereas 12-note music is always based on the notes of the chromatic scale, each note being accorded equal importance with its fellows, change-ringing is based on a diatonic scale which may fall short of or overshoot the octave mark according to the number of bells, and in which, as in diatonic music generally, the bottom (tonic) note is of prime importance. The praiseworthy efforts of the Leicester Cathedral band should certainly settle the argument, but not, I fear, in Professor Price's favour.—Yours, etc.,

DESMOND PAINTER.

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London, N.W.

B.B.C. AND BELL RINGING

The following letter has been sent to Mr. Roy McKay, Secretary, Head of Religious Broadcasting, Central Religious Advisory Committee.

Dear Sir,—To all bell ringers—and thousands of listeners—the most nauseating announcement of any week must be the bland announcement: 'Out of over 400 hours of broadcasting, there might be some items you have missed, or would like to hear again.'

Yes, out of the 400 hours of some utter bilge, many would like to hear something more than five seconds' two whole pulls and a half pull—five whole seconds—of those lovely bells of Ashbourne Church last Sunday, the nicest music in existence—bell music.

The five seconds was a sheer insult to the producer's intelligence, and to the ringers, after so much preparation.

The message of the bells is just as important as any other part of the service. Can you wonder that people get not only annoyed but thoroughly disgusted? — Yours sincerely, W. FRANK STENSON.

Crewe.

PEAL FALSE

Dear Sir,—I regret to say that the peal of New Cambridge Surprise Major on page 616 is false. As the note states, it is true to methods with F.C.E.'s 24365 and 43265; 43265 is always associated with 32465, and this composition is only true with a very limited class of methods with this F.C.E. New Cambridge is not one of them.—Yours sincerely,

Rugby. RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

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ST. CHRISTOPHER'S SOCIETY TOUR

SIXTEEN ringers from eight counties made up this year's party for a tour of the North of England and Scotland during the first fortnight of August.

The official assembling point was Kirkby Lonsdale, Westmorland, on the evening of Saturday, July 30th. However, on the way up several of the party had a pull at Leigh, Lancs, and at Westhoughton and Blackrod. Ringing at Kirkby Lonsdale was considerably curtailed as the tenor clapper fell out in the first touch, but fortunately the necessary tools were available to enable it to be replaced; those not ringing found a very interesting church to occupy them.

After a stormy night Sunday dawned bright, and saw us ringing for morning service at Crosthwaite and after Matins at Bowness, where a rope had to be spliced. A long cross-country run followed, eventually bringing us to Orton, having a good Taylor eight: regrettably, there is no local band here, but this is an ideal tower for peals as the bells are very quiet outside. A notable feature in the church is three old bells, dated 1637, resting on the old wooden frame. Ringing for Evensong was on the octave at Kirkby Stephen, and the final call for the day was Appleby, where the guides provided some awkward moments.

BELLS WORDSWORTH HEARD

Bank Holiday Monday's first tower was Shap, having a light six with a very low ringing room ceiling. Bampton's five gave several of the party their first encounter with 'Yorkshire tail-ends' which, with extremely long ropes, made ringing rather tricky. The Church of St. Andrew, Penrith, is built on Classical lines: the tower contains a good eight (tenor 18¼ cwt.), on which a course of London was brought round. After lunch, a trip out to the remote, fortress-type tower of Great Salkeld, where the fine-toned six are somewhat odd-struck. Returning westwards, we came to 'the other' Crosthwaite, just outside Keswick: a pleasant Warner eight rung from the ground floor. A very scenic ride then took us to Grasmere, where we rang the three bells that Wordsworth is reputed to have heard. Many offers have been made to have these increased, but all have been refused for sentimental reasons.

Several of the party were able to 'complete' Westmorland at Langdale; then back into Lancashire for a most enjoyable pull on the recently-augmented ring at Hawkshead. Ulverston (6) was the first call next morning, and York Minor was achieved. The Warner eight at Barrow need a lot of ringing, due to 'tower wobble,' but most of the touches were respectable. Having answered the call of the inner man, two very good Taylor rings were to be found at Kirkby Ireleth and Broughton-in-Furness. Re-entering Cumberland, we visited the good 13¼ cwt. Warner six hanging in the central tower of Millom, and concluded the day on the 'musical box' at Egremont.

SILLOTH BELLS SELDOM RUNG

Due to some error, we arrived at St. Bees the following day the same time as Pipe's Pilgrims; however, all was resolved satisfactorily, and we enjoyed both the bells and the fine Priory church. Three Taylor octaves ensued: Cleator Moor, Hensingham and Arlecdon. Bill Stote joined us for the day at Cleator Moor, where a course of Rutland was rendered on this majestic 21¼ cwt. ring. We were met at Cockermouth by Roger Wettenhall, who joined us on the pleasant Mears ring, before we adjourned for tea. For a change, a 6-bell tower followed at Bridekirk. The ground floor eight at Aspatria produced mixed feelings, and certainly a mixture of methods, among them Duffield, Grandsire Major and St. Simon's Triples! One more call that day—Silloth: the bells had not been rung for quite a few years, but fortunately Pipe's Pilgrims had visited the tower earlier in the day and carried out one or two repairs, so that we only had to put five ropes on.

Thursday was our last day in Cumberland, and included a visit to Thursby, where we were entertained to tea and biscuits by the Rector and his wife: it is hoped to have the six bells rehung in the near future. St. Stephen's, Carlisle, bells are rather tricky to ring as they hang in two tiers, with considerable movement in the top tier. An excellent lunch was enjoyed before the long climb to the belfry of Carlisle Cathedral: it is advisable to have the seventh up wrong here. Our final call in England for the day was Brampton, where the bells have recently been rehung by Mears and Stainbank. The night was to be spent in Kilmarnock, and en route the inevitable visit was paid to the blacksmith's shop at Gretna Green!

GRAND SCOTTISH SCENERY AND BELLS

Our arrival in Scotland caused a drastic reduction in numbers of towers, but this was made up to some extent by being able to admire the scenery and visit more places of interest on the journey without the plaintive cry of 'We're late!'. The first ring in Scotland was at Glasgow's Episcopal Cathedral: here there is a noble 32 cwt. Taylor ten, which must surely rank as one of the best rings for its weight in existence. Mr. Stafford, the local secretary, and the Provost met us after our ring here and expressed pleasure at our visit.

Several miles away is Paisley, and at St. James' Kirk there is a grand Taylor eight, spoilt only by being hung rather high up, causing the tower to rock. The physical effort of ringing here was more than rewarded by the music of this 22 cwt. ring, which some compared with Chewton Mendip. The secretary of the ringers here, Mrs. Caldwell, and her husband then entertained us to a really magnificent meal, which will be remembered for many years to come. A moonlit drive along the shores of Loch Lomond brought us to our halt for the night at Arrochar.

The drive on Saturday morning to our one and only tower was extremely picturesque. The one tower was the famous one of Inveraray; the last time these bells (10, 41¼ cwt.) were heard was in a peal several years ago. The bells hang in a detached tower built by one of the Dukes of Argyll, and we had to fit our own ropes before ringing. This ring is one of Taylor's masterpieces, both for tone and 'go,' but what a tragedy that they're not rung.

A QUARTER PEAL AT INVERNESS

Sunday morning saw most of the party at the Episcopal Church in Fort William, which has four bells hung for ringing. Then a drive along the side of Loch Ness to bring us to Inverness, whose Cathedral stands north–south. These bells have no local band either, and were last rung three years ago by a visiting team from Edinburgh; the octave (tenor 20 cwt.) is by Warner and not noteworthy. A quarter peal of Yorkshire was rung for Evensong (see 'R.W.', page 575) and we rang again after the service, and were pleased to welcome a visitor from Hugglescote, Leics.

Monday must have been unique in ringing tours—no towers at all! Back to normal next day, commencing with the two Dundee eights, both from the Whitechapel Foundry. The Old Steeple is unusual, for here there are three churches under one roof. Alloa's lighter octave is a little odd-struck, and another Taylor ring was enjoyed at Dunblane: here the bells (tenor 24¼ cwt.) were originally hung for chiming only, but in 1952 were converted to a ringing ring. Unfortunately our time here was curtailed by faulty chime hammers.

Our final day in Scotland found us descending on Edinburgh, with a pull first on the Mears octave at Leith, which are badly in need of attention. After driving along famous Princes Street, we reached the Classical style Church of St. Cuthbert, where a fine Taylor octave sounded well in a variety of touches. Another Taylor ring at St. Mary's Episcopal Cathedral, with Mr. Raine waiting to greet us: we found this 41 cwt. ten very disappointing in the tower, but certainly better outside. The final much-awaited call was to Fettes College (5, 2¼ cwt.): numerous extents of Doubles were sampled, once we had accustomed ourselves to the 'front end.' The bells hang in a small turret and are completely open to the elements, and can be seen from outside in the grounds; half of the ringing chamber floor folds back to reveal a staircase.

MORPETH'S 'MUSICAL BOX'

We started our onslaught on Northumberland on August 11th, commencing at historic Bamburgh, where the tower ascent is by a 'square spiral.' Embleton was reached with gratitude by the 6-bell ringers—our first six for a whole week—and the fortified vicarage noted. On exploring the tower at Alnwick the bells were found to be in a deplorable condition: we hope it will not be long before they are rehung. It took us half-an-hour to find the tower key at Rothbury. Great pleasure was derived from another Taylor 'musical box' at Morpeth Watch Tower, where Miss Armstrong made us very welcome. What a pity the bells of Hexham Abbey are not as good as the church! However, to make up for this we journeyed out to Allendale, with a jolly 10 cwt. Taylor peal, where a new band is in training.

Friday's first call was to Newburn-on-Tyne, where the jovial Vicar greeted us. We again had a long wait for a key at Gosforth (a noble ten) before visiting another ten at North Shields. Two more Taylor rings at Whitley Bay, home of the well-known Gofton family, and here we were joined by David Vincent, on holiday in the area; and the good, heavy six at Cramlington. Alan Ainsworth met us at the only 12 of the tour, but unfortunately we were not capable of any methods on the 12. Blaydon-on-Tyne has six bells by Blews, and we also visited South Shields (8, 9½ cwt.). Congratulations to the Durham and Newcastle Association for getting Jarrow bells going again—a Warner six beneath a truncated spire. A fine Gillett ten at Roker's modern church preceded our visit to the collegiate church of Chester-le-Street, to be met by Denis Bayles and some of the local band: a good 19 cwt. octave here. Houghton-le-Spring (8, 12 cwt.), having an interesting church, concluded the day's activities.

LONG CLIMB AT DURHAM CATHEDRAL

Saturday was our last full day: all three towers in West Hartlepool were on the programme, the best being St. Aidan's 14 cwt. octave, though the ten at St. Oswald's Church sound well rung at speed. After lunch, a short pull at Heighington; then to Gillett's bells at Bishop Auckland, which are in need of attention. A long cross-country drive brought us to the industrial district of Consett—quite a fair course of Bristol here—and thence to Blackhill. First to the R.C. Church (a good Taylor eight, tenor 16 cwt.), then a pull at Benfieldside, thanks to Chris Lamb, the District secretary, before returning to St. Aidan's, Blackhill, where the ringing chamber is approached by a vertical wooden ladder. The Norman chancel arch was noted at Lanchester (a tuneful six of various dates), and lastly Tanfield, renowned for its cricket matches, where Kenneth Cheeseman met us.

Sunday morning ringing was at St. Nicholas', Durham, and Brancepeth, a fine church in a park, where the party stayed to Matins. A special treat awaited us in the afternoon—ringing for Evensong at Durham Cathedral (8, 30 cwt.): while the bells are an old ring of average tone, the opportunity of a ring here is rather rare. The bells hang right at the top of the central tower (a climb of some 250 steps) of this magnificent cathedral, so that the tower sway is considerable; however, several good, short touches were achieved. Moving south, a visit was paid to Northallerton, where a scheme is afoot to rehang the bells; and a last call at Kirby Wiske, having enjoyed an excellent tea as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bashforth.

So ended another year's tour, and certainly it was extremely successful. The bulk of the organisation was in the capable hands of Clive Smith, while John Allen arranged most of the accommodation. To them our grateful thanks; and many thanks also to all the incumbents and tower captains, and especially a word of appreciation for the generous hospitality extended by the Caldwells at Paisley and the Bashforths at Kirby Wiske.

Thank you, everyone, for a grand tour!

I. H. O.



The Rev. Roger Keeley, former Master of London University Society, with the Bishop of Salisbury (the Right Rev. W. L. Anderson, D.Sc., D.D.), after his ordination as deacon with a title to Harnham, Salisbury, on August 14th, at All Saints' Church, East Harnham. On Mr. Keeley's right are his parents from Lyme Regis, and also in the picture are Canon C. Carew Cox (Master of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild) and Canon E. W. Heaton (Chancellor of Salisbury Cathedral). [Picture by courtesy of 'The Salisbury Times.'

'TANFIELD,' 1960

In country churches old and pale
I hear the changes smoothly rung
And watch the coloured sallies fly
From rugged hands to rafters high
As round and back the bells are swung.

'Church of England Thoughts'
—John Betjeman.

SUCH similar thoughts were in the minds of many visitors at the fourth of this series of revived meetings of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association on July 16th, when the cricket match—President's XI versus Vicar of Tanfield's XI—was played on the old village cricket ground for the last time. Before next year's game, the field will have been sacrificed to the insatiable demands of the house builders, and yet another tradition will have been lost to posterity in the cause of progress.

Under the captaincy of the new president (Mr. T. Cooke) the visiting team had a distinctly 'southern' look this year, while the Vicar's team reflected a more 'northern' flavour than usual. While umpires G. Wall and F. W. Cooke went to the wicket, and scorer Master Tom Wright took up his stand, the captains tossed for innings, and on making the correct call the Vicar elected to bat first. The home side made a good start with some sparkling batting by Errington, but when the first wicket fell at 17 the good work was not maintained, and the side was all out for 37 runs in 18 overs.

During this innings, most appropriate background music was provided by a voluntary on the chiming bells of nearby Stanley Parish Church. Whether this had been specially arranged by the Vicar of Tanfield to divert the attention of his opponents has not been confirmed!

At the interval between innings, the mobile shop of Maison Lea was much appreciated by the spectators, and Monsieur Charles was kept busy distributing orange slices to the two teams. Incidentally, the proceeds of this little venture netted £1, which was donated to the new Education Fund of the Association.

The president's team then went in to bat full of confidence, but were shocked by a keen attack, which brought about the fall of the first four wickets for only 11 runs. The ninth wicket fell with the total at 33, and victory lay in the grasp of the Vicar for the first time. Then a dark horse from Yorkshire came in and like a worthy 'tyke' commenced some lusty hitting, which produced a winning hit with a 'six' into the garden of mine host of the Peacock. Thus once again the 'ashes' were snatched from the hands of the home side.

Following a sumptuous tea, served by Mrs. K. W. Cheeseman and her helpers in the Vicarage, the president voiced the thanks of all present to the Vicar (Rev. R. Race) and Mr. K. W. Cheeseman for their efforts in planning the arrangements once again, and to the umpires, scorer and lady helpers for their respective services. He also wished the Vicar better luck next time in his attempt to win the trophy. The Vicar suitably replied and extended a welcome to all for next year's event.

As is now the custom, the ringing side of the programme followed, and the eight bells of St. Margaret's Church were smoothly rung to a variety of methods, under the direction of the Ringing Master (Mr. K. Arthur), while a handbell contingent made music in a room at the Vicarage. Finally, those of a reminiscent frame of mind made an adjournment to the Peacock, where past glories of cricket and ringing were replayed and rerung.

THE SCOREBOARD

VICAR OF TANFIELD'S XI

N. Errington c. Scott b. Arthur	10
Miss P. Brabban b. Miss Harrison	6
J. Vickery b. Arthur	0
Rev. R. Race c. Arthur b. Thompson	3
Miss Henderson b. Miss Harrison	0
P. Birdus b. Cox	3
Rev. O. Dickinson c. Cox b. Arthur	0
K. Ather c. Cooke b. Cox	9
H. Thompson b. Cox	2
E. Bell not out	1
G. Henderson b. Lawson	2
Extra	1
Total	37

PRESIDENT'S XI

K. Arthur b. Birdus	7
Miss Harrison run out	0
K. Lawson c. and b. Henderson	3
Miss Lamb b. Miss Henderson	0
E. White b. Ather	6
D. A. Bayles b. Henderson	2
E. N. Harrison b. Race	4
T. Cooke b. Henderson	1
T. M. Cox not out	11
E. Thompson b. Henderson	0
J. Scott not out	1
Extras	4
Total (9 wickets)	39

K. A.

KEMPSTON, BEDS.—On Aug. 30th, 1,260 Cambridge Surprise Major: Helen B. Nevin 1, J. H. Edwards 2, Jennifer M. Davies 3, F. W. Rivett 4, A. Gibbs 5, J. B. Long 6, K. Wakefield 7, B. Pattison (cond.) 8. Rung with the best wishes of the band to Phyllis M. Gray (a ringer at Kempston) and Roger Turff, who were married on the previous Saturday.

NOTICES

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ENGAGEMENT

BALDWIN—KNIGHT. — Mr. and Mrs. Knight, of Gosport, have pleasure in announcing the engagement of their daughter, Kathleen, to Roger, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Baldwin, of Hilsea. 6738

IN MEMORIAM

JOHN BASS, who passed away October 6th, 1958. 6758

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of Mr. and Mrs. J. Martin Thorley is now: 45, Rotten Row, Pinchbeck, Spalding, Lincolnshire. Regular guests please note—a much smaller garden. 6744

PERSONAL

FOR it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure. (Phil. ii. 13.)

HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

BOURNEMOUTH.—Close sea: full board, 25s. 6d.; bed/breakfast, 17s. 6d. Daily booking (part board) accepted. Free parking. Breakfast 8.30, dinner 1, high tea 5.30, refreshments 10 p.m.—PRICE, 9, Fisherman's Avenue, Bournemouth. Tel. 46005. 5699

MISCELLANEOUS

ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL.—No practice meeting during October. Next practice Nov. 12th, 6-7.30 p.m. 6730

PEAL CARDS AND QUARTER PEAL CARDS, minimum 12 in set, price 6s. 6d. post free. For quarter peal cards, second copy written out in style of a peal is essential.—'The Ringing World' Office, Guildford.

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CANCELLATION

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—The meeting arranged for October 15th, at Reepham, is postponed for the time being.—C. Bird, Hon. Sec. 6737

MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Ashwick (6), Saturday, Oct. 8th. Usual arrangements.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 6715

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Joint meeting with the Cambridge District and Cambridge University Guild at Longstanton, Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. —D. F. Murfet, Dec. Sec. 6708

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Meeting at Capel (6), Saturday, Oct. 8th. Tea and business in the Institute. Newdigate (6) in evening. Don't let the local ladies down. 6689

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting, St. Mary's (8), Old Harlow, Saturday, Oct. 8th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea at the Queen's Head.—G. Blake, Dis. Sec., Hamlet House, Roydon, Harlow. 6691

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Annual meeting, All Saints', Maidstone, Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—R. L. Sills, Dis Sec. 6706

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Meeting, Kegworth, Saturday, Oct. 8th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to P. J. Sutton, 12, Broadhill Road, Kegworth, near Derby.—C. W. Hall. 6676

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 8th, at St. Mary-the-Virgin's, Monken Hadley. Ringing 3-4.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Evening ringing 6-7 p.m., also at St. John-the-Baptist's, Barnet, 7.30 to 9 p.m. 6687

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Buxton bells will be rededicated by the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, M.A., on Saturday, October 8th, at 3 p.m. Tea, which is free, follows the service.—C. Bird, Hon. Sec. 6736

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Annual Goose Fair meeting, Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells: St. Mary's (10), 3 p.m.; St. Peter's (10), 6 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—S. Adams, Hon. Dis. Sec. 6703

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting, Southern and Western Divisions, at Steyning (8), Saturday, Oct. 8th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to E. W. Keys, Greystones, Salthill Road, Fishbourne, Chichester, Sussex. 6697

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting, Wickham, Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m., Church Hall. 6701

ASH, SURREY.—Surprise Minor practice, Monday, October 10th. Methods: Beverley, Bourne, Canterbury, Durham, Ipswich, Netherseale, Norwich, York, Wells. 6755

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Newark District.—Evening meeting, Sutton-on-Trent, Wednesday, October 12th. Methods: Kent, Cambridge, Yorkshire. Please note change of date.—W. L. Exton, Hon. Sec. 6729

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Glaston Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Wookey, Saturday, October 15th. Usual arrangements. Notify for tea before Tuesday, 11th.—W. Marsh, 4, Dovecotes, Street. 6760

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Quarterly meeting, Luton, Saturday, October 15th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Business in belfry 3.45. Tea 5 p.m., arranged for those who send names by 12th, to Mr. R. Kendall, 9, Canberra Gardens, Luton. Note, ringing contest for cup to be held at Westoning, on Saturday, November 19th.—K. G. Spavins, Dis. Sec. 6750

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Nantwich, October 15th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by October 12th. No name no tea.—W. Kerr, 102, Moreton Road, Crewe. 6749

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—St. Andrew's, Bebington, October 15th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea free for those notifying by Wednesday previous.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 6753

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Ormesby, on Saturday, October 15th, at 3 p.m.—P. W. B. Semmens, Hon. Sec. 6748

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Wordsley, October 15th. Bells available 3 p.m. service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to R. A. Peakman, 'Les Cloches,' 10, Court Crescent, Kingswinford. 6745

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Holywell, October 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—M. J. Dyer, Dis Sec. 6759

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Quarterly meeting, Thorpe Bay (8), Saturday, Oct. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. H. R. Wilson, 133, St. Augustine Avenue, Thorpe Bay.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD — Guildford District.—Practice meeting, Godalming, Saturday, October 15th, 6-9 p.m. Learners and experienced ringers please attend en masse. 6754

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Rochester District) and LADIES' GUILD (Kent Branch).—Rochester District annual meeting combined with the Ladies' Guild at Milton-next-Gravesend, Saturday, Oct. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to Mr. F. A. Mitchell, 21, Lamorna Avenue, Gravesend. 6690

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, October 15th, at Ashton-under-Lyne (St. Peter's). Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Business 6 p.m.—G. D. Fearnehough, Sec. 6761

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton Mowbray District.—Meeting at Great Dalby, on Saturday, October 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting at the Royal Oak Inn, Great Dalby, at 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, October 12th, please, to Mr. Harold Bonsher, White Cottage, Great Dalby, Leicestershire. 6733

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Misterton, Saturday, October 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Arrange own tea.—L. W. Allen. 6762

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Dersingham, Saturday, Oct. 15th. Service of dedication: CECIL EBBERSON MEMORIAL. Service to commence 3 p.m. Preacher, The Archdeacon of Lynn, the Ven. H. K. Percival Smith, M.A. Tea directly after the service. Names to Mr. A. E. Nurse, 7, Centre Vale, Dersingham, King's Lynn.—W. Love, Gen. Sec. 6696

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, Oct. 15th, Newbury. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, Oct. 11th, to H. P. Reed, 74, Queens Road, Newbury. 6713

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Warfield, on October 15th, at 6 p.m. Special method for practice: Little Bob Major, B. C. Castle. 6732

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—Meeting at Seaton (5), Saturday, Oct. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to W. C. A. Clark, Middle Street, Wing.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Quarterly meeting, East Carlton (6), October 15th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea please by Tuesday previous, to M. Coleman, 16, Greening Road, Rothwell. 6731

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Culworth Branch.—Meeting at Croughton, on Saturday, October 15th. Service 4 p.m. Notify by Tuesday previous of those requiring tea.—A. E. R. Walker, Eydon, Rugby. 6742

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting, Walsall (12), Saturday, Oct. 15th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names by Wednesday, Oct. 12th, to Mr. G. W. Hughes, 3, Delves Road, Walsall. *Dinner tickets available at this meeting.* Bells also available at Rushall (6), 2.30 to 3.30 p.m. Carillon recital, Town Hall, 12.30 to 1.15 p.m. 6680

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—General meeting, Saturday, October 15th, at St. Olave's Parish Hall, Mark Lane, E.C.3, 4 p.m. Ringing: St. Lawrence, Jewry, 2-3 p.m.; St. Olave's, Hart Street, after meeting and tea. Weekly practices begin at St. Olave's, October 11th, at 6.30 p.m. Freshers especially welcome. Nearest tube, Tower Hill. 6675

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual supper, social and cabaret, on Saturday, October 22nd, at the Masonic Hall, Little Park Street, Coventry, 6.30 for 7 p.m. Tickets 14s. 6d. each from J. L. Garner-Hayward, 8, Orchard Crescent, Coventry. Phone 22897 or 23477. 6741

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting and six bell contest will be held at Kirkburton, on October 22nd. For teas, please, notify Mr. E. Burton, 3, Lane Head Lane, Kirkburton, Huddersfield, by October 15th. No names no tea.—A. Farrand, Sec. 6728

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—Meeting, Saturday, October 22nd, at Steep (6). Bells 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous, to Miss Roberts, Bedales, Petersfield, Hants. Petersfield (8) 6.30-8 p.m.—C. M. Harbott. 6734

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Institution of Rev. Peter Blackman (ringing curate of Aylestone) as Vicar of Ratby and Groby, October 22nd. All Guild members invited to service at Ratby, 3 p.m. General ringing at Ratby after service until 5.30 p.m. Tea available. Please notify undersigned if attending

service so that seats can be reserved.—B. G. Warwick (Hon. Gen. Sec.), 12, Dorothy Avenue, Glen Hills, Leicester. (Tel.: Wigston 3244.) 6746

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Lindsey Branch.—Meeting at Waltham (6), October 22nd. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by October 19th to Mr. J. Willows, 81, Grimsby Road, Waltham, Grimsby. 6743

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—Meeting at Sandford St. Martin (6), Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea and business 4.45 p.m. Duns Tew (5) 7.30 p.m. Names for tea by Oct. 11th to C. C. Clarke, High Street, Deddington. 6723

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—October 22nd, Amesbury. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by quarterly business meeting. Bells at Durrington also available in evening. Names for tea by October 18th, please, to Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 6752

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North-East District.—Meeting at Beccles (10), Saturday, October 22nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, 19th, to Mr. E. R. Goate, 51, Grove Road, Beccles.—A. R. Bridges, Dis. Sec. 6735

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Snowdon dinner will be held at The Co-operative Restaurant, Rotherham, on October 22nd, at 6.40 p.m. Tickets 12s. 6d. each from Mr. J. J. L. Gilbert, 56, Glencoe Road, Sheffield 2, by Monday, 17th. Requests for hotel accommodation as soon as possible. Ringing as follows: Thrybergh (6) 10.30-11.30 a.m., Rawmarsh (8) 11-12.30 p.m., Wentworth (6) 11.30-1, Whiston (8) 2.30-4.30, Eastwood (8) 2-3.30, Rotherham Parish Church (10) 3-6 p.m. The Ecclesfield handbell ringers will entertain at dinner. A cordial welcome to all.—N. Chaddock, J. J. L. Gilbert. 6751

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual dinner, Saturday, Oct. 29th, Rose and Crown Hotel, Tonbridge, 6.15 for 6.45 p.m. Tickets (13s.) from Miss D. Colgate, 30, Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks. Please apply early as number limited. 6660

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual dinner and social at the Shakespeare Hotel, Braunstone, Leicester, October 29th. Tickets (12s. 6d.) from undersigned by October 24th, at latest. Dinner 6 for 6.30 p.m. Guests include the Lord Bishop of Leicester. Ample parking. Buses L1 and L12 (frequent service) from Newarke Street, Leicester. Bells available: St. Margaret's (12) 2.30-4 p.m., St. John's (10) 3.30-5 p.m.—B. G. Warwick (Hon. Gen. Sec.), 12, Dorothy Avenue, Glen Hills, Leicester. 6747

IN MEMORIAM—JOHN THOMAS

'May I say how grateful we are to our visitors for the beautiful ringing which preceded this service. It is almost two years to the day since Mr. John Thomas died in this belfry, and we are glad to welcome his widow, loved ones and ringing friends, who have come here to remember one who dedicated his life to, and did so much for, the noble art.'

Such were the words used by the Rev. H. F. Heal, Vicar of Painswick, to a large congregation at Evensong on September 18th. The visiting ringers consisted of nine members of the Hinton-on-the-Green band with two friends, and a quarter peal of Grandsire Caters was rung, with Miss V. Barnes and Wm. J. Newman scoring their first quarter on ten tower bells and the latter his first as conductor.

The band was: Miss V. Barnes 1, Mrs. J. Thomas 2, Mrs. P. Harris 3, R. Harris 4, H. F. Raxter 5, J. D. Johnson 6, Wm. J. Newman (conductor) 7, P Harris 8, J. E. Newman 9 and H. Plumb 10.

The ringing concluded with a plain course of Grandsire Caters, with Richard Newman making his first acquaintance with ten bells, and the falling of the ten bells in peal.

Once again, our gratitude to the Vicar and local ringers at Painswick for the welcome and the privilege. J.

OBITUARY

MR. LUTHER J. HONESS

With deep regret we record the death of Mr. Luther J. Honess at Pembury Hospital, on September 28th, after a stroke, at the age of 79 years.

He came to East Peckham 30 years ago, writes T. S., and was a regular Sunday service ringer until a short time ago. Luther made many friends in the Tonbridge and Maidstone districts and had been a member of the Kent County Association for over 50 years. He had rung some 250 peals, of which we had rung 150 together and was always willing to help a learner through his first peal.

I shall miss my old friend very much as during the past year, when well enough, he came over from Hadlow, where he had been living with his daughter, to spend the day with me.

The funeral took place on October 1st, at Boughton Monchelsea, near Maidstone. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung at the graveside on handbells by F. S. Macey 1—2, T. E. Sone 3—4, W. Dobbie 5—6, Mrs. W. Dobbie 7—8. Others present included Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Manser, J. T. Medhurst and myself (T. Saunders) to pay a last tribute to a true and faithful friend.

CANON H. V. WILLIAMS

The many friends of Canon H. V. Williams were distressed to hear that he had passed away in Leicester Royal Infirmary, where he was admitted eight weeks previously, at the age of 72.

During his ministry in the Leicester Diocese he had served at Hugglescote, Hinckley, Earl Shilton, St. John-the-Divine (Leicester), Countesthorpe, Barwell and Buckminster, where he continued to live after his retirement in 1958.

Perhaps it is no coincidence that all these towers, during Canon Williams' ministry, were renowned for their high standard of ringing and loyalty, for he was keenly interested in all ringing activities, and could be relied upon to expound with no little knowledge and with a fine sense of humour upon the art of campanology, wherever ringers were gathered together.

He will be remembered with affection, as a wise friend and counsellor, by all who knew him as a parish priest, as he will also be remembered with gratitude by the wider public, who had benefited through his theological insight, both in meeting house and pulpit.

T. C. B.

MR. CHARLES GALE

A ringer of 60 years' standing, Mr. Charles Gale, has died. For the past three years he had been a member of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, ringing at Wyke Regis, Weymouth. He started ringing with the Little Munden Society of the Herts County Association.

To his memory a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. Faith's Church, Havant, on September 25th. The band was Margaret E. Jones 1, David S. M. Jones 2, Henry Allberry 3, Geoffrey Miles 4, Morgan Marshall 5, James Hasted 6, Alan Sturgess (cond.) 7, Norman Bridger 8.

CRAWFORD CUP CONTEST

The contest for the Crawford Cup took place at Babworth on September 10th. Five teams took part, being Warsop, Sutton-on-Trent, Ordsall, Bawtry and West Retford. The judges were Messrs. H. Chant and J. P. Fidler, and the test piece 360 changes.

Fifty ringers and friends attended and tea was had in relays in the school. The judges gave the result as follows: Ordsall, 94 faults; Sutton-on-Trent, 121; Warsop, 42; West Retford, 294, and Bawtry, 153.

The cup was presented to Mr. F. Flint, of Warsop, by the Rev. E. F. Jessup, Vicar of Babworth.

It was decided to visit Worksop on November 12th, with the consent of the Vicar and invite the Chesterfield District to join. Five non-resident members and two from Misson were elected. The Bell Fund collection was £1 3s. The usual votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar, judges and ladies for providing tea and ringing again took place until 8.30 p.m.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The Eastern Branch was able to have a full scale ringing meeting at St. Margaret's, Lowestoft, for the first time in 21 years, when the members went there on September 17th.

The distance from the church to any suitable meeting place was too great hitherto, but a most helpful suggestion from the Rector, Rev. W. Westwood, and the kindness of Sister Riley, in charge of the nearby Church Army Home, resulted in a wonderful tea being provided in very pleasant surroundings.

The service was conducted by the Rector and the meeting was presided over by the branch chairman, Mr. E. R. Goate, and the ringing arrangements were in the charge of the branch Ringing Master, Miss D. E. Lidbetter. Miss Marion Cook, of Pakefield, was elected to ringing membership of the Association.

The venue for the next meeting, on December 3rd, is Gorleston.

The members were very pleased to see the Association president, Mr. Nolan Golden, at the meeting after his recent illness and he in turn thanked them for their many good wishes when he was in hospital. The secretary was asked to write to Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Barrett to congratulate them on their silver wedding anniversary.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Rector, Mr. Mitchell the organist, Mr. Coleman the local captain and Sister Riley and her staff for the many ways in which they each helped to make the meeting such a success.

A well-deserved collection was taken and donated to the Church Army Home.

QUARTER PEALS

DUNKERTON, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 15th, 1,320 Reverse St. Bartholomew Doubles: Jean Palmer 1, J. J. Jefferies 2, A. F. Lee (cond.) 3, Gloria M. Newton 4, Rita M. Webb 5, A. F. Butt 6. First quarter in method by all the band. Birthday compliments to Mrs. L. Butt (wife of the tenor ringer) and Mrs. Newton (mother of the ringer of the 4th).

HALIFAX, YORKS.—On Sept. 19th, 1,280 London Surprise Major: M. V. Copping 1, Sheila M. Moulds 2, Pat Reeve 3, G. F. Bryant (cond.) 4, J. F. Bryant 5, J. N. Parkin (first in method) 6, R. E. Moulds 7, J. H. Fielden 8. For Evensong.

HAMBLEDON, HANTS.—On Aug. 27th, 1,259 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Elizabeth W. Pierce (first quarter) 1, A. J. Griffin (first in 4 Doubles methods) 2, C. R. C. Coussmaker (first in 4 methods as cond.) 3, E. Winifred Keys 4, J. R. Taylor 5, D. H. Leigh (first in 4 methods) 6.

HOLME-PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On Aug. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. Meredith 1, D. Armstrong 2, R. Blackshaw 3, R. Wilde 4, M. W. Harrison 5, F. Bradley 6. Conducted by F. Bradley and D. Armstrong. For the wedding of Miss Margaret Owen and Mr. Michael Barry Jones. Also on Sept. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. Meredith 1, D. Armstrong 2, R. Blackshaw 3, M. W. Harrison 4, A. Larkin 5, F. Bradley (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect for Mr. R. Marsh, suddenly called to rest on Sept. 5th.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. A. Crampion 1, C. Hughes 2, L. Batley 3, C. Willmington 4, F. Mills 5, J. Crampion 6, L. Woods (cond.) 7, A. White (first quarter) 8. A farewell to Canon J. Stanley, who is being instituted to the living of St. Mary's, Prittlewell.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on Sept. 11th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: J. Tomsett 1, Mrs. W. Oatway 2, H. J. Eldred 3, Miss C. Powell 4, J. Perrett 5, M. Gathercole 6, D. Theedom 7, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 8, W. Oatway (covering) 10. For morning service.

MARK, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Creber 1, M. Legg 2, C. Mogford 3, J. Burrough 4, P. Ham 5, S. Smith 6, G. Prescott (cond.) 7, J. Baker 8. Rung as a compliment to David White, branch honorary secretary, and Annette Lang, on the occasion of their wedding, after a peal attempt had failed.

LATE NOTICE

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5,040 OSGATHORPE SURPRISE ROYAL

By SHIRLEY BURTON.

W	M	H	23456
—	—	3	42635
3	2		52436
2	2		63254
2	2		45362
—	—	—	23456

First rung at the Bell Foundry, Loughborough, on May 9th, 1960, conducted by Brian G. Warwick.

5,184 FINSBURY SURPRISE MAJOR

Arranged by JOHN R. MAYNE.

23456	M	H	W
42356		—	
(54326)			—
34625	—		
63425		—	
(26435)			—
64235		2	
(36245)			—
23645		—	

Twice repeated.

First rung October 29th, 1959, at Willesden, Middlesex.

5,120 LICHFIELD SURPRISE MAJOR

By DENNIS KNOX.

23456	B	H	M	W
42356		—		
54326				—
64523			2	
34625	X			—
63425		—		
26435				—
35264			2	—
23564		—		

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MR. GEORGE GILBERT

THE death of George Gilbert, of Burnham, has removed a great personality from ringing circles, and the Oxford Diocesan Guild has sustained a severe loss. Ever an individualist, George Gilbert made clear his views on politics, High Church practices and the Central Council's decisions regarding methods. He was a staunch Conservative. He abhorred Anglo-Catholic ritual and would not ring for the monthly Sung Eucharist service but only for what he termed the Church of England services (Matins and Evensong), which he regularly attended.

He believed in ringing what he liked, especially if the method served a useful purpose, and frequently declared that the methods experts ruled out methods without Plain Bob lead-ends because they were lost when ringing them! We did not agree with all George preached, but much of his argument was based on common sense.

A master of teaching youngsters, George used methods systematically. For instance, he taught Plain Bob, then Reverse Canterbury because it contains Kent places, thus leading his pupils into Treble Bob. As he had no time for ringers with exalted opinions of themselves, he kept his pupils from Surprise ringing because he felt so many young ringers considered they were in a select class once they could ring Cambridge Surprise and, as Wilfrid Wilson says, 'never looked back' but rather 'looked down' on those who were not Surprise ringers. He probably recruited and trained more young ringers than any Oxford Guild instructor, especially ladies, as he always declared that it was a waste of time training lads who would most probably be lost to ringing when claimed by National Service demands.

A former sergeant-major in the R.E.'s, he was a martinet in the belfry. Two examples will suffice from the writer's experience. One practice night a stranger walked into his practice at Burnham, immediately doffed his jacket and took a rope. 'You can put your coat back on,' said George, 'and ring when you're invited to.' George once arranged a seven-method peal of Minor for a young lady ringer to score her first in seven methods. Towards the end of the fifth extent George rebuked one young ringer for bad striking—he had actually missed a dodge!—and the victim retaliated by criticising George. 'Stand!' yelled George. 'That will teach you to keep your mouth shut.' The tragedy was that George *had* been clipping, as latterly he had grown rather deaf, but when he rang on a noisy ring of bells his striking was immaculate.

Having done so much peal ringing in his earlier days with Alfred Pulling, he knew what 'good striking' really meant, and *insisted* on it. He was far more concerned about perfect striking than advancement in method ringing, and his pupils progressed slowly but certainly accurately. Although he often offended people by his brusqueness, they all recognised that he was out for the best only, and would not be satisfied with less, and he was respected for it. Had this not been so, he would not have built up the bands at Burnham which, just before and after the war, were among the best in the Oxford Diocese.

Ringing was almost his whole existence. How he worked till he achieved his objective in providing Burnham with a new ring of eight, when the church also had to have a new organ, a new roof and a new floor! How pleased he was when some youngster rang his or her first peal, or first in a method under his guidance, sometimes being rewarded with a kiss if a lady. How greatly was a meeting enlivened when he was on his feet. How loyally and enthusiastically he supported the 'Cumberlands,' and how many members he gained for that Society. How generous he always was, and how he disliked 'spongers.' How much we learned of the ringers of long ago over a pint of beer. How we listened to his stories, as if we had never heard him relate them before! How he hated fast ringing—he always said that a bad ringer could not ring properly slowly, and he made his pupils ring wide.

And now George Gilbert has gone, but there are many left who will remember him for the rest of their ringing career, as they have all something to thank him for. Despite his eccentricities he was indeed a true servant of the Exercise, and gave an inspired example of selfless devotion to our Art and its pursuit at the highest level. Night after night he would cycle miles to help struggling bands on their practice nights. When he saw a tower 'getting on its feet' he would desert it for some other where there was a greater need of help. He must have spent pounds on taking youngsters to meetings or arranging peals for them. Little wonder that, as his young lassies at Barnham took their last look at his coffin, many a tear fell, as they had indeed lost a devoted ringing 'father.'

The highest tribute actually came from his Vicar when, at the funeral service, he said George Gilbert always gave the bells an exaggerated importance. George believed in their importance, and ever strove to make his an example to his Guild and their ringers dedicated people.

May his shining example long live on and inspire us who are left to 'Go, and do likewise.'

PALUDIAN.

TEN BELL PEALS

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 24, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 29 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in D.

CLIVE M. SMITH	*Treble*	JOHN H. ALLEN	6
*PENELOPE SEDGWICK	2	BARNABAS G. KEY	7
ANN BARR	3	†BERNARD J. TOWNSEND	8
†ANDREW J. STRATHDEE	4	JEFFREY B. WEBB	9
‡E. JOHN DOLMAN	5	§BARRIE HENDRY	*Tenor*

Composed by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD. Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.
* First peal in the method 'inside.' † First on ten bells. ‡ First in the method and on ten bells. § First of Caters.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Mon., Sept. 26, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

G. RONALD EDWARDS	*Treble*	JOSEPH W. COTTON	6
*†BRIAN G. WARWICK	2	GORDON A. HALLS	7
RICHARD J. CLIFTON	3	A. JAMES POYNOR	8
ERNEST MORRIS	4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS	9
MRS. G. A. HALLS	5	†JOHN M. JELLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* 550th peal on tower bells. † 200th peal together.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL TOWER,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL
Comprising 2,520 changes each of Yorkshire and Cambridge Surprise Royal, with 55 changes of method and all the work of both methods for all the bells. Tenor 35 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in C sharp.

ARTHUR GIBBS	*Treble*	GERALD C. HEMMING	6
JENNIFER M. DAVIES	2	GEOFFREY J. HEMMNIG	7
JAMES G. NEWMAN	3	ALFRED E. RUSHTON	8
RONALD J. SHARP	4	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	9
JAMES R. TAYLOR	5	BRYAN PATTISON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. KENNETH LEWIS. Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.
First peal of Spliced Surprise Royal by all the band.

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BICESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.
On Sat., Sept. 3, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDBURG,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, comprising 2,880 London, 960 Cambridge, 640 each of Bristol and Superlative, with 110 changes of method.
Tenor 15 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

E. WINIFRED KEYS	*Treble*	DENNIS BERESFORD	5
JOAN BERESFORD	2	RICHARD E. PRICE	6
ERIC E. SPEAKE	3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	7
PHILIP MEHEW	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

DEDDINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
On Sat., Sept. 3, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5088 ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 10 lb. in E.

LEONARD STILWELL	*Treble*	DENNIS KNOX	5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	2	ALICK CUTLER	6
RONALD H. BULLEN	3	THOMAS J. LOCK	7
RONALD J. SHARP	4	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

KIRTLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
On Mon., Sept. 5, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in E.

RONALD H. BULLEN	*Treble*	EDGAR R. RAPLEY	5
E. WINIFRED KEYS	2	THOMAS J. LOCK	6
RONALD J. SHARP	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	7
JOAN BERESFORD	4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	*Tenor*

Composed by S. J. IVIN. Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.
Rung as a first wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. D. Beresford.

AMBROSDEN, OXFORDSHIDE.
On Mon., Sept. 5, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In six methods, comprising 960 London, 928 Watford, 896 Bristol, 832 each of Cambridge, Pudsey and Superlative, with 127 changes of method. All the bells do all the work of each method.
Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E flat.

PETER J. COLES	*Treble*	RICHARD E. PRICE	5
ALICK CUTLER	2	PHILIP MEHEW	6
DENNIS KNOX	3	*RICHARD F. B. SPEED	7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	4	DENNIS BERESFORD	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by DENNIS BERESFORD.
* 400th peal.

BANBURY, OXFORDSHIRE.
On Tues., Sept. 6, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in E.

MRS. T. J. LOCK	*Treble*	DENNIS KNOX	6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	2	THOMAS J. LOCK	7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	8
JOAN BERESFORD	4	PHILIP MEHEW	9
DENNIS BERESFORD	5	RICHARD E. PRICE	*Tenor*

Composed by F. E. DARBY. Conducted by RICHARD E. PRICE.
First peal on ten as conductor.

BURFORD, OXFORDSHIRE.
On Wed., Sept. 7, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In eight methods, comprising 1,600 London, 1,440 Rutland, 480 Bristol, 320 each of Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 129 changes of method. Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. in E.

MRS. T. J. LOCK	*Treble*	DENNIS KNOX	5
JOAN BERESFORD	2	PHILIP MEHEW	6
*EDGAR R. RAPLEY	3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	7
ALICK CUTLER	4	RICHARD E. PRICE	*Tenor*

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise in eight methods.

WITNEY, OXFORDSHIRE.
On Wed., Sept. 7, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

LEONARD STILWELL	*Treble*	RONALD J. SHARP	5
RONALD H. BULLEN	2	THOMAS J. LOCK	6
E. WINIFRED KEYS	3	WILLIAM ROGERS	7
DENNIS BERESFORD	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY. Conducted by DENNIS BERESFORD.

KINGHAM, OXFORDSHIRE.
On Thurs., Sept. 8, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5184 OXFORDSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

ARTHUR V. PEARSON	*Treble*	*ALICK CUTLER	5
*DENNIS BERESFORD	2	*PHILIP MEHEW	6
*THOMAS J. LOCK	3	*RICHARD E. PRICE	7
†JOAN BERESFORD	4	DENNIS KNOX	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by DENNIS KNOX.
* First peal in the method. † 300th peal.

BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Sept. 8, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

LEONARD STILWELL	*Treble*	PETER J. COLES	5
RONALD J. SHARP	2	GEORGE E. FEARN	6
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	3	RONALD H. BULLEN	7
WILLIAM ROGERS	4	PHILIP MEHEW	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.
Rung as a fourth wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. D. Knox.

CHURCHILL, OXFORDSHIRE.
On Thurs., Sept. 8, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	*Treble*	THOMAS J. LOCK	5
DENNIS BERESFORD	2	RICHARD E. PRICE	6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	3	RALPH G. EDWARDS	7
DENNIS KNOX	4	PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

CHIPPING NORTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
On Fri., Sept. 9, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, comprising 1,312 Bristol, 1,280 each of London, Cambridge and Superlative, with 112 changes of method. All the bells do all the work of each method. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

WILLIAM ROGERS	*Treble*	DENNIS KNOX	5
JOAN BERESFORD	2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	3	THOMAS J. LOCK	7
DENNIS BERESFORD	4	PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

HOOK NORTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
On Fri., Sept. 9, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

LEONARD STILWELL	*Treble*	RONALD H. BULLEN	5
E. WINIFRED KEYS	2	GEORGE E. FEARN	6
ALICK CUTLER	3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	7
RONALD J. SHARP	4	RICHARD E. PRICE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

GREAT TEW, OXFORDSHIRE.
On Fri., Sept. 9, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5024 EALING SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 10 lb. in D.

MRS. T. J. LOCK	*Treble*	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	5
JOAN BERESFORD	2	DENNIS BERESFORD	6
*EDGAR R. RAPLEY	3	DENNIS KNOX	7
ALICK CUTLER	4	RICHARD E. PRICE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by DENNIS KNOX.
* First peal in the method.

BLOXHAM, OXFORDSHIRE.
On Fri., Sept. 9, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF BLOXHAM,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

RONALD J. SHARP	*Treble*	RONALD H. BULLEN	5
E. WINIFRED KEYS	2	THOMAS J. LOCK	6
*WILLIAM ROGERS	3	RALPH G. EDWARDS	7
PETER J. COLES	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
* 300th peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 6, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

*SHEILA BRADDER	*Treble*	GEOFFREY C. RIX	5
GEOFFREY R. CRISP	2	EDWARD FOSBERRY	6
HAROLD WOOD	3	BERNARD E. MATTHEWS	7
RAYMOND A. BROWN	4	W. LESLIE WELLER	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by W. LESLIE WELLER.
* First peal.
Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Dennis Mitchell to Miss June Clements on July 30th.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Sept. 5, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

G. RONALD EDWARDS	*Treble*	JOHN A. ACRES	5
PATRICIA A. WARDLE	2	JOHN M. JELLEY	6
ERNEST MORRIS	3	RUSSELL S. MORRIS	7
BRIAN M. SMITH	4	A. JAMES POYNOR	*Tenor*

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Sept. 19, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5088 ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

*JOHN M. JELLEY	*Treble*	*A. JAMES POYNOR	5
†RICHARD J. CLIFTON	2	†BRIAN G. WARWICK	6
ERNEST MORRIS	3	†RUSSELL S. MORRIS	7
JOSEPH W. COTTON	4	G. RONALD EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY W. WILDE. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal of Major in the method. † First *true* peal of Major in the method.

BOTTESFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 24, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 BOTTESFORD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

PATRICIA A. WARDLE	*Treble*	A. JAMES POYNOR	5
*BARBARA MANSHIP	2	RALPH ELKINGTON	6
JOHN M. JELLEY	3	RUSSELL S. MORRIS	7
MURRAY A. COLEMAN	4	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.
* First peal of Surprise 'inside.' First in the method.

BRISTOL.
THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.
On Sat., Sept. 24, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY AND UNDIVIDED TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT & OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Ilkeston variation. Tenor 21 cwt. 1 lb. in E flat.

DAVID HEIGHTON	*Treble*	ELISABETH A. G. BOWDEN	5
PATRICK J. BIRD	2	ROYSTON BLACKLER	6
JANE K. A. COOK	3	BRIAN J. WYLDE	7
MICHAEL J. AUSTIN	4	FRANK D. MACK	*Tenor*

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN (Three-Part, No. 2).
Conducted by DAVID HEIGHTON.
First peal of its type by all except ringers of third and fifth, on the bells, and for the Society.

OVERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Wed., Sept. 21, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
F. H. Dexter's variation of Thurstans' Four-Part.
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in A flat.

MRS. S. H. JONES	*Treble*	JOSEPH W. COTTON	5
WILLIAM F. WOODWARD	2	*PETER J. STRETTON	6
ERNEST MORRIS	3	BRIAN G. WARWICK	7
DEREK P. JONES	4	SIDNEY H. JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal of Stedman.
Rung on the Patronal Festival of St. Matthew.

DOUGLAS-IN-PARBOLD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Sept. 27, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation. Tenor 12 cwt.

*MARTIN SNAPE	*Treble*	CYRIL LOW	5
RONALD KENRICK	2	ERIC COOK	6
ALAN CAPSTICK	3	PETER COXAL	7
†BRIAN BUSWELL	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
* First peal. † First of Cambridge.
Rung as a farewell to the Rev. Charles Barnes, Vicar of Christ Church, who is retiring.

BOTTESFORD SURPRISE MAJOR
—38—14—38—36—12—1458—16—78. L.H. 12. 1573.

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BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Sept. 29, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5184 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 28 lb.

HARRY BALDWIN	*Treble*	C. AUBREY HARRISON	5
JACK BRAY	2	ARTHUR CROWDER	6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	3	GEORGE W. MOODY	7
*VERNON HEPWORTH	4	PHILIP BARNES	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by JACK BRAY.
* First peal on eight bells.
In memoriam Mrs. W. Bramwell, of Goxhill, a regular attender at ringers' meetings, and George Hobbins, one-time ringer at this church.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Sept. 29, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 HAMMERSMITH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

FRANK C. PRICE	*Treble*	ALICK CUTLER	5
THOMAS J. LOCK	2	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE	6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	3	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	7
ALFRED J. HOUSE	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
First peal in the method: Corrigan, No. 149.

BREWOOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Fri., Sept. 30, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND CHAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-Part (seventh observation).
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in D.

LOUIS ROBERTS	*Treble*	ROY K. MOWFORTH	5
ROBERT J. WARRILOW	2	BARNABAS G. KEY	6
ROBERT W. BROUGHTON	3	RICHARD J. WARRILOW	7
ROGER L. HAWKSWORTH	4	ARTHUR J. ALLSOP	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROGER L. HAWKSWORTH.
Rung half-muffled as a mark of respect to Mr. A. G. Hunt, of the local company, whose funeral took place this day.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Sept. 30, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

JILL V. MORGAN	*Treble*	RALPH BIRD	5
ARTHUR G. MASON	2	IAN H. ORAM	6
JOAN BERESFORD	3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	7
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

ATTENBOROUGH, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 21 lb. in F sharp.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Treble*	PETER A. SHARP	5
CLAIRE DILLAMORE	2	GEORGE H. RANDLES	6
NORAH M. RANDLES	3	GEOFFREY R. PARKER	7
MARGARET A. SWANN	4	JOHN WALDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

HAMMERSMITH SURPRISE MAJOR
36—56.4.58—58.16—12—5—34—1
8ths place lead-end 13527486. 4ths place bobs.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

ITCHINGFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 2, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED AND PLAIN DOUBLES
Being 42 extents in 35 methods, viz.: New Bob, Itchingfield S.C., Huntspill, Oakley S.C., St. Vedast, Chipstead S.C., Westminster, Chesham S.C., Blackburn, Broughton S.C., St. Hilary, Ockham S.C., Reverse Union, Bedfont S.C., Reverse St. Faith, Boveney S.C., Reverse St. Julian, Eton S.C., St. Nicholas, Longford S.C., Winchendon, Thornborough S.C., St. Remigius', Hascombe S.C., St. Simon's, Rugby S.C., St. Martin's, Slapton S.C., St. Osmand, Meton S.C., All Saints', Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman. Tenor 6½ cwt.

BRYAN C. BURROUGH	*Treble*	GEOFFREY R. CRISP	3
RAYMOND A. BROWN	2	BERNARD E. MATTHEWS	4
		W. LESLIE WELLER	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. LESLIE WELLER.
Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Christopher Godfrey and Miss Janet Burroughs, both local ringers.

NETTLEBED, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 10, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Comprising an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double Oxford Bob, Oxford Bob, Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 27 lb.

PAMELA M. JERVIS	*Treble*	FREDERICK R. SCOTT	4
*LINDA J. KEW	2	*J. KEITH WARD	5
WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	3	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal in seven Minor methods.
Rung for the 50th birthday (September 11th) of Mr. W. Birmingham, in the tower where he learned to ring, with a band consisting of the conductor of his first peal and some of his own ringing pupils.

WANSFORD, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 17, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being one 720 of Reverse Canterbury, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Plain Bob, April Day and three of Grandsire. Tenor 2¼ cwt.

*ROY W. SPENCER	*Treble*	RONALD RUSSELL	3
†RICHARD A. WEBSTER	2	‡FREDERICK DERRY	4
		JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.
* First peal on the treble. † First in five Doubles methods. ‡ First on five bells. First on the bells.

FULBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 24, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Double Court, Single Court, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

*FREDERICK DERRY	*Treble*	HARRY BARNES	4
GEORGE SCOTT	2	ALBERT E. SCOTT	5
CECIL WADE	3	JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.
* First peal in seven Minor methods.
Arranged for Mr. George Scott (83) and Mr. Harry Barnes, who took part in the first peal on these bells 56 years ago.

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HONILY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 24, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 extents Plain Bob, 30 Grandsire. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.

PERCY A. ORAM .. .. .. *Treble*	ANTHONY A. UPTON 3
DAWN V. ELSON 2	WILLIAM H. MALE 4
DOUGLAS HARRISON .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by DOUGLAS HARRISON.

Rung as a welcome home to A. C. Morris, a local ringer, after 20 months in Warwick Hospital.

DICKLEBURGH, NORFOLK
On Tues., Sept. 27, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

ERNEST WHITING .. .. *Treble*	ROBERT PLUMMMER 4
CHARLES R. CATCHPOLE .. 2	LEONARD J. MINNS 5
E. AUSTIN HEAD 3	L. EDWARD ETHERIDGE .. *Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. A. O. Dent.

WILLINGTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Sept. 29, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of London, Wells, Beverley, Surfleet, York, Durham and Cambridge. Tenor 9½ cwt.

BRUCE GRAINGER (Nottm.) *Treble*	JENNIFER M. DAVIES (Read.) 4
JEAN ADDICOTT (Oxford) .. 2	JAMES R. TAYLOR (Camb.) 5
DEBORAH HOPKINS (Nott.) 3	BRYAN PATTISON (Durham) *Tenor*

Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.

POLSTEAD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., Sept. 30, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 14 methods, being the following extents: (1) London and Wells S., (2) Ipswich and Cambridge S., (3) Kent and Oxford T.B., (4) Hereward and Single Oxford Bob, (5) Childwall and Thelwall Bob; (6) St. Clement's and D. Oxford Bob, (7) Plain and Double Bbo. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

JOHN AVIS .. .. *Treble*	BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD .. 4
EVELYN R. M. CANSDALE 2	MAURICE E. DOWNS .. 5
ALLEN W. CANSDALE .. 3	*URBAN W. WILDNEY .. *Tenor*

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

* 350th peal.

GORTON, MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE UNITARIAN CHURCH, BROOKFIELD,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. in F sharp.

*GEORGE W. MITCHELL .. *Treble*	GORDON RUMNEY 4
BRIAN SCHOFIELD 2	JOHN ROBINSON 5
*BRYAN RUMNEY 3	E. MICHAEL QUINN .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN ROBINSON.

* First peal in the method, and of Doubles. First in the method, and of Doubles, as conductor.

HARTFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of one extent of St. Clement's and two each of Plain Bob, Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B. Tenor 12 cwt.

CHRISTOPHER JONES .. .. *Treble*	JOHN RYDER 4
REGINALD W. WORRALL .. 2	HAROLD WORRALL 5
DAVID GODFREY 3	HARRY W. HOWARD .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

Rung on the eve of Harvest Festival, and in honour of the induction of the Rev. J. Orme.

LITLINGTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KATHERINE.,
A PEAL OF 5040 LIGHTFOOT SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 7 cwt.

CHRIS. R. F. MUNCEY .. *Treble*	GEORGE E. THODAY 4
ROGER J. PALMER 2	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS 5
DONALD F. MURFET 3	MANSFIELD GINN .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by MANSFIELD GINN.

PREES, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt., approx.

BESSIE A. CARTER .. .. *Treble*	HAROLD F. WHITE 4
RICHARD E. MORRIS 2	HARRY POYNER 5
MARY C. POYNER 3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST *Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY POYNER.

Rung for Michaelmas.

PURLEIGH, ESSEX.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Kent Treble Bob and two each of Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

MARGARET E. PANTON .. *Treble*	JAMES L. TOWLER 4
PATRICK W. SALTMARSH .. 2	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. 5
RICHARD J. HARRISON .. 3	IAN R. PANTON .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by IAN R. PANTON.

First peal as conductor.

Rung to celebrate the wedding of Brian J. Howard and June Egglestone.

STOKE-PRIOR, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents, no 6-5's at backstroke. Rung on the front six. Tenor 5 cwt. in C sharp.

PAUL CATTERMOLE .. .. *Treble*	RICHARD G. MORRIS 4
MICHAEL J. FELLOWS .. 2	PETER S. BENNETT 5
ARTHUR D. COOK 3	MAURICE C. HUGHES .. *Tenor*

Conducted by PAUL CATTERMOLE.

The conductor's 50th peal.

Rung within the octave of the Patronal Festival. Also a farewell peal to the conductor, who is leaving Droitwich to attend King's College, London.

BASSINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Oct. 2, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 11 methods: (1) Single and Double Court, (2) St. Clement's and Double Oxford, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Reverse Bob, (5) Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, (6) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (7) Double Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. in G.

MARGARET A. SWANN .. *Treble*	A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL .. 4
GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. 2	LOUIS WILLDERS 5
DELIA SMITH 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

Rung for Michaelmas.

FOUR BELL PEAL

STANFORD DINGLEY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Sept. 30, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINIMUS

Consisting of 2,520 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and 2,520 Plain Bob, methods changed at every 20 extents. Tenor 6 cwt.

*WILLIAM A. CUMMINS .. *Treble*	ERIC P. WOOLGROVE 3
GERALD B. EVANS 2	GEOFFREY K. DODD .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.

* First peal.

Rung for the wedding of Mr. Gerald Evans to Miss Suzanne Worsfold, which took place the following day at Ash Road Methodist Church, Aldershot. Also to commemorate the anniversary of the first peal of Minimus ever rung, at Newtown, Hants, on October 1st, 1959.

HANDBELL PEALS

LICHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Tues., Sept. 13, 1960, *in* 1 *Hour and* 58 *Minutes.*
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CATHEDRAL OF SS. MARY AND CHAD.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 40 extents (ten callings) and one Morris' 240. Tenor size 8 in C.

*CLIVE M. SMITH .. .. 1—2	BARNABAS G. KEY .. .. 3—4
E. MARION KEY .. .. .. 5—6	

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

BEDFORD, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Sept. 30, 1960, *in* 1 *Hour and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT 51, WINCHESTER ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 11 in B.

JENNIFER M. DAVIES .. 1—2	JAMES R. TAYLOR .. .. 3—4
BRYAN PATTISON .. .. 5—6	

Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.

BACKWELL, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 21st, 1,296 Duffield Major: Elisabeth Bowden 1, D. E. Cobb 2, R. G. Hooper 3, J. H. Gilbert 4, B. A. Shackleton 5, R. J. Bowden 6, J. Brain 7, D. J. Hunt (cond.) 8. First in the method by all. For St. Matthew's Day. Also on Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. R. Quient (first on eight) 1, T. G. Phillips 2, Barbara Hailstone 3, J. Brain 4, W. P. Blake 5, L. Derrick 6, J. R. Ketteringham (cond.) 7, H. Hardwidge 8. Rung as a farewell compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. Ogbourne, who are shortly leaving the parish, in appreciation of their kindness to the ringers for a number of years past.

BARMING, KENT.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Woodruffe 1, Miss M. Clarke 2, Mrs. P. Usborne 3, J. Nixon 4, W. Manser 5, J. Mannering (cond.) 6. Rung in memoriam L. Honess, who was buried this day.

BECKFORD, GLOS.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob, 660 Grandsire): F. Trotman 1, A. Pulley 2, F. Wood (cond.) 3, J. Attwood 4, D. Devereux 5, C. Brazier 6. Rung before evening service as a farewell to E. Trevor Newbury, ringing master at this tower, who has taken up residence at Bishop's Cleeve, Cheltenham.

BUCKFAST ABBEY, DEVON.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: P. Russell 1, Heather Hood 2, Rev. O. Mowan 3, Mary Russell 4, E. M. Atkins 5, W. G. Lavers 6, Rev. P. Dowling 7, Rev. A. de Guingand 8. Rung for the 50th anniversary of the blessing of the bells.

CHALFONT ST. PETER, BUCKS.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Anne Dubarry (first quarter) 1, Mrs. E. G. Swift 2, E. G. Swift 3, M. G. Swift (cond.) 4, C. J. Shepherd 5, E. J. Briden 6. For Sung Eucharist. Also 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob, 540 Plain Bob): M. G. Swift 1, Mrs. E. G. Swift 2, Miss L. Badcock 3, E. G. Swift 4, C. J. Shepherd 5, P. G. Badcock (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Doreen Kingston (first quarter) 1, E. G. Swift 2, Miss L. Badcock 3, P. W. Atkins 4, C. J. Shepherd (cond.), 5, M. G. Swift 6. After Evensong. All rung for harvest festival.

CLIFTON, BEDS.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (7, 8 covering): P. Rogers 1, G. Mayes 2, Miss S. Percival 3, Miss J. Mayes 4, J. Church 5, P. Tompkins (cond.) 6, T. Dilley 7, T. Hyde (first quarter) 8. For harvest festival.

COOKHAM, BERKS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Mrs. C. Eldridge 1, A. Pugh 2, E. Eldridge 3, Janet Taylor 4, Janet Livingstone (cond.) 5, D. Kirkaldy 6, J. Muller 7, D. Livingstone 8. First quarter in method for 1, 2, 4 and 6. For harvest festival.

EPSOM, SURREY.—At Christ Church, on Oct. 2nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: William Parrot 1, Richard Fentiman (first of Minor 'inside') 2, Sylvia Marsh 3, J. Munton 4, Adrienne Gibson 5, F. Oakshott (cond.) 6. For harvest festival.

FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.—On Oct. 1st, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: R. H. Mills 1, M. Cox 2, Mrs. E. Wadsworth 3, D. P. Treble 4, P. N. Murgatroyd 5, R. E. Finch (cond.) 6. Rung with the compliments of the band after the wedding of Dr. W. W. Wright and Miss B. Blyth. Also on October 2nd, 1,440 Kent T. B. Minor: R. E. Finch (cond.) 1, R. H. Mills 2, M. Cox 3, Mrs. E. Wadsworth (first of Kent) 4, D. P. Treble 5, P. N. Murgatroyd 6.

FENHAM, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: M. Todd 1, J. E. Errington 2, F. Ross 3, N. H. Hewett 4, J. A. Ainsworth (cond.) 5, E. N. Harrison 6. For children's service on harvest thanksgiving Sunday.

FINEDON, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. J. Chapman 1, N. Pearson 2, C. Richardson 3, B. Foster 4, D. Pearson 5, M. King (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

GOLDINGTON, BEDS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,320 Minor (600 Single Oxford, 720 Plain Bob): Mrs. R. G. Corby 1, R. French (first quarter) 2, E. L. Duffield 3, Deborah Hopkins 4, J. H. Edwards 5, R. G. Corby (cond.) 6. Rung for the children's harvest thanksgiving service, also as a compliment to Miss Deborah Hopkins, who is leaving to commence studies at Nottingham University, and to Rodney French, who has recently moved to Goldington from Fenny Stratford.

HAZELBECH, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. E. York 1, A. V. Flutter 2, G. Wright 3, J. Goddard 4, M. A. Coleman (cond.) 5, B. Yeomans 6, G. Clipstone 7, W. Cropley 8.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On Oct. 1st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. A. E. Smith (first of Bob Major) 1, D. Brock 2, Joan A. Smith 3, C. N. Chinnery 4, D. Fraser 5, D. Boniface (first of Bob Major) 6, B. Cox 7, J. King (first of Major as cond.) 8. For Guildford Diocesan Readers' service.

QUARTER PEALS

HISTON, CAMBS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Bergdahl (first quarter) 1, H. Muncey 2, C. Muncey 3, H. C. Foster 4, D. Harbidge 5, J. W. R. Quinney (cond.) 6. For harvest festival.

HORSELL, SURREY.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss J. Warner 1, Miss J. Drury 2, Miss P. Drury 2, J. Martin 4, B. Priestley (cond.) 5, A. D. Leach 6. Rung as a compliment to Barbara Benns and David Cooper (both ringers), who were married on September 10th. Also on Sept. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob): Miss P. Drury 1, Miss J. Drury 2, A. D. Leach 3, G. Oliver 4, J. Martin (cond.) 5, B. Priestley 6. For Evensong.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (All Saints and Plain Bob): N. Davies 1, C. Hill 2, W. Wright 3, W. Hill (cond.) 4, R. Jones 5. For harvest festival Matins.

KINGSDON, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): S. Pring (first quarter) 1, P. Cox 2, R. Selway 3, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 4, W. E. Turner 5, A. J. Lewis 6.

KISLINGBURY, NORTHANTS.—On Aug. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss E. M. Paul 1, G. C. Paul 2, M. R. Bennett 3, M. R. Harvey 4, K. D. Perkins (cond.) 5. First quarter 1 and 2. For Evensong.

LUPPIT, DEVON.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Sage (first quarter) 1, E. Broom 2, J. Thorne 3, R. Broom (first quarter) 4, F. Sage (cond.) 5, E. Thorne 6. Also on Oct. 1st, 2,520 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 2,040 Grandsire): E. Broom 1, Miss M. P. Barnard 2, A. Crabb 3, C. Churchill 4, F. Sage (cond.) 5, L. Marker 6. Longest length in two methods by all. Both for harvest festival.

MERROW, SURREY.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,296 Surprise Minor (Beverley, Cambridge and Surfleet): N. Anne Lepper (first of Treble Bob) 1, Jill M. Lane 2, R. I. Vaughan 3, A. Pamela Warren 4, D. A. R. May 5, P. G. Smart (cond.) 6. First extent of Surfleet for all. For harvest festival Evensong, and as a farewell to Rev. W. Bull and Mrs. Bull, who are moving to Manchester.

MOORSIDE, OLDHAM.—On Sept. 24th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: H. Armstead 1, K. Abbott 2, J. P. Partington 3, M. D. Fishwick 4, H. Hamer 5, G. Rothwell 6, I. Kay 7, P. J. H. Hudson (cond.) 8.

NEWTON St. LOE, BATH.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. J. Smart 1, B. M. Angell 2, B. W. S. Angell (cond.) 3, C. Penfold 4, V. Jones 5, T. Salmon 6.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss R. Reay 1, R. H. Reed 2, Miss B. Forder 3, J. Murphy 4, Mrs. N. Hayes 5, C. Taylor 6, N. Hayes (cond.) 7, J. Dacombe 8.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: H. King (cond.) 1, Ann Hancock 2, Wendy Bowaks 3, L. Cordell 4, R. Bridges 5, S. King 6. For harvest family service.

OCKHAM, SURREY.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss J. Warner 1, A. D. Leach 2, Miss P. Drury 3, B. Priestley 4, J. Martin (cond.) 5. For Evenong.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—On Oct. 2nd, at St. Andrew's Church, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: H. W. Milford 1, H. C. Spencer 2, Miss B. M. Boyle (first on 10) 3, F. E. Day 4, B. W. Story 5, W. G. Lavers 6, H. F. Myers 7, S. O'Shaughnessy 8, T. G. Myers (cond.) 9, W. H. Marks 10. For harvest festival Evensong.

QUEENBOROUGH, KENT.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (St. Simon's, Reverse Canterbury, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Grandsire, Plain Bob): P. Negus 1, S. V. Rayfield 2, W. A. Wood 3, P. M. Wilkinson (cond.) 4, H. Gardner 5, Susan Kimmings 6. Rung as an 89th birthday compliment to Mr. G. Wood, of Queenborough.

RAVENINGHAM, NORFOLK.—On Sept. 25th, 1,320 Doubles (Grandsire, St. Simon's, Winchendon and Plain Bob): A. Walpole 1, J. Jorder 2, N. Cossey 3, G. Walpole (cond.) 4, H. W. Barrett 5. For Harvest Festival.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Miss E. Hatch 1, P. Avey 2, Miss V. Hester 3, R. Goodship 4, E. Blower 5, M. Hallett 6, M. Hatch (cond.) 7, W. Ward 8. Also on Sept. 30th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: R. Tomlin (cond.) 1, Miss E. Hatch 2, W. Ward 3, P. Avey 4, E. Blower 5, G. Sandwell 6, M. Hallett 7, A. House 8. Also on Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Splice Stedman and Grandside Triples: Miss E. Hatch 1, R. Tomlin 2, G. Sandwell 3, F. May 4, P. Coward 5, M. Hallett 6, A. House (cond.) 7, W. Ward 8.

READING, BERKS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sept. 18th, 1,280 London Surprise Major: Christine Pullin 1, Patricia Heather (first in method) 2, J. N. Diserens 3, E. J. Munday 4, F. W. Lewis 5, R. F. Diserens 6, C. E. Lewington 7, N. J. Diserens (cond.) 8. Rung for the Battle of Britain commemoration service.

REDHILL, SURREY.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. J. Comber (first of Minor) 1, Miss B. Saggers 3, D. Mundy 4, F. E. Roberts 5, G. A. West 6, A. Streeter (cond.) 7, R. Streeter (first quarter) 8. Rung for Matins, and a 21st birthday compliment to Miss F. Hankey.

ROMSEY, HANTS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss C. White 1, Miss A. J. Knight (cond.) 2, Miss S. Edwards (first 'inside') 3, M. J. Pointer 4, H. J. Page 5, K. J. Jacobs 6, C. M. White 7, M. L. Northway 8. For harvest thanksgiving.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—On Sept. 25th, at St. Stephen's Church, 1,440 Kent T.B. Minor: P. Atkinson 1, G. Penney (cond.) 2, Miss C. Bland 3, Miss A. Macfarlane 4, Miss C. Rimmer 5, P. J. Fells 6. First in the method for 1, 3, 4, 5, 6. For Harvest Festival.

SALISBURY, WILTS.—On Oct. 2nd, at the Church of St. Thomas, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. H. Abrahams 1, Yvonne L. Eloie 2, B. J. Lawes 3, I. Ann Abrahams 4, J. E. Daniels 5, Rev. R. Keeley (cond.) 6, L. A. Page 7, E. C. Read 8. For harvest thanksgiving Evensong.

SEND, SURREY.—On Sept. 25th, 1,300 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): A. D. Leach 1, Miss P. Drury 2, Miss J. Drury 3, J. Martin 4, B. Priestley (cond.) 5, M. Colmer (first quarter) 6. For harvest festival.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: B. T. Lister 1, Pamela M. Jervis 2, Mary Adamson (first of Major 'inside') 3, Linda J. Kew 4, W. Birmingham 5, W. D. Ward 6, J. K. Ward 7, D. K. Walters (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam George Gilbert, interred this day at Burnham, Bucks.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.—On Aug. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Anne O'Flaherty (first quarter) 1, C. G. Jones 2, Dr. C. G. Roworth 3, Rosalind Roworth 4, V. Griffin (cond.) 5, A. Hatherall 6. Rung to mark the 21st wedding anniversary of Dr. and Mrs. Roworth. Also on Sept. 9th, 1,440 Minor (Thelwell and Double Oxford): V. Griffin (cond.) 1, M. J. Stanley 2, A. R. Peake 3, B. Bladon 4, C. Smith 5, A. T. Collins 6. Rung after meeting short for Major as a ruby wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. Field, secretary of the P.C.C. and leader of the Young Wives' Group respectively.

SOUTHGATE, N.—At Christ Church, on Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Hilary Baker (first quarter) 1, Pam Miller 2, Ann Aldridge 3, W. Wainwright 4, S. G. Peck 5, H. Miller 6, C. Aldridge (cond.) 7, L. G. Gates 8. For Evensong.

STAFFORD.—On Sept. 28th, at the Church of St. Mary, 1,360 Kent Treble Bob Royal: F. Eley 1, F. R. Wiggin 2, R. J. Warrilow 3, D. Harman 4, B. J. Wylde 5, C. Hone 6, R. K. Mowforth 7, A. E. Garbett 8, D. Friend 9, Richard J. Warrilow (cond.) 10. First of Kent Treble Bob Royal for 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 and 8. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Richard J. Warrilow on the occasion of their silver wedding anniversary.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Sept. 25th, at the Church of St. Mark, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire) with 6, 7 covering: R. Peake 1, P. Naylor 2, T. R. Collins 3, M. J. Stanley 4, A. T. Collins (cond.) 5, W. R. Pearce (first quarter) 6, A. Sims 7. For harvest festival.

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—At the Church of St. Matthew, on Sept. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): Mrs. C. F. Neal 1, Miss N. Hales 2, J. M. Steele 3, J. A. Hales 4, R. K. C. Wilkings 5, D. Neal (cond.) 6, C. F. Neal 7. Rung for Evensong on the Feast of St. Matthew.

WELLS, SOMERSET.—At the Cathedral, on Oct. 2nd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: P. Hull 1, H. Collings 2, A. H. Reed 3, M. White 4, D. H. White 5, J. R. Ketteringham (first in method as cond.) 6, P. C. Wright 7, V. G. Roberts 8, G. Salmon 9, P. N. Tubbs 10. For Evensong.

WORLE, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Venn (first quarter) 1, D. Hawkins 2, R. Ballam 3, M. Worrel 4, G. Prescott (cond.) 5, W. Kingsbury 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Mann, on the occasion of their golden wedding.

Miss J. Armstrong writes enquiring if the curfew is still rung at Kirkby Stephen, Westmorland. She has found an old cutting of 'The Newcastle Chronicle' which states that Mr. Nathan Berry, the sexton at Kirkby Stephen, had rung the curfew there for 45 years.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Dorchester Branch

The autumn meeting of the Dorchester Branch was held at Litton Cheney on September 17th where 30 members had a most enjoyable time. The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. A. Lynch), who gave a most inspiring address on the old characteristics of English life compared with that on the Continent and said what he missed most of all was the ringing of church bells.

Following tea, which was generously given by parishioners, the meeting was conducted by the chairman, the Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth. The next meeting (annual) will be held on January 21st at St. Peter's, Dorchester. Practice meetings were suggested as follows: — Leigh, Piddletrenthide, Litton Cheney, Frampton, Upwey, Wyke Regis, Fordington, at fortnightly intervals commencing October 8th.

The Branch promised to help Rev. A. Lynch and Litton Cheney members to re-form their band, and to give them all the help and instruction possible.

The chairman extended a vote of thanks to the Rector, the ladies who served tea, and all who helped to make the meeting such a success. R. H. D.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The autumn quarterly meeting of the Eastern district was held at York on October 1st, when about 30 ringers from 14 towers were present. Members attended choral Evensong at the Minster, and an excellent tea was served in the Railway Institute.

Mr. A. E. Sellers (vice-president) presided at the business meeting when Mr. Alan Sheppard (Sherburn-in-Elmet) and Miss Sheila James (Hull) were elected members. Pocklington was selected for the next meeting. To the vote of thanks, the Rev. A. J. McMuller (precentor at the Minster) and Mr. H. Walker replied.

JOINT MEETING AT WEST WICKHAM

It was the turn of the Lewisham District of the Kent County Association to be hosts for the annual joint meeting with the Northern District of the Surrey Association. The venue chosen was West Wickham and a most fortunate choice it proved for the afternoon was sunny, thus showing the setting of the church to best advantage. Those who had not rung at the tower before found the bells to be as good as reputed, and methods from Bob Doubles to London catered for all tastes.

Ringing, which was under the charge of Mr. Ian Oram, was followed by the K.C.A. Service form led by the curate, after which tea was served in nearby Coney Hall. For this the company were guests of the West Wickham ringers and the tea was rather unusual in that it had been prepared by the gentlemen. After the usual votes of thanks a return was made to the tower where more ringing was enjoyed by all. The large and representative contingent from Surrey look forward to being hosts as successfully at next year's meeting. W. P.

THE LADIES' GUILD

Western District

The Western District of the Ladies' Guild held their annual outing on September 10th. A departure was made from the usual custom of hiring a coach and several members kindly made their cars available, an experiment which proved to be very successful.

Ringing took place in four towers:—Evercreech, Shepton Mallet, Wedmore and Rowberrow, and a picnic tea was taken en route. Thanks are due to those friends who so efficiently organised in record time a never ending supply of freshly made tea.

During the afternoon members were joined by friends from the Swindon area and also visitors from London and Halifax. Our thanks go to all those who met us at the various towers, and to the incumbents who made their bells available. B. J.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

A very successful meeting of the S.W. Branch was held at Modbury on September 24th, when about 30 ringers assembled to ring Grandsire, Stedman, Kent and Cambridge on the very fine heavy ring of six bells (17¼ cwt.).

Those present included the president of the Guild (Prebendary Cox), and a number of friends from the N. and N.W. Branches of the Guild, also two holiday-makers, one from Kent and the other from King's Lynn.

Ringing was under the direction of the Ringing Master (Mr. T. G. Myers), of St. Andrew's, Plymouth. The short business meeting was presided over by the chairman, (Mr. H. H. Thomas), Emmanuel, Plymouth. Ringing continued until about 8.30, the Vicar giving us his kind permission to ring as long as we wished.

The annual meeting of the branch will be held on January 28th at Lifton, if circumstances permit. H. H. T.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The ringers of the Church of St. Mary, Stafford, paid a compliment to their head ringer and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Richard J. Warrilow, by ringing 1,360 Kent T.B. Royal on the occasion of their silver wedding. Two of the band—Messrs. F. R. Wiggins and A. E. Garbett—took part in 1.260 Grandsire Triples rung on their wedding day in 1935.

Congratulations to Mr. Wm. Love, general secretary and treasurer of the Norwich Diocesan, on ringing his 100th peal.

Mr. J. E. Jeater has received a cheque for 3/- drawn on Lloyds Bank, Soham, Cambs, without a signature or other means of identification. Will the sender please apply to the editor for its return.

A novel experience of Hanbury, Worcs, ringers during their outing to the Forest of Dean was ringing by candlelight at St. Mary's Church, Litton. All agreed that the lovely new six were the best bells of the day.

There was an amusing incident at the Leeds and District Society's meeting at Drighlington on October 1st, when a gentleman from Newcastle wandered in He had been obviously celebrating and his remarks conveyed that he thought all ringers were a grand lot.

The band who rang in the peal of Spliced Surprise Royal at Evesham on October 1st regret that they were unable to inform a well-known Birmingham 'listener to peals' of their intention to ring in the morning. He was most disappointed to learn that the peal had been rung when he arrived.

David Eames (15), the young vice-captain at Church Gresley, Derbyshire, was commended by the other ringers on his skilful handling of the 30 cwt. tenor at St. Neots, Hunts, which he covered to a quarter of Plain Bob Triples, maintaining a good steady beat with no apparent difficulty. It was his first on eight and he felt he would be safer 'behind,' an opinion which was justified by his performance. A week later he covered 1.260 Doubles on the 28 cwt. tenor of the fine six at Hoar Cross, Staffs, again an immaculate performance.

GOSSIP

The Rev. G. M. P. Hamilton, Religious Broadcasting Organiser, North Region, has sent the following reply to Mr. W. F. Stenson, of Crewe, regarding his protest over the broadcast of Ashbourne bells (see page 675) :—
'Dear Mr. Stenson,— Thank you for your letter. I am sorry you felt so strongly about the bells at Ashbourne Parish Church. All good wishes.'

Miss Joan Beresford is climbing the peal ladder. She rang her 300th during Mr. T. J. Lock's Oxfordshire tour. During the tour Mr. Wm. Rogers also rang his 300th.

There was a happy gathering after the peal at Walsall on October 1st, in honour of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Hughes. At the 'celebration' party the toast 'Best wishes for the next 25 years of wedded bliss' was drunk with enthusiasm.

The peal at Fulbeck, Lincs, on September 24th was a special occasion as it marked the 56th anniversary of the first peal on the bells. Participating were two of the ringers of that first peal band—Mr. George Scott, now 83, and Mr. Harry Barnes. They both put up a fine performance.

Buckfast Abbey bells were solemnly blessed on September 29th, 1910. To mark the 50th anniversary the monks rang ten bells to call changes in the morning of September 29th and again in the evening of the same day. A peal attempt of Plain Bob Triples had been arranged for October 1st further to mark the occasion, but due to the indisposition of one of the Abbey band a quarter peal had to suffice.

Mr. Brian G. Warwick writes that in connection with the report of the Leicester Diocesan Guild quarterly meeting on page 661, he had been asked by Mr. Sidney Harrison, of St John-the-Divine's, Leicester, to state that the motion that 'The Guild ask the Central Council NOT to recognise peals of Minimus' was not proposed by him but by Mr. Colin Harrison, of Loughborough.

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MR. T. J. LOCK'S OXON TOUR

SAFELY forecasting that there would be no heat wave during the first week in September and knowing that travelling would involve only relatively short distances, and these being mostly on the level, the party, organised by Mr. T. J. Lock, looked forward to a leisurely but interesting tour in the northern part of Oxfordshire. It turned out that none was disappointed.

On the way to headquarters at Chipping Norton, on September 3rd, one band commenced the programme with a peal of four Spliced Surprise Major at Bicester whilst another band found the bells at Deddington amenable to a five thousand odd of Ashtead Surprise Major. There was no sense of urgency on the first morning either, for we joined in the ringing and Matins at the local Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin. During the afternoon and evening our time was spent in the city of Oxford, where streets were closed and preparations were being made for St. Giles' Fair. Ringing was shared at St. Ebbe's and St. Giles', at the latter a quarter peal being rung for the Patronal Festival.

With preliminaries of introductions and reunions over, the first weekday started with a peal of Rutland Surprise Major at Kirtlington, which marked the first year of married life for Dennis and Mary Beresford. Those not otherwise engaged were able to ring on the octave at Woodstock. Ambrosden was visited after lunch and on these bells a peal of Spliced Surprise Major in six methods was registered, whilst the remainder found pleasure in ringing at Piddington (5) and Brill (6). The parish church of Piddington is dedicated to St. Nicholas, and the local inhabitants may have heard, for the first time, their bells being rung to a touch of St. Nicholas Doubles. It was certainly the first time that some of the band taking part had rung the method.

A DAY OF HEAVY RAIN

On Tuesday we set out in heavy rain, which continued through all the hours of daylight, but interest and surprise took our minds away from climatic conditions. We were privileged to ring on the very recently restored eight at Shipton-under-Wychwood, but unfortunately found at Brailes a condition about which we had been warned—the chiming apparatus was being repaired and it was not possible to swing the bells. Whilst a few of the party went off to buy some stamps, three enthusiastic members rang, among others things, a course of London Surprise Minor on handbells.

Although we feared we may have interrupted him during his lunchtime, we called on Mr. Jarvis at Home Farm, Balscott, who most kindly opened up his 'tower' to allow us the experience of a ring on his six bells—the lightest six in the world yet to be rung to a peal. The one peal attempt arranged for this day was at Banbury and the band made good use of this delightful ten in completing a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal. During the reaping of this success the overflow of the party rang on the heavy six at Middleton Cheney.

The middle day of the tour also bore its 'light and shade,' the morning passing quickly with successful peal attempts at Burford and Witney and, for the seven remaining members of the party, a thoroughly interesting tour around a blanket factory. London Surprise Major, at Kidlington, was the scheduled peal attempt for the afternoon, but sentiment prevailed. Although permission had been given in writing, we were advised that the next peal, the 150th on the bells, would be rung by a potentially local band. Accepting regrets from the local incumbent and hoping that William Judge, the tower captain, would soon recover from his recent illness, we then joined forces again with the rest of the party, who had been ringing at Islip.

AT LAUNTON AND CAVERSFIELD

For the evening we visited two towers: the first at Launton, where the president of the Central Council welcomed us and led us up the straight and narrow way of an iron ladder which alone gives access to the ringing chamber: and the second at Caversfield where a pleasant ring of five is in a church which stands on ground with a known history dating back to the year 903. To pay homage on this ancient site we rang a touch of Original Doubles.

On Thursday, the habit of ringing a peal in the method named after the county of our tour was continued at Kingham, during which time the others had a ring at Stow-on-the-Wold. This was followed, after lunch, by one band ringing a peal at Bourton-on-the-Water and another band doing likewise at Churchill. The peal in the Gloucestershire tower marked the fourth year of married life for Dennis and Sybil Knox.

The last full day, Friday, was programmed to be the fullest of all the days. Four peals were attempted and all four completed with the usual high standard of performance: Spliced Surprise Major in four methods at Chipping Norton and Yorkshire Surprise Major at Hook Norton in the morning, with Ealing Surprise Major at Great Tew and Lincolnshire Surprise Major at Bloxham in the afternoon. The day was finished by ringing the octave at Adderbury.

A LEAKY ROOF

Saturday morning arrived all too soon and with a depleted company we journeyed once again into Gloucestershire in ring at Moreton-in-Marsh and then to add to the peal list with Spliced Surprise Major at Blockley. Here, however, as the bells were found not at all easy to ring, also to our ears considerably out of tune and, in addition, a noticeable amount of dampness due to leak in the belfry roof, any attempt for a peal was abandoned. We reported these conditions to the Vicar before we left but the leaky roof had been repaired prior to our visit.

Having completed another itinerary and nothing more to do than find our way home we all agreed that the week had been most enjoyable and successful and that, whilst opinions naturally reflected the more desirable qualities of one ring of bells compared with others, the bells which we had been privileged to ring were an extremely good collection for such a short period.

Our sincere thanks are due to all incumbents, tower secretaries and others who met us or who did anything to ensure us the pleasures of this year's tour, and whilst it would be so easy to mention names we would add that we remain very pleased and grateful to have received a warm welcome.

T. J. L.

SERVANTS OF THE EXERCISE – No. 42



MR. J. J. L. GILBERT

Yorkshire Association

Mr. John J. L. Gilbert is one of the staunchest stalwarts of the Yorkshire Association. He is of a quiet, modest and unassuming disposition, but he is the type of man that gets good results, and many of those who have received their instruction from him at Handsworth, Sheffield, have much for which to thank him. A thoroughly reliable ringer himself, he seems to have that priceless gift of being able to instill his ideas into his learners, and many of those who have come under his influence have risen high in ringing circles, and are a credit to him.

John, himself, at an early age came under the instruction of another fine Yorkshire ringer, Fred Watkinson, who was responsible for the installation of the very handy ring of eight bells at Handsworth. Fred Watkinson, having obtained the bells, then set about building up a good band of ringers, which eventually became capable of ringing Surprise methods. His advice and help were often sought, and never in vain, and it is obvious that his example had its effect on John Gilbert.

It was natural that when Fred Watkinson relinquished the post of Ringing Master at Handsworth, John should be chosen to succeed him.

Born in 1914, he joined the choir at Handsworth when seven years old, and by the time he was aged 12 he had been taught to ring by Fred Watkinson, and rang his first peal at this age. For his 13th birthday he took part in a peal of Double Norwich, and in the same year conducted a peal in that method. By the time he was 15 he had taken part in peals of London, Cambridge Royal and Stedman Cinques. In 1934 he conducted the record youngsters peal of Plain Bob Major, at Crayford. His peals total is 259, of which he has conducted 59. These include 38 different Surprise methods, and the record peal of 53 Spliced Surprise. He is connected with the electrical industry, and is a wayleaves officer.

He is a good Yorkshire Association man, and has been, for 22 years, secretary of the Southern Division. So keen were they to have him as secretary that the office was kept open whilst he was serving in the Royal Signals during the war. That old Yorkshire warrior Sid Palmer, of Sheffield, carried on for him during his absence.

John Gilbert is also Ringing Master of the Sheffield and District Society, and to see him in action during one of their meetings is an an inspiration. His encouragement of the youngsters wants seeing to be believed. So long as we have such men amongst us we need not fear for the future of our art.

JAFUS.

THE NEW QUARTER

This issue is the second of a new quarter. We welcome the many new subscribers and remind those whose subscriptions are due that early payment saves much clerical work. Remit to Mr. J. E. Jeater, Greystones, Cusgarne, Truro, Cornwall. Rate: 3 months 9s. 6d., 6 months 18s., 12 months £1 15s.

MINIMUS AT STANFORD DINGLEY

The peal at Stanford Dingley will no doubt add a little more fuel to the fire for the Minimus critics who are so determined that the Central Council must alter the present rule that allows 4-bell peals.

Ringing his first peal was Mr. Bill Cummins, the local captain, who has an enthusiastic local band consisting of 12 members who regularly ring the bells for every service and are already considering the raising of sufficient money to add two more bells.

Mr. Cummins now claims the distinction of being the first local ringer to ring a peal on four bells, no doubt other members of 4-bell towers have rung peals but not on their own bells.

An unusual feature at Stanford Dingley is that the ropes hang more or less in a straight line and this and a long draught make them tricky to handle.

We now look forward to seeing the next peal on the bells being rung by the local band, or will it have to be a performance? This we shall have to wait until next Whitsun to find out.

G. D.

WILFRED WILLIAMS' YORKSHIRE PEAL TOUR

THE peal columns of this paper have already given some impression of Wilfred Williams' 1960 peal tour. It would, however, be out of place to commence a commentary on this latest and successful venture without first paying tribute to Wilfrid Moreton, who arranged all the Yorkshire towers. All the bells were excellent and gave us much enjoyment, for which we are most grateful.

The advance guard assembled at Loughborough on Friday, August 19th, in readiness for Saturday's attempts at Shepshed and Derby. Once again we enjoyed the feminine charm and quiet dignity of Ruth Border, and also welcomed for the first time one of Birmingham's bright young men in the person of John Anderson. Six Spliced were well rung at Shepshed and this proved a good omen for the afternoon attempt. 'Our man from Suffolk' joined us at Derby and was soon showing us that, among other things, shirts are used to cover clocks. At Derby Cathedral and with the aid of another of Birmingham's bright young men a good peal of Spliced Surprise Royal was successfully brought round. This was the first time that a peal of Spliced Surprise Royal featuring all the work for each bell had been rung in this church and it was therefore fitting that it should be recorded for the premier ringing society.

HEADQUARTERS AT BRADFORD

After two such successes the tour could be said to have got off to an auspicious start which was duly celebrated and then a start was made for Bradford and the Northgate Hotel, which, with the exception of one night, was to be our headquarters for the week. A notable absentee was a celebrated vintage Morris but the two and a half litre Riley added greatly to our mobility and showed its paces by regularly disappearing the wrong way down a one-way street.

Sunday morning saw us at Far Headingley, where we rang for morning service then on through the North Riding and the rain for County Durham where on an extremely pleasant eight at Staindrop our conductor passed another milestone by calling an excellent peal of Bristol. A two hour run into the unending rain across the Pennines brought us to Sedburgh, home of the late G. F. Woodhouse, of Ringing Machine fame. Here we spent the night m preparation for another pilgrimage to Ambleside

Monday saw us away early crossing Windermere on the ferry boat via Bowness and we were soon at Hawkshead, the scene of our morning attempt. A warm welcome awaited us here from the Rev. R. Lindsay, himself a keen ringer, and he assisted us in rising this pleasant ring. Yorkshire was rung at a speed too fast for comfort and those facing the church had their concentration continually disturbed by the large crowd of visitors who continually thronged the building. Following lunch Graham said farewell, having to return to his practice.

FAILURE AT AMBLESIDE

The afternoon's attempt was on the fine heavy eight at Ambleside, the scene of an unfortunate failure two years previously. Alan Capstick had everything in readiness and a start was made for Rutland, which to those outside soon settled into an excellent beat. It would, however, have required considerable effort on the part of the back-enders to score a peal. The tenor clapper broke recently and the repair has left the bell extremely wide at backstroke, the conductor being far from satisfied with the ringing. It was a great disappointment to the listeners when a miscall brought 'Stand' after one hour and 46 minutes of excellent ringing. Descending the tower we were very pleased to see Mr. and Mrs. Tony Price, who were on holiday in the district, and to have Tony ring the tenor to a course of Double Norwich.

Following this failure an early start was made for Bradford, stopping en route for a 'snatch' at Gargrave with somewhat disastrous results. Tuesday morning saw us retrace our steps over much of the previous night's route to the ancient 'Lang Kirk of Craven' or, as it is better known, the Parish Church of Saint Andrew, Kildwick. Charlotte Bronte had a long association with this church, which is distinguished by an extremely long nave. The Kildwick Cope is housed here, and in the tower hangs a fine eight by Taylor, dated 1914.

THE POLICE LISTENED

This was our first meeting with Yorkshire tail-ends, also the profusion of boxes of varying heights on which to stand. Rutland was soon under way and after a false start some serious ringing was heard. Two hours later two police officers were seen to have the cars under observation and we had fear of charges for parking offences or disturbing the peace, but on being approached it was found that they were having a discussion on the quality of the ringing.

The afternoon saw us at the fine church of the Holy Trinity, Skipton, with its equally fine bells. It was necessary to splice and move ropes here and while this was taking place we were invaded by a keen young reporter from 'The Yorkshire Post.' After two attempts to cover the clock with a certain shirt, Bristol was soon rolling out and how grand it sounded from this fine ring. The later editions of 'The Yorkshire Post' reported that we were on our annual tour of England and unexpectedly to the ears of people began playing Bristol. Leaving Skipton we made our various ways to Otley where Harold Schofield had kindly arranged a practice and where we were much impressed by the abilities of the younger Schofields, Gillian and Barry.

The return journey to Bradford revealed that our bell-hanging friend has other than poetical talents when he joined the Coventry Bass Trio in a rendering of 'On Ilkley Moor baht 'at.' Back at our headquarters we were very pleased to have Leslie Morris join us and have the latest news of the Cheshire ringers' tour in Worcestershire.

INCESSANT RAIN

Wednesday proved the longest day of the tour with distances of almost 50 miles between towers, the almost incessant rain making our task less pleasant than usual. London was well rung on the magnificent eight at Birstall, a little too slow for some but nevertheless very much enjoyed by others. The composition used here contained a 'Before' in each course and is little rung nowadays. There is a large painting of a coat of arms in this ringing chamber but the shirt has not been made which could cover this and we are sure that among those staring figures our shirtless one could see his wife.

The local hostelry, The Black Bull, contained much of interest especially to the Celts, as the famous Jimmie Wilde once fought there. It was also once the district courthouse and the old dock and judge's bench are well blended into what is now a pleasant lounge. It was into the rain we went on a two hour run to the magnificent Minster Church of St. Peter, Howden. This is surely one of the finest examples of ecclesiastical architecture in a county renowned for churches of beauty and dignity and stands in a class which includes the Minsters of York and Beverley, Selby Abbey and Ripon Cathedral.

Much of this great church was destroyed in a disastrous fire in 1929 and the bells, a glorious eight, were recast in 1931. The bells are hung low down in the vast tower, and as there is a tremendous amount of glass can easily be seen from the street below; many people stopped to watch as the peal was being rung. London was again the order and this was duly brought round, notching Arthur's 300th.

LARGEST RINGING CHAMBER

The new twelve at Hull Parish Church had been made available to us for the evening but unfortunately owing to our late arrival, we were unable to make the most of this very pleasant twelve. This must be the largest ringing chamber in the country with an area of 1,440 sq. ft.

At a late hour we faced a journey of something like 70 miles to Bradford, and with Ruth revolting against the stock supper of fish and chips we reached Leeds before finding the required steak. We understand that the Riley failed to pay at Selby toll bridge and had its number taken.

Thursday saw the enforced departure of one of your chroniclers, thus reducing the party to ten; however, Lincolnshire was soon knocked off at Sowerby on a Taylor eight recast in 1954. Lunch was taken at Sowerby Bridge with our bell-hanging friend disgracing himself by drinking a pint mug of tea.

In the afternoon we ascended the steep hill to Heptonstall with its fine view of Calderdale. Eight Spliced was attempted on this fine eight but stopped after 20 minutes with the bells right: the conductor thought he had miscalled. A second attempt stopped after a further 20 minutes and this time the shirt on the clock received the blame. We must have been overawed by the great record of 17,824 of Oxford Treble Bob rung here in 1927 as after a long discussion it was unanimously decided against a further start, so we visited Elland where it was practice night and enjoyed some fast ringing.

YORK TENOR CLAPPER CRASHED

Friday morning saw an attempts for London Royal on the fine ten at Ripon Cathedral but this would not go so with a change of conductor Cambridge was substituted. We should like to record this as a compliment to Canon D. M. M. Bartlett who was 87 the previous day. An afternoon attempt was scheduled for Birstwith, but with a visit to York Minster also on our programme, it was decided to abandon the peal attempt and a practice for Eight Spliced was substituted. We were joined at York by Miss M. E. Wilkinson and Leslie Morris and rang Stedman Cinques, and half a course of Cambridge Royal, but unfortunately in the third lead of Cambridge Maximus the ball of the tenor clapper flew off, hitting the fifth and causing this bell to drop like a stone. It was a miracle that no further damage was done. The ringing concluded with London on the Minor Eight. That evening we were treated to a real Yorkshire supper of black pudding.

Our last day had arrived all too soon with peal attempts at Northowram and Bradford Cathedral. At the former the tower houses an eight by Gillett and Johnston, dated 1913. Eight Spliced was successfully brought round here while in the afternoon Pudsey Royal was rung on the beautiful ten at Bradford Cathedral, Leslie Morris joining us in this as Arthur wanted an afternoon off.

So ended our peal ringing programme and there followed a social evening at our hotel in the best Yorkshire tradition which ended in the early hours with Jim's speech of thanks and farewell to our hostess, Mrs. Taylor.

We cannot finish this commentary without asking 'Where did the Guvnor sleep this night?' Was he too exhausted to reach his room after receiving Harold Schofield's full sales treatment? The tie would have been a fitting present after such an effort.

D. G. C. and A. F. T.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PEALS OF MINIMUS

Dear Sir,—With regard to Mr. Peter Border's letter on page 634, although he states that he did not intend to slight the Leicester Diocesan Guild in his original letter, the fact still remains that he DID do so. No doubt Mr. Border will find some consolation in the fact that the Leicester Guild have passed a motion asking the Central Council NOT to recognise 4-bell peals.

I am completely at a loss in understanding Mr. S. Harrison's letter on page 659 in the issue of September 30th. Just what bearing the list of the achievements of his tower have on the subject of 4-bell peals, I fail to understand. No doubt there are many more ringers up and down the country who could suggest a better occupation for all three and I think it is quite obvious to all what the answer is. As for 'no right to criticise,' surely any person or persons who perform publicly or who advertise their performances must expect criticism (if it is constructive). After all, we criticise other musical performances (e.g. symphony concerts) and who doesn't criticise the sermon ?—Yours faithfully,

BRIAN G. WARWICK.

Glen Hills, Leicester.

THE COLLEGE ALSO HAD THOUGHT OF IT

Dear Sir,—The manner of teaching the early stages of change-ringing that Mr. B. D. Price advocates in his recent article has already been adopted by the College in its 'Ringer's Manual of Reference—Part I,' and first published in 1956. Exercises based on this principle and described in the above handbook lead the pupil from solo bell control through the three elements of change-ringing, i.e., place-making, dodging and plain hunting, and combinations of these, to the simplest method, Plain Bob. Professional teaching experience of ringers has led them to adopt these methods, which have proved sound and successful in practice.—Yours etc.,

R. G. T. BENNETT,

P. and P.R.O., College of Campanology.

5,152 OSGATHORPE

Dear Sir,—In my letter relating to the FCHs of the above composition, I inadvertently gave 26543 as the course to which it is true. This should have been 25634, one of the FCHs of Southport. The 5.152 is wholly true to the following six courses—25634, 24365, 32546, 46253, 53624, and 65432. The 6.496 composition is only true to the last five.—Yours sincerely.

S. BURTON.

Braunstone, Leics.

HALLING BELLS

Dear Sir,—With regard to the letter from R. Crane ('R.W., September 30th), the bells of Halling, Kent, have not been silent for 28 years. I have rung there on two occasions since the war, the last time being April, 1954, on an outing arranged by the late John L. Morris.—Sincerely yours.

E. J. ROWE.

Tottenham, N.

MR. GEORGE GILBERT AN APPRECIATION

Dear Sir,—I would like to pay tribute to George Gilbert as a ringer. I think he was perfection as far as striking and ringing were concerned. I was trained by him over 30 years ago, and belonged to the Burnham band when he founded it. And one was always welcome at Burnham tower.—Yours faithfully,

J. E. TAYLOR.

Newbury.

POINTS FROM LETTERS

Dear Sir.—May I be permitted to make one or two comments on recent correspondence.

Ownership of bells. One further comment on the interesting letter from Norman Phillips (page 595). Both he and Mr. Lock would no doubt benefit to know that although at other times bells may only be rung by consent of the incumbent, or churchwarden in the case of a vacancy in the living, this does not apply to ringing for Sunday service, or any Divine service. According to Church Law, not even the priest can prevent the bells being rung on these occasions.

4-bell towers (Leicestershire). In case there are any Minimus fans thinking of writing to any of the towers mentioned in Ernest Morris's list of 4-bell towers, may I say that I have taken services at many of these churches, and I can say that the majority of bells are not ringable, and may need a lot of attention to make them safe for ringing.

Belfry conduct. No doubt many ringers in their travels during holiday time find much in other towers to be commended, and ideas to be 'borrowed,' but an experience which was mine conjured up memories of the words 'Belfry Reform' which are still part and parcel of the aims of some Guilds and Associations today, and which up to now I have considered to be out of date. I had taken part in a touch for Sunday morning service and we were resting, when one of the ringers began to hand out cigarettes to all present, followed by a general 'lighting up'.

Has any other ringer had this experience ?

Finally I cannot understand why captains do not advertise their times of ringing, both for services and practices, outside the tower for the benefit of visitors. Only at two towers have I come across this foresight — Lincoln Cathedral and Barwell (Leics.).—Yours faithfully,

THOMAS C. BELTON.

Birstall, Leicester.

IMBER CHURCH

Dear Sir.—With reference to Imber Church, the ring of bells has been removed some time and are being held for the new Church of St. Francis at Salisbury. The mural painting of Changes, I think, is being taken care of. I remember attempting a peal at Imber between the wars and this painting was getting 'the worse for wear' and some figures were hardly visible; but I understand it is being taken care of by the Wilts Archaeological Society and you can rest assured it will not be lost.—Yours sincerely,

W. C. WEST, Hon. Sec.
Salisbury Diocesan Guild

Herts County Association

Baldock Church was most beautifully decorated for harvest festival on October 1st, when the Northern District met there. Canon Brenchley conducted the service, with Miss D. Bate at the organ, then the ringers continued to a more than adequate tea provided by the wives of the local ringers.

Canon Brenchley took the chair at the business meeting, when the revision of rules was discussed, and Mr. Charles M. Timbury, of Pirton, was elected a member. The next meetings will be evening ones, at Stevenage and at Royston, with the annual district meeting at Hitchin on January 28th, not the first Saturday, as is usual. Canon Brenchley also gave news of Baldock tower's restoration, involving the removal of the concrete on the outside, strengthening the tower internally, and a new weather-vane. It is hoped that this work will be shared next spring.

Ringing continued afterwards in methods to please everyone. The attendance at the tea was disappointing, but quite a number came for a short while. J. S.

OBITUARY

(See also page 693)

MR. A. G. HUNT

Mr. A. G. ('Bert') Hunt, of 14, Coneyhere Gardens, Brewood, Staffs, died on Sept. 27th, aged 60. A bellringer for 50 years, he was also people's warden at the parish church. He was in business as a painter and decorator and for many years he was secretary to the local lodge of Oddfellows. During the last war he was chief Civil Defence warden at Brewood.

On the day of his funeral, September 30th, a half-muffled peal was rung to his memory on Brewood bells.

MR. CHRIS H. HAWKINS

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Chris. H. Hawkins of Llanelly, suddenly on October 4th. He was one of the founders of the St. David's Diocesan Guild and had for many years been its secretary. For the years 1949-50 he was a member of the Central Council. The funeral service was at Llanelly Parish Church on October 7th.

MR. JESSE W. HARRISON

The death occurred at Amersham Hospital on September 19th of Mr. Jesse Harrison, at the age of 79. Mr. Harrison, who had been a faithful member of the band at St. Mary and All Saints', Beaconsfield, since 1926, had been in failing health for some months.

He began ringing at the age of 13 at St. Mary and All Saints' Church, Dunsfold, Surrey. He was elected deputy foreman at Beaconsfield in 1934, an office which he held until his death.

During his 66 years as a ringer, he rang 100 peals, most of them being rung for the Oxford Diocesan Guild, but his last peal was rung at his old home, Dunsfold. He was once heard to say, in a joking manner, that he took 30 years to ring 10 peals in Surrey, but rang 30 peals within 10 years of joining the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

The funeral took place at St. Mary and All Saints', Beaconsfield, on September 22nd. An 'in memoriam' quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in the evening, with the bells half-muffled by the following members of the local band:—H. Wingrove (cond.) 1, Gwen Reeves 2, Dorothy Fletcher 3, Ann Shiels 4, R. Broadley 5, M. Broadley 6, A. Bridges 7, S. Hatfield 8.

Leeds And District Society

A pleasant meeting was held at Drighlington on October 1st, and the fine ring of bells was kept going to a variety of methods under the direction of the ringing master, Mr. I. Slack. The large ringing chamber enabled the 20 members present to move about freely without disturbing the ringing

The routine business concluded with votes of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens and to Mr. Maurice Brown for his excellent arrangements. Next meeting: Hunslet Church, Leeds, October 29th.

West Wickham Ringers' Outing

A route along country lanes was chosen for an outing of 15 young ringers from North West Kent and Surrey on August Bank Holiday.

Towers visited were Ash-by-Wrotham, Wrotham, Yalding, Hunton, Boughton Monchelsea, Chart Sutton, East Sutton and Headcorn. It was in the early hours of Tuesday that the party arrived home. Methods rung ranged from Grandsire and Plain Bob to Cambridge, Norwich, Ipswich and London Surprise.

Sincere thanks are extended to incumbents and local ringers who made us so welcome.

D. M.

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MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION HONOUR MR. J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE

THE Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild have decided to hold their dinners triennially and at each of these to honour the memory of a famous ringer who had been a member of their Association. The first of these dinners was at Ealing Town Hall, on October 1st, and was to the memory of Mr. J. Armiger Trollope, who for many years lived in Ealing and was at one time a churchwarden of the Church of Christ the Saviour. It was at this church that a short service was held prior to the dinner.

On medical advice the president (the Rev. G. C. Taylor) could not attend and the chair was taken by the Rev. R. Deasy, Vicar of Harrow Weald. Supporting him on the top table were the Mayor of Ealing (Ald. Mrs. A. Murray), the Mayoress (Mrs. Hugh Murray), Mr. T. J. Lock (general secretary), Mrs. Lock, Mr. E. A. Barnett (hon. sec. of the Central Council), Mrs. Barnett and Miss Barnett, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Wilson, Mr. F. W. Goodfellow (treasurer), Mrs. Goodfellow, Mr. J. R. Mayne (Master) and Mr T. W. White.

The toast of 'The Association' was proposed by the Mayor of Ealing, who expressed her pleasure at seeing so many lady ringers present. She thought they could say to the gentlemen 'Anything you can do we can do better.' At any rate they could do it just as well. The gentlemen had allowed them to hold such offices as Mayor which was traditionally a male office.

Mr. John R. Mayne, Master of the Association, who replied, said regarding the ladies they were delighted to have them in the belfry as they were to have them in the office of Mayor. He would suggest that marriages were made in heaven, but proposed in the belfry.

This was the first of a series of triennial dinners; in each of these they hoped to commemorate a Middlesex Association ringer of bygone times. That night they were commemorating a ringer who lived for many years in Ealing—Mr. J. Armiger Trollope, and it was due to his untiring work that a tremendous amount of detail about ringers and ringing of past generations was known.

That night they were thinking of those who had gone before and if they were to think more of that subject they would enrich the present appreciation of their art; they would put the present into its true perspective and finally see their work in relation to the future. Many of the achievements of the present were not new, they had been done before. They should put their present day ringing in its true perspective with that of the past.

In felicitous terms Mr. W. H. Coles proposed the toast of 'The Visitors' and in a special welcome to Mr. E. A. Barnett he said. 'We rejoice that you are bringing prestige to the name Teddy Barnett, which has been a household word in ringing circles for 100 years.'

Mr. Barnett, who replied, said that though technically he was a visitor he had been a member of their Association for 25 years. At one time he resided in Middlesex, although under duress, as he was at Bentley Priory for four years and his bans were called in their chairman's church.

Mr. W. G. Wilson, speaking to 'The Life and Work of J. Armiger Trollope,' said he was born at East Dereham, Norfolk, in 1876 and educated at King Edward VI Grammar School, Norwich, and it was while he was at school that he learnt to ring. In those days youngsters were not encouraged to ring; they sat in the belfry and that was all. Trollope and three or four lads decided to teach themselves to ring and they made a set of handbells from basement bells used in a large mansion. They rang peals on these bells and were admitted to the Association.

CENTRAL COUNCIL MEMBER AT 21

In 1897 when he was only 21 he was elected a member of the Central Council as a representative of the Norwich Diocesan Association. This was very exceptional, to be elected at that age. 'Mr. Trollope was, to my mind, an outstanding example of a complete ringer; he was good in every aspect of the art.' His peal record was between 500 and 600, which is not considered high in these days, but was high then At one time he had rung a greater variety of Major methods than any other ringer.

He was a talented conductor. He was a member of the famous band which rang Spliced Surprise Major, in from three to 12 methods. It was pioneer work which led the way to others. In 1900 he was elected an honorary member of the Central Council and at that time he was appointed by the Council as their representative on Plain Bob Major. Any problem of Plain Bob Major was referred to him. He was made a member of the first Methods Committee and later became its convener and was responsible for technical books, the first being in 1907.

He came to Ealing in 1904 and set up his home in Lammas Park Road with his sister, as he was a bachelor. He joined the Ealing Amateur Photographic Society and was silver medallist. Before the first world war he was a member of the Waterloo Society meeting at St. John's, Waterloo Road. Later, he did some of his ringing at Willesden and Ealing.

SNOWDON SERIES

In addition to his work for the Methods Committee his services were enlisted by Miss Margaret Snowdon in connection with the Snowdon series of ring books started in 1880.

In 1938 he published 'Stedman.' If that book was still in print today hundreds of copies would be sold. Later, he published 'Standard Methods,' which had since been reprinted. At the time of his death he was in the middle of writing a book on Grandsire. His friends and pupils—Ernest Turner and himself (Mr. Wilson)—completed that book and it was published in his name.

Besides these books for the Snowdon series he wrote many others. The Central Council library had a ten volume history of London bells and ringing, which was beautifully written and whenever a church was mentioned there was a pen and ink sketch of it. In addition there were records of the London Ringing Societies of the 18th century and also of ringing in the provinces in the 18th century. There were also two volumes on Surprise Major Methods, four volumes on the work of method construction, which he (Mr. Wilson) thought the College of Campanology would find useful. Another volume contained hundreds of articles he had written for 'The Ringing World,' between 1930 and 1946. Those books formed a library in themselves. In 1937 he published 'The History of the College Youths' in connection with the tercentenary of that body. That book was highly prized but it was only a small part of the 10 volumes he had written.

During the war when there was a ban on ringing and in consequence no peals, quarter peals or meetings, he kept 'The Ringing World' going, writing at times the whole of its contents. He had heard people say, 'No other man could have done it.' In his writings he had the ability to make his stories of the past live; everything he did, he did well—his photography, his writings, his drawings. His handbells were hung on a Gothic style triptych which he made in 1912.

PERSONAL EXPERIENCES

'I first met him at Christ Church, Ealing, and a few weeks after I introduced him to Ernest Turner and he taught us all we knew about ringing. He regarded us as his boys and we regarded him as a kind of father. Although he was a member of a famous band ringing most advanced technical stuff, he came and rang with us every Sunday and helped us all he could: nothing was too much trouble.

'I rang 46 peals with him and of those peals he only conducted 10. Ernest Turner and I had our share of conducting, although we were only youngsters. The first peal Ernest and I rang with him was Bob Minor on handbells. We each called in turn extents and the seventh nobody called. Mr. Lock, the present secretary of the Middlesex Association, probably does not know that in the first peal he rang—Bob Major—Mr. Trollope, who was calling, composed the peal as it went along. Mr. Turner afterwards became secretary of the Middlesex Association and I myself was an officer of the Association for 20 years.'

Apart from ringing, Mr. Trollope was a man of broad education and for a time he was a warden of Christ Church, Ealing. He was a victim of the pre-war slump and was unable to find work he could do satisfactorily. His loss in that respect was the Exercise's gain because during the many months he had no work he spent most of his time in the British Museum or at home writing up the results of his research. That afternoon at Christ Church they remembered him in their prayers. 'Let us now praise famous men . .'

HIS EDITORSHIP

Mr. T. W. White, in a tribute, said his acquaintance with Mr. Trollope was weekly during the period of his editorship. He had an office at the Woodbridge Press next to his (Mr. White's) own and naturally as a tower secretary they talked ringing. 'I was amazed at his encyclopædic knowledge of ringing in all its departments, the patience of his research into the early history and above all his search after truth.'

'During his editorship I reported for him the Central Council meetings at Birmingham and Norwich. I didn't know when I went with him to Norwich that that would be his last Council meeting. He was then a sick man and his collapse at the meeting during the debate on "The Ringing World" was one of the most painful scenes I have ever witnessed.

'And what was the cause of Trollope's parting with the editorship, apart from health reasons. It could well be summed up in the words of Ernest Turner. "He steadfastly refused to allow its pages to be used to satisfy the personal vanity of a minority." It would be so easy for him to conform but he would not.

'Personally I can say I went to Norwich with a special friend; I left without his friendship. Jim thought I was in the plot for his downfall. I knew of the resolutions on the agenda, but beyond that I was not a party. I don't think Jim ever forgave me for accepting the editorship. I wish my last meeting with him had been happier.

'Long after I am gone and passed into anonymity, Jabez Armiger Trollope will be remembered. His writings on London churches and ringing societies will remain as a permanent record not merely of historical scholarship but to the memory of a great little man who sought after truth and was unbending in his convictions for what he regarded as right. It seemed as if he looked on many of the generation of ringers around him and said: Vanity of vanities, all is vanity.'

The company then stood in silence to his memory.

The speeches were concluded with a vote of thanks from the chair to the incumbents of Ealing churches and to the dinner committee—Mrs. Elsie K. Hart, Messrs. F. W. Goodfellow, E. H. Kilby, C. F. Neal and T. J. Lock. During an interval in the programme there was handbell ringing by F. W. Goodfellow 1-2, Miss Joan Beresford 3-4, F. Price 5-6, J. R. Mayne 7-8.

THE COMPANY

In addition to the top table the company included Mr. and Mrs. G. Hart, Mr. and Mrs. A. Cutler, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Lankester, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Kilby, Mr. and Mrs. Gotham, Mr. and Mrs. R. Shepherd, Mr. and Mrs. Leversuch, Mr. and Mrs. S. Honor, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Turley, Mr. and Mrs. F. Blagrove, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Coles, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Neal, Mr. and Mrs. D. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Sansom.

Mrs. W. Turner, Mrs. J. Turner.

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Messrs. F. C. Price, H. J. Eldred, B. Glover, A. Cross, D. Rickett, J. M. Coles, W. Richardson, J. Goodfellow, P. Ruch, R. Wright, G. Fynes, W. Cook, D. Fowles, and C. Slade.

DYRHAM, WILTS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Salmon 1, G. Sprules (cond.) 2, J. Sprules 3, B. W. S. Angell 4, D. P. Pennal 5, H. J. Smart 6. For harvest festival.

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DIED 23rd SEPTEMBER, 1960
AGED 73 YEARS

HOW totally inadequate this plate inscribed upon his coffin seemed to all those who came to say their sad farewell to this remarkable man! George Gilbert gave his soul to ringing, and his pride was in those whom he had successfully launched into the belfry to serve their God loyally on Sundays with a standard of ringing which was worthy of their lofty vocation. What a blessing the coin fell the right way when he left the army in 1926. It was his proud boast that, having successfully demanded time to train a team, he won the Army's rifle shooting trophy for his unit of the R.E.'s, an unheard-of performance for such a regiment. On his retirement he tossed a coin to decide whether to throw in his lot with the belfry or the shooting range, and the result every ringer knows.

Mr. George Gilbert was born on March 11th, 1887 and spent his early years at Rainham, Kent. He rang his first peal at Bobbing, Kent, on May 23rd, 1903, for the Kent County Association. It was conducted by William H. B. Wilkins, who shared in many of his early peals, and, like himself, gravitated to the Oxford Diocesan Guild, where both became notable figures. George Gilbert often referred to his debt to Mr. Wilkins, who happily is still with us. George had an intense love of a good peal of Minor and the rhythm of Minor ringing. This was not surprising, as every one of his first twenty peals was in seven Minor methods, of which he rang the treble to the first three only.

His first peal as conductor was not until June, 1914, when he called a peal in seven Minor methods at Seale, Surrey, by which time he had served long enough in the Royal Engineers to have reached the rank of corporal. We then hear little of him till 1920, no doubt due to his service in the Great War.

LONG PEALS

Retiring from the Army in 1926, at the age of 39, with the rank of C.Q.M.S. he returned to Rainham and reappeared in the peal columns of 'The Ringing World.' In April of that year he rang the 7th to what should have been a peal of 22,033 Stedman Caters at Leeds, Kent, but, owing to a miscall, the attempt ended when about 6,000 changes had been rung. He also stood in the attempt the same year to ring 14,144 London S. Major at Warnham, Sussex, but that, too, came to grief in the 15th course. He did, however, participate in two successful long peals, viz:—11,008 Double Norwich at Erith on February 26th, 1927, and 9,600 Double Norwich Surprise Major at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Guildford, in April, 1931.

Of his 'stunt' peals one must mention his participation in the first 'Services' peal, comprising an Army, Navy and Marines band, at Gillingham in January,1914. He stood in two 'George' peals—London S. Major at Gravesend in October, 1927 and Bristol S. Major on St. George's Day, 1930, at St. George's, Southwark. The latter was the first 'Name' peal of Bristol. He also rang in the first peal of Rainham Forward Bob Major—in company with the late J. Armiger Trollope, in May, 1927—which turned out to be a false method.

He was not addicted to Surprise ringing, and his collection of 21 different methods was due firstly to those he rang with the late Alfred Pulling during the latter's heyday, and those he rang with Mr. Alan Pink in the Windsor area in the 1930's. George Gilbert always held that Surprise methods were much overrated, and mainly Cambridge 'mucked about,' and he never bothered to become proficient as a conductor in them. He would teach his Burnham band methods galore, but never Cambridge, as he preferred his pupils to remain humble, and feared for their 'ego' if they took to ringing peals of Surprise.

PEALS WITH LADIES

During his long service at Aldershot his talents as a teacher of ringing came to the fore, and Aldershot tower became prominent in ringing circles. Many well-known personalities in that area owe their ringing careers to George Gilbert's solid foundations. Among others, he piloted George Grover, the Misses Bertha and Hilda Mills, Miss Nancy Denyer and 'Charlie' Denyer, 'Jack' Bragg and William Rogers through their first peals. With the Misses Mills and others he participated in two peals with seven ladies. The first, at Shiplake, near Henley-on-Thames, was of Kent Treble Bob, in May, 1930, and George rang the tenor. It was this peal which led him often to sign himself 'Henry VIII.' The other similar peal, Grandsire Triples, to which he rang the 7th, was at Goring-on-Thames in December of the same year. Miss Stella Davis, of Bucklebury (reecntly killed in a road accident) took part in both these peals.

In 1928 he came to reside in Maidenhead, Berks, where he followed his trade as a carpenter, but, as the Vicar of Burnham mentioned at George's funeral, he was not just a tradesman, but a craftsman. The writer remembers the immaculate way in which he did some work entrusted to him at Burnham Church. One remembers, too, how he used his skill in the service of others. Many has been the time when he has seen some poor old widow's fence or garden gate falling to pieces, and he has gone along in the evening and repaired it—out of his Christian charity.

AT BURNHAM

Now a member of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, he was soon on the look-out for a tower to serve, although he had already begun arranging peals to help beginners. In April, 1932, he was appointed ringing master at Burnham, and it was here where his life as a ringer reached its fruition. Very soon the old paid band disappeared, as his first act was to have it laid down that all ringing should be voluntary. Within two years he had built up a band of young lads who, at the ages of 12 or 13 years, had commenced their peal-ringing careers.

Unhappily, several of these died on war service during the second world war, and after the war, with the call to National Service continuing, George began recruiting girls. But he had not let the 1940-44 ban on ringing be any obstacle. When the bells were to ring again, Burnham would be ready: so George removed the clappers from his bells, carried on with his instruction of some very young girls—he liked to recruit them at nine or ten years of age—and by July 1944, their names were beginning to appear in 'The Ringing World' with their ages, 14 or 15, in brackets alongside.

Naturally, many of these were lost to his tower as they, one after another, took on the responsibilities of marriage, but George struggled on with little or no outside help. It was noticeable that when he had a first-class band and visitors could be offered a wide choice of methods, he had plenty of visitors, but latterly, while he had been building up another band almost from scratch, he had had no support. But that is the way of the world! While he was a skilled instructor, he maintained a rigid discipline in the belfry, but his pupils loved him for all that, or they would not have stood by him for so many years. The one thing about which he was really blunt was Sunday service ringing. If a youngster failed to turn up on Sunday morning—it may have been the parents' fault—she received the length of George's tongue. Occasionally he was too outspoken, and when he said, 'If you can't turn up on Sunday, then stay away altogether,' a youngster would take him at his word, and stay away for good.

91 FIRST PEALERS

During his ringing career George Gilbert conducted the first peal of no less than 91 ringers. Of these 25 were Burnham ringers. Of his 548 peals, he conducted 325 and one was non-conducted. Of the 325 he conducted there was a 'first peal' or 'first in the method' in no less than 248, another wonderful record. It was these figures which were his pride and joy, and we must not underestimate their significance. He was a great tenor ringer, having rung 248 peals on tenors in 68 towers. In his own tower at Burnham he rang in 111 of the 159 peals rung on the bells, which indicates his tremendous personal contribution: 63 of these were on the tenor, and of the 56 peals he rang on the six bells at Hitcham (on the outskirts of Burnham), 51 were on the tenor. He was not a 'tenor basher,' and would deliberately slow down the ringing if a peal started racing, as he loved slow ringing and had taught his pupils so to handle their bells that they could 'stroke' perfectly when the ringing was slow.

George Gilbert was an enthusiastic and loyal member of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths for whom he rang 47 peals and made many new members. He served for a time as their Central Council representative, only resigning because, he said, he could not afford to continue, as his Society could not afford to subsidise its members.

His greatest memorial at Burnham is the new ring of eight. He inherited a ring of 'pots' in the key of 'K blunt' (George's own description), and he worked like a Trojan to raise the £1,800 required. He insisted on the new ring being all on one level, so the weight of the tenor had to be reduced from 16 cwt. to 12¼ cwt. His enthusiasm was such that the whole village was behind him, and a great series of village efforts wiped out the debt. George Gilbert's name is inscribed on the tenor bell, and how it deserves to be there, for his were the inspiration and effort which put the bells in the tower.

DEATH AND LAST PEAL

The last peal in which he participated was Plain Bob Triples at Burnham, conducted by himself, on January 8th this year, and in it, naturally, were two 'first peals.' George was obviously ailing, and his doctor forbade him in February to ascend the belfry stairs. His interest and care for the continuance of the ringing of Burnham's bells never waned, and he always came to the tower and listened outside—often looking after Cliff and Angela Blundell's twin daughters meanwhile in a most fatherly way while they rang.

He managed the organisation of the tower, until two months before his death, when he was taken into hospital. His decline became rapid and his death on September 23rd was a happy release in the eyes of his friends, whom he never lacked during his sojourn in Cliveden Hospital.

At George Gilbert's funeral on Thursday, September 29th, no less than 15 towers in the branch were represented. The service was conducted jointly by the Rev. J. Wildman (Vicar of Burnham) and the Rev. E. W. Perkins (Rector of Slough, and chairman of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Guild). The Vicar paid a tribute to George Gilbert's work at Burnham over nearly 30 years and stressed how he had kept the bells ringing for services, and his work in having the bells recast.

He was laid to rest by the belfry door, four feet from the tower he served so faithfully, and a course of Grandsire Triples, preceded by some 'whole pulls and stand,' was rung over the grave by A. D. Barker 1-2, R. Dean 3-4, C. Swift 5-6, and E. D. Poole 7-8.

Wreaths were sent by the Oxford Diocesan Guild (E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch), and Burnham, Hitcham, Bray, Boyne Hill, Cookham and Slough towers. Ringers present represented the following towers:—Amersham, Marlow, Nettlebed, Windsor, Farnham Royal, Bray, Boyne Hill, Stoke Poges, Langley, Old Windsor, Hitcham, Slough, Cookham and Burnham, and Mr. A. D. Barker (gen. treas.) represented the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

George Gilbert is departed, but his work lives on. He was a friend to many, an inspiration to all, a great ringer and craftsman with a pride in his work in both spheres and a servant of God. He leaves a widow and one son—his elder son died on active service during the war—and we tender them our sincerest sympathy. May he rest in peace.

'PALUDIAN.'

(See page 695 for his peals)

LATE NEWS

Knowle, Warwickshire, bells will be heard in the programme 'Midland Mixture' in the Midland Home Service, on Tuesday, October 18th, at 5.25 p.m. Miss Jean Holden of the B.B.C will discuss ringing with three boys and a member of the Coventry Diocesan Guild. At Knowle, there are 12 schoolboy ringers. Only six of the octave will be heard in the broadcast.

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BIRTH

STEPHENS.—On Tuesday, September 27th, 1960, to Richard and Mary Stephens, of 8, St. Andrew's Way, The Chart, Oxted, Surrey, a second daughter (Jennifer Rosemary). 6795

RETURN THANKS

GILBERT.— The widow of Mr. George Gilbert and Mr. Geoffrey Gilbert wish to thank the many friends for the kind letters sent to Taplow Hospital and also for the wreaths from towers and friends. 6791

PERSONAL

'BUT take heed lest any means this liberty of yours become a stumblingblock to them that are weak.' (1 Cor., viii, 9).

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

During College terms, for the next two years, the address of Mr. P. N. Bond will be: The Theological College, Rochester, Kent.

Auntie's (Mrs. Langridge) phone number now Speldhurst 202. 6768

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Jeffries now live at 41, Wingfield Road, Bromham, Bedford. 6766

HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

BOURNEMOUTH.—Close sea; full board, 25s. 6d.; bed/breakfast, 17s. 6d. Daily booking (part board) accepted. Free parking. Breakfast 8.30, dinner 1, high tea 5.30, refreshments 10 p.m.—PRICE, 9, Fisherman's Avenue, Bournemouth. Tel. 46005. 5699

MISCELLANEOUS

THE ANNUAL RINGERS' SERVICE takes place on November 20th, at Christ Church, COLLIERS WOOD, at 6.30 p.m. The Bishop of Kingston will be the preacher. All will be welcome. 6763

RODBOURNE CHENEY, Swindon, Wilts. St. Mary's Church. Due to structural alterations all ringing is suspended until further notice.—F. Broughton, Tower Secretary. 6790

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting including Nomination of Officers at the 'Rising Sun,' Carter Lane, E.C., Sat., October 15th, 6 p.m. Forthcoming practices: October 25th, St. Lawrence, Jewry, 6.30 p.m., November 1st, St. Giles', Cripplegate, 6.45 p.m., November 8th, Southwark Cathedral, 6.45 p.m. There will be no practice on Tuesday, October 18th. — John Chilcott, Hon. Sec. 6774

BATH & WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Quarterly meeting at Nailsea (6) on Saturday October 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. followed by business meeting. Names for tea please.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec., 'Estune,' Brockway, Nailsea. 6417

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Wordsley, October 15th. Bells available 3 p.m. service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. 6745

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Holywell, October 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—M. J. Dyer, Dis Sec. 6759

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Quarterly meeting, Thorpe Bay (8), Saturday, Oct. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Practice meeting, Godalming, Saturday, October 15th, 6-9 p.m. Learners and experienced ringers please attend en masse. 6754

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Rochester District) and LADIES' GUILD (Kent Branch).—Rochester District annual meeting combined with the Ladies' Guild at Milton-next-Gravesend, Saturday, Oct. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 6690

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Stanwick, Saturday, October 15th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to John E. Skerritt, Conway, Villa Lane, Stanwick. 6740

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—Meeting at Seaton (5), Saturday, Oct. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 6722

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Carlton-juxta-Snaith, Sat., October 15th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Please provide own food, cups of tea only available.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 6771

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—Quarterly meeting at Blagdon, Saturday, October 22nd. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30 Tea and meeting to follow.—David H. White. 6765

BATH & WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Quarterly meeting, West Lydford (6), October 22nd. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.—L. McCreadie, Level Lane, Charlton Horethorne, Sherborne, Dorset. 6770

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Meeting at Hartford, Saturday, October 22nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea FREE for those notifying by previous Wednesday, to Mr. R. W. Worrall, 1, Vale Road, Hartford, Northwich. 6764

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual supper, social and cabaret, on Saturday, October 22nd, at the Masonic Hall, Little Park Street, Coventry, 6.30 for 7 p.m. Tickets 14s. 6d. each from J. L. Garner-Hayward, 8, Orchard Crescent, Coventry. Phone 22897 or 23477. 6741

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting Downham Market, Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea by 21st please.—J. Fox Dis. Sec. 6784

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch. Monthly meeting, Swindon Village (5), October 22nd, 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by Oct. 18th to Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Cheltenham. 6777

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Chippenham Branch. — Meeting, Marshfield, October 22nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea. Service 6. Names for tea to J. Edwards Woodham, 1, Market Place, Marshfield, nr. Chippenham 6778

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting and six bell contest will be held at Kirkburton, on October 22nd. For teas, please, notify Mr. E. Burton, 3, Lane Head Lane, Kirkburton, Huddersfield, by October 15th. No names no tea.—A. Farrand, Sec. 6728

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Clun District calling all ringers to quarterly meeting, Clunbury, October 22nd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Inform, by 20th, numbers for tea T. Davies, 1, Church Street, Clun, Craven Arms. 6769

HERTFORDSHIRE RINGING COMPETITION FOR THE KIMPTON CUP.—At Kimpton, Saturday, October 22nd, 2.45 p.m Tea 5.50 in Memorial Hall, followed by informal smoking concert with licensed bar. All very welcome. Names for tea to Donald Price, Church Lane, Kimpton. Tel. 405. 6787

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Annual meeting, St. Mary's, Woolwich, Saturday, Oct., 22nd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea by Wednesday, 19th, to Miss M. R. Andrews, 43, Wansunt Road, Bexley. 6773

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—Meeting, Saturday, October 22nd, at Steep (6). Bells 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous, to Miss Roberts, Bedales, Petersfield, Hants, Petersfield (8) 6.30-8 p.m.—C. M. Harbott. 6734

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Institution of Rev. Peter Blackman (ringing curate of Aylestone) as Vicar of Ratby and Groby, October 22nd. All Guild members invited to service at Ratby, 3 p.m. General ringing at Ratby after service until 5.30 p.m. Tea available. Please notify undersigned if attending service so that seats can be reserved.—B. G. Warwick (Hon. Gen. Sec.), 12, Dorothy Avenue, Glen Hills, Leicester. (Tel.: Wigston 3244.) 6746

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting at Queniborough on Saturday, October 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Hall at 5 p.m., Names by previous Wednesday, please to Mr. S. Parker, 6, Marsden Avenue. 6783

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District. —Meeting, Croft (6), Saturday, October 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea followed by meeting at 5, in the Heathcote Arms Inn. Names for tea please by Wednesday, 19th, to Mr. Fred Watson, 5, Pochin Street, Croft, Leicester. Please note change of tower.—M. Vernon, Dis. Sec. 6782

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Lindsey Branch.—Meeting at Waltham (6), October 22nd. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by October 19th to Mr. J. Willows, 81, Grimsby Road, Waltham, Grimsby. 6743

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch.—Meeting at Ewelme, October 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Names for tea by Wednesday, 19th, to J. Godman, 22, Sunnyside, Benson. 6767

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Meeting at Penn, Saturday, October 22nd. Ringing from 4 p.m. Tea 5. Names for tea by October 18th.—Miss Hague, 6, Stompits Road, Holyport, Maidenhead. 6792

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—October 22nd, Amesbury. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by quarterly business meeting. Bells at Durrington also available in evening. Names for tea by October 18th, please, to Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 6752

SALISBURY GUILD. — Calne Branch — Meeting, Heddington (6), October 22nd. Service 4. Names for tea please early.—Hacker, Downsview, Heddington, Calne. 6779

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.—Meeting on October 22nd, St. John's, Alloa, 1.15, Dunblane 3-4 p.m. and at Edinburgh in the evening. Further details from Rognvald Wilson, 15, Durham Road, Edinburgh, 15. 6788

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION — Hanmer (6), Flint, October 22nd, 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Six miles west of Whitchurch. 6668

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North-East District.—Meeting at Beccles (10), Saturday, October 22nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, 19th, to Mr. E. R. Goate, 51, Grove Road, Beccles.—A. R. Bridges, Dis. Sec. 6735

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division —Practice meeting at Hailsham on October 22nd. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to F. Beeney, Sec., Hillbrae, Carters Corner Rd., Hailsham. 6786

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting at Bramley, Hants, on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells from 2.30. Service in the Parish Church 4.30 Tea 5 in the Village Hall. Names for tea to Miss C. Symonds, The Post Office, Bramley, nr. Basingstoke.—F. Chesterman, Hon. Sec. 6785

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Snowdon dinner will be held at The Co-operative Restaurant, Rotherham, on October 22nd, at 6.40 p.m. Tickets 12s. 6d. each from Mr. J. J. L. Gilbert, 56, Glencoe Road, Sheffield 2, by Wednesday, 19th. Requests for hotel accommodation as soon as possible. Ringing as follows: Thrybergh (6) 10.30-11.30 a.m., Rawmarsh (8) 11-12.30 p.m., Wentworth (6) 11.30-1, Whiston (8) 2.30-4.30, Eastwood (8) 2-3.30, Rotherham Parish Church (10) 3-6 p.m. The Ecclesfield handbell ringers will entertain at dinner. A cordial welcome to all.—N. Chaddock, J. J. L. Gilbert. 6751

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Deanery.—Corporate Communion at Barrow Gurney (8), on Sunday, October 23rd. Bells available 7 a.m. Service 8., followed by breakfast. Names by October 21st, please. —D. G. Yeo, 'Estune,' Brockway, Nailsea. 6418

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Practice meeting at Salford Priors, on Saturday, October 29th, at 6.30 p.m. All welcome. 6781

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stow Branch.—Meeting, Longborough, Sat., October 29th. Bells available 3 p.m Service 4.30. All welcome. Names for tea to F. Newton, 44, Bishops Drive, Bishops Cleeve, Cheltenham, Glos. 8789

LADIES' GUILD.—Sussex District.—Meeting at All Saints', Hastings, on October 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea by October 26th, to Mrs. A. Levett, 151, London Road, Hastings.—L. M. Beeney, Hon. Sec. 6757

LADIES' GUILD (Central District), MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (S. and W. District) and OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (East Berks and South Bucks Branch). —Joint meeting, October 29th, at St. John's, Hillingdon. Bells (10) from 3.30. Service 5. Tea 5.30. St. John's Hall, with social evening to follow. Names, please, to F. W. Goodfellow, 46, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks.—Mrs. S. Bullock, E. R. Gotham and Miss D. Hague, Hon. Secs. 6776

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual dinner, Saturday, Oct. 29th, Rose and Crown Hotel, Tonbridge, 6.15 for 6.45 p.m. Tickets (13s.) from Miss D. Colgate, 30, Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks. Please apply early as number limited. 6660

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual dinner and social at the Shakespeare Hotel, Braunstone, Leicester, October 29th. Tickets (12s. 6d.) from undersigned by October 24th, at latest. Dinner 6 for 6.30 p.m. Guests include the Lord Bishop of Leicester. Ample parking. Buses L1 and L12 (frequent service) from Newarke Street, Leicester. Bells available: St. Margaret's (12) 2.30-4 p.m., St. John's (10) 3.30-5 p.m.—B. G. Warwick (Hon. Gen. Sec.), 12, Dorothy Avenue, Glen Hills, Leicester. 6747

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS (1672). — Meeting, Hucknall, October 29th. Bells 2.30. Tea 5. Names to Mr. Lewin, 44, Nottingham Road, Hucknall, by previous Thursday. Service 7, followed by ringing until 9. 6772

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—The 323rd anniversary dinner will be held at the Bridge House Restaurant, London Bridge, S.E.1, on Saturday, November 5th, at 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets (21s.) are now available.

Ringing arrangements for those attending the dinner:—St. Dunstan's, Stepney (10), 10.30-11.30 a.m.; St. Clement Danes', Strand (10), 12 noon-1 p.m.; St. Giles', Cripplegate (12), 2-3 p.m.; St. Lawrence Jewry (8), 2.30-3.30 p.m.; St. Michael's, Cornhill (12), 3-4 p.m.; Southwark Cathedral (12), 4-5 p.m. — John Chilcott, Hon. Sec., 67, Farley Road, Selsdon, Surrey. 6775

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Annual dinner to be held at 'The Black Horse,' Thompsons Avenue, Wolverhampton, Saturday, November 12th, 6 p.m. for 6.30 p.m., price 12s. 6d. Bells available:—St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, Penn, Coseley, Bradley during the afternoon. Tickets from Mr. D. J. Tranter, 36, Seven Acres, Aldridge, nr. Walsall. 6681

An attempt is to be made for five different Surprise peals in five different towers on Sat., starting at Aldermaston at 3.30 a.m. Mr. Robin Leale and Mr. A. Patrick Cannon are in the attempt.

RINGING, RAILWAYS AND BOATING

In two cars driven by the curate and the ringing master, the youngsters of Gresley, whose ages otherwise range from 12 to 15, covered 172 miles on their annual outing, ringing at five towers in four counties, and adding railways and boating to the enjoyment of ringing.

All the bells visited were of excellent tone and easy to ring and the lads acquitted themselves well, attempting rounds and Plain Bob Doubles. The destination was St. Neots, Hunts, but on the way there Great Glen, Leics (6, 9 cwt.), and Keysoe, Beds (5, 17 cwt.) were visited, met respectively by Mr. L. Allen and by Mr. Stapleton. Though the band thought Keysoe bells (a grand five of long draught under a tall spire) a little heavy, the Vicar, the Rev. J. M. Boyd Roberts, was impressed and wished they could all come to live in Keysoe. Also inspected was Wellingborough Railway Locomotive Dept., where the Franco-Crosti type freight locos. aroused much interest, three still being fitted with the special preheating water tube.

After lunch at St. Neots, most spent time watching the expresses dash through the railway station on the East Coast main line. Two, however, ascended the beautiful pinnacled tower, reminiscent of Somerset, and, joined by ringers from Bromham, Beds, Stamford, Lincs, and Brampton and Great Staughton, Hunts, rang a quarter of Bob Triples in 55 minutes on the majestic Taylor octave. The Gresley vice-captain, David Eames, excelled on the 29¾ cwt. tenor, handling it with skill and precision that won the admiration of the older ringers. The Beds and Ely Associations' joint meeting followed, and the others from Gresley joined in some ringing and the tea, being welcomed by Canon L. Galley. They also found time for over an hour's voyage in three motor boats on the Ouse.

The long journey home was broken by rings on the pleasant 5-bell towers of Upper Dean, Beds (11 cwt.), and Grafton Underwood, Northants (7 cwt.), not to mention the essential fish and chip supper. All had such a good day that they have planned something even more ambitious for next year!

D. P. J.

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Royal : Plain Bob 1, Kent T.B. 4 (1), Cambridge S. 1.

Cinques : Stedman 1.

Total 548 (325).

A CAMPANOLOGICAL CRUISE FROM READING

The dank river mist had already cleared, and the blue sky promised a fine day, on the morning of September 17th, when a small party of ringers, mainly from St. Mary's, Reading, boarded the 'Treleague' at Lower Basildon.

The 'Treleague,' a shapely 56ft. pinnace with a tall brass funnel, under the command of Cap'n Cheeseman, that much respected veteran of the Upper Thames, was to be our conveyance for a novel outing.

We 'steamed' through Goring and Cleeve locks, passing many a magnificent riverside mansion, backed by the Berkshire Downs on one side of the river and the Chiltern Hills on the other. At the 'Beetle and Wedge' we hove to for refreshment, whilst coffee was served on board, and it was all that we could do to restrain one would-be tower-grabber from diving in when the bells of South Stoke could be heard ringing across the water. We arrived on time, at Wallingford, our first port of call. Mr. Jack Berry met us at St. Mary-le-More, and led us up to the tower to 'tap round' some Stedman and London on these eight good old bells.

On returning to the boat, we found that the galley had prepared an excellent five course lunch for which we were all very grateful. Between Wallingford and Dorchester, the Battle of Britain flying display at Benson aerodrome was very much appreciated. We finally dropped anchor under the shadow of the Wittenham Clumps, and walked across half a mile of muddy fields to Dorchester Abbey. Most of us made use of the opportunity to view the Abbey whilst the remainder struggled with the complexities of the combination lock on the belfry door. Fortunately the Vicar came to the rescue in time for us all to have a short ring on this pleasant octave.

Back on the boat again, the apple barrel was pitched into whilst the kettle boiled to provide a very welcome hot cup of tea in the rather cool evening. Although we were a little late leaving Dorchester, we passed through Goring Lock before sunset.

Thank you, Cap'n Cheeseman, for a very enjoyable day. We'll come again next year if we may.

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WINDSOR CASTLE BELLS

PROBABLY no bells have a closer connection with the Kings and Queens of England than those in the Curfew Tower of Windsor Castle. Part XVII. of 'The Church Bells of Berkshire,' by Frederick Sharpe, F.S.A., is devoted exclusively to this tower, the bells of which hang in a massive oak frame, dating in part from 1497. The five largest bells have swung in the same pits since 1612, and their mediæval predecessors probably did the same. There is a persistent tradition that the tenor bell, now 26 cwt., at some time weighed 36 to 40 cwt. While Mr. Sharpe and other writers can find no documentary evidence to support this theory, which was stoutly upheld by a former towerkeeper, it would have been possible to hang a bell of this size in the space now occupied by the three smallest bells.

The first St. George's Chapel was erected in the 13th century, and a writ issued in 1243 was for the provision of a stone turret at the front of the chapel to house three or four bells. This was erected in probably a similar fashion to those at St. Paul's Cathedral and Salisbury Cathedral, and four bells obtained from Master John de Seynt from surplus metal which remained after the casting of the great bell at Westminster. Of John de Seynt nothing is known.

Accounts for the years 1352-3 reveal that a belfry was erected on the roof of the chapel, but whether bells were hung in this belfry and proved a failure, or whether this scheme was abandoned in favour of another, is not known. Some seven years after the erection of the belfry on the chapel roof, a stone tower, known as 'Belfry Tower,' was erected and bells in it from about 1360 to 1475. These were a ring of four, George, Mary, Jesus and John, and the great clock bell, Edward. In 1378 ten ringers were paid for ringing the bells for three days on and after St. George's Day.

In 1475 King Edward IV. issued a patent for the removal of the bells to the Clewer or Curfew tower. The tenor bell, Jesus, was recast in 1598 by Richard Eldridge, of Wokingham and Horsham, but this bell was short lived, as in 1612 the Dean and Chapter called in John Wallis, the celebrated Salisbury bellfounder, to recast the five bells and to add a larger tenor to them to form a ring of six. The new tenor was to be made out of the large clock bell, Edward. Although Wallis was an exceptionally fine craftsman, five times he melted down and remade the bell, and, according to the Dean and Chapter, each time it 'sounded badly and always became worse.' In spite of all his endeavours, Wallis could not produce a bell to the satisfaction of the Dean and Chapter, and it was sold for £115 6s. 10s., its weight being 29 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. This left the tower with the five smallest bells of an incomplete ring of six. In 1623 the Chapter decreed that a new great bell be made, and this is the present tenor. It bears the date 1614 and the initials of John Wallis, but there is no record of its purchase or the bellfounder's name. The date on the bell, writes Mr. Sharpe, remains a mystery. Some have thought that Wallis kept the old bell and resold, or gave it back to the college after a lapse of ten years. While agreeing that to make the Dean and Chapter a present of it would be consistent with what we know of his character, the writer is sure that Wallis did not keep the old bell.

In the Curfew Tower to-day there are two bells cast by William Whitmore in 1650—Wallis's treble of 1612, which is the third and also the second. Thus in 1650 there was a ring of eight, and no further alterations were made until 1741, when the treble was recast by Thomas Lester, of Whitechapel, and four years later he recast the fifth, which was again recast at Whitechapel in 1898. The present ring accordingly is three bells dated 1612, one 1614, two 1650, one 1741 and one 1898.

The bells are chimed for the daily services by means of an Ellacombe apparatus, and are rung on special occasions by a band of ringers appointed by the Dean and Canons. Five peals are recorded on tablets on the walls. The oldest, 5,040 Union 'Trebles,' is dated February 21st, 1748, and was rung with two men on the tenor (Will Cock and Berry Manley). The second is 'a true and complete peal of 5,040 Grandsire Tripples,' rung by the College Youths on April 10th, 1787, called by James Worster from the second. On this occasion there were two men on the seventh and two on the tenor. The other three are contemporary with the present time. On May 6th, 1935, 5,056 Bob Major was rung, conducted by Mr. E. S. T. Farr, with Mr. A. R. Pink on the tenor; on June 8th, 1946, 5,040 Grandsire Triples, conducted by Mr. N. V. Harding, in commemoration of Victory Day; and on May 9th, 1951, 5,040 Grandsire Triples, conducted by Mr. L. Stilwell.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

HULL, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1960, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5081 GRANDSIRE CINQUES
Tenor 25¼ cwt.

W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	*Treble*	KENNETH PARK	7
JAMES A. D. WOOLFORD	2	GEOFFREY TOWNEND	8
PETER WOODWARD	3	JOHN H. KIRBY	9
HOWARD SCOTT	4	IAN M. HOLLAND	10
*RONALD DUCKER	5	WILFRID F. MORETON	11
H. DAVID HOLLAND	6	*DAVID JOHNSON	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
* First peal on 12 bells. First peal on the augmented bells.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1960, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. WOOLOS,
A PEAL OF 5075 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in D.

ALBERT M. TYLER	*Treble*	DAVID J. KING	7
ARTHUR H. REED	2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	8
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD	3	TUDOR P. EDWARDS	9
WILFRED WILLIAMS	4	DENNIS RANDALL	10
JACQUELINE S. KING	5	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD	11
SELWYN H. DEARDEN	6	PHILIP MEHEW	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.
Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.
Rung for the marriage of Miss Dianne Napier and William Pye, sidesman at the Cathedral.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 8, 1960, in 3 Hours and 46 Minutes,
IN ST. HUGH'S TOWER AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in D.

ARTHUR GIBBS	*Treble*	GEOFFREY R. PARKER	7
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	2	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	8
MARGARET A. SWANN	3	GERALD C. HEMMING	9
RONALD C. NOON	4	JOHN FREEMAN	10
PETER A. SHARP	5	JAMES R. TAYLOR	11
JACK L. MILLHOUSE	6	BRYAN PATTISON	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.

TEN BELL PEAL

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 8, 1960, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 22¼ cwt.

WILLIAM A. THEOBALD	*Treble*	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	6
ALAN J. FROST	2	*GILES C. GALLEY	7
JOHN D. ROCK	3	R. ROGER SAVORY	8
*ANTHONY V. QUEEN	4	PHILIP MEHEW	9
WILLIAM T. COOK	5	WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.
* First peal of Yorkshire Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

DORCHESTER, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 27, 1960, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 21 cwt.

*†WENDY S. BONGARD	*Treble*	*R. JOHN VARDY	5
*†JOHN W. PORTER	2	*BETTY J. DYKE	6
MARGARET M. GODLEY	3	ARTHUR V. DAVIS	7
RICHARD H. DUKE	4	†ERNEST H. AMEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR V. DAVIS.
* First peal of Triples. † First peal at first attempt.
Rung as a welcome to the Rev. K. W. Meiklejohn, who was to be inducted as Rector of this parish on September 8th.

WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Sept. 19, 1960, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.

*KEITH S. IRELAND	*Treble*	IVOR G. HUGHES	5
†CHARLES H. WEBBER	2	GEOFFREY G. GAMMON	6
STANLEY N. BRISTOW	3	DAVID T. NORTH	7
GEOFFREY M. SALTER	4	‡W. ARTHUR RIDDLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID T. NORTH.
* First peal of Triples. † First 'inside.' ‡ First peal.
Rung for the enthronement in Wells Cathedral of the Rt. Rev. Edward Barry Henderson, as the 74th Bishop of Bath and Wells.

CROSS STONE, TODMORDEN, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Sept. 29, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5056 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

COLIN R. MILNTHORPE	*Treble*	GEOFFREY CHEETHAM	5
MRS. H. B. SCHOFIELD	2	PHILIP J. H. HUDSON	6
HAROLD B. SCHOFIELD	3	*JOHN H. FIELDEN	7
PETER SCHOLFIELD	4	NORMAN SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by J. BARRETT (C.C.C. 200). Conducted by NORMAN SMITH.
* 50th peal. 100th peal in Todmorden.
Rung to mark the 125th anniversary of the consecration of the church. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Sept. 30, 1960, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

*†A. BENJAMIN COOPER	*Treble*	GEORGE CHALLANS	5
MICHAEL COOPER	2	KENNETH RUTLAND	6
MRS. BESSIE HOLMES	3	*DOUGLAS H. ROOKE	7
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD	4	HERBERT T. ROOKE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.
* 25th peal together. † 100th peal.
Rung in honour of the coming-of-age of Helen Cooper, only daughter of the treble ringer, and her engagement to J. S. Thompson, B.Sc., of Almondbury, Huddersfield. Also as a birthday compliment to Alan D. Rooke, elder son of the seventh ringer.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1960, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Bruerton's Twelve-Part. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*JENNIFER SHIELDS	*Treble*	JOHN A. RUSSELL	5
MRS. NELLIE BRIDGES	2	PERCY PAGE	6
EDWARD MILSTED	3	ARCHIE HINKLEY	7
HERBERT LUCK	4	JOHN TUMBER	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN A. RUSSELL.
* First peal. First peal on the bells since recasting and rehanging.
Rung as a wedding anniversary compliment to John A. Russell, and also to A. Stone, of the local band.

BOCKING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1960, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE DEANERY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18¾ cwt. in E.

ANDREW BECKWITH	*Treble*	ALFRED LITTLE	5
MARION MILLS	2	RONALD SUCKLING	6
HAROLD MOORE	3	PETER WOOD	7
*WILLIAM CHAPMAN	4	GEORGE SAUNDERS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.
* First peal of Major. Rung in honour of the dedication festival.

BOWDON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1960, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in F sharp.

*JOHN FREEMAN	*Treble*	*DAVID LEWIN	5
C. KENNETH LEWIS	2	†MICHAEL FREEMAN	6
†BARBARA BANGHAM	3	ALAN J. BROWN	7
*MICHAEL BANGHAM	4	DAVID VINCENT	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ALAN J. BROWN.
* First peal. † First of Major.
Rung to celebrate the centenary of the present church.

HEPTONSTALL, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1960, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-A-BECKET,
A PEAL OF 5152 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18¼ cwt.

JOHN WORTH	*Treble*	EDWARD JENKINS	5
EILEEN M. FEARN	2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	6
CAROL FERNLEY	3	PETER LAFLIN	7
BASIL JONES	4	BRIAN HARRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by BASIL JONES.

MARSHFIELD, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1960, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt.

*GEOFFREY UPSTELL	*Treble*	ROGER HARVARD	5
EDWARD HARTLEY	2	THOMAS YEOMANS	6
BRYNLEY TAYLOR	3	MICHAEL J. DAY	7
NIGEL LAMPING	4	TREVOR T. LEWIS	*Tenor*

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by TREVOR T. LEWIS.
* First peal.
Rung to welcome Michael Day to the district, and to wish him success in his studies at college.

MILFORD-ON-SEA, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-Part (Grove's transposition). Tenor 12½ cwt.

Herbert A. Mitchell	*Treble*	†Alec W. Fry	5
William T. Godfrey	2	†Christopher Redwood	6
*Ron Kiddle	3	Arthur V. Davis	7
†A. Robert Pargeter	4	*John M. Long	*Tenor*

Conducted by Arthur V. Davis.
* First peal. † First of Grandsire Triples.

SALFORD PRIORS, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Matthew.
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In two methods, containing 2,560 each of Cambridge and Lincolnshire, with 69 changes of method, and all the bells doing all the work of both methods. Tenor 15 cwt. 14 lb. in F sharp.

Arthur Gibbs	*Treble*	Bryan Pattison	5
Jennifer M. Davies	2	James R. Taylor	6
*Michael G. Selby	3	Gerald C. Hemming	7
Patrick I. Chapman	4	Geoffrey J. Hemming	*Tenor*

Composed by Philip G. K. Davies.
Conducted by Gerald C. Hemming.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise. First of Spliced Surprise as conductor.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Matthew.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-Part (seventh observation). Tenor 26 cwt. 18 lb.

George W. Hughes	*Treble*	Barnabas G Key	5
Mrs. G. W. Hughes	2	Keith Williams	6
Stella Hughes	3	Kenneth W. Knowles	7
E. Marion Key	4	Arthur T. Dutton	*Tenor*

Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.
A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Hughes on their silver wedding anniversary.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Oct. 2, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Mary-the-Virgin and Thomas-a-Becket,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation of Middleton's. Tenor 25 cwt.

David Cubitt	*Treble*	David T. Darby	5
*Clifford Bird	2	*†‡§Geoffrey R. Drew	6
Thomas E. Speight	3	‡Henry Tooke	7
†William Clover	4	Geoffrey M. Brewin	*Tenor*

Conducted by Henry Tooke.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major. † 25th peal together. ‡ 25th peal together. § 75th peal.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Oct. 3, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Thomas,
A PEAL OF 5088 BEDFORDSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

John R. Gilden	*Treble*	Basil Jones	5
Shirley Harris	2	Leslie Boumphrey	6
*Eileen M. Fearn	3	Edward Jenkins	7
*Carol Fernley	4	†Brian Harris	*Tenor*

Composed by C. K. Lewis. Conducted by Basil Jones.
* 50th peal together. † 50th peal on the bells and 25th on the tenor. First in the method by all, and for the Guild.

PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Oct. 5, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb.

J. Martin Thorley	*Treble*	Edwin T. Chapman	5
John E. Allen	2	Geoffrey J. Hemming	6
*Albert W. A. Leggett	3	Gerald C. Hemming	7
Stanley E. Bennett	4	*Cyril R. Burrell	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. Middleton. Conducted by Cyril R. Burrell.
* First peal of Cambridge Major. First of Surprise as conductor.

STOKE POGES, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.)
On Wed., Oct. 5, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Giles,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Sir A. P. Heywood's transposition of Thurstans' Four-Part.
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in F sharp.

William Butler	*Treble*	Kenneth Buckingham	5
E. Dennis Poole	2	Richard E. Dean	6
Arthur D. Barker	3	William Birmingham	7
Howard Oglesby	4	Derek Stone	*Tenor*

Conducted by Arthur D. Barker.
Rung in memoriam George Gilbert, a respected member of this Branch.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Oct. 6, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13¼ cwt.

Jean Horton	*Treble*	J. Richard Wilson	5
Harold F. Wood	2	Leonard Stilwell	6
Basil W. White	3	Herbert W. Woolven	7
Edgar R. Rapley	4	W. Leslie Weller	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by W. Leslie Weller.
Rung for the dedication festival, and to mark the completion of 16 years as rector by the Rev. G. H. W. Royle. It was also rung on the 56th anniversary of L. Stilwell's first peal on these bells.

SUTTERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Oct. 6, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Blessed-Virgin.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.

Stanley E. Bennett	*Treble*	Ronald C. Noon	5
J. Martin Thorley	2	Albert W. A. Leggett	6
*Cyril R. Burrell	3	Geoffrey J. Hemming	7
Edwin T. Chapman	4	Gerald C. Hemming	*Tenor*

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Gerald C. Hemming.
* First peal of Yorkshire.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Oct. 7, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5056 RUNNYMEDE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.

Celia F. Whitfeld	*Treble*	H. George Hart	5
Elsie K. Hart	2	Alick Cutler	6
William S. Deason	3	John R. Mayne	7
G. William Critchley	4	Frank C. Price	*Tenor*

Composed by Ernest W. Tipler. Conducted by John R. Mayne.
First peal in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.

BACUP, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 8, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours.*
At the Church of St. Saviour,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Taylor's Six-Part. Tenor 10 cwt.

James Williams	*Treble*	Harold Parkinson	5
Fred Kendal	2	Harold Hamer	6
John Hill	3	*Gerald Coppin	7
Jack Bracewell	4	James Walsh	*Tenor*

Conducted by Harold Hamer.
* First peal of Grandsire 'inside.'
Rung to commemorate 50 years' service as ringers of the third and fourth; also the birthday of the treble ringer.

BITTERNE PARK, SOUTHAMPTON.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 8, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
At the Church of the Ascension,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8½ cwt.

*Eric P. Woolgrove	*Treble*	†David E. House	5
*John R. Faithfull	2	*Michael J. Thomas	6
*Janice E. Williamson	3	Arthur W. Sayers	7
Reginald W. Rex	4	Geoffrey K. Dodd	*Tenor*

Composed by H. Dains. Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.
* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major. † First of Kent Major 'inside.'
Rung for Harvest Festival: also as a birthday compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. R. O. Stevenson.

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CRESWELL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 8, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in F sharp.

Mrs. Bessie Holmes	*Treble*	John S. Seager	5
Dennis A. Smedley	2	George L. Chambers	6
*Linda M. Jones	3	Barry Holland	7
S. Leslie Barlow	4	Richard E. Price	*Tenor*

Composed by Nolan Golden. Conducetd by Richard E. Price.
* First peal 'inside,' aged 12 years.

LONG SUTTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 8, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 lb. in F.

Frederick Wigmore	*Treble*	George R. G. Butler	5
Herbert Goakes	2	M. Rowland Reed	6
Sidney Haw	3	Trevor A. Bevis	7
Roy Spencer	4	Thomas Bush	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Trevor A. Bevis.
A compliment to Eddie Boon (72), a ringer at this church, also to John Payne, a ringer at March, both of whom celebrated their birthday this day.

ROCHESTER, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 8, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of Christ and the Blessed Virgin Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 30 cwt.

James W. Sellen	*Treble*	Alan Wrigley	5
Charles E. J. Norris	2	Ronald E. Norris	6
Thomas Beaumont	3	William A. J. Knight	7
Cyril J. Gould	4	Derek Norris	*Tenor*

Conducted by William A. J. Knight.
First peal on the bells since the installation of the new frame.
Rung by the Cathedral band to mark the retirement of the Bishop of Rochester.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

LEIGH, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Sept. 23, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Edburga.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

Frank R. Barnett	*Treble*	John Clements	4
R. George Morris	2	John C. Slater	5
Derek Price	3	Raymond G. Brown	*Tenor*

Conducted by John Clements.
The fifth ringer has now completed Grandsire from Doubles to Cinques.
Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter (Elizabeth Anne) to Mr. and Mrs. John Clements. Also as a wedding compliment to Gerald Edwards.

ASH PRIORS, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 24, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
At the Church of The Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being five callings (fifth observation). Tenor 10½ cwt., approx.

*Raymond A. Ford	*Treble*	John J. Ford	4
Robin I. Ford	2	Eric J. Ford	5
Henry J. Cavill	3	Edward J. Cavill	*Tenor*

Conducted by Eric J. Ford.
* First peal, first attempt.
Rung by members of the Spaxton band as a wedding compliment to Ronald D. Short (secretary of the Bridgwater Branch) and Miss Audrey M. Bailey, who were married at Tewin, Hertfordshire, on September 17th.

GOODNESTONE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
At the Church of the Holy Cross,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

*Rita Gould	*Treble*	Nicholas J. Davies	4
Pauline Fennell	2	Crawford T. Hillis	5
Mary S. Taylor	3	Dennis A. Chapman	*Tenor*

Conducted by Crawford T. Hillis.
* First peal.
Rung as a welcome to Mr. J. T. Hillis (brother of the conductor) and Mrs. Hillis, both honorary members of this Association, home on leave from Aden.

GREAT HORKESLEY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being extents of London Surprise, York Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Court, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

Rachel J. Newstead	*Treble*	George N. Orman	4
Alan R. Andrews	2	Arthur G. Button	5
Roy Duesbury	3	Edward E. Davey	*Tenor*

Conducted by Alan R. Andrews.

GRENDON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

*Stephen J. Perry	*Treble*	Joseph W. Cotton	4
†Leslie L. Willis	2	Derek P. Jones	5
William C. Rhodes	3	Gordon H. Lane	*Tenor*

Conducted by Derek P. Jones.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First of Surprise.
Rung in honour of the wedding on September 10th at Boldmere, Sutton Coldfield, of Patricia R. Tims and D. Keith Lane (brother of the tenor ringer).

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of The Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob, and one each of Kent T.B., Oxford T.B. and St. Clement's. Tenor 16 cwt.

Gerald D. J. Sandwell	*Treble*	Michael J. Hallett	4
*David E. Belcham	2	*Brian Downes	5
*William J. Ellis	3	Alfred J. House	*Tenor*

Conducted by Alfred J. House.
* First peal of Minor.
Rung to mark the 25th anniversary of the ordination of the Rev. G. Hatch, Rector of Rayleigh. A wedding compliment to Brian Howard and June Egglestone; also to Lawrence Beal and Betty Phillips, who were married this day.

SAXTHORPE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In five methods, being three extents of Plain Bob, one each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Kent T.B. and Oxford T.B. Tenor 2¼ cwt.

Derek Pardon	*Treble*	Geoffrey M. Brewin	4
Tony Owen	2	Gilbert Larter	5
David T. Darby	3	Geoffrey R. Drew	*Tenor*

Conducted by Geoffrey R. Drew.

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SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLNSHIRE DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

RONALD RUSSELL .. .. *Treble*	EDGAR A. COLE.. 4
DAPHNE P. BROWN 2	ROGER ASHER 5
*ROGER TREVITT 3	JAMES H. MUSSON .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First peal in two Minor methods .
Rung for the safe gathering in of the harvest.

YAXHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In ten methods, consisting of the following extents: (1) Norwich Surprise, (2) Double Oxford and Thelwall, (3) Kent T.B. and Oxford T.B., (4) St. Clement's and Childwall, (5) Cambridge Surprise, (6) Single Oxford, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM CLOVER .. .. *Treble*	DAVID T. DARBY 4
THOMAS E. SPIGHT 2	GEOFFREY M. BREWIN .. 5
HENRY TOOKE 3	GEOFFREY R. DREW.. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY R. DREW.

First peal in ten methods as conductor.

BODENHAM, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Oct. 2, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being ten callings three times repeated, and one Morris' 240.
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

DOROTHY M. RUSHTON.. *Treble*	ROLAND BILLINGS 4
*ALICE M. RUSHTON .. 2	ALFRED E. RUSHTON .. 5
RONALD J. SHARP 3	†GRIFFITH D. THOMAS .. *Tenor*

Conducted by ALFRED E. RUSHTON.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal.
Rung for the Feast of St. Michael.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Oct. 4, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Single Oxford Bob and two each of St. Clement's, Double Oxford and Plain Bob Minor. Tenor 15 cwt. 21 lb. in F.

*PATRICIA LAYCOCK .. .. *Treble*	WILLIAM T. BEESON .. 4
JANET E. CLEEVE 2	†STANLEY G. PONTING .. 5
ANNE C. GARNETT 3	HAROLD A. MAY .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD A. MAY.

* First peal. † 25th peal for the Guild.
Rung as a farewell to Miss J. Cleeve, who was leaving for Durham University on October 6th.

HOYLANDSWAINE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 5, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 9¼ cwt.

TOM W. CROSSLEY.. .. *Treble*	WILFRID F. MORETON .. 4
*JOHN L. WHITE 2	KENNETH PARK 5
†TREVOR TARBATT 3	GEOFFREY TOWNEND .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by KENNETH PARK.

* First peal 'inside.' † First of Plain Bob Minor. First as conductor.
Rung as a welcome home from Army service in Singapore for Gerald Dale, a member of the Wakefield Cathedral band.

SAXMUNDHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., Oct. 3, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being 720 each of York, Durham, London, Wells, Ipswich, Norwich and Cambridge. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in A flat.

C. J. GIBSON .. .. .. *Treble*	PETER S. BEDFORD 4
JACK PILGRIM 2	H. WILLIAM BAPRRETT .. 5
RAYMOND PECK 3	JOHN W. BLYTHE .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

Rung as birthday compliments to Ruth V. Bedford and Stephen J. Bedford.

HATHERN, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Oct. 6, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being two extents each of Kent T.B., Single Oxford and Plain Bob, and one of St. Clement's. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

TOM HARRIS .. .. .. *Treble*	JOHN TICKLE 4
VALERIE LACEY 2	DAVID SWIFT 5
CELIA COWLEY 3	C. WILLIAM HALL .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by C. WILLIAM HALL.

First peal as conductor.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to John Tickle and as a birthday compliment to Tom Harris.

ASFORDBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 8, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 720 each of Stedman, St. Simon's, April Day, Reverse Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire.
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

HAROLD T. BONSHOR .. *Treble*	ALFRED E. HINMAN .. 4
MRS. C. E. COOPER 2	CHARLES E. COOPER .. 5
ROLAND H. COOK 3	*K. JOHN PANTER .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND H. COOK.

* First peal.
Rung for the wedding of Mr. Ronald Woodcock, of Thorpe Arnold, and Miss Christine Wheeler, bellringer and Sunday School teacher at All Saints'.

CHISLET, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 8, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being an extent each of York, Wells, London, Beverley, Surfleet, Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in E flat.

CRAWFORD T. HILLIS .. *Treble*	ANDREW M. MACVE .. 4
*JOHN R. COOPER 2	RALPH BIRD 5
IAN H. ORAM 3	†A. PATRICK' CANNON .. *Tenor*

Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

* 250th peal. † First in seven Surprise methods 'inside,' and the 100th tenor in Kent 'turned in' to a peal. First of Surprise and seven methods on the bells.

EAGLE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 8, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

RUTH BLACKSHAW .. .. *Treble*	DOREEN ARMSTRONG 4
F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER.. 2	MAURICE W. HARRISON .. 5
FRANK BRADLEY 3	JOHN HIGGS.. .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by DOREEN ARMSTRONG.

Rung as a 1st birthday compliment to the son of the tenor ringer.

HILLESDON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 8, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Kent T.B., St. Clement's and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

JAMES LINNELL .. .. *Treble*	CHARLES E. TRUMAN.. .. 4
*RAYMOND A. VICKERS .. 2	WILLIAM A. YATES 5
FREDERICK VICKERS .. 3	GEORGE W. HOLLAND .. *Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE W. HOLLAND.

* First peal of Minor. Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

HINTON WALDRIST, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 8, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET-OF-ANTIOCH.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb.

NORMAN LESLIE .. .. *Treble*	†ROY H. JONES.. 4
*PAMELA ROONEY 2	MICHAEL EDNEY 5
DENIS LESLIE 3	EDWARD R. VENN .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by EDWARD R. VENN.

* First peal of Minor. † First of Plain Bob Minor, at 11th attempt.

ORSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 8, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

FREDERICK W. PINCHBECK *Treble*	J. EDWARD BROWN 4
FREDERICK DERRY 2	EDGAR A. COLE.. 5
*PETER A. SLIGHT 3	JAMES H. MUSSON .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First peal and first attempt.

SANDON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 8, 1960, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods: (1) Chester, (2) London, (3) York, (4) Beverley, (5) Surfleet, (6) Ipswich, (7) Cambridge.
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in G.

MARY ROAST .. .. .. *Tenor*	JOE E. G. ROAST 4
PETER J. EVES.. 2	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.. 5
*ANDREW HUDSON 3	PATRICK W. SALTMARSH .. *Tenor*

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

* First peal.

STOKE DOYLE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 8, 1960, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. RUMBALD,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Comprising ten six-scores each of April Day and Plain Bob and 22 six-scores of Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt.

GLADYS A. ASHBY .. .. *Treble*	PERCY AMOS 3
RONALD RUSSELL 2	TIMOTHY A. WOODING .. 4
GEORGE F. ROOME .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by GEORGE F. ROOME.

First peal on the bells since 1923, which are all by Thomas Eayre, of Kettering, dated 1727.

Rung as a farewell to the Rector (Rev. Bryan B. Bell), who is leaving for Poole, Dorset. Also on the occasion of the Harvest Festival.

WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 8, 1960, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents, two standard callings. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

*MALCOLM PHIPPS .. .. *Treble*	HERBERT T. ROOKE.. .. 4
†MALCOLM FOSTER 2	‡JAMES T. ROOKE 5
GEORGE CHALLANS 3	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE .. *Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES T. ROOKE.

* First peal of Surprise Minor. † First in the method. ‡ 25th peal. First of Surprise as conductor.

WELLINGTON, HEREFORD.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 8, 1960, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, called differently. Tenor 16 cwt. in F sharp.

FRANK REED .. .. .. *Treble*	*THOMAS W. WOOD.. .. 4
AUSTIN T. WINGATE .. 2	REGINALD G. POWELL .. 5
*MICHAEL V. POWELL .. 3	GEORGE S. COUSINS .. *Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK REED.

* First peal of Minor. The tenor ringer has now 'circled the tower' to a peal.

WHITSTABLE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 8, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being an extent each of Stamford, Rossendale, Hull, Norfolk, Berwick, Hexham and Primrose. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in A flat.

A. PATRICK CANNON.. .. *Treble*	CRAWFORD T. HILLIS .. 4
ANDREW M. MACVE.. .. 2	*IAN H. ORAM 5
JOHN R. COOPER 3	RALPH BIRD .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

* 200th peal. First in seven Surprise methods on the bells.

WENHASTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., Oct. 10, 1960, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Cambridge Surprise and one each of Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt. 6 lb.

JACK PILGRIM .. .. .. *Treble*	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 4
C. JACK GIBSON.. 2	PETER S. BEDFORD 5
JAMES M. BAILEY 3	JOHN W. BLYTHE .. .. *Tenor*

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ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Susan Waterhouse (first quarter) 1, D. H. Paine 2, Diana M. Gough (cond.) 3, J. Forrest 4, Valerie Mepham 5, V. F. Gough 6. Rung to congratulate Pam and Ian McGill on the birth of their first baby, Joanna Elizabeth.

ASHFORD, KENT.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Josephine Hardy 1, Margaret Jones 2, Rita Gould (first 'inside') 3, N. J. Davies (cond.) 4, H. S. Wickens 5, J. R. Cooper 6. For Matins.

AYLESTONE, LEICS.—On Sept. 11th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: S. Marie Davenport 1, Patricia A. Wardle 2, Sandra E. Chesterton 3, Christine Wakefield 4, P. Martin 5, T. I. Roper 6, R. S. Morris 7, A. J. Poynor (cond.) 8. First of Surprise by local band. For Evensong and with the best wishes of the band to Christine Wakefield, who is leaving for an appointment at High Wycombe.

ASHCHURCH, GLOS.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (Besthorpe, April Day, Old Bob, Kennington, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Anne Broxton 1, M. Hawkes (cond.) 2, Albert Halling 3, Arthur Halling 4, E. W. Penn 5, R. Key 6. The conductor's 100th quarter peal. For Harvest Festival.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On Aug. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Wingrove (cond.) 1, Ann Shiels 2, B. Edwards (first 'inside') 3, Kathleen Fletcher 4, R. Broadley 5, M. Broadley 6, A. Bridges 7, S. Hatfield 8. For Evensong. Also on Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Wingrove (cond.) 1, Gwen Reeves 2, Dorothy Fletcher 3, Ann Shiels 4, R Broadley 5, M. Broadley 6, A. Bridges 7, S. Hatfield 8. For Harvest Festival.

BECKFORD, GLOS.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Penn 1, A. Pulley 2, Anne Broxton (first 'inside') 3, A. Halling 4, E. W. Penn (cond.) 5, F. E. Wood 6.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,251 Stedman Caters: Jean Lavender 1, R. W. Hinde 2, J. Schofield 3, F. E. Darby (cond.) 4, Elizabeth Cooper 5, R. J. Cook 6, E. G. Talbot 7, M. V. Chilcott 8, S. F. Kimber 9, L. A. Reece 10. For Evensong.

BRAILLES, WARWICKS.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. M. Elliman 1, Miss B. A. Thomson 2, P. S. Bennett 3, R. Winter 4, H. M. Windsor (cond.) 5, G. L. P. Aldhouse 6. First quarter peal on the bells. Rung to celebrate the engagement of Mr. Ray Winter to Miss Beverley Thomson, and Harry Windsor to Miss Joyce Elliman.

BRAY, BERKS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (1-2 leading): Joan Davey 1, Janet Barker 2, Wanda Harris 3, Sylvia Wood 4, T. Mitchell 5, B. May 6, Doreen Hague (cond.) 7, J. E. Norsworthy 8. For Patronal Festival Evensong. Also on Oct. 9th, 1,260 Doubles Plain Bob and Grandsire) with 7, 6, 8 covering: Sylvia Wood 1, B. May 2, E. T. Lee 3, Janet Livingston 4, Doreen Hague (cond.) 5, T. Mitchell 6, D. Livingston 7, J. E. Norsworthy 8.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Corderoy 1, H. W. Dunsden 2, A. R. T. Greenough 3, E. J. Grace 4, W. J. Irving 5, Claude Corderoy (cond.) 6, J. P. Blond 7, Cecil Corderoy 8. For Patronal Festival. Also on Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Corderoy 1, H. W. Dunsden 2, A. R. T. Greenough 3, E. J. Grace 4, H. L. Bishop 5, R. B. Blond (cond.) 6, Claude Corderoy 7, Cecil Corderoy 8. For Harvest Festival. Also on Oct. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. H. Mills 1, H. W. Dunsden 2, A. R. T. Greenough 3, Claude Corderoy 4, A. R. Woodley 5, J. P. Blond (cond.) 6, R. B. Blond 7, P. Corderoy 8. For Harvest Festival.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—At the Church of St. Dunstan, on Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. Phillmore 1, Miss O. Gant (first quarter) 2, Mrs. G. Stockbridge 3, J. Stockbridge 4, D. Chatfield (cond.) 5, A. Butler 6. For Harvest Festival.

COWFOLD, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: B. Dixon 1, G. Packham 2, R. V. Johnson 3, J. Jeffery 4, J. Herbecque 5, E. Packham 6, F. Godsmark (cond.) 7, E. Brett 8. Also on Sept. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire): R. Boxall 1, Rosemary Stevens 2, F. Godsmark (cond.) 3, G. Packham 4, R. Johnson 5, H. Symonds 6. For the 101st birthday this day of Mrs. Julia Woolven.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. T. Durnford 1, G. Apps 2, B. Dixon 3, Rosemary Stevens 4, J. W. Jeffery 5, R. V. Johnson 6, F. Godsmark (cond.) 7, E. Brett 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Ena Stevens, beloved wife of A. J. Stevens, churchwarden, and mother of Rosemary, ringer of the 4th.

DUMBLETON, GLOS.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Christine Halling 1, Nadine Price 2, A. Hawkes 3, F. E. Wood 4, M. Hawkes (cond.) 5, H. Lyes 6.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Trples: Hilary Mason 1, D. Gebbett 2, Eliz. Foulk 3, Jennifer Hitchcock 4, F. W. Stone 5, D. Parker 6, D. Shaw (cond.) 7, J. Macarthur 8. For Evensong.

QUARTER PEALS

EALING, MIDDX.—At Christ the Saviour, on Oct. 4th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: J. Tomsett 1, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 2, A. Fulwell 3, H. J. Eldred 4, M. Gathercole 5, F. Ranson 6, D. Theedom 7, E. Everest 8. A compliment to Miss Jean Scrutton, of the local band, married on previous Saturday to Mr. J. Anderson.

FAREHAM, HANTS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. Smith 1, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 2, J. A. G. Ball 3, Mrs. D. Bray 4, G. Miles 5, J. Stevenson 6, A. H. Sturgess 7, A. J. Dye 8. For the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels.

FARNWORTH & KEARSLEY, LANCS.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. Smith 1, A. Greenhalgh 2, N. Tompkins 3, D. Lawson 4, G. Fothergill 5, J. Thornley 6, B. A. Tomlinson (cond.) 7, A. Tomlinson 8. Rung to the Glory of God and to celebrate the silver jubilee of the ordination to the priesthood of the Vicar, Rev. Philip Arthur Wrigley.

FRESSINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss P. Adcock (first quarter of Treble Bob) 1, E. Whiting (cond.) 2, A. Head 3, L. J. Mimms 4, G. Gower 5, R. Plummer 6, L. E. Etheridge 7, W. J. Flatt 8. For Harvest Fertival.

GRANTHAM, LINCS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,008 Stedman Triples: Miss M. E. A. Bailey 1, Mrs. P. A. Simpson 2, F. W. Pinchbeck 3, J. E. Cook 4, D. A. Frith 5, H. R. Woods 6, J. M. Simpson (cond.) 7, J. R. Holmes 8. First in method for 1, 2, 4 and 7. For Harvest Festival.

GREAT BROMLEY, ESSEX.—On Sept. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Cole 1, Joy Munson (first 'inside') 2, F. H. Erith 3, J. Avis 4, P. G. Erith 5, B. W. Fairhead (cond.) 6.

GREAT WITCOMBE, GLOS.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, Grandsire and Plain Bob): Olga L. Critchlow (first quarter) 1, R. Price 2, H. Worrall 3, N. Waite 4, M. Ling (cond.) 5, Catharine Bean (first quarter) 6.

HARPENDEN, HERTS.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Gillian Coker 1, A. Day (cond.) 2, Amy Coburn 3, L. G. Coburn 4, R. Newson 5, F. C. Jacklin 6. For Harvest Thanksgiving.

HARSTON, OXFORD.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Dunkley 1, R. Jones (200th quarter) 2, N. Ream 3, J. S. Walker 4, A. Gammon (cond.) 5. For Harvest Festival.

HEAVITREE, EXETER.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Milton 1, B. T. Thompson 2, F. Wills 3, C. P. Yates 4, E. Glass 5, G. Skinner 6, F. Wreford (cond.) 7, F. Rogers 8. Rung on the eve of the Patronal Festival as a silver wedding compliment to the Vicar and Mrs. E. Royle.

HOAR CROSS, STAFFS.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Graham Roobottom (14) 1, George Roobottom 2, C. A. S. Webb 3, G. Davies 4, D. P. Jones (cond.) 5, David Eames (15) 6. In memory of Sarah Elizabeth Furr.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Nina Pembrey (first quarter) 1, H. W. Brown 2, S. W. Brown (cond.) 3, J. R. Norris 4, M. C. Wooldridge 5, Angela Hood 6, Penelope C. Clark 7, A. Walsh 8. For Harvest Festival Evensong.

KEMERTON, GLOS.—On Sept. 24th, 1,320 Doubles (Little Aston, Costessy, St. Columb, Clifford's Pleasure, Southrepps, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Besthorpe, Seighford, Old Bob, April Day and Kennington): Christine Halling 1, M. Hawkes (cond.) 2, Nadine Price 3, F. E. Wood 4, E. W. Penn 5, J. Firkins 6. The conductor's 50th quarter peal in that capacity.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss H. Sharp 1, D. F. West 2, M. E. Downs 3, W. Rouse 4, L. E. Sharp 5, D. E. West 6, E. B. Smith (first as cond.) 7, U. W. Wildney 8. For Harvest Festival Evensong.

KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Sept. 18th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Tonie Critchley 1, Linda Hughes 2, Ann Fellows (first of Major 'inside') 3, Susan Funnell 4, Alma Greaves 5, J. K. Foot 6, M. Hart 7, R. J. Gay (first of Major as cond.) 8. Rung to welcome the Bishop of Aston to Evensong, and to celebrate the dedication of the new Church of St. Bede, Brandwood End. Also on Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Mary Funnell 1, Linda M. Hughes 2, Ann E. Fellows 3, Veronica Miles 4, Susan Funnell 5, Alma M. Greaves 6, R. J. Gay (cond.) 7, J. K. Foot 8. For Harvest Festival Evensong.

LEICESTER.—At the Church of St. John-the-Divine, on Sept. 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. M. Jelley (cond.) 1, P. J. Chilton 2, I. Fraser 3, K. B. Townsend 4, R. Elkington 5, V. Pratt 6, S. Harrison 7, A. Cooke 8. For Evensong of the Dedication Festival.

LIMPSFIELD, SURREY.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Evelyn Sharpe (first quarter) 1, A. Stenning 2, E. Nixon (cond.) 3, E. Jarrett 4, A. Terry (first 'inside') 5, M. Wall 6.

LLANFAES, BRECON.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob and 660 Grandsire): E. J. J. Pollard 1, M. Thomas 2, D. G. Owen 3, H. Owen 4, M. M. Peterson (cond.) 5, M. Johns 6. For the Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Association.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,263 Stedman Caters: L. Mannering 1, T. E. Sone 2, F. Hogan 3, F. Leeson 4, J. T. Mannering 5, L. Head (cond.) 6, B. Groves 7, B. Baker 8, T. Cross 9, F. Thwaites 10. For Evensong.

MARLOW, BUCKS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jill Cook 1, P. R. Dean (first 'inside') 2, E. D. Poole 3, J. Young 4, Mrs. E. Mead 5, E. Silvey 6, R. E. Dean (cond.) 7, L. J. Young 8. For the Dedication Festival.

MERROW, SURREY.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (April Day, Grandsire and Plain Bob): Lynne J. Banks (first quarter) 1, Jill M. Lane (cond.) 2, Susan A. Bull (most methods 'inside') 3, D. J. Tubbs 4, D. A. R. May 5, K. S. Owen 6.

NASEBY, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss L. Brown 1, A. Millward 2, E. Storey 3, W. Cropley 4, D. Griffin (cond.) 5. For Evensong.

NEWTON ST. CYRES, DEVON.—On Sept. 25th, 1,280 Grandsire Triples: Miss G. Cork 1, R. J. Bray 2, N. Mallett (cond.) 3, T. Ridgeman 4, S. Skinner 5, G. Luxton 6, E. G. Cork 7, S. Gardiner 8. For Harvest Festival Evensong.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Martin 1, C. Mew 2, A. Clayton 3, A. Mann 4, B. Coatsworth 5, J. Perrett 6, L. Allen 7, B. Bull 8. Rung with 8, 7 covering. For Matins, and as a 21st birthday compliment to Michael Bull, cousin of the tenor ringer.

REIGATE, SURREY.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Joan Hanning 1, F. E. Roberts 2, A. Streeter 3, Freda Hankey 4, W. Inwood 5, G. Olliver (cond.) 6, A. T. Shelton 7, K. Game 8. For Evensong.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: B. G. Warwick (cond.) 1, Patricia A. Wardle 2, M. G. Wood (first of Stedman) 3, E. Morris 4, R. S. Morris 5, B. M. Smith 6, A. J. Poynor 7, D. W. Stenson (first on eight) 8. For Festal Evensong on St. Michael and All Angels' Day, and to welcome the Rev. R. F. Willis, Rector of Bruntingthorpe, who preached.

STORRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Chacksfield 1, Mrs. Chacksfield 2, R. G. Blackman 3, Jean Horton 4, B. Farhall (cond.) 5, J. Charman 6. For Harvest Festival, and in honour of Norman Smith, a Sussex ringer, ordained Deacon this day in Gloucester Cathedral.

TAMWORTH, STAFFS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. E. Cawser (cond.) 1, Wendy E. Rhodes (longest length) 2, Beryl E. Cawser 3, D. C. Oates 4, A. A. Rackham 5, N. W. Attaway 6, B. J. Hodgetts 7, G. H. Peers (jun.) 8. For Harvest Festival.

TENDRING, ESSEX.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Brazier 1, Ann Collier 2, Ann Pryke 3, E. E. Davey (cond.) 4, Mrs. V. Hales 5, I. Cooper 6. For Evensong.

THAKEHAM, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (April Day, St. Bartholomew, Plain Bob and Grandsire): G. Charman 1, Miss H. Skinner 2, C. B. Skinner 3, J. H. Newell 4, B. W. Farhall (cond.) 5, W. Cherriman 6. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Skinner, parents of the 2nd ringer.

TODDINGTON, GLOS.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Hawkes 1, A. Pulley 2, D. Penn (first 'inside') 3, A. Halling 4, F. E. Wood (cond.) 5, Anne Broxton 6.

WENTWORTH, YORKS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,320 Doubles (St. Martin's, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Grandsire and Plain Bob): M. A. Beaumont 1, T. Randle 2, M. King 3, E. P. King 4, M. R. Meadows (cond.) 5, R. West 6. First in four methods by all except 2. A birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.—On Aug. 27th, 1,440 Minor (Kent and Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob): J. Avis 1, B. W. Fairhead (cond.) 2, A. S. Semken 3, A. E. Leggett 4, J. Towler 5, D. Culham 6.

WOTTON-UNDER-EDGE, GLOS.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: O. Mills 1, Myra J. Wilkins 2, K. W. Price 3, B. K. Lewis 4, A. W. Gibbs (cond.) 5, D. Ashton 6. A farewell to K. Price, who is leaving for Nottingham University.

WYCHBOLD, WORCS.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (non-conducted): Lynda Powell (first quarter) 1, P. Cattermole 2, Valerie Powell 3, A. D. Cook 4, J. E. Pullon 5, L. H. G. Gittins 6. For Harvest Thanksgiving service, also a farewell to P. Cattermole, leaving for King's College, London.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Last January Mr. Basil Langton. of New York. visited Barcombe, Sussex, belfry and, with permission. tape recorded a touch of Bob Doubles. Much to the band's surprise, he visited the tower on Sunday, October 9th, and told the company that the recording had interested his friends in America very much. On this occasion he took another tape recording and photographs of the band ringing 120 Grandsire Doubles. He is also taking to America a copy of the Central Council's handbook.

We regret that an error occurred in the serial numbers of publication in the last four issues. These should be 2,579, 2,580, 2,581 and 2,582. The current issue is 2,583.

We regret to hear that Mr. J. W. Parker, who is living with his daughter, Mrs. G. W. Fletcher at Caister-on-Sea, recently had a fall and is now seriously ill.

The repair work in the belfry at Debenham, Suffolk, has resulted in a smart appearance. The bells were heard at their best during a peal of Yorkshire last Saturday.

Pulborough bells have recently been overhauled by Messrs. John Taylor & Co., and a false ceiling put in the ringing chamber. They are now a pleasure to ring.

A pair of black gloves were left in the belfry of Tonbridge church on October 1st on the occasion of the annual meeting of the Tonbridge District and a gentleman's raincoat exchanged for a lady's! Will owners please contact Mr. Walter Dobbie.

Two young ladies of the Guildford Guild are freshers at Durham University—Miss Sally Buchanan, of Chobham, and Miss Janet Cleeve, of Guildford. A farewell peal was rung for Miss Cleeve at St. Mary's, Guildford, who has had a previous acquaintance of Durham with St. Christopher's Guild.

The quarter peals rung at Chelsfield, Kent, appeared under the heading West Wickham, on page 670. The error, on our part, is regretted. It was a case of assuming that the West Wickham address of the sender was the tower where the performances took place. Will senders of quarter peals, please, write reports in accordance with the published style.

In the attempt, in Hampshire and Berkshire, for five peals in a day in five different towers last Saturday, only four were rung. The attempt for Yorkshire at Highclere, reports Mr. A. Patrick Cannon, was lost after two hours through a miscall.

The peal rung at Dickleburgh, on September 27th (see page 685), was for the Norwich Diocesan Association.

Presiding at the Conservative Party conference, at Scarborough, was Cclr. Ted Brown, a Tottenham trade unionist, who according to the Press, hoped to ring at St. Mary's Scarborough, before the end of the conference.

Mr. D. E. Griffin informs us that the peal at Oxendon, on September 24th (see page 669), was the 11th peal on the bells. The 10th was rung on May 7th, 1960.

In a Midland Week of peal ringing Mr. G. E. Fearn and Mr. Jack L. Millhouse each scored 10 peals and Mr. John A. Anderson nine.

Two new trebles have been added to Packworth, Warwicks, church. These were dedicated on September 18th by the Bishop of Aston, and a peal of Plain Bob Triples rung the same day.

The weather caused a disappointment to the ringers of SS. Peter and Paul, Ash, near Sevenoaks, on September 30th, as they intended ringing a quarter peal for the Harvest Festival, the birth of a second daughter to Mr. Guy Jones (a local ringer) and for the first anniversary of the Rector's appointment. There is a silevr lining to every cloud, and success may not long be long delayed.

Just over £200 has been received to provide the Alfred H. Pulling memorial bell at Guildford New Cathedral. The Executive Committee of the Guildford Diocesan Guild have to place an order for the bell in consultation with the architect, Sir Edward Maufe, at an early date, if it is to be in time for the consecration on May 17th in the presence of H.M. the Queen. Considerably more money is, however, required. Donations should be sent to Mr. C. W. Denyer, 15 Crondall Lane, Farnham.

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NATIONAL POLICE GUILD

LEICESTER, where the annual meeting and dinner of the National Guild of Police ringers were held on September 24th, has a very special place in the history of the Guild, for it was here that it was formed in 1931, largely through the initiative and enthusiasm of the late Harold J. Poole (ex-Inspector, Leicester City) and ex-Chief Inspector William Bottrill (Metropolitan). So it was with a feeling of being at 'home' that members and friends from Bedford, Bristol, Cornwall, Leicester (City and County), Liverpool, London and Manchester assembled.

The London contingent, because of an early start and a fast run up the M.1, and in spite of some faulty map reading by an ex-R.A.F. navigator, were able to ring on the fine eight at Monks Kirby, Warwickshire, a much-appreciated privilege. Ringing in Leicester was at St. John-the-Divine's, the Cathedral, St. Margaret's and All Saints', some of it good and some indifferent. It was very pleasant to be met at St. John's by Herrick Bowley, Master of the Cathedral band, who was with us for the rest of the day and who at one stage was seen to be standing behind the Master of another quite-well-known Society, reminding the latter when to call the bobs in a touch of Stedman Cinques.

The business meeting was held at Leicester City Police H.Q., with the president, ex.-Sgt. E. C. Turner, in the chair, supported by our indefatigable secretary, P.C. John Smith. The routine business was soon disposed of, and the president then vacated the chair for the election of officers. Regularly each year Mr. Turner says 'The job should go round,' and just as regularly he is re-elected, this year being no exception. John Smith was re-elected secretary/treasurer, with Sgt. Jack Rawson to keep an eye on him in the capacity of auditor, and there were two changes in the committee, which now consists of Messrs. T. R. Butler, G. Amor, C. E. Willmington, N. S. Bagworth, H. R. Woods, B. Walshaw and A. Pearce.

Several new members were elected, and it was decided that if possible the 1961 meeting would be held in Grantham on September 23rd.

HONORARY LIFE MEMBER

A most pleasing feature of the business meeting was the election of ex-Chief Inspector Bottrill as an honorary life member, an honour which he richly deserves. Mr. Bottrill, who retired from the Metropolitan Police over 20 years ago and who now lives in Luton, has done much for police ringing. In 1912 he took part in the first peal by a band of police officers, which was conducted by P.C. Charge, better known to the Exercise as the late Cornelius Charge, a brilliant composer. Mr. Bottrill also took part in the first peals of Stedman Cinques and Cambridge Major by police officers. On the formation of the National Police Guild in 1931, he was elected the first president, subsequently served as vice-president, and conducted the first tower bell peal by the Guild.

The members heard with regret of the death of ex-P.C. Fred Digby, first secretary of the Metropolitan Police Guild and a founder member of the National Guild, who also took part in the first tower bell peal by the Guild.

Under the genial chairmanship of the president, a company of about 60 members and friends assembled at dinner, at which the guests were the Archdeacon of Leicester, the Chief Constable of Leicester and Rutland and the Chief Constable of Leicester City, and their ladies. So ended a most enjoyable day.

It is felt that there must be many ringers in the Police Service, or who have been associated with it, who have had no contact with the Guild. There are two classes of members: (*a*) Full members, i.e., those who are serving or have served in the Police Service as regular officers or full-time auxiliaries (Special Constabulary or War Reserve), and (*b*) Associate members, i.e., past or present members of the Special Constabulary or cadets. Any ringers who are so qualified will be warmly welcomed to the Guild, be they 'scientific' or call-change ringers. The secretary, P.C. John A. Smith, 17, Glen Way, Oadby, Leicester, will be glad to hear from prospective new members. J. P.

SERVANTS OF THE EXERCISE – No. 43



MR. BURLEY P. MORRIS
Secretary, Derbyshire Association

Mr. Burley Morris, the popular secretary of the Derbyshire Association, had no easy task when he succeeded Mr. Ben Cooper, of Bolsover, for Ben had served the Association during its formative years, and was very conscientious in carrying out his duties. It is always a big job to follow a good man, but Burley has taken up the task in a very enthusiastic way, and is already proving himself worthy of the trust placed in him.

He had not been in office long before he discovered that a very nice ring of six bells at Bradbourne had not been rung for several years; so, roping in a few helpers, he went there and cleaned the place up, got the bells going again, and they proved to be very pleasant to ring upon. At present he is putting in many hours of really hard work, instructing a band at Chelmorton, where recently a new ring of five bells was installed. Such is the enthusiasm there that they are already raising funds to install another bell, and the local ringers may be sure that they have the support and goodwill of the Derbyshire Association.

Burley Morris was born at Warkton, Northants, in 1912, and was educated at Warkton and Kettering Grammar School. He learned to ring at Warkton when he was 14, and rang his first peal there in 1928. At this time the famous Irthlingborough band was making ringing history, under the late A. Y. Tyler and Walter Perkins. Burley soon found his way there, and rang a good number of peals with them. He also did a lot of ringing at Kettering with David Nichols, another Northants enthusiast, and also such celebrities as C. W. Clarke and Miss Evelyn Steele. He always remained loyal to his own tower at Warkton, ringing regularly for Sunday services, and he called his first peal (Grandsire Doubles) at Weldon in 1930. He is postmaster of Ashbourne, Derbyshire, where he very soon made his presence felt, and soon got the ring of eight bells going regularly for Sunday services. He gets on very well with the clergy, too—a good point for a secretary.

When he was in Northants he served the Peterborough Guild, first as a committee man, then as Central Council representative, then as auditor and finally as Master, from 1955 to 1958. His peals total to date is 181, of which he has conducted 44. Burley is very proud of his membership of the College Youths, and was frequently to be seen in London before he moved to Ashbourne. During his service with the Royal Signals in the 1939 war, his duties took him to Barnet, and he married Miss Mary Swift. Whilst in the district he rang his first peal of Bristol at Barnet, and also a peal of Spliced Surprise in four methods with the famous Bushey band. Burley is of a very friendly nature, and there is no doubt that under his enthusiastic leadership the Derbyshire Association will continue to make good progress.

JAFUS.

LEICESTER GOLDEN WEDDING

Sixty years ago the late Mr. Josiah Morris, of St. Margaret's, Leicester, said to his son Ernest: 'It's about time you learned to ring; come to the practice and bring a friend.' Ernest brought his school pal Fred Staniforth, and they both were taught together at St. Mark's (8) and St. George's (6), Leicester.

A few years later the Staniforth family migrated to Kibworth, and Fred attached himself to the local band, becoming their leader. The two 'pals' kept in touch, and in due course Ernest Morris called the first peals at Kibworth on the six and later the eight bells after augmentation. He also became Fred's best man in 1910, and conducted the wedding ringing.

To mark the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Staniforth, a quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor was rung by W. A. Bolton 1, Ernest Morris (conductor) 3, A. Martin 4, L. W. Allen 5, N. W. Bolton 6, A. S. Bolton 7, A. Behagg 8. It is noteworthy that besides E. Morris, A. Martin also took part in the original wedding peal 50 years ago!

Apart from being captain of the ringers, Mr. Staniforth is also people's warden, and was a former treasurer of the church. He was formerly a textile manufacturer at Leicester.

SILENT BELLS RING OUT AGAIN

On Sunday morning, October 2nd, the church bells in the tiny Hampshire village of Sydmonton, near Newbury, were heard for the first time for many months when they were rung by a band of ten ringers from Reading, Overton, Kingsclere and Baughurst. The occasion was the harvest thanksgiving, at which the preacher was the Bishop of Southampton.

The church, dedicated to St. Mary-the-Virgin, is beautifully situated in the grounds of Sydmonton Court, and from the tower there is a fine view towards the Hampshire Downs. The bells are six in number (tenor about 8 cwt.), and this is believed to be only the fifth occasion this century they have been rung, the village being too small and too isolated to support a band of ringers of its own.

As is only to be expected, the bells go badly, although they are by no means unringable. They are very noisy inside the ringing chamber, but when heard from outside they have quite a pleasing tone. Grandsire Doubles was the only method rung, but the striking was good taking all things into consideration, and the three young beginners from Kingsclere, in particular, handled these difficult bells extremely well. During the service, both the Vicar and the Bishop expressed their appreciation of the ringing. Afterwards the ringers were entertained to refreshments by Lt.-Col. Kingsmill, of Sydmonton Court, a gesture which was much appreciated.

One young resident of Sydmonton, seeing ringers in action for the first time, has expressed a keen interest in learning the art of change-ringing, and may be able to persuade friends to learn also. With some attention to the bells, and the promise of help from outside, there is every prospect that the bells, even if not rung every Sunday, may at least be heard more often in the future than they have been in the past.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (6, 8 covering): D. C. Hall 1, I. Knox 2, O. J. J. Rogers 3, K. C. Fleming 4, R. Churchill (cond.) 5, Ann Fisher 6, I. N. Pett 7, G. Jackson 8. For Harvest Festival Evensong.

ANALYSIS OF PEALS RUNG IN 1959

Ancient Society of College Youths.—Maximus 4, Cinques 4, Royal 3, Caters 5, Major 10, Minor 1. Total 27.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—Royal 2, Caters 2, Major 10, Triples 5, Minor 11, Doubles 19. Total 49.

Bedfordshire Association.—Royal 4, Major 11, Minor 8 (1). Totals 23 (1).

Cambridge University Guild.—Maximus 1 (1), Royal 2 (4), Caters 2, Major 10 (2), Triples 2, Minor 2 (1). Totals 19 (8).

Chester Diocesan Guild.—Maximus 2, Royal 8, Caters 1, Major 60 (1), Triples 1, Minor 32 (2), Doubles 3. Totals 107 (3).

Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association.—Nil.

Coventry Diocesan Guild.—Royal 1, Caters 1, Major 10, Minor 2, Doubles 2. Total 16.

Cumberland and N. Westmorland Association.—Major 1. Total 1.

Derbyshire Association.—Royal 3, Caters 1, Major 27, Triples 2, Minor 19, Doubles 1. Total 53.

Devonshire Guild.—Maximus 1, Cinques 1, Caters 1, Major 17, Triples 7, Minor 5 (1), Doubles 4. Totals 36 (1).

Dudley and District Guild.—Royal 1, Triples 1. Total 2.

Durham and Newcastle Association.—Caters 2, Major 23, Triples 8, Minor 18 (1). Totals 51 (1).

East Derbyshire and Notts Association.—Nil.

East Grinstead and District Guild.—Major 1, Triples 1, Doubles 1. Total 3.

Ely Diocesan Association.—Maximus 1, Major 15, Triples 2, Minor 22 (4), Doubles 4. Totals 44 (4).

Essex Association.—Maximus 1, Cinques 2, Royal 1, Caters 1, Major 24, Triples 1, Minor 33 (2), Doubles 4. Totals 67 (2).

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Maximus 1, Cinques 1, Royal 1 (1), Caters 7, Major 12 (1), Triples 9, Minor 20, Doubles 22. Totals 73 (2).

Guildford Diocesan Guild.—Royal 1, Caters 1, Major 14, Triples 5, Minor 12, Doubles 3. Total 36.

Hereford Diocesan Guild.—Major 2, Minor 1, Doubles 7. Total 10.

Hertford County Association.—Royal 5 (3), Caters 2, Major 42 (8), Triples 1, Minor 28 (4). Totals 78 (15).

Irish Association.—Cinques 1, Royal 6, Major 22, Triples 3. Total 32.

Kent County Association.—Cinques 1, Royal 3, Caters 1, Major 45, Triples 16, Minor 37, Doubles 3. Total 106.

Ladies' Guild.—Major 1, Doubles 1. Total 2.

Lancashire Association.—Maximus 4, Cinques 1, Royal 5, Caters 2, Major 57, Triples 15, Minor 23, Doubles 2. Total 109.

Leicester Diocesan Guild.—Maximus 4, Cinques 1, Royal 20 (1), Caters 4 (1), Major 56 (20), Triples 15 (3), Minor 45 (7), Doubles 8 (3). Totals 153 (35).

Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Maximus 1 (1), Cinques 4, Royal 3 (3), Caters 1, Major 44 (3), Triples 5, Minor 61, Doubles 6. Totals 125 (7).

Llandaff and Monmouth Association.—Maximus 1, Royal 2, Caters 2, Major 12, Triples 10, Minor 5, Doubles 5. Total 37.

London County Association.—Royal 4, Caters 1. Total 5.

Midland Counties Guild.—Royal 1, Major 24, Triples 3, Minor 5, Doubles 3. Total 36.

Middlesex County Association.—Royal 1 (2), Caters 1 (1), Major 28 (6), Minor 11, Doubles 2. Totals 43 (9).

National Police Guild.—Nil.

New South Wales Association.—Triples 1 (1). Total 1 (1).

North Staffs Association.—Royal 1, Major 9, Triples 4, Minor 6 (1), Doubles 6. Totals 26 (1).

North Wales Association.—Major 4, Minor 2. Total 6.

Norwich Diocesan Association.—Maximus 1, Caters 3, Major 29, Triples 5, Minor 43, Doubles 4. Total 85.

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Maximus 2, Cinques 1, Royal 4, Caters 2, Major 42, Triples 24, Minor 12, Doubles 15. Total 102.

Oxford Society.—Caters 1, Major 5, Triples 1, Minor 1, Doubles 2. Total 10.

Oxford University.—Cinques 1, Caters 1, Major 15 (2), Triples 1, Minor 3, Doubles 1. Totals 22 (2).

Peterborough Diocesan Guild.—Caters 1, Major 14, Triples 1, Minor 34, Doubles 18. Total 68.

St. David's Diocesan Association.—Nil.

St. Martin's Guild.—Maximus 3, Cinques 2, Royal 12, Major 26, Triples 1, Minor 2, Doubles 2. Total 48.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Major 4, Triples 2, Minor 5, Doubles 3. Total 14.

Scottish Association.—Royal 1. Total 1.

Sheffield and District Association.—Major 3, Triples 1. Total 4.

Shropshire Association.—Cinques 1, Major 7, Triples 1, Minor 2, Doubles 1. Total 12.

Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.—Cinques 1, Caters 1, Major 1, Triples 1. Total 4.

Archdeaconry of Stafford Association.—Royal 4, Caters 13, Major 13, Triples 5, Minor 11 (2), Doubles 6 (4). Totals 52 (6).

Southwell Diocesan Guild.—Royal 1, Major 4, Triples 4, Minor 40, Doubles 4. Total 53.

Suffolk Guild.—Maximus 1, Royal 5, Caters 3, Major 25 (2), Triples 3, Minor 36, Doubles 1 (4). Totals 74 (6).

Surrey Association.—Royal 2, Caters 3, Major 12, Triples 3, Minor 10, Doubles 1. Total 31.

Sussex County Association.—Royal 3, Caters 3, Major 28, Triples 2, Minor 17 (1), Doubles 3. Totals 56 (1).

Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild.—Major 3, Triples 1, Minor 2, Doubles 2. Total 8.

Truro Diocesan Guild.—Major 2, Triples 5, Minor 2. Total 9.

Universities Association.—Major 2, Minor 2 (1). Totals 4 (1).

University of London.—Major 7, Minor 8. Total 15.

Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.—Royal 4, Caters 3, Major 16 (2), Triples 4, Minor 6, Doubles 4. Totals 37 (2).

Worcester and Districts Association.—Maximus 1, Cinques 2, Caters 2 (1), Major 19, Triples 5, Minor 18, Doubles 8. Totals 55 (1).

Yorkshire Association.—Maximus 4, Cinques 1, Royal 10, Caters 3, Major 55 (2), Triples 3, Minor 37 (10), Doubles (6). Totals 113 (18).

Other Societies and Unattached.—Cinques 1, Royal 1, Major 7, Triples 2, Minor 17, Doubles 2. Total 30.

Miscellaneous Performances.—Bob Caters on nine 1. Bob Minimus 1.

Figures in brackets denote handbell peals included in the totals.

ST. MARY'S, EWELL, RINGERS' OUTING

The annual outing of St. Mary's, Ewell, ringers took place on September 17th and no rain marred the enjoyment of the excursion into Sussex and Hampshire, where we were scheduled to visit seven towers. Unfortunately, one of these, at Midhurst, had to be cancelled owing to the funeral of the verger.

Our destination was St. Mary's, Petworth, where the 14th century tower has had two steeples, the first said to have had a perilous list before being removed in 1800 and the second, condemned as being dangerous, was demolished in 1947. This tower has a ring of 8 (tenor 18 cwt.) and the bells were soon ringing merrily to rounds and touches of Grandsire and Plain Bob, by our mixed company, whose experience ranges from 5 months to over 50 years. Those of our numbers most junior in years and stature were somewhat handicapped here by the lack of boxes on which to stand but perhaps these had been used to send the pigeons' eggs to market! Certainly the carpet of pigeon feathers on the steps to the ringing chamber deadened the sound of our footsteps.

On then to the delightful village of Easebourne, to visit another church of St. Mary, with its 8 bells (tenor 11 cwt.). Ringing here from ground level allowed our friends an unimpeded view of operations which they fully appreciated. Our organist, whilst enjoying his own 'touch' on the organ, had to be asked to modify his efforts as they made it difficult for the ringers to hear the results of their own!

Continuing our journey through Sussex on into Hampshire, brought us to Portsmouth, where we all enjoyed an excellent lunch before visiting the Cathedral. Here, the heaviest ring of the day (tenor 25½ cwt.), augmented to 10 in 1957, caused not a little difficulty to at least one of our learners who had previously not rung on more than 8. An attempt at Double Norwich Court Bob also proved too ambitious, but a most enjoyable session was held before moving on to our third church, dedicated to St Mary at Portsea, where calamity overtook us. The stay of the third of this fine ring of 8 fractured, causing a shock to the ringer and so affecting two timid members of the party that we crept from the tower and calmed our nerves by joining those of our friends who were being conducted round this imposing church by the kindly and informative resident organist.

Back now into Sussex and the town of Arundel where we all partook of an adequate and welcome tea, followed by a leisurely walk up the hill, past the castle, to the Church of St. Nicholas with its ring of 8 (tenor 13½ cwt.), where two of the local ringers joined us for a while. This church would appear to be unique in that access to the tower is from a stairway behind the altar.

Our last tower was yet another church of St. Mary, at Billingshurst, and here we found an indication that winter is nearly upon us for the church was already heated. The bells (8, tenor 12 cwt.) did not go as easily as those in most of the towers we had visited and some of our learners were again grateful for timely assistance and advice from the more experienced. Here too, one of our lady members was observed at one time to be gallantly coping with the second in a touch of Grandsire from what appeared to be a most uncomfortable perch on a very small block of wood!

A total of 50 people were carried in two coaches on the outing, of whom 21 were ringers and learners, and we say a really hearty thanks to those behind the scenes who organised the trip. Although it was a rather lengthy trip (from 7.15 a.m. to 10.30 p.m.) so well was everything organised that we were only 15 minutes late on arriving home. We would like to express our gratitude to all incumbents and tower captains for the use of their bells.

F. W.

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'FIRING AT WINCHESTER'

Dear Sir,—Could I be allowed a further brief comment on this subject, and at the same time rectify a slight inaccuracy contained in Mr. Noice's letter published in a recent issue.

First, I was only a member and a very junior member at that of the party which visited Winchester when the firing under discussion took place. I have no doubt that Mr. Lampard made all the necessary arrangements quoted with our organiser, but I was not personally involved in any way. I wish to stress this point, because the implication could be drawn as a criticism of local arrangements from the leader of a visiting band, which in this instance is mistaken.

Secondly, my opinion on firing is a purely personal one, and is directed at its practice generally. The fact that this particular incident took place at Winchester is irrelevant; I used it merely to illustrate my point.

I respect the right of every tower to do as it pleases to accord with local custom, but I see no reason to withdraw dispassionate criticism of the practice of prolonged firing, whether it takes place at Winchester or anywhere else.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN BRAIN.

Backwell, Somerset.

TOUR REPORTING

Dear Sir,—May I make a plea for a better standard of tour reporting? Generally these are well written and interesting. A few are not worth the space occupied. The almost exclusive use of Christian names in the text reduces the interest of the article immediately. The reporter uses a pseudonym or just his initials often. Humorous asides are inserted, meaning nothing to the majority of readers. If a genuinely amusing incident occurs, let it be reported in full. These faults are tiresome and irritating, as reports of tours and outings should be made to interest the Exercise in general and not only that the few participants can see their exploits in print.

Perhaps, sir, some cutting at editorial level may improve the standard.—Yours faithfully,

Sheffield. RICHARD E. PRICE.

COMMENT ON PEAL TOURS

Dear Sir,—I find it very difficult to understand how ringers can send in a whole page of peals without something to accompany it appearing under 'Gratefully Acknowledged.' To those who are complacent regarding the finances of the 'R.W.', I would say that it will be next January when we shall see the real effect of the rise in price!—Yours faithfully,

Beaminster. JOSEPH T. BARRETT.

RINGING AT WALBERTON

Dear Sir,—The unwelcome publicity given in the national Press to our tower at Walberton gives a completely wrong impression of our relations with the Vicar. The peal which was rung earlier this year was arranged by Mr. Booker with an imported band, without the knowledge or permission of the Vicar, and without informing residents living near the church, who rightly object to three hours' ringing without warning. No one objects to the bells being rung under normal circumstances. We had a 'home' division meeting two days after the Vicar's induction last March: there has been one peal attempt since, and numerous visiting parties. No one is 'locked out of the tower,' and visiting parties and peal attempts through normal channels are welcomed.—Yours, etc.,

B. D. PRICE,
Tower Captain.

Bognor Regis.



Golly, girls, if any of our dairymen join that lot we are in for a rough time!

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On October 8th, members of the Biggleswade District went to the 5-bell tower of Great Barford for their monthly meeting. Ten towers were represented. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. and continued until tea, which had been kindly prepared by some of the lady ringers.

A short business meeting followed, Mr. B. Sims taking the chair. The service was conducted by Canon A. J. W. Pym, who is shortly retiring after 40 years, and who has himself been a ringer at this church. One of the ringers, Miss J. Harding, played the organ for the service.

Ringing continued until 8.15 p.m. Next meeting: November 12th, at Southill.

BARNSLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Fourteen towers were represented at the Barnsley and District Society's meeting at Hemsworth, near Pontefract, on October 8th. Mr. Noel F. Moxon presided at the business meeting, when it was agreed that the next meeting would be at Horbury, near Wakefield. The local company were thanked for making the arrangements by Mr. Harry Mortemore, and Mr. Charles Moxon responded.

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SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Methods rung at the Mansfield District Branch meeting at Greasley on September 24th, attended by 35 ringers, ranged from rounds and call-changes to Yorkshire Surprise. Evensong was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. C. A. W. Pegler) and tea was served by local ladies.

At the business meeting, with the Vicar in the chair, Messrs. G. Beaumont and N. Spencer, of Greasley, were elected members. The next meeting will be at Edwinstowe on November 19th. The customary votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar and to the ladies for providing such an excellent tea.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Despite the bad weather, some 30 members attended the Devizes Branch meeting at Westbury on October 1st. The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. Mr. Galloway). Tea followed in the Parish Hall.

At the business meeting members stood in silence to the memory of Mr. T. Marlow, of Warminster, and Mr. H. Prout, of Melksham, who later went to live and ring at Corsham. Future meetings were arranged for Warminster and Market Lavington, and it was decided to hold practice meetings during the coming months, the first to be held at Westbury. Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar and also to the ladies who prepared tea.

AN ASFORDBY WEDDING

Miss Christine Wheeler, a ringer and Sunday School teacher at All Saints' Church, Asfordby, Leics, was married at this church on October 2nd to Mr. Ronald Woodcock, of Thorpe Arnold. The service, which was fully choral, was conducted by the Rector (Rev. R. T. H. Pearce).

As the happy couple left the church, to the accompaniment of the bells, the 3rd Melton Mowbray Girl Guides, of which the bride is captain, formed a guard of honour. The reception was followed by a peal on Asfordby bells, rung by the bride's ringing friends of Asfordby, Kirby-Bellars and Great Dalby.

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Reading & Southampton Universities' Tour Of Kent

A FRUITLESS tower grab by a few Reading ringers based on Holmbury youth hostel started off this year's tour on Thursday, June 28th. By Friday evening our numbers had increased by the arrival of some of the Southampton crowd, so we managed call-changes on Ockley's pleasant six. Great plans were made with the help of 'Dove' for some ringing on Saturday during the cycle ride from Holmbury to Kemsing youth hostel. Not all our plans came to fruition but we did ring at Buckland, Limpsfield and Brasted.

Sunday was the official beginning of the tour. We were all to meet at Canterbury Cathedral at 2 p.m. This meant a long, hot and dusty cycle ride for the advance party and also most of the others. It was on this morning that Adrian found a large and beautiful map of Kent lying in the middle of the road and this was used throughout the whole week.

With great enthusiasm we set off on Monday morning to St. Stephen's, Canterbury, where we rang some Duffield by unpopular request. St. Alphege's bells were enjoyable, rung well to London Minor, and also their handbells. In glorious sunshine we ate our picnic lunch before hurrying off to Whitstable where we were given a very pleasant welcome. Sturry was the next tower and here some Undershaft Doubles came round.

MASTER 'ATTACKED'

An unusual evening was spent at Canterbury youth hostel. The warden had kindly borrowed some Beethoven, Chopin and Tchaikowsky records and we listened to these while cooking sausages for the next day's lunch. It seems that a tour never passes without the S.U.G. master being attacked in some way. This year Adrian found his sleeping bag tied up with string and, jumping to the wrong conclusion about the culprit, woke up Fred from his peaceful sleep to get his own back.

Tuesday was dull and drizzly. One bright spot was the sight of Geoff. climbing down from his dormitory on the second floor by means of a rope fire escape. We arrived at Quex Park feeling rather wet and cold so consequently we didn't do justice to the bells. Grandsire Doubles sounded quite impressive rung on the front and back six simultaneously. We were fortunate in being joined by the Rev. Stanley Evans at Birchington and rang some worthwhile Kent. At Margate some Stedman came round after two bobs. The ride to Ash-next-Sandwich was a very rough one but the fine heavy six were worth visiting.

Owing to a slight mix-up over youth hostel accommodation we found that we had to cycle to Doddington before ten o'clock, stopping at Canterbury for a meal on the way. We were so hungry after the gruelling cycling that when we found a café we ordered three to four different meals each. It was quite a task for the proprietor to produce them all with two gas rings. Doddington youth hostel was reached at last just after ten o'clock. The men were amused by their dormitory, a shed in the garden, and a notice saying, 'Leave door open for extra ventilation.'

Wednesday was much brighter. Cambridge went well on the light eight at Hernhill. The Waterloo-tower church of Faversham and Teynham were also visited before lunch. Sittingbourne's magnificent ring sounded well to Yorkshire. Borden's we found rough and difficult to manage, and a plaque in Tunstall belfry aroused interest: "To the glory of God, and in commemoration of his having resided in this parish since his birth here, the chiming clock was placed in this tower by Charles Edward . . ."

A COLLISION

Lenham, Harrietsham and Leeds were visited on Thursday morning. Lenham's newly-rehung eight being particularly enjoyable. While cycling towards Maidstone, Helen and Brian collided and came off their bikes, scattering lunch all around them. Fortunately it was the only accident of the week. We split into two parties to make sure we all got a ring in the full programme of sixes in the afternoon—East Farleigh, Wateringbury and Mereworth. We finished the day well at Wrotham with good ringing on good bells.

It was once more pouring with rain on Friday as we worked our way through Seal, Sevenoaks, Tonbridge, Tunbridge Wells, and by the time Rotherfield was reached a thunderstorm was raging. It began to clear up as we approached Mayfield, the last tower. Brian jumped off his bicycle to run up a hill when we were about 4½ miles away from Blackboys youth hostel. Someone promised him a pint of best bitter if he should run the whole way and before long this offer was increased to 2½ pints of bitter, lunch the next day and a packet of crisps. With such a prize available he managed the run easily but was not too bright the next morning!

Four people joined us on Saturday for our ring at Waldron, Hailsham and the Eastbourne towers. The tour had come to a close at last and we said goodbye to several of the party at tea-time. The few that were left made their way to Alfriston youth hostel and were fortunate enough in getting a ring on Alfriston's pleasant light six after supper.

Our thanks are due to all who made the tour successful; the local ringers for their welcomes and the Southampton Guild for their careful arrangements. It is rumoured that next year's tour will be on four wheels, not two, but whatever form it takes, we look forward to it being as happy and enjoyable as the 1960 tour.

J. M. D. and R. A. B.

WEDDING AT MARKET HARBOROUGH

The wedding took place at St. Dionysius' Church, Market Harborough, on October 8th, between two of the local ringers — Robert Bindley and Gillian Coates. The bridegroom is a committee member of the Market Harborough Branch of the Leicester Diocesan Guild, and the bride a member of the Parish Church choir and also a Sunday School teacher.

As the couple left the church, 120 Grandsire Doubles with 7, 6, 8 covering was rung, in which two of the younger members of the band (R. Carr and R. Martin) took part. This was immediately followed by a quarter peal of 1,260 Grandsire Triples, by the following: N. Spencer (first on eight) 1, A. Martin 2, F. Wallington 3, D. Griffin 4, R. March 5, E. Martin (first of Triples) 6, G. Hollick (conductor) 7, A. Millward 8.



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NEWS FROM BRITISH COLUMBIA

On July 30th Dr. Alan Batten, who was a ringer at his father's parish church, St. Mary's, Swynnerton, Staffs, was married to Miss Lois Dewis in St. Philip's Church, Victoria, B.C. Dr. Batten is on the staff of the Astrophysical Observatory, and has been a regular ringer at Christ Church Cathedral since coming to Victoria a year or so ago. The parents of both the bride and bridegroom travelled by air from England to be present at the wedding, and the Rev. G. C. Batten, of St. Mary's, Swynnerton, took part in the marriage service.

After the wedding reception Dr. and Mrs. Batten left by the afternoon steamer for Vancouver, and thence by rail to Banff; as they boarded the steamer they could hear the ringing of the Cathedral bells. It was a unique occasion, as the bells of St. Mary's, Swynnerton, over 6,000 miles away, were also being specially rung for the occasion of the wedding. Mr. Peter Crook, of Bolton, and his daughter, Mrs. Paine, who were then visiting Victoria, took part in the ringing and also rang again for the morning and evening services the next day, July 31st.

On Sunday, September 18th, Wing-Commander and Mrs. J. S. Mason arrived in Victoria. The wing-commander, a previous Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, rang at Christ Church Cathedral for the evening service, and those of Victoria ringers who had the pleasure of meeting and ringing with him were the Misses Patricia and Margaret Horne, Margaret Izard, Mrs. Barlow, Dr. Batten, Arthur Izard and E. W. Izard.

On Wednesday, September 28th, Mr. W. B. Cartwright visited Victoria and rang touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples at Christ Church Cathedral with Miss Margaret Horne, Miss Margaret Izard, Dr. Longridge, Dr. Batten, D. Boniface, J. V. Donaldson and E. W. Izard. The Victoria ringers very much appreciated having the opportunity of meeting and ringing with Mr. Cartwright, a member of the Central Council. Mr. and Mrs. Cartwright were on a tour with other members of the British Law Society attending conventions in the U.S.A. and Canada, and were only able to spend Wednesday night and Thursday morning in Victoria before continuing their journey.

E. W. I.

RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD

Bristol was the venue for this year's autumn meeting, held on September 24th. It was a tremendous success, as about 50 members and friends sat down to tea after their ringing activities. Letters from 26 other members were received, explaining their inability to attend. Mr. O. Whittaker, the joint secretary of the Staff Association, and Mr. Bastin, the president of the Bristol Branch, also apologised for non-attendance.

Ringing commenced at 11 a.m. at St. James' (10), the oldest church in Bristol, and continued for an hour, under the guidance of the Master, Mr. Bert Kynaston. After a short break for lunch, Christ Church (10) was on the programme, and Mr. Fidler popped in here to join in a course of Bob Royal. The next on the list was the lively ring of ten at St. Stephen's, and afterwards the grand 12 at St. Mary Redcliffe, where Kent T.B. Maximus was brought round.

During tea, which was held in the Staff Association Institute, Temple Meads Station, Mr. Truman, the president and acting Master of Gloucester and Bristol Association, welcomed the Guild to Bristol, and expressed a wish that everyone had enjoyed the ringing in the city.

Mr. Arthur Bennett, who made the excellent arrangements for the day, was thanked by the Master, who was supported by Mr. Sid Foskett.

Two new members were elected. Members and friends were then reminded by the Master of the 1961 annual general meeting at Darlington on April 29th. After more ringing at St. Philip's (8), all made their separate ways home.

J. A. H.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Ashford District

A year with an improvement in almost every aspect of the District's activities was noticeable, reported Mr. C. T. Hillis at the annual meeting of the Ashford District, held at Ashford on October 1st. Compared with last year, 42 more practising members had subscribed (38 new members), 28 towers had subscribed, including Lympne, Great Chart and Mersham, which had rejoined, nine meetings had been held, and two more annual meetings were held for the first time by the Association, at Lympne and Wittersham. Service ringing had been well maintained. Twenty-three peals had been rung in 19 different towers, compared with ten in seven different towers. Five members rang their first peal—an increase of three.

All the officers were re-elected, as follows: Mr. C. T. Hillis, secretary: Messrs. J. J. Batchelor and A. Berry, District representatives; Mr. J. R. Cooper, Ringing Master. Mr. J. Willis thanked them for their past services. Twelve new members joined the Association.

Thanks were expressed to Canon N. G. M. Sharp for conducting the service, Mr. J. R. Cooper, the organist, to the Ashford ringers and the Mothers' Union for their kindness in providing and serving the tea, and to Miss Margaret Jones, secretary of the Ashford band, for her excellent local arrangements.

Maidstone District

The annual meeting of the Maidstone District was held at All Saints', Maidstone, on October 8th. During the service, which preceded the meeting, Canon Bennett mentioned that this would be the last time he would be able to officiate as he was leaving Maidstone to take up an appointment near Minehead. He would welcome any visitors to his new living, the church of which has a ring of ten bells. After a sumptuous tea, provided by the band of All Saints', Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher took the chair for the meeting.

The District secretary (Mr. R. L. Sills) presented his report for the past year. Particular note was made of the visit to Frinsted, this being the first meeting there for 25 years.

Two new practising members were elected, one for All Saints' and one for St. Michael's, recently reopened under the captaincy of Mr. Martin Howe. Also welcomed as a non-resident life member was Mr. C. C. Clarke, of Deddington, Oxford, who recently spent a week's tour amongst Kent towers.

Mr. R. L. Sills, Mr. P. Carter and Mr. A. Waddington were re-elected as District secretary and District representatives respectively, Mr. P. Town being asked to carry on as 'Ringing World' representative.

A suggestion that too many meetings were held during the year caused discussion. Mr. Waddington pointed out that three years elapsed between visits to each tower, and that any reduction in meetings would extend the time required to complete the roster; but he would prefer that the February meeting be transferred to June, when better weather should be enjoyed. This was carried.

Dr. Hatcher announced that the annual general meeting of the K.C.A. would be held next Easter at Maidstone. The following provisional programme of District meetings was agreed to: January, Harrietsham; March, Staplehurst; May, Ulcombe; June, Yalding and Nettlestead; July, Headcorn; September, Hollingbourne; October, Maidstone; November, Bearsted.

Proposals for the July coach tour were Surrey, Bucks, East Essex, or a mystery tour to county X. Voting gave Bucks 11 votes to mystery tour 10. It was decided to hold a District party next Eastertide, following the successful venture during March this year.

The meeting closed with Mr. P. Carter proposing thanks to Canon Bennett, the organist, and All Saints' ringers for their welcome and lovely tea. P. M. T.

Tonbridge District

The annual meeting of the Tonbridge District was held at Tonbridge on October 1st. Ringing began in the afternoon and was followed by a service, conducted by Canon Bewes, who has recently come to Tonbridge. Canon Bewes welcomed the District and kindly provided tea at the Rectory for the whole company, with the assistance of members of the Tonbridge band.

The annual meeting followed tea, with Canon Bewes taking the chair. Miss Colgate told members that she did not wish to stand for re-election as secretary, and Mr. P. Corby expressed the feelings of all present by thanking Miss Colgate for her devoted service over the past seven years to the District. Members were then asked to put forth suggestions for the secretaryship, and Mr. Walter Dobbie was elected. Miss Colgate and Mr. B. V. Collison were elected District representatives and Mr. Stanley Jenner Ringing Master. Mr. Collison thanked Canon Bewes and all concerned with arranging the tea and meeting. Members then returned to the tower, and ringing continued in various methods until later in the evening.

M. L.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The standard of ringing at some practice meetings, unfortunately perhaps, is not always very high, and the solution to the problem does not appear readily to be apparent, but I feel sure anyone who attended the combined meeting of the Western and Southern Divisions of the Sussex County Association at Steyning on October 8th will agree that the standard of ringing, taken as a whole, was exceptionally good. The Ringing Master had splendid control, and if any attempted method appeared to be heading for disaster a halt was called and a fresh start made.

Here every kind of ringer was catered for, from the learner to the more experienced, and the programme included rounds, call-changes, Grandsire Triples, Stedman, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative.

A combined meeting of this nature certainly appears to attract the more experienced ringer, whose presence is so lacking at most ordinary practice meetings. If, then, this is a solution to better ringing, then let us by all means have more combined meetings and enjoy the presence and services of the experienced ringer in helping to solve the problem of bad striking. Congratulations to the organisers for an enjoyable meeting.

G. N.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

Presentations of a dressing table set to each of the two lady treasurers (the Misses Hazel and Cherry White), who at the end of the year retire from office, consequent upon their removal to South London, were made at the meeting of the Andover District at Longparish on September 24th. The presentations took them completely by surprise, and were in appreciation of their services.

A good crowd of members enjoyed ringing on the pretty six bells until service time. The Guild service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. Agg Lage) and this was followed by the good Longparish tea. Mr. A. W. Alliston presided at the meeting, and a long discussion took place over the annual report, members feeling there was much room for improvement —too many peals and too little of interest to the average ringer.

In the evening ringing took place at Hurstbourne Priors and St. Mary Bourne.

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THE IRISH ASSOCIATION

Mr. W. Pratt, the president, and Mrs. Pratt attended the summer meeting of the Eastern District held at Drogheda on September 17th. The bells of St. Peter's Church were put to very good use for change-ringing, with only three spells of call-changes.

A welcome break at 5 p.m. was for tea, kindly provided by the wives and lady ringers of Drogheda. Of necessity, primus stoves had to be used to boil water. In this sphere Walter Bovenizer and Billy Graham gave Trojan service. At tea the visitors were welcomed by the ringing rector of St. Peter's, the Rev. J. E. McKeon, who mentioned his pleasure at the regular attendance of the ringers and his delight in seeing grammar school pupils back again in the tower.

Mr. Pratt replied for the visitors, and Mr. J. T. Dunwoody also expressed his pleasure at being present. After tea touches of Plain Bob Major were rung on handbells by Messrs. W. Pratt, J. T. Dunwoody, H. Brown and F. E. Dukes.



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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

HORSEMAN.—Please note that the address of Monica and Michael Horseman is now Upper Barrow Hill Farm, Farmborough, Bath, Somerset. Telephone Timsbury 439. 6799

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Fees for all peals rung for the GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION should be sent without delay to the peal secretary, F. Wilton, Manor Cottage, Court Hill, Potterne, Devizes, Wiltshire. Will conductors, please, make a note of this new address. For inclusion in the 1960 report all details must be in before January 5th, 1961. Peals received after that date may be held over to the next report.—Charles Rouse, Gen. Sec. 6807

KINGSWOOD, SURREY.—Practice night has now been altered from Tuesday to Thursday. Practices will continue to be held on this night until the end of March, 1961, when they will revert to Tuesday. 6802

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Practice recommences on Tuesday, October 25th, at 7.30 p.m. All ringers and potential ringers welcome. 6823

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CANCELLATION

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby and Ilkeston District.—The monthly meeting fixed for October 22nd is **cancelled**.—W. A. Morley, Dis. Sec. 6818

MEETINGS

BATH & WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Quarterly meeting, West Lydford (6), October 22nd. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.—L. McCreadie, Level Lane, Charlton Horethorne, Sherborne, Dorset. 6770

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting Downham Market, Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea by 21st please.—J. Fox Dis. Sec. 6784

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting and six bell contest will be held at Kirkburton, on October 22nd.—A. Farrand, Sec. 6728

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—Meeting, Saturday, October 22nd, at Steep (6). Bells 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m.—C. M. Harbott. 6734

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch.—Meeting at Ewelme, October 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. 6767

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Meeting at Penn, Saturday, October 22nd. Ringing from 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 6792

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division—Practice meeting at Hailsham on October 22nd. Tea 5 p.m. 6786

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting at Bramley, Hants, on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells from 2.30. Service in the Parish Church 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in the Village Hall.—F. Chesterman, Hon. Sec. 6785

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. Meeting, Arksey, October 29th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, by 27th, to Mr. E. Cooper, 6, Grosvenor Crescent, Arksey, near Doncaster.—R. J. Sanderson. 6819

DORSET RINGING FESTIVAL
BLANDFORD FORUM PARISH CHURCH
Saturday, October 29th
Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.
Tea in Town Hall 5.15 p.m.
All Dorset ringers welcome.
6800

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting at Yorktown (8) and Hawley (8), on Saturday, October 29th. Ringing at Yorktown 2.30-4.30 p.m., followed by service, tea and business meeting. Ringing at Hawley 6-9 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, October 26th, to Mr. F. J. Farr, 1 Bristow Road, Camberley, Surrey. 6809

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Tewkesbury Branch. — Annual meeting at Tewkesbury Abbey (12), on Saturday, October 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15. Meeting 6 p.m. Numbers for tea by October 27th, to the Sacristan, Tewkesbury Abbey.—Nadine Price, Branch Sec. 6812

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Rural Branch. — Monthly meeting at Westerleigh (6), Saturday, October 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. Teas to be ordered.—F. Hussey, 39, Gordon Avenue, Bristol 5. 6814

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meeting at Dilwyn, Saturday, October 29th. Bells (6) 4 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and business after. Names early, please, to J. Reece, Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow. 6801

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—Quarterly meeting at Stretton Grandison, Saturday, October 29th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to J. Ward, Woofields, Coddington, Ledbury. 6815

LADIES' GUILD.—Sussex District.—Meeting at All Saints', Hastings, on October 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea by October 26th, to Mrs. A. Levett, 151, London Road, Hastings.—L. M. Beeney, Hon. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD (North Western District) and LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting with Bolton Branch, at St. Peter's, Smithills, Saturday, October 29th. Bells 2.30 p.m. St. Peter's afternoon only. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. John F. Wood, 20, Moorside Avenue, Bolton, by previous Wednesday. Please comply with this request. Business follows tea. Evening ringing at All Souls' 6.15 p.m.—Stella P. Wain, Dis. Sec.: J. Thornley, Branch Sec. 6796

LADIES' GUILD.—Beds and Northants District.—Meeting Saturday, October 29th, at Silsoe. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 4.45. Service 6 p.m. Further ringing after tea. All welcome.—Kathleen A. Rivett. 6719

LADIES' GUILD (Central District), MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (S. and W. District) and OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (East Berks and South Bucks Branch). —Joint meeting, October 29th, at St. John's, Hillingdon. Bells (10) from 3.30. Service 5. Tea 5.30, St. John's Hall, with social evening to follow. Names, please, to F. W. Goodfellow, 46, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks.—Mrs. S. Bullock, E. R. Gotham and Miss D. Hague, Hon. Secs. 6776

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Hunslet (8), Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells available 2.45 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Bring own food. 6798

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual dinner and social at the Shakespeare Hotel, Braunstone, Leicester, October 29th. Tickets (12s. 6d.) from undersigned by October 24th, at latest. Dinner 6 for 6.30 p.m. Guests include the Lord Bishop of Leicester. Ample parking. Buses L1 and L12 (frequent service) from Newarke Street, Leicester. Bells available: St. Margaret's (12) 2.30-4 p.m., St. John's (10) 3.30-5 p.m.—B. G. Warwick (Hon. Gen. Sec.), 12, Dorothy Avenue, Glen Hills, Leicester. 6747

LINCOLN and PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILDS.—Meeting, Stamford, Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells, All Saints' and St. Martin's, 2.30 to 4 p.m. Service, All Saints', 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Castor and Wansford also available after tea. Names for tea to J. H. Bluff, 81, New Cross Road, Stamford. 6803

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Meeting, Pitsford (5), Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea by Tuesday previous to E. Billings, 61, Melville Street, Northampton. 6804

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS (1672). — Meeting, Hucknall, October 29th. Bells 2.30. Tea 5. Names to Mr. Lewin, 44, Nottingham Road, Hucknall, by previous Thursday. Service 7, followed by ringing until 9. 6772

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Rayleigh, on Saturday, October 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Cups of tea 5 p.m. 6822

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—Quarterly meeting, Blackmoor (6), Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Numbers for tea by 25th to C. E. Bassett, Sunnybrook, Warsash, Southampton.

FINEDON, NORTHANTS. — Saturday, October 29th, re-opening and rededication of newly-restored historical organ, built by Christopher Schrider. Service at 6.15 p.m. Ringing commencing at 4 p.m. for service, and afterwards until 9 p.m. All ringers are warmly invited to attend. 6825

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—The 323rd anniversary dinner will be held at the Bridge House Restaurant, London Bridge, S.E.1, on Saturday, November 5th, at 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets (21s.) are now available.

Ringing arrangements for those attending the dinner:—St. Dunstan's, Stepney (10), 10.30-11.30 a.m.; St. Clement Danes', Strand (10), 12 noon-1 p.m.; St. Giles', Cripplegate (12), 2-3 p.m.; St. Lawrence Jewry (8), 2.30-3.30 p.m.; St. Michael's, Cornhill (12), 3-4 p.m.; Southwark Cathedral (12), 4-5 p.m. — John Chilcott, Hon. Sec., 67, Farley Road, Selsdon, Surrey. 6775

DEVON ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting will be held in the Board Room, Diocesan House, Palace Gate, Exeter, on Saturday, Nov. 5th, at 2.30 p.m., to which each affiliated tower should send a representative. 6793

DEVON GUILD.—The annual meeting of the N.W. Branch will be held at Bridgerule (8) on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Service 4.15 p.m.; tea and meeting to follow.—R. Pearce, Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Practice meeting, Stevenage, Saturday, Nov. 5th, 5.30 p.m.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 6805

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Monthly meeting, Warminster (8), on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to E. J. Hitchins, 136, Bradley Road, Trowbridge, Wilts. 6811

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting, West Bridgford (8), Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea not later than Nov. 2nd to Miss R. Whitehouse, 62, Priory Road, West Bridgford, Notts.—S. Adams. 6820

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. District.—Meeting at Boreham, Saturday, November 12th. Bells (8) at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury. 6821

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Annual dinner to be held at 'The Black Horse,' Thompsons Avenue, Wolverhampton, Saturday, November 12th, 6 p.m. for 6.30 p.m., price 12s. 6d. Bells available:—St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, Penn, Coseley, Bradley during the afternoon. Tickets from Mr. D. J. Tranter, 36, Seven Acres, Aldridge, nr. Walsall. 6681

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Preliminary notice. The nomination meeting at Streatham on Saturday, Nov. 26th, will be followed in the evening by ringing at St. John's, Croydon, and at 8 p.m. by a performance in the Church of 'Son et Lumière,' i.e., 1,000 years of Croydon history in sound and light. Make a note in your diary now so that you do not miss this spectacle.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 6813

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD

The East Grinstead and District Guild held a most enjoyable meeting at Capel on October 8th. This had been arranged with doubts on the part of the secretary, with the usual lack of post cards for tea, and with a very wet and windy day the outlook was not very promising. However, 22 turned up to enjoy this handy six until tea time.

A bountiful meal, arranged by Mrs. Penfold, was served in the Capel Laundry canteen, and this was followed by the business meeting. Members stood in silence to the memory of Luther Honess, and later congratulated the Guild chairman (Mr. E. Brunger) on his marriage to Miss Jenny Langston on the previous Saturday.

After the usual votes of thanks, most of the company made their way round the lanes to Newdigate, where they were welcomed by the Vicar (Rev. D. Bruce-Walker). Mr. Harman had kindly oiled the bells, which were put to good use until 8 o'clock.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

About 50 members attended the quarterly meeting of the East Devon Branch at Stockland on September 17th. The Vicar (Rev. Mr. Drury) conducted the service. At the business meeting Preb. E. V. Cox presented six certificates; two new members were elected. The next quarterly meeting will be held at Buckerell-with-Feniton on January 14th. Monthly practice meetings have started.

A PEAL AT STOKE DOYLE

Of more than passing interest is the peal at Stoke Doyle, near Oundle, Northants, as the bells are one of the few remaining complete rings cast by Thomas Eayre, sen., a bell-founder at Kettering from 1717 to 1757. None of the bells has been recast since they were installed in the church, then a new edifice, in 1727. They are a sweet-toned ring, but now begin to require the attention of the bell-hanger. Stoke is a small village of just over 100 souls, and the last time the bells were rehung was in 1896.

Several attempts to ring a peal on the bells during the last three years have failed, but a half peal was brought round in March. The peal, recorded in our columns, was the first on the bells since 1923. In the 1920–30 period the belfry was a hive of ringing activity, a family named Hankin, with others, being the main inspiration. But death and removals robbed it, and ever since very little has been heard of Stoke Doyle. P. A.

OBITUARY

THE REV. R. A. AGG

The sudden death of the Rev. R. A. Agg, Rector of Crayford, on October 7th, at the early age of 52, has deprived ringers in general and those of Crayford in particular of a very good friend. He himself had not gone beyond learning to handle a bell and ringing rounds, but his father had been a ringer in their native county of Gloucestershire and his son and two daughters had learned to ring soon after he became rector not quite two years ago.

Mr. Agg was keenly interested in all that went on in the belfry, which contributed in no small way to the advent of a large number of young people to the band, now about 20 strong, and we had hoped and believed he would be there to encourage us for many years to come. Our sympathy goes out to Mrs. Agg, Elizabeth, Margaret and Christopher in the grievous loss. E. A. B.

MR. CHRISTOPHER H. HAWKINS

Not only the ringers of St. Ellyw's Church, Llanelly, but many other friends will miss a great character in Mr. Chris. Hawkins, who at the age of 60 passed away suddenly whilst working in the greenhouse at his home on October 4th.

'Chris.', as he was known to everyone, was a 'live wire' where ringing was concerned. He had been captain of the ringers at St. Ellyw's for many years, a teacher of change-ringing and a member of the Central Council. Chris. had an endless store of energy, and in the early post-war years became a founder member and the first general secretary of St. David's Diocesan Guild.

At the inaugural meeting held at Carmarthen, I well remember Mr. Pat Cannon saying that to succeed first there must be a spirit of unity and secondly plenty of hard work. If it was hard work then Chris. did his share, and in the end obtained the support and goodwill of the Bishop and clergy of the diocese. Mr. Hawkins was a regular Sunday service ringer, and encouraged others to do the same. He had many peals to his credit, and was always willing to pilot a 'first timer' through to the end.

The funeral service took place at the Parish Church of Llanelly on October 7th and was well attended. To his memory and to pay a last tribute to a faithful friend, 1,440 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob and 720 Plain Bob) was rung, half-muffled, on St. Ellyw's bells by Gwyn Thomas 1, J. Arthur Hoare 2, Ralph Skudamore 3, David J. Lewis 4, Trevor Roderick 5, Gwyn I. Lewis (conductor) 6. J. A. H.

THE REV. C. E. WARD

The older ringers of East Sussex have lost a good friend by the death of the Rev. C. E. Ward, who held the living of Salehurst from 1912 to 1953. Mr. Ward learnt to handle a bell and could ring rounds and call-changes, but could never master the intricacies of change-ringing. He rarely refused an application for visitors to ring on this tuneful octave, and for years Salehurst has been a popular tower. A peal for his 90th birthday was rung on August 22nd, which he heard and enjoyed.

After his funeral on September 29th the bells were rung half-muffled to his memory.

CANON E. H. F. CAMPBELL

Canon E. H. F. Campbell, Rector of Bray and a past-president, died on August 18th, reports 'Irish Bell News.' He was responsible for the rehanging of Bray bells on ball-bearings and on a steel frame shortly after he became rector some 17 years ago. He always had a short chat and a few jokes with the ringers before they started to ring on Sunday mornings. The bells of Bray Parish Church were rung muffled on the Sunday morning following the Canon's death.

OUTINGS

HANBURY, WORCS

Some good rings among glorious scenery were found by Hanbury ringers during their outing to the Forest of Dean. The first tower visited, St. Catherine's, Leigh, contained heavy bells. These were certainly not ladies' bells, as several of the fair sex found as they tried the fourth. The lighter six of St. Mary-de-Lode, Gloucester, 'go' quite well, but were of poor tone. After lunch several of the party explored the Cathedral and admired the splendour of the cloisters. Afterwards came Little Dean bells, which do not go too easily but were enjoyed.

A ride of great beauty took the party beside the Severn to Lydney, where Grandsire Triples was rung on easy-going bells. During tea at Lydney the Rector expressed the thanks of the visitors to Miss Margaret Eachus for arranging the outing. Narrow byways took the party to Ruardean, having a good ring of eight, and then in the dark to Linton, where candles had to be borrowed from the pulpit before the lovely new six could be tapped round. All agreed that these bells, in a church without electricity, were the best of the day. Home was reached at 10.45 p.m. PAUL.

SAWLEY and LONG EATON, NOTTS

On October 1st, 12 ringers from Sawley and Long Eaton spent a very pleasant afternoon and evening in Leicestershire, in spite of bad weather.

The first tower was Breedon-on-the-Hill, where a course of Cambridge was among the methods rung. At Market Bosworth the bells had been rung up before our arrival, and one of the local ringers helped us in ringing rounds, Bob Major and Grandsire and Stedman Triples. This easy-going ring was enjoyed.

After tea Kirkby Mallory was visited, and some slight difficulty was experienced with the long draught, although Bob Minor and Cambridge Surprise Minor were successfully brought round. Anstey was the last tower of the day, and several local ringers were waiting here to join us in ringing methods ranging from rounds to Spliced Little and Plain Bob Major.

Thanks are expressed to incumbents, tower captains and our organiser, Ringing Master and bus driver, David Marshall. J. M.

FRAMSDEN AND DISTRICT

An enjoyable half-day's outing was that arranged by Framsden and District ringers on October 8th. At Soham (10) there was a long delay in finding the key. Some 25 of the party went sight-seeing at Ely, while the others visited Littleport. The quietness of the bells caused 'comedian Fred' to remark that they ought to be crossed with Wilby. After a bounteous tea at Ely, the journey was continued to St. John's, Peterborough. Ringing ranged from call-changes to Spliced Surprise and Cambridge Royal. Many thanks to all who helped to make this one of the best half-days (14 hours). L. G. B.

A LEARNERS' TOUR

For the third year running, a youthful band set out on a week's cycling, youth hostelling and bell-ringing in Suffolk and Norfolk, most of the towers being miles away from towns. We felt the true hostelling spirit at Thetford, where we cooked our meals in the converted railway station, slept in the waiting room and ate in the booking office. As with all Y.H.A. members, the bad weather was only part of the game.

The method rung was Plain Bob, starting with Minimus and ending with Minor. We also practised raising and lowering in peal, but it may well be that this is better done on tied bells until proficiency is achieved. Most of all our thanks are due to A. J. Hebley, V. A. Perry, L. Melton, P. Newing and H. Clayton, who gave much time and even more patience. H. B. M.

STAFFORD.—On Oct. 9th, at the Church of St. Mary, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Robert J. Warrilow 1, F. R. Wiggin 2, R. K. Mowforth 3, B. J. Wylde 4, R. Barlow 5, A. E. Garbett 6, Richard J. Warrilow (cond.) 7, F. Eley 8. For Harvest Festival.

QUARTER PEALS

CURRY MALLETT, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Holway 1, W. H. Tarr 2, P. Cox 3, R. Shepherd 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5, A. J. Lewis 6.

DISS, NORFOLK.—On Sept. 30th, 1,392 Plain Bob Major: A. J. Harrison 1, W. G. Paul 2, Miss D. M. Reeve 3, H. Fuller 4, J. Stannard 5, H. Moss (cond.) 6, J. Paul 7, E. A. Cook 8. Rung to welcome the new Lord Bishop of Norwich, Dr. Lancelot Fleming, on his first visit to Diss, and a birthday compliment to Mr. H. Moss, Ringing Master at Diss.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. Weatherley 1, F. Bowden 2, Miss M. Rowland 3, Mrs. F. Bowden 4, J. P. McDermott 5, C. Johnstone 6, H. Gauntlett (cond.) 7, A. Rowland 8. For Evensong.

KINGSBURY, WARWICKS.—On Sept. 10th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: S. J. Perry 1, L. L. Willis 2, W. C. Rhodes 3, N. Attaway 4, J. W. Cotton 5, D. P. Jones (cond.) 6. For the wedding this day at Boldmere, Sutton Coldfield, of D. Keith Lane.

MILVERTON, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. E. S. Powell 1, Miss B. J. Stevens 2, Miss J. Taylor 3, C. J. Stevens 4, Miss P. Stevens 5, W. Stevens 6, C. Tarr (cond.) 7, N. Taylor 8. Rung for Mrs. Mary Cridland and the band would like to add their congratulations to the many she has received on this her 103rd birthday.

OLDSWINFORD, WORCS.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Jennifer M. Burford 1, M. D. Fellows 2, F. V. Nicholls 3, M. J. Fellows (cond.) 4, G. Westwood 5, Gillian M. Harmshaw 6, C. R. Tandy 7, J. A. Tandy 8. First quarter 1, 6, 7, 8. Also on Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Gillian M. Harmshaw 1 M. D. Fellows (cond.) 2, P. J. Brown (first 'inside') 3, Barbara Stephens 4, M. J. Fellows 5, Jennifer M. Burford 6, D. Curry (first quarter) 7, J. A. Tandy 8. For Harvest Festival Evensong.

TOTNES, DEVON.—On Oct. 8th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. J. Garbett 1, T. G. Myers (cond.) 2, W. G. Lavers 3, P. A. Lock 4, F. E. Day 5, D. R. Bould 6, W. J. Harvey 7, W. Simmonds 8.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On Sept. 25th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: M. Hayes 1, F. C. Maynard 2, F. W. Sykes 3, C. A. Diggins (first in method) 4, P. D. Chapman 5, D. Hewitt 6, A. J. Boyack 7, B. Downes (cond.) 8. Also on Oct. 2nd, 1,344 Plain Bob Triples: C. A. Diggins 1, F. C. Maynard 2, P. Chapman 3, B. R. Downes (cond.) 4, D. Hewitt 5, F. W. Sykes 6, A. J. Boyack 7, F. Taylor 8. For Evensong, and to mark the occasion of the retirement of Mr. R. Erskine, organist since 1919 and choir member since 1898.

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THE ROAD TO NEWBURY

THE heavy traffic going to Newbury on October 1st was not all race-bound. The day coincided with the autumn general meeting of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, and as this was the first time the Guild had visited Newbury this century, and because of the popularity of these meetings, there was a very large attendance. To some it meant a journey of over 70 miles, and while the majority came by private cars, enterprising branches organised coach parties. In the morning, and again in the evening, the towers of the Newbury Branch were available for ringing, except those closed for repairs.

For some of those attending it was not merely a meeting but in a measure a pilgrimage, for the Newbury Branch was always closely associated with two of the Guild's most outstanding officers—the Rev. C. W O. Jenkyn, a Master who died in office in 1932, and Mr. R. T. Hibbert, general secretary from 1917-1946. The three towers, so closely associated with these two men, lie within the boundaries of the branch. East Garston, a typical Berkshire downland village, was well loved by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, and in the churchyard he lies buried. His death took place at Newbury while listening to the newly-augmented ten. East Ilsley was the birthplace and well-loved home of Mr. Hibbert.

To East Garston in the morning came ringers by coach and car to find that ringing had been delayed because of a funeral. Some took the opportunity of the delay to visit another tower; others did what many ringers have done before them, adjourned to the local inn to eat their lunch, play darts and ring handbells until such time as it was possible to ring. May it be recorded, that for once the fairer sex did not have all their own way in their match against friends from north of the Thames in spite of assistance from two of the Witney and Woodstock stalwarts.

The bells at East Garston do not go as well as they should, and proved to be a difficult task for the inexperienced. As the writer watched the younger ringers handling and managing these bells she thought of how C. W. O. Jenkyn would have delighted particularly in the performances of two of them—one in his early twenties, who rang with the precision of a master ringer; the other a small 12-year-old redhead, who handled the treble with a perfect style. Both these ringers had been taught by people who had been closely influenced by Mr. Jenkyn in their youth, and to whom he had always been an ideal.

To East Ilsley during the evening came a large number of ringers, many of whom paid silent tribute to R. T. Hibbert, for it was here that he learned to ring, and from here as a young man he walked over the downs to Drayton to attempt peals with the first Master of the Guild, the Rev. F. E. Robinson. This long walk was made in all kinds of weather—snow, rain or sunshine—and one wonders how many would tackle the walk to-day in the hope of getting a peal. On this occasion there was a long queue waiting at Ilsley to ring, and this gave a chance to exchange a friendly word with fellow ringers who are rarely met with because of the size of the Guild.

One coachload made a final call at Drayton, a church so full of ringing history because of 'Father' Robinson's great enthusiasm. This church has now been fully restored after the fire which gutted much of the building two years ago. If the experts of the end of the last century could have been present what would they have said of eleven-year-olds, both boys and girls, ringing and discovering that many of them had been taught by a girl of 18 whose enthusiasm was the driving force in a North Oxfordshire tower, where, although the population is meagre, the bells are rung with great regularity Sunday by Sunday!

There is no doubt that these three great ringers—F. E. Robinson, C. W. O. Jenkyn and R. T. Hibbert—whose lives covered 65 years of the life of the Oxford Guild, would have rejoiced in two things. Firstly, that the Guild is training many of its young ringers well, although to-day's methods may not be the same as those exercised in their time, but the results are there and the prospects for the future hopeful. Secondly, that there is a greater friendship between the various branches of the Guild and a better understanding of each other's difficulties and problems.

In the first half of the present century it was only the Guild officers who had any deep understanding of the problems of the various branches—some urban, others a mixture of town and country, others purely rural. To-day, by such meetings and visits as this paid to the Newbury Branch, ringers from all over the Guild have an opportunity to see the other side of the picture and to discuss with local ringers the problems which face small downland villages and rural communities, where there has been a sudden influx of population due to Government projects or new industries. In this way each gains strength and courage to tackle their own problems anew.

M. R. C.

A MIDLAND WEEK

SWINDON, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 24, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK.
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt. in F sharp.

*MICHAEL J. STANLEY	*Treble*	*RONALD A. WRIGHT	5
*ERIC SUTTON	2	A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL	6
*VICTOR GRIFFIN	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	7
*A. TERENCE COLLINS	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal of London Surprise Major.
Rung in connection with the diamond jubilee celebrations of the formation of the Borough of Swindon.

SWINDON, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 24, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 22 cwt. 9 lb. in E flat.

MURIEL REAY	*Treble*	DAVID J. PURNELL	6
A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL	2	JOHN McDONALD	7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	3	RALPH G. EDWARDS	8
ERIC SUTTON	4	JOHN A. ANDERSON	9
JACK L. MILLHOUSE	5	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
Rung to celebrate the diamond jubilee of the Borough of Swindon.

ROCK, WORCESTERSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sun., Sept. 25, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in F sharp.

MURIEL REAY	*Treble*	DAVID J. PURNELL	5
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	2	A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL	6
GEORGE E. FEARN	3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	7
JACK L. MILLHOUSE	4	JOHN A. ANDERSON	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON. Conducted by A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL.
The conductor's 100th peal.

HOOK NORTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Sept. 26, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in E flat.

JOHN PINFOLD	*Treble*	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	5
RUTH M. BORDER	2	JOHN A. ANDERSON	6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	3	PETER BORDER	7
A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

ALTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Tues., Sept. 27, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21¼ cwt. in E flat.

JOHN A. ANDERSON	*Treble*	PETER BORDER	5
RUTH M. BORDER	2	*GEORGE E. FEARN	6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	3	PHILIP MEHEW	7
JACK L. MILLHOUSE	4	WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducetd by WILFRED WILLIAMS.
* 100th peal of London Surprise Major.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Sept. 26, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7½ cwt. in B.

WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Treble*	PETER BORDER	5
RUTH M. BORDER	2	PHILIP MEHEW	6
JOHN A. ANDERSON	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	7
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by S. J. IVIN. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Sept. 28, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 13 lb. in F sharp.

WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Treble*	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	5
RUTH M. BORDER	2	JOHN A. ANDERSON	6
PETER BORDER	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	7
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

FINEDON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Sept. 28, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, comprising 1,312 Bristol, 1,280 each of London, Superlative and Cambridge, with 119 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in D.

CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	*Treble*	PHILIP MEHEW	5
WILFRED WILLIAMS	2	JOHN A. ANDERSON	6
JACK L. MILLHOUSE	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	7
NORMAN J. GOODMAN	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Sept. 30, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb. in E flat.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Treble*	HENRY H. FEARN	5
RUTH M. BORDER	2	GEORGE E. FEARN	6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	3	JOHN A. ANDERSON	7
NORMAN J. GOODMAN	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

RAUNDS, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Sept. 30, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In six methods, comprising 1,440 Rutland, 1,600 London, 640 Cambridge and 480 each of Bristol, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 129 changes of method. Tenor 22 cwt. 8 lb.

RUTH M. BORDER	*Treble*	PETER BORDER	5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	2	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	6
JACK L. MILLHOUSE	3	JOHN A. ANDERSON	7
JOHN PINFOLD	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

FOUR PEALS OF SURPRISE IN A DAY

ALDERMASTON, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in G.

A. PATRICK CANNON	*Treble*	ERNEST J. MUNDAY	5
REGINALD W. REX	2	MALCOLM S. CLOKE	6
BRIAN BLADON	3	ROBIN G. LEALE	7
GEOFFREY K. DODD	4	PHILIP MEHEW	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

STRATFIELD MORTIMER, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

A. PATRICK CANNON	*Treble*	BRIAN BLADON	5
REGINALD W. REX	2	ERNEST J. MUNDAY	6
GEOFFREY K. DODD	3	PHILIP MEHEW	7
ROBIN G. LEALE	4	MALCOLM S. CLOKE	*Tenor*

Composed by G. BAKER. Conducted by MALCOLM S. CLOKE.

THATCHAM, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 23 lb. in F.

ROBIN G. LEALE	*Treble*	GEOFFREY K. DODD	5
REGINALD W. REX	2	ERNEST J. MUNDAY	6
BRIAN BLADON	3	PHILIP MEHEW	7
MALCOLM S. CLOKE	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by W. BARTON. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
The conductor's 475th different tenor 'turned in' to a peal.

BUCKLEBURY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. in G.

REGINALD W. REX	*Treble*	ERNEST J. MUNDAY	5
BRIAN BLADON	2	*MALCOLM S. CLOKE	6
PHILIP MEHEW	3	*A. PATRICK CANNON	7
ROBIN G. LEALE	4	GEOFFREY K. DODD	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.
* 25th peal together.
This is the first time that four peals in a day have been rung for the above Guild.

TEN BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Sept. 22, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes.*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.
A PEAL OF 5040 OAKHAM SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

*JOHN A. ANDERSON	*Treble*	†BARRIE HENDRY	6
†ANDREW N. STUBBS	2	†NORMAN J. GOODMAN	7
†RODERICK J. LEES	3	†JOHN McDONALD	8
JOHN PINFOLD	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	9
†DAVID J. PURNELL	5	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* 200th peal. † First of Oakham Surprise Royal.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 5, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,
A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt.

*RITA M. WEBB	*Treble*	D. JOHN HUNT	6
MRS. ANTHONY COX	2	BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON	7
ANTHONY E. COX	3	DONALD E. COBB	8
REGINALD G. HOOPER	4	ALBERT M. TYLER	9
PATRICK J. BIRD	5	FRANCIS C. MOGFORD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. GROVES. Conducted by REGINALD G. HOOPER.
* First peal of Stedman.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Oct. 6, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

MURIEL REAY	*Treble*	BARRIE HENDRY	6
GEORGE E. FEARN	2	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	7
RODERICK W. PIPE	3	JOHN McDONALD	8
JOHN PINFOLD	4	JOHN A. ANDERSON	9
DAVID J. PURNELL	5	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by WM. PYE. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

CARDIFF, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Oct. 6, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 27 cwt.

*GLENYS EVANS	*Treble*	*M. JACK PRIOR	6
THOMAS YEOMANS	2	W. BERTRAM KYNASTON	7
*BRYNLEY TAYLOR	3	*DAVID LLEWELLYN	8
MARGARET RIDYARD	4	TREVOR T. LEWIS	9
FRANK ROWSELL	5	WILLIAM DARE	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by W. BERTRAM KYNASTON.
* First peal of Caters. An appreciation of long and faithful service to St. John's by Mr. G. F. Mitchell.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Oct. 8, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW.
A PEAL OF 5040 TAMWORTH SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 24 cwt. 18 lb. in E flat.

A. MAXWELL LINDSEY	*Treble*	J. EDWARD CAWSER	6
ANN BARR	2	PAUL W. WEBB	7
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	3	W. ERNEST RAWSON	8
JOHN M. JELLEY	4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS	9
GRAHAM T. BALL	5	ROBERT B. SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.
First peal rung in the method.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Oct. 13, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes.*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3 version. Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

DAVID J. PURNELL	*Treble*	*BARRIE HENDRY	6
RODERICK W. PIPE	2	GEORGE E. FEARN	7
*R. GEORGE MORRIS	3	JOHN McDONALD	8
JOHN PINFOLD	4	JOHN A. ANDERSON	9
NORMAN J. GOODMAN	5	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by FRANK E. DARBY. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* First peal of London Royal.

TAMWORTH SURPRISE ROYAL
—30—6—50—18—70—38—12—5—14—9
2nds place at lead-end, c.p.s. No. 599 in Corrigan's collection.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BADSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Jan. 18, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 15 cwt.

DOUGLAS BOTT	*Treble*	COLIN B. LONGMORE	5
HAROLD E. RAXTER	2	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN	6
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	3	ANTHONY J. BRAZIER	7
ROBERT W. COLE	4	JOHN MOORE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ANTHONY J. BRAZIER.
Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of George A. King, widely-respected local ringer, churchman and local government official, whose funeral was this day.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sun., Sept. 18, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Hubbard's Ten-Part. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

HELEN M. THACKER	*Treble*	RICHARD G. MORRIS	5
V. ROY TALLIS	2	ROBERT E. TALLIS	6
MAURICE C. HUGHES	3	ROGER E. TALLIS	7
PAMELA M. TURNER	4	*MICHAEL A. LISTER	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROGER TALLIS.
* First peal. First peal on the newly-augmented ring.
Rung to commemorate the dedication of the two new trebles earlier this day by the Rt. Rev. Michael Parker, Bishop of Aston.

CHIPPING NORTON, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 24, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

ERIC J. HITCHINS	*Treble*	DONALD E. COBB	5
JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM	2	HERBERT W. WOOLVEN	6
MICHAEL J. HOBBS	3	*BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON	7
*D. JOHN HUNT	4	REGINALD G. HOOPER	*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON.
* 25th peal together. First as conductor.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 8, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AMBROSE,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt. in F sharp.

RICHARD J. BOWDEN	*Treble*	JOHN H. GILBERT	5
ELISABETH A. G. BOWDEN	2	†BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON	6
MRS. A. E. COX	3	JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM	7
*REGINALD G. HOOPER	4	ANTHONY E. COX	*Tenor*

Composed by S. J. IVIN. Conducted by ANTHONY E. COX.
* First peal in the method. † First of Surprise 'inside.' First of London on the bells.

ILMINSTER, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 8, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.

JACK W. DREW	*Treble*	FREDERICK WELCH	5
WALTER H. POOLE	2	JOHN T. LOCKE	6
ARTHUR H. REED	3	PHILIP N. TUBBS	7
*RAYMOND P. SELWAY	4	*WILLIAM E. TURNER	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.
* 60th peal together.

LOWER BEEDING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 8, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in G.

KATHLEEN M. HIGGINS	*Treble*	ERNEST J. MUNDAY	5
ANNE C. GARNETT	2	STANLEY G. PONTING	6
ALAN E. BAGWORTH	3	ROBIN G. LEALE	7
GILLIAN A. NEAL SMITH	4	WILLIAM S. DEASON	*Tenor*

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED. Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

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SAWLEY, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 8, 1960, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5184 SAWLEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9¼ cwt. in G.

*JOHN HARVEY	*Treble*	DAVID J. MARSHALL	5
MRS. PATRICIA HALLS	2	ROGER BALDWIN	6
GORDON A. HALLS	3	JAMES H. PAILING	7
HAROLD TAYLOR	4	DENIS R. CARLISLE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by DAVID J. MARSHALL, DENIS R. CARLISLE and GORDON A. HALLS.
* First peal of Treble Bob. First in the method.

SEVENOAKS, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 8, 1960, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in E flat.

FRANK I. HAIRS	*Treble*	*PAUL J. DYE	5
SHEILA M. DOBBIE	2	DORIS E. COLGATE	6
WILLIAM ROGERS	3	WALTER H. DOBBIE	7
RICHARD V. FULLER	4	PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
* First peal in the method.
Rung on the 30th anniversary of a peal of Grandsire Triples by an all-local band.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., Oct. 8, 1960, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in E flat.

BEATRICE M. BOYLE	*Treble*	FREDERICK SANGWIN	5
CHARLES SANGWIN	2	HARRY STACEY	6
HERBERT C. SPENCER	3	ROBERT C. KIPPIN	7
*W. HENRY TREWIN	4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.
* First peal of Major. For Harvest Thankgiving.

WARWICK.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 8, 1960, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

ALBERT J. PITMAN	*Treble*	HUBERT G. SUMMERS	5
RUTH M. BORDER	2	JOHN W. T. TAYLOR	6
L. MICHAEL CALLOW	3	J. L. GARNER-HAYWARD	7
PETER BORDER	4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.
Rung as a farewell to Shirley Stroud, who has left the district to go to London University. Tenor 15¼ cwt.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Oct. 11, 1960, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

SHIRLEY HARRIS	*Treble*	CAROL FERNLEY	5
JOHN R. GILDEN	2	ROLAND F. ECCLES	6
EILEEN M. FEARN	3	PETER LAFLIN	7
BASIL JONES	4	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by BASIL JONES.
Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. A. Hibbert, of Chapel-en-le-Frith.

RUNCORN, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Oct. 11, 1960, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15¼ cwt.

DENIS MADDOCK	*Treble*	WALTER ALLMAN	5
PHYLLIS HACKNEY	2	WILLIAM E. ALLMAN	6
ALAN DUGDALE	3	CHARLES WARD	7
HAROLD HAYES	4	JOHN HAYES	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.
Rung by the Sunday service band for the ordination of John Orme, a member of the band prior to his ordination, at Chester on September 25th.

OVERTON, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Oct. 12, 1960, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. in G.

*PAUL HOLMES	*Treble*	REV. FREDK. A. SANDERS	5
REGINALD W. REX	2	REGINALD F. CROOK	6
ERNEST J. MUNDAY	3	GEOFFREY K. DODD	7
ERIC P. WOOLGROVE	4	ARTHUR W. SAYERS	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.
* First peal on eight bells.

SAWLEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Method: SB 1063. x 58 x 14 x 56 x 14 x 38 x 14 x 38. LH.B.
F.C.H.'s: Maurice Hodgson Group, B4/4, N (F. 2/3).
N B—2/3 means 2nd lead plain course false with 3rd lead F.C.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Wed., Oct. 12, 1960, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in B flat.

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	*Treble*	DAVID J. PURNELL	5
BARRIE HENDRY	2	PETER D. WARREN	6
GEOFFREY DAVIES	3	EDWARDS T. LLOYD	7
CHARLES A. S. WEBB	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Oct. 13, 1960, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5021 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising 1,952 Bristol, 1,536 Bolton and 1,533 Peterborough, with 27 changes of method. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

ALICK CUTLER	*Treble*	DENNIS KNOX	5
JOAN BERESFORD	2	THOMAS J. LOCK	6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	3	JOHN R. MAYNE	7
ALFRED J. HOUSE	4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	*Tenor*

Composed by MAURICE HODGSON. Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Oct. 15, 1960, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5024 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

JOHN ROBINSON	*Treble*	†‡F. JOHN NELSON	5
*RONALD J. JOHNSTON	2	†GORDON ROTHWELL	6
NEIL BENNETT	3	†MICHAEL D. FISHWICK	7
†JOHN P. PARTINGTON	4	DEREK TAYLOR	*Tenor*

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED. Conducted by NEIL BENNETT.
* First peal of Surprise 'inside.' † First in the method. ‡ 25th peal.
Rung as a farewell peal to the tenor ringer, who is leaving to join H.M. Forces.

BOLLINGTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1960, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.

PETER LAFLIN	*Treble*	ROLAND F. ECCLES	5
JOHN R. GILDEN	2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	6
CAROL FERNLEY	3	BRIAN HARRIS	7
BASIL JONES	4	EDWARD JENKINS	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by BASIL JONES.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Margaret Clay and Edward Fytton Potts, who were married at this church prior to the peal.

CRESWELL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1960, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.
A PEAL OF 5088 OXHEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

MARION ARCHER	*Treble*	CYRIL RUSBY	5
ELIZABETH A. WARDILL	2	HAROLD TAYLOR	6
PAT A. M. HALLS	3	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	7
GORDON A. HALLS	4	IAN M. HOLLAND	*Tenor*

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE. Conducted by IAN M. HOLLAND.
First peal in the method by all, and for the Association.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1960, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21¼ cwt.

PERCY W. MILLS	*Treble*	ANDREW G. BECKWITH	5
MARION H. MILLS	2	JOHN A. WARNER	6
PETER L. WOOD	3	ALAN R. SYDER	7
WILLIAM J. BUTTON	4	LESLIE G. BRETT	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.
A birthday compliment to Mrs. W. J. Button.

GREAT DUNMOW, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1960, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 MAULDEN SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

ERNEST W. PYE	*Treble*	EDWIN G. BUCK	5
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	2	COLIN A. S. HARWOOD	6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	3	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE	7
PATRICIA M. BOURN	4	JACK S. DEAR	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.
Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.
First peal in the method by all the band.

PERSHORE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1960, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND EDBURGA
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

JACQUELINE A. ROBERTS	*Treble*	R. ROGER SAVORY	5
MICHAEL G. SELBY	2	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	6
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	3	*ROBERT C. KIPPIN	7
MARTYN HAWKES	4	GERALD C. HEMMING	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON. Conducted by GEOFFREY J. HEMMING.
* First peal of Lincolnshire. Tenor 26 cwt. in D.

ROLVENDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1960, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 16 cwt. in F sharp.

*JOAN V. GARNETT	*Treble*	BERNARD V. COLLISON	5
VIOLET I. RELF	2	†JOHN E. WARNER	6
MARGARET A. LADD	3	‡ERNEST J. LADD	7
THOMAS E. SONE	4	WILLIAM BUTTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.
* First peal on eight bells. † First in the method. ‡ 75th tower for a peal.
Rung as a 92nd birthday compliment to Mrs. W. Button, mother of the tenor ringer.

SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1960, in 3 Hours,
AT CHRIST CHURCH.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

MARTIN SNAPE	*Treble*	†FRED PEARSON	5
*KENNETH HESKETH	2	THOMAS HESKETH	6
†PATRICIA BUSS	3	RONALD KENRICK	7
CYRIL LOW	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
* First peal. † First of Cambridge on an 'inside' bell.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1960, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Pritchard's. Tenor 15¼ cwt.

*DR. D. J. NEAL SMITH	*Treble*	†MICHAEL G. BARTLETT	5
†JEREMY D. TOMKINSON	2	D. KENWYN WALTERS	6
‡MALCOLM G. LANE	3	DAVID A. S. HAWKINS	7
‡EDGAR T. SKIPSEY	4	RONALD I. SHEPHERD	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID A. S. HAWKINS.
* 25th peal. † First peal. ‡ First on eight bells.
Rung as a compliment to the Rev. R. W. Carter, who has now completed 21 years as Vicar of St. Peter's.

SIX BELL PEALS

TAXAL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1960, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents (four callings). Tenor 11 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

*GILES B. THOMPSON	*Treble*	EDWARD SHUTTLEWORTH	4
BRIAN SCHOFIELD	2	PETER DALE	5
GORDON RUMNEY	3	JOHN ROBINSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN ROBINSON.
* First peal.

LOCKING, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 24, 1960, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 12 extents of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt.

MARJORIE LEGG	*Treble*	GEORGE PRESCOTT	4
*FREDA PHILLIPS	2	KEITH PRIME	5
ANN WHITE	3	*OLWEN QUINT (14)	*Tenor*

Conducted by MARJORIE LEGG.
* First peal.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1960, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

T. CHARLES BROWNE	*Treble*	WILFRED G. SAUNDERS	4
JOHN R. SMITH	2	FRANK C. J. ARNOLD	5
H. WILLIAM BARRETT	3	CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO	*Tenor*

Conducted by CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

SEAL CHART, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1960, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents in ten methods: (1) London and Wells, (2) York and Durham, (3) Beverley and Surfleet, (4) Annable's London, (5) Norwich, (6) Ipswich and (7) Cambridge. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

BERNARD F. L. GROVES	*Treble*	IAN H. ORAM	4
*TREVOR A. CROSS	2	JOHN R. COOPER	5
RALPH BIRD	3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.
* First peal in ten Surprise methods 'inside.'

KETTERINGHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 8, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM CLOVER	*Treble*	*PERCY SQUIRES	4
HENRY TOOKE	2	RAYMOND G. LOFTY	5
THOMAS E. SPIGHT	3	PETER ADCOCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by HENRY TOOKE.
* First peal of Minor; also a birthday compliment to him.

OXFORD, OXON.
THE OXFORD SOCIETY.
On Fri., Oct. 7, 1960, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-THE-MARTYR.
A PEAL OF 5040 SMITHFIELD DOUBLES
Being 42 plain courses. Tenor 7¼ cwt. in A.

JOHN G. PUSEY	*Treble*	PETER J. WYCHERLEY	4
*A. RAYMOND CRAWFURD	2	MALCOLM S. CLOKE	5
C. R. CHAD COUSSMAKER	3	EDWARD R. VENN	*Tenor*

* First peal of Doubles. First peal in the principle.
Rung as an ordination compliment to the Rev. Dennis H. Leigh, curate of Holy Trinity, Roehampton; and to the Rev. Norman J. Smith, curate of St. Paul's, Parkend with St. Peter, Clearwell, Glos.

SAXTHORPE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Fri., Oct. 7, 1960, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 2 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

JOHN R. SMITH	*Treble*	DEREK W. PARDON	4
*S. PAUL STEARMAN	2	*NORMAN WRIGHT	5
SHIRLEY M. PARSONS	3	GEOFFREY R. DREW	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. SMITH.
* First peal; both are members of the local band.

SANDHURST, BERKSHIRE.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Oct. 13, 1960, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being one extent each of London, Wells, York, Bourne, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in A.

WILLIAM J. PARKER	*Treble*	STANLEY G. PONTING	4
EDWARD J. BRAGG	2	TOM PAGE	5
WILLIAM T. BEESON	3	HAROLD A. MAY	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD A. MAY.
First peal of seven Surprise Minor by all except the ringer of the third, and on the bells. 25th peal on the bells.

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BARKING, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., Oct. 14, 1960, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being 720 each of Double Court Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's Bob, Oxford T.B., Plain Bob and Kent T.B. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

ROBERT E. LESTER ..	*Treble*	URBAN W. WILDNEY ..	4
*RAYMOND F. TAYLOR ..	2	FRANK B. LUFKIN ..	5
HUBERT A. MITSON ..	3	BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* First peal in seven methods, and has now 'circled the tower' to a peal.

BRISTOL.
THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1960, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-ON-THE-MOUNT WITHOUT,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

*MAURICE B. BUTTERFIELD	*Treble*	ANTONY R. KENCH ..	4
JENNIFER M. GAMBLING ..	2	JOHN C. BALDWIN ..	5
DOROTHY M. STAFFORD ..	3	ROYSTON BLACKLER ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN C. BALDWIN.

* First peal. First as conductor.

Rung as a compliment to Royston Blackler on graduating from Bristol University in Mathematics with First Class Honours.

BURBAGE, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1960, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents in nine methods: (1) Oxford and Kingston, (2) Oxford and Capel, (3) Oxford and London Scholars' Pleasure, (4) Oxford and Sandal, (5) College Exercise and Norbury, (6) College Exercise and Ockley, (7) College Exercise and Duke of Norfolk; 43 changes of method. Tenor 9½ cwt.

GLADYS RICHARDSON ..	*Treble*	DAVID J. ADAMS ..	4
*ALAN G. KIRK (14) ..	2	ALEX. RICHARDSON ..	5
JOHN R. KENNETT ..	3	HENRY KIRK ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by HENRY KIRK.

* First peal at first attempt.

MISTLEY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1960, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In nine methods, being seven 720's, viz.: (1) Court Bob, (2) Double Court Bob, (3) Oxford Bob and St. Clement's, (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) Double Oxford Bob, (6) Oxford and Kent T.B., (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

JOHN AVIS ..	*Treble*	BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD ..	4
WILLIAM J. BRUNT ..	2	FRANK B. LUFKIN ..	5
*ALFRED E. HONEYWOOD ..	3	URBAN W. WILDNEY ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* Most methods to a peal.

MOUNTSORREL, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Syston District.)
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1960, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being one Pitman's 240 and 40 extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 27 lb. in A.

B. STEDMAN PAYNE ..	*Treble*	ERNEST F. PAYNE ..	4
*J. RICHARD PERKINS ..	2	ROYSTON WILMORE ..	5
*MALCOLM BARSBY ..	3	JAMES MITCHELL ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROYSTON WILMORE.

* First peal of Grandsire 'inside' on tower bells.

Rung by members of the Syston District as an engagement, compliment to fellow-members Roger A. Brewin, of Rothley, and Miss Judy Kent, of Humberstone.

HANDBELL PEAL

LONDON, E.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Mon., Oct. 10, 1960, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE WHITECHAPEL BELL FOUNDRY,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor size 18 in G.

WILLIAM T. COOK ..	1—2	ROBIN G. LEALE ..	7—8
JOHN CHILCOTT ..	3—4	ALAN J. ROGERS ..	9—10
MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT ..	5—6	MICHAEL P. MORETON ..	11—12

Arranged and Conducted by JOHN CHILCOTT.
Umpire: MR. JAMES G. A. PRIOR.

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LOUGHBOROUGH

The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

HALF PEALS

CRANFORD, MIDDX.—On Sept. 1st, 2,559 Doubles in 17 methods: D. G. Pickett 1 and 6, C. B. Fynes (cond.) 2 and 3, A. Grant 4, D. C. Morgan (first in 17 methods) 5.

OXFORD, OXON.—On Oct. 9th, at St. Mary Magdalene's Church, 2,880 Minor (720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Single Oxford Bob): Sheila Cameron 1, C. R. C. Coussmaker 2, E. R. Venn 3, P. J. Wycherley 4, J. G. Pusey 5, M. S. Cloke (cond.) 6. Rung to welcome Rev. J. L. Houlden as Chaplain of Trinity College, and as an ordination compliment to Rev. Derek H. Cordell, curate of All Saints' with St. Andrew, Whitstable, Kent.

STUDLEY, WARWICKS.—On Sept. 29th, 3,072 Plain Bob Minor: T. H. Griffiths 1, P. S. Bennett (cond.) 2, M. I. Hughes 3, J. W. Perkins 4, R. G. Morris 5, R. E. Tallis (jun.) 6. Rung for the wedding of Mr. T. Myatt to Miss V. Neal this day at Packwood.

ADVENT, CORNWALL.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Plain Bob and Grandsire): R. A. Southwood 1, A. Burley 2, C. Taylor 3, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 4, A. Carveth 5. To mark the conductor's completion of the 'ringables' in Cornwall.

AYLESTONE, LEICS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,280 Yorkshire S. Major: S. Marie Davenport 1, Sandra E. Chesterton 2, Patricia A. Wardle 3, A. M. Lindsey 4, P. Martin 5, T. I. Roper 6, R. S. Morris 7, A. J. Poynor (cond.) 8. For Harvest Festival. Also on Oct. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Christine Sedgley 1, S. Marie Davenport (first 'inside') 2, Sandra E. Chesterton (first as cond.) 3, A. J. Poynor 4, Patricia A. Wardle 5, R. S. Morris 6, P. Martin 7, T. I. Roper 8. For Harvest Festival Evensong.

BAGWORTH, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (St. Simon's, Stedman, Plain Bob and Grandsire): G. Prescott (cond.) 1, Marjorie Legg 2, H. Hooper 3, K. Prime 4, S. Smith 5.

BANBURY, OXON.—On Oct. 9th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: J. M. Stretton 1, Miss D. Jameson 2, Miss S. Herbert 3, H. H. Alexander 4, Mrs. O. Gillett 5, R. Bentley 6, J. Hankin 7, W. N. Genna (cond.) 8, H. Bishop 9, C. Herbert 10. First of Caters for all except 4 and 8. Rung for Evensong, and as a compliment to Miss S. Herbert, who is leaving to join the W.R.N.S.

BRISTOL.—At St. Ambrose Church, quarter peals of Grandsire Triples were rung on Feb. 16th and Mar. 1st; Stedman Triples (half-muffled), on Good Friday; Double Norwich Court Bob Major, on June 19th; St. Clement's Bob Minor, on Aug. 14th; Grandsire Doubles, on Sept. 25th. M. J. Hobbs' first as conductor; Erin Triples, on Sept. 25th, to welcome the Rev. David Bentley. On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: M. J. Hoskins 1, D. J. Hunt 2, Miss G. M. Hussey 3, M. J. Hobbs 4, B. A. Shackleton 5, R. G. Hooper (cond.) 6. A. C. Baker 7, N. J. Hoskins 8. First in method by all the band, for Ringers' Sunday. Also on Oct. 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. J. Hunt 1, M. J. Hobbs 2, F. J. Sampson 3, A. C. Baker 4, V. J. Williams 5, R. G. Hooper 6, B. A. Shackleton (cond.) 7, V. E. Lucas 8. A farewell to the Rev. H. Pentreath, who is leaving for Leatherhead.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jennifer Sceeny (first of Triples) 1, C. C. Clarke 2, Mary R. Jaycock 3, J. Young 4, G. W. Limmer 5, R. E. Dean 6, H. Oglesby (cond.) 7, B. May 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam George Gilbert, for 28 years' Ringing Master of this tower.

BURSTOW, SURREY.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Doubles (Canterbury, Grandsire and Plain Bob): G. Charlton 1, T. Padbury 2, P. M. Booer 3, W. F. Slaughter 4, A. J. Bull (cond.) 5, H. H. Padbury 6. Rung in celebration of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. David Wilson.

BRISTOL.—On Oct. 16th, at the Church of St. Michael-on-the-Mount Without, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Judi White (first of Minor) 1, Dorothy M. Stafford 2, Jennifer M. Gambling 3, C. T-Biscoe (first quarter) 4, J. C. Baldwin (cond.) 5, R. Blackler 6. By the U.B.S.C.R., for Evensong.

CHATHAM, KENT.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples D. Norris 1, Elizabeth Wharton (first 'inside' of Triples) 2, J. Sellers (first of Triples 'inside') 3, W. A. J. Knight (cond.) 4, C. J. Gould 5, A. Wrigley 6, C. E. J. Norris 7, R. E. Norris 8.

CHISLEDON, WILTS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (All Saints', Plain Bob and Grandsire): Mrs. Love 1, C. Wilkins 2, S. Miller 3, A. Pocock 4, F. G. Cook 5, A. Woodward 6. First quarter 3 and 6. Joint conductors 4 and 5. For Harvest Festival.

COOMBE BISSETT, WILTS.—On Oct. 16th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: B. J. Lawes 1, E. Hayes 2, D. Randall 3, R. Haynes 4, A. Haynes 5, R. N. Marlow (cond.) 6.

QUARTER PEALS

CRAYFORD, KENT.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): K. May 1, E. A. Barnett (cond.) 2, P. G. Richards 3, Miss M. Andrews 4, W. J. Lemon 5, K. Manthorpe 6, W. E. Bond 7, Miss J. Barnett 8. First quarter for 1 and 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of the Rev. R. A. Agg, Rector and father of three members of the local band.

CRESWELL, DERBYS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Major: A. Richardson 1, Linda Jones (first 'inside') 2, I. Richardson 3, L. Barlow 4, Mary Barlow 5, D. Smedley 6, P. Richardson 7, G. Chambers (cond.) 8. For children's Harvest Thanksgiving service.

CROMER, NORFOLK.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Gloria Lamonte 1, Cyril Pooley 2, G. R. Drew (cond.) 3, W. Holdom 4, G. Larter 5, A. Twyman 6. Rung to welcome the new Vicar.

EALING, MIDDX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Oct. 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Tomsett 1, A. H. Fulwell 2, A. M. Stacey 3, Squire Croft 4, F. Bishop 5, D. Theedom 6, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 7, M. Gathercole 8. For morning service.

EASTON MAUDIT, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure): S. G. Silsby 1, R. Line (cond.) 2, F. W. Curtis (first quarter) 3, N. Line 4, E. Smart 5. For Harvest Thanksgiving.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. C. F. Rogers 1, B. E. Jeffrey 2, E. C. Leigh 3, D. E. Leigh 4, J. E. Warner (first in the method) 5, E. J. Jenner (cond.) 6, S. Jenner 7, L. Fox 8. For Harvest Festival.

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. M. W. Dobbie 1, L. Hamilton-Smith 2, J. F. Atkins 3, T. R. Russell 4, J. N. Lindon (cond.) 5, C. Anderson 6. First quarter for 2 and 6.

GAYWOOD, NORFOLK.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. W. Shipp 1, W. J. Woods (first quarter) 2, R. Shipp 3, Miriam Higdon 4, C. F. Tovell 5, E. A. Shipp (cond.) 6. For the Patronal Festival.

HEREFORD.—At All Saints' Church, on Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Munn 1, G. T. Cousins 2, Miss R. Jarrett 3, Miss A. M. Gladwell 4, F. Read 5, A. T. Wingate 6, A. W. Davis (cond.) 7, W. Gittins 8. For the Parish Mission Week.

HOLYWELL, HUNTS.—On Sept. 18th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minor: W. Papworth 1, M. J. Thurmott (cond.) 2, Mrs. M. J. Thurmott (first quarter) 3, D. Papworth 4, L. Cowley 5, W. Ransome 6. A birthday compliment to John and Mark, sons of the ringers of 2 and 3.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On Sept. 18th, 1,344 Cambridge Surprise Major: Tessa P. Kemp (first of Surprise) 1, G. Marriner 2, G. P. T. Peters 3, B. Hawkins 4, W. F. Oatway 5, A. Harman 6, R. Davies 7, B. J. Woodruffe (cond.) 8. For Evensong, and to mark the birth of a son to the Rev. and Mrs. E. B. Wood, of Leatherhead.

LEWKNOR, OXON.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): J. Webb 1, J. Godman (cond.) 2, F. Godden 3, R. Tuckwell 4, W. Fulker 5, W. Collins 6. A welcome to the Rev. J. C. Courtney, on the occasion of his induction to this living.

LLANDAFF, GLAM.—On Oct. 2nd, at the Cathedral, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: H. Everett 1, M. Day 2, N. Simon (first quarter) 3, P. Welch (first of Major) 4, A. Smith 5, R. Hughes 6, G. J. Brett-Stickland 7, B. Taylor (first of Major as cond.) 8. For Horvest Festival.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. T. Owen (first quarter) 1, L. Derrick (cond.) 2, Olwen Quint (first 'inside') 3, Mrs. R. Quint 4, Mary Powell 5, H. Hardwidge 6.

NETHERBURY, DORSET.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. J. Davis (first quarter) 1, J. T. Barrett 2, Mrs. E. G. Pannell (first as cond.) 3, E. A. Pannell 4, J. Davis 5, W. P. Lewis 6. For the induction and institution of the Rev. R. J. Edmundson, Vicar of Melplash, this day.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.—On Sept. 27th, 1,344 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. B. Sadler 1, D. E. Belcham 2, Miss J. Rowe 3, B. Sadler 4, J. Belcham 5, M. Hallet 6, P. Sadler (cond.) 7, P. Sloman 8. For the institution and induction of the Vicar, Canon J. A. Stanley, A.K.C.

RANMORE, SURREY.—On Oct. 8th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss P. Collins (first of Major) 1, Miss C. Rimmer 2, C. Hayter 3, Mrs. C. Harbott 4, E. G. L. Coward 5, S. Huckle 6, M. Harbott 7, G. Penney (cond.) 8.

ST. MARY CRAY, KENT.—On Sept. 24th, 1,140 Doubles (Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob): S. Hardy 1, F. Gorringe 2, R. Beard 3, P. G. Braund (cond.) 4, P. G. Wheller 5, A. Trigg (first quarter) 6. For Harvest Festival.

ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: R. F. Baker 1, Kathleen Rivett 2, Lucy Allen 3, F. W. Lack 4, F. Rivett 5, J. H. Bluff 6, D. P. Jones (cond.) 7, D. Eames (15, first quarter on eight) 8.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Eastman 1, Margaret A. Naylor (first quarter) 2, J. Grensted 3, J. E. Clark (first quarter 'inside') 4, G. A. Naylor (cond.) 5, E. C. Barton 6, S. B. Dobbie 7, W. Hollands 8. For the Patronal Festival.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,296 Grandsire Caters: Valerie Hoby 1, J. K. Ward 2, Linda J. Kew 3, W. Birmingham 4, Pamela M. Jervis 5, D. K. Ward 6, E. S. T. Farr 7, A. D. Rivers 8, D. K. Walters (first of Caters as cond.) 9, F. R. Scott 10. For dedication festival festal Evensong.

SWAVESEY, CAMBS.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Cawser 1, C. Bell 2, H. S. Peacock 3, A. W. Payne 4, K. Prime (cond.) 5. First of Doubles 1 and 2. For Harvest Festival.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Lelliott (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Elphick 2, Mrs. M. Elphick 3, G. P. Elphick 4, H. S. James 5, R. W. E. Dawe (cond.) 6, First in method by all the band. A compliment to Mr. Ernest H. Fuller on his 19th birthday.

STANWELL, MIDDX.—On Aug. 21st, 1,260 Minor and Doubles (720 Cambridge and 540 Bob Doubles): K. Young 1, F. Blagrove 2-3, D. Morgan 4, D. Pickett 5, C. Fynes 6. Conductors: F. Blagrove and C. Fynes. Also on Sept. 18th, 1,296 Cambridge Minor: D. Pickett 1, C. Fynes (cond.) 2-3, Miss M. Gibson 4, C. Burgess 5, M. Lane 6. For Evensong.

TONBRIDGE, KENT.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Phyllida Spring 1, Sheila M. Dobbie 2, J. T. Medhurst 3, C. Hancock 4, S. A. White 5, W. Rogers 6, W. H. Dobbie (cond.) 7, R. Luckhurst 8. For Harvest Festival.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Cox (first on treble) 1, A. F. Lee (cond.) 2, Pat A. Burt 3, J. J. Jefferies 4, T. J. Milsom 5, D. F. Jefferies 6. For the Patronal Festival.

WANTAGE, BERKS.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. Stoter 1, K. Leach (cond.) 2, J. White 3, H. V. Booker 4, A. E. Fullbrook 5, D. Stoter 6, A. R. Wood 7, H. White 8. For Harvest Festival.

WARBOROUGH, OXON.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Susan Howes (first quarter) 1, Helen Butler 2, G. McIthone 3, V. Fox (first quarter 'side') 4, Margaret Thewlis 5, A. Howes 6, F. Absolom (cond.) 7, R. Cobb 8. Rung for Percy Wilson's 50th anniversary of his appointment as organist, and also for Harvest Festival.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,440 London Surprise Minor: D. H. Rooke 1, M. Foster 2, G. Chailans 3, F. Flint 4, J. T. Rooke (cond.) 5, H. T. Rooke 6. For Harvest Festival.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Celia M. Axton 1, Rosemary S. Hawkes 2, Mary G. Bartholomew 3, Jennifer M. Bunyan (first quarter) 4, R. D. Bell 5, S. F. Dolley (first of Royal) 6, B. B. Hullah 7, R. G. Smith 8, R. G. Bell 9, G. W. Seaman (cond.) 10. First on 10 bells for 1, 3, 5, 7. For Harvest Festival.

WEMBDON, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure: G. Duckham 1, Freda Phillips (first in method 'inside') 2, H. Pople (first in method) 3, K. Prime 4, F. Sweet (cond.) 5, A. Kent (first in method) 6. A Bridgwater Branch quarter.

WENDOVER, BUCKS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Floyd 1, A. Hammond 2, B. Evans 3, Miss S. Howard 4, W. Lee (cond.) 5, M. Bevan 6. For Harvest Festival

WENTWORTH, YORKS.—On Oct. 7th, 1,320 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Grandsire and Plain Bob): Rev. Canon A. King 1, A. King 2, M. King 3, T. Randall 4, M. R. Meadows (cond.) 5, A. Beaumont 6. First quarter in 3 methods for 1 and 2.

WHITTLEBURY, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. E. Roberts (cond.) 1, D. Burbidge 2, G. Linnell 3, D. R. Truman 4, C. E. Truman 5. For the wedding of Nola Bennett and Thomas Wright. Also on Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (six methods): C. E. Truman 1, D. Burbidge 2, G. Linnell 3, J. Linnell 4, W. A. Yates (cond.) 5.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Ann Shinner (first quarter) 1, Susan Rawlings 2, A. S. Bishop 3, C. Walters (first quarter) 4, K. Newman (cond.) 5, Caroline Carpenter 6. For Evensong.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Short recordings of the bells of Evercreech Parish Church have, for some time, been broadcast regularly, at about 8.50 a.m., just before the Light Programme opens on Sundays at 8.55 with the weather report. A few minutes from one of a series of five peals is broadcast each Sunday in rotation. Last Sunday, part of a peal of Grandsire Caters was heard. Following comes Stedman Caters, Stedman Triples, Double Court Minor and Double Norwich Court Bob Major.

Miss Jacqueline A. Roberts is the first lady to ring a peal at Pershore Abbey.

Beaminster, Dorset, ringers are busy making calendars in aid of the restoration of their bells.

Miss Sandra E. Chesterton, who is only 15, has conducted her first quarter peal at Aylestone, Leicestershire. A pupil of Mr. Russell S. Morris, she has been ringing just over three years and has rung 20 peals.

The band in the peal at Rolvenden, Kent, on October 15th, would like to congratulate Mr. William Button, the tenor ringer, who came over the border from Sussex, to 'complete the circle' of this tower after a lapse of 25 years. The peal was rung as a 92nd birthday compliment to his mother.

We regret to learn that Mr. R. L. Piron, honorary secretary of the Bedford District, is in the Allen Daley Ward, St. Charles' Hospital, Ladbroke Grove, W.10. He expects to be in hospital for a few weeks.

Mr. G. Dodd wishes to thank all incumbents and tower captains for the use of their bells for the record attempt to ring five Surprise peals in a day, especially those who allowed the bells to be rung in the early hours of the morning.

An unexpected and welcome visitor to the recent joint Kent/Surrey meeting, at West Wickham, was Mrs. Barbara Van Asselt (née Mitchell), on holiday from Bahrain, and staying with her parents in Penge. Mrs. Van Asselt began ringing at West Wickham, and on removal to London rang many peals with the Willesden band before her profession took her to Bahrain.

An Erin epidemic is at present raging at Stafford, but a lack of touches has been experienced. Touches and quarter peals of both Triples and Caters in this delightful but sadly neglected method will be much appreciated by Robert J. Warrilow, 197, Tixall Road, Stafford.

The peal rung at Purleigh on October 1st (page 685), was for the Essex Association.

The peal of London Royal at Birmingham Cathedral, on October 13th, was Mr. John Pinfold's 800th peal. Congratulations.

In the list of peals of the late Mr. George Gilbert, the 9,600 should read Double Dublin Surprise and not as printed (see page 693).

Mr. D. E. Griffin writes that the peal at Oxendon, Leicestershire, rung on September 24th, was the 11th on the bells. The 10th was rung on May 7th, 1960.

To the list of peals rung on Windsor Castle bells, reported in our last issue, should be added one rung on February 19th this year for the birth of Prince Andrew.

Mr. Patrick Cannon informs us that the proposed attempt for 40,320 Plain Bob Major at Loughborough is postponed until the New Year. There is, however, notice in this issue of an attempt on November 4th, at Over, by Mr. John Worth's band. The best of luck!

The peal at St. John's, Cardiff, on October 6th, was rung to mark the unique association Mr. G. F. Mitchell has had with this church. Here he was christened in 1881, confirmed in 1896 and married in 1909. As a youth he chimed the curfew and he has served the church as a sidesman for over 40 years.

The Snowdon Dinner at Rotherham, last Saturday, was a big success with an attendance of over 150. The speeches were interesting, witty and, at times, provocative: the tune ringing of the Ecclesfield Handbell Ringers reached a height of brilliance unheard of previously by most of the company. There was only one regret. Mr. John Gilbert, the joint organiser with Mr. Norman Chaddock, was through a heart attack unable to be present.

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ATTEMPT AT RECORD LENGTH OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Dear Sir,—It is proposed to attempt to ring the record length of 40,320 changes of Plain Bob Major at Over, Cheshire, starting at 10 p.m. on Friday, November 4th.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN WORTH.

Macclesfield.

THE COMPOSITION
40,320 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
By C. K. LEWIS

23456	W	5	M	H
46325	S	3	S	—
36524		3	—	
23564	—	3		
62534	—	3		
56423	—	3	—	
25463	—	3		
62453	—	3		
34625	—	3	—	—
63425		3		—
42365	S	3		—

Eleven times repeated

Omit S at M in 1st course in all except 7th part.

Bob for S W in 1st course in 1st, 4th, 7th, 10th parts.

This gives part ends:

43265	43256
24365	24356
32465	32456
42365	42356
34265	34256
23465	23456

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Canterbury District

A good attendance of 120 ringers, representing 27 towers, was recorded at the annual District meeting of the Canterbury District at St. Dunstan's, Canterbury, on October 8th. Four towers were available in the afternoon and the Cathedral in the evening.

The Rev. A. L. Lawler conducted the service at St. Dunstan's, and the collection of nearly £3 was donated to the Belfry Fund of the church. Ringers supplemented the choir; Mr. Basil Milner was the organist.

The business meeting in the Parish Hall was presided over by Mr. J. A. Russell. The hon. secretary laid emphasis on the decline in membership; this, however, was soon reversed during the election of 28 new members. Service collections taken throughout the year amounted to £13 17s. 11½d., with the exception of £2, which was donated to the County Benevolent Fund; the remainder went to church funds. Financially the District was better off. The motion for acceptance of these reports was carried unanimously.

All officers of the District were returned on nomination.

The Ringing Master's report was received with enthusiasm. Although Mr. D. A. Chapman criticised the striking, definite progress had been made in the District with two first peals on the bells and seven first peals by members. Surprise methods were more evident in the peal columns and District peals had exceeded last year's total of 15, with two months of peal weather to explore. Chislet (6), Thanington (5) and Eastry (5) were now in union. The 100th pela on St. Stephen's bells was successfully brought round, and this commemorated the retirement of the Rev. A. Barnes after 24 years as rector.

Mr. B. J. Luck (vice-president) thanked the clergy of Canterbury for the use of the bells, also the organist and the ladies for providing the tea.

THE NORWICH ASSOCIATION

The Southern Branch held a meeting at New Buckenham on October 8th. Unfortunately a wet afternoon rather spoilt the attendance, but good use was made of the bells by those present. The service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. H. Whitwham). Dr. P. Jonason presided over the business meeting, supported by Mr. W. G. Saunders (Ringing Master) and Mr. C. F. Phillippo (Branch secretary). It was decided to hold the annual meeting of the Branch at Bunwell on February 4th.

SERVANTS OF THE EXERCISE – No. 44



MR. EDWIN BARNETT

Kent County Association

Mr. Edwin Barnett, 'Long Teddy,' is the son of a famous father, and the father of a famous son; but he stands in no need of any reflected glory. His record of service to the Exercise, extending over 65 years, is particularly conspicuous and interesting.

He is the second oldest member of the Kent County Association, which he joined in 1897, and he was an officer for over 40 years. His greatest contribution, however, has been his service in connection with St. Paulinus', Crayford, where he succeeded his father as tower captain in 1932, until 1956. During his term of office over 300 peals were rung on the bells, which he tended with loving care. Many of these peals contributed to ringing history, and were arranged to enable young (and old) ringers to ring peals in advanced methods. He is proud of the fact that never, during all this time, was a peal lost through a broken rope. He was content to be considered ninth man, but was always willing to stand in where necessary.

Born at Monmouth (England) in 1885, where his father conducted the first true peal in the county in 1886, he moved with his family to Crayford in 1889, and taught himself to ring a bell there. When he was 10 years old the band was re-formed, and he was roped in as one of the band. His first peal was rung in 1899 when he was 14 years old. Throughout his life he has served the church at Crayford, having been a ringer for 65 years and chorister for 35 years. He has served on the Parish Church Council and is now a sidesman.

His peals total is 591, of which he has conducted 17. These latter have been either Stedman Triples or Double Norwich. In addition he has taken part in three non-conducted peals —Cambridge, Superlative and Double Norwich. His first peal of Double Norwich was rung at Erith 60 years ago, conducted by Wm. Pye, with whom he rang many peals in later years, as he also did with Frank Bennett when he resided in London.

Some of his peals are of outstanding interest, such as 16 peals from Grandsire to London, rung with three generations of his family; his first of Cambridge Maximus at Canterbury, when someone turned out the light and the last three courses were rung practically in the dark; the 500th peal at Crayford, which he conducted; a peal at Monmouth on the 70th anniversary of the first true peal conducted by his father; and the recent Kent veterans' peal at West Malling. Although he did not take up handbell ringing until he was 50 years of age, he has since rung 52 peals on 8 to 12 bells, one of which was a 6,240 of Double Norwich.

Edwin Barnett possesses a remarkably retentive memory, evidence of which are his very useful contributions in the columns of this paper on many matters.

His service to the Kent County Association as District representative and committee man will always be remembered with gratitude, but his service to the Exercise, in providing them with such an efficient secretary to the Central Council, will be remembered even longer.

JAFUS.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD

A quarterly meeting of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held at Aston on October 1st, when welcome visitors attended from Worcestershire and Shropshire.

Before commencing the ordinary business the Master (Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd) referred to the passing of Morris J. Morris. Mr. Morris was a very old member of the Guild and had taken part in some notable performances, including the peal of Stedman Sextuples rung on handbells. A minute's silence was observed as a tribute to his memory.

The following ringers were elected as resident members: Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Atherley (Aston), Peter D. Warren (Solihull), Barrie Hendry (Edgbaston) and Roger J. Gay (King's Norton). The tower elections, as life members, of the following were ratified: George E. Evendon (Malvern), Mrs. Avril Ivin (Houghton Conquest), Brian Harris and Basil Jones (Stockport), Bernard F. L. Groves (Maidstone), William H. Dowse, Frank Osbaldiston and Robert B. Smith (Marple), Dennis Mottershead (Wilmslow), A. Robin Heppenstall (Gainsborough) and David T. Darby (Leicester).

The meeting formally decided to hold the Henry Johnson commemoration dinner on March 4th, 1961, and the secretary was authorised to invite the usual guests.

A notice of motion was placed before the meeting that a proposition would be made at the annual meeting that the annual subscription be raised to 5s. It was decided to hold the annual meeting in the city on January 7th.

On behalf of the members the Master expressed thanks to the Aston ringers for their work in making secure the tombstone of Henry Johnson.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

The annual meeting of the Penzance Branch was held at Ludgvan on October 8th, when about 70 turned up on an afternoon when the rain came down in torrents. In fact one way out of the parish was flooded when some set out for home. This did not detract from the pleasure of ringing on the pleasant six bells, which were recast by Messrs. Taylor and Co. about two years ago.

The service was conducted by the Rector (Canon R. de C. Murley) who, in his address of encouragement and welcome, referred to the fact that it was the Guild's third visit to Ludgvan during his incumbency. He remembered that on the second occasion he was ill, but he was thankful to be quite well again, and hoped to go on for a few years yet. The Rev. A. S. Roberts (Branch secretary) read the lesson. Other clergy present were the Revs. P. S. Gagg (Lelant), A. J. Vincent (Kenwyn) and G. Ruming (curate, St. Mary's, Penzance). Mr. D. Burnett (Diocesan Ringing Master) was also present. A collection for the Branch Fund amounted to £2 11s.

After a splendid tea, the meeting voted Mr. H. Miles to the chair in the absence of the Branch chairman (Miss Eileen Symons). The secretary (Rev. A. S. Roberts) reported a balance in hand at the end of 1959 of £34 8s. 8d., and the meeting endorsed his action in sending £2 2s. to Madron towards the recasting of the cracked seventh bell. The officers, with Mr. W. Wood (Gulval) as auditor, were re-elected. Gwinear, with the bells of Phillack and Lelant, was chosen for the spring festival. Mr. H. Miles proposed a vote of thanks to Canon Murley, the local ringers and the lady helpers. Ringing continued in the evening.

ALPHABET FOR BEGINNERS

By T. J. LOCK

(Continued from page 641)

'S'

SALLY.—The thick, soft part, approximately three feet long, which is woven into the bell rope and which hangs at about eye level, is known as the sally. Without her we ringers would not know what to do! The sally is usually of one, two or three colours, its threads being interwoven with the strands of the rope and giving the effect of spiral colour bands. The derivation of sally is not known. But remember, she likes being caught hold of quite firmly with both hands nearly touching each other.

SCISSORS DODGE.—This is a term restricted to double-handed handbell ringing because it concerns two bells in one pair of hands, although the work of the bells is, of course, similar to those in the tower. We will assume you are ringing 3-4 to a course of Plain Bob Major and that you have reached the third lead-end. The third bell has hunted from the back and will be dodging in 5-6 down, whilst the fourth has hunted from the lead and will be dodging in 7-8 up. The process of crossing the bells during coursing and dodging in adjacent positions (or vice-versa), necessitating as you will see striking the bells in successive positions (6-7) at one stroke and then in positions with two other bells in between (5-8), the whole being repeated, has, I hope you will see, a scissors-like effect. There are several forms of scissors dodge and, in addition to Plain Bob, they occur in Double Norwich Court Bob, Kent Treble Bob and London Surprise. The essential condition of a scissors dodge is that the two bells concerned must be coursing in opposite directions.

SHORT COURSE.—This is a touch where a course end is reached in less number of changes than is contained in a plain course of the method rung. You need only look in a text book or diary which gives a selection of touches in different methods to see the several ways in which it can be done. A short course cannot allow any one of the bells to do all the work of the method.

SINGLE.—You have already been introduced to the term Single, and as with the term Bob, I will give a few figures at a lead-end to illustrate the effect of this call. Using six bells—

	Plain lead	Bob lead	
	315264	315264	
	132546	132546	hand stroke
lead-end	135264	132564	back stroke
	312546	315246	

By using one more Single (two in all) at the proper time, the number of true changes in a 6-bell plain method will be extended from 60 to 120. But why only two Singles when it was previously mentioned three Bobs? Because just two bells (the second and the fifth in the above illustration) change places at a Single, so the second Single would put them back in their plain course order, whereas three bells (the second, third and fifth in the illustration under Bob) change places at a Bob. The effect of a Single in Plain Bob is to cause one bell to make thirds place and another to make fourths place, instead of dodging in 3-4 had it been a plain lead, and which means that the order of striking at the lead-end, as you will see from above, is 132564 and not 135264.

SIX.—A six merely means a block of six changes, which need not begin or end in rounds. As there are no recognised methods on three bells, a six can appear only in a Principle—Stedman being the most popular. And in this particular Principle the ringing is nearly always commenced in the middle of a six—presumably to make things easier and not more difficult!

SLOW BELL.—A slow bell in Stedman's Principle is one that having completed its double dodge in 4-5 down commences a slow six by hunting down to lead, striking two blows in thirds—otherwise making thirds place—on its way. It then leads one whole pull, strikes one blow in seconds and returns to lead one more whole pull (collectively known as first whole turn). At this point the quick bell, previously referred to, takes the slow bell from lead. A slow bell in Kent and Oxford Treble Bob is one that, having dodged in 1-2 with the treble, consecutively leads and makes seconds place until the treble returns.

SPLICED.—Spliced ringing is the term used when there is more than one method rung in a touch. Spliced Minor ringing was introduced about 50 years ago, but even twenty years later there were only one or two bands in the whole country who were not other than really struggling hard with Spliced Maior. In fact, Spliced ringing was viewed with apprehension by many ringers for a number of years, and opportunities to ring it were very limited. Nowadays there are occasional reports of Spliced ringing on any number of bells from six to 12, but a different approach is necessary for splicing and ringing Minor methods compared with splicing and ringing on a greater number of bells. Basically, spliced ringing is ringing one method up to the lead-end when, for the next lead, another method is rung, and so on, although it must be mentioned that changes of method do not occur at every lead-end.

SPLICING.—The splicing of a rope is usually given to the handyman of the belfry. It is not a complicated work of art that need be restricted to the few, but some people can make a really neat job of a splice. One could say that it requires a certain amount of patience, application and skill. Splicing is the operation of joining two ends by means of neatly 'marrying' the several strands of the two ropes together in the identical way the ropes were made. There is, generally, in use the short splice and the long splice. Quite recently a series of articles on the splicing of bell-ropes appeared in the 'Ringers' Magazine.'

STRIKING.—Bad striking of the bells is a justifiable cause for complaint on the part of the listening public, and I should think it is the reason for more shudders to run down the backs of other ringers than anything else. The music of the bells simply cannot be produced if there is any bad striking. And good striking, in itself, is simple to attain. Of course, it needs much practice and concentration, and one could admit that some bells are particularly difficult to strike properly, but it can be done. There is no doubt that after bell control you, as a beginner, must concentrate on the striking of your bell. I would suggest that your progress, with particular reference to striking, can best pass through the following stages: Rounds, call-changes, plain hunting, plain methods (being the easier and straightforward). Treble Bob and Surprise, including the more difficult plain methods. Moreover, I have no doubt that long touches are better than short touches, quarter peals are better than long touches and peals are more beneficial than quarter peals. I hope you will always remember the maxim that rounds struck well is much more preferable to any Surprise ringing struck badly.

SURPRISE METHOD.—This class of method is the one in which the treble bell has a treble bob hunt and an internal place made at every cross-section in the half lead.

OBITUARY

MR. GEORGE GILBERT

APPRECIATIONS

As one of the 91 of the ringers whose first peal was called by the late George Gilbert may I pay tribute to a great ringer.

This peal took place at St. Michael's, Basingstoke, in 1924, when he was attached to the R.E.'s, as C.Q.M.S. That year the autumn manœuvres took place on Basingstoke Common, and the ringers at Basingstoke received much assistance from him, during his stay there.

George Gilbert would probably forgive anyone for making a mistake, but bad striking he would not tolerate under any circumstances. In the belfry, a 'sergeant major' at times, perhaps, but outside he was of a most kindly disposition.

H. BADGER.

Headington, Oxford.

It was our practice night at St. John's, Devizes, Wilts, just after the 1914-18 war, when into the belfry came a very smart warrant officer of the R.E. That was my first meeting with George Gilbert; he helped us with Grandsire and Stedman Triples and we youngsters were greatly impressed. Ten years elapsed and the writer found himself at Chalfont and a near neighbour of George.

The able pen of 'Paludian' has told the Exercise of George's great achievements at Burnham. I would like to tell of his visits in 1959 to our Chalfont practices and the great help he gave to my young band. He continued to visit us after his fall, and it was obvious to all he was a sick man. Came the New Year and George continued to ring and arrange peals. On February 13th I met him in Burnham, leaning heavily on his stick, he told me he was under doctor's orders to have his feet up, but would feel better with his feet under the tenor rope. I believe this peal attempt was his last (Oxford Treble Bob Major): the attempt failed after 2 hours 40 minutes of good ringing. Just before the end George said, 'What lovely music, are you all listening?' Let us all continue the music, it would be his wish. Goodbye, George.

E. G. SWIFT, B. R. MASTERS.

MR. HARRY HOLGATE

The St. Margaret's Society, Barking, has been deprived of a very good friend by the sudden death, on October 2nd, of Mr. Harry Holgate, aged 78 years.

Harry learnt to handle a bell at Romford, Essex, prior to 1913 and used to ring there with the Pye brothers, but he never got beyond ringing the tenor behind, which he did with competence.

Owing to business commitments (Harry was a wheelwright by trade) he moved to Barking after 1913 and joined the local company. Sunday by Sunday he took his place on the tenor until ill-health necessitated his resignation prior to the second world war. A quarter peal was rung, on October 9th, to his memory.

A. W. B.

MR. JAMES PARKER

We regret to record the death, last Saturday, of Mr. James Parker, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, The White House, Caister-on-Sea, Norfolk, aged 94 years.

A great ringer and composer in his day, Mr. Parker was a member of the Central Council, representing the Sussex County Association from 1894-96 and the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths from 1897-99 and again from 1906-47.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SMOKING IN THE BELFRY

Dear Sir,—Mr. T. C. Belton has visited a tower where they smoke, and asks if anyone else has come across smoking in the belfry. I have seen it many times but not so much in recent years. There are three or four call-change towers within seven miles of here where smoking still occurs on practice nights.

Some 12 years ago I was on a ringers' outing to South Shropshire, and at one tower we noticed ashtrays provided for the ringers. When, however, I went there with a peal band last year, I did not notice any, so they may have been taken away.

I well remember at a tower close to home there used to be an enamel spittoon, because some of the old ringers used to 'chew.' This was taken away many years ago.

Towards the end of 1914 I cycled over to a 4-bell tower one Sunday morning for a ring. They kindly allowed me to ring the tenor to 20 minutes of rounds, during which time the captain rang the treble with his hat on and his pipe in his mouth!—Yours sincerely,

E. V. RODENHURST.

Whitchurch, Salop.

Dear Sir,—Reading Mr. Belton's 'Points from Letters' (page 691), he asks if any other ringers have experienced smoking in belfries.

Whilst my wife and I were on holiday in North Devon last year, we were most fortunate to meet a local call-change ringer, who arranged much 'local style' ringing for us. During our conversations this subject was mentioned, and when we were ringing at St. James', Arlington, we actually experienced this.

The ringers had kindly agreed to stay on after the service to allow us the pleasure of ringing. Directly on reaching the belfry after the service, the 'locals' proceeded to roll and light their cigarettes: when all had enjoyed their fill, ringing commenced. We came across this habit in other towers while on our visit, but which ones I cannot now remember.

We spent our holiday again this year in North Devon, and I remember quite well the ringers 'lighting up' in the belfry on completion of ringing for Evensong at North Molton. I believe I'm correct in saying that such practices are not uncommon in towers in North Devon.—Yours faithfully,

DONALD R. BARTHOLOMEW.

Watford, Herts.

PEALS OF MINIMUS AND 4-BELL TOWERS

Dear Sir,—I fail to see what it matters, or what it has to do with those who don't want to ring peals of Minimus themselves, whether others do or do not. After all, ringing is a free thing, and none of us gets paid for ringing peals, so why all the fuss? It is a dog-in-the-manger spirit to dictate and say because *they* don't want to ring Minimus no one else shall!

Is it not better to give encouragement to 4-bell ringers and 4-bell towers rather than to discourage them? Encouragement may one day start a scheme for adding a fifth or a sixth bell. The 'closed shop' principle will *never* achieve that, nor will the looking upon Guilds as 'trade unions.' Like the late Mr. George Gilbert, I believe in the rights and liberties of the individual, and if I wanted to ring something I certainly would *not* ask any Guild's consent whether I could or not, as recent peals of Grandsire Minor and Grandsire Major have proved. Ringing needs many more of the George Gilbert type!—Yours faithfully,

P. AMOS.

Weston Favell,
Northants.

BRIDGING THE GAP

Dear Sir,—Mr. Brian Price's article, 'Bridging the Gap,' in 'The Ringing World' of September 29th puts forward some most original and helpful ideas. The various methods we employ for getting our beginners from the round-ringing stage to the simpler change-ringing methods do, I feel, need some examining and developing. It is a big step from rounds to methods, requiring as it does the ability to ring your bell to three distinct rhythms at will. To my mind, Brian Price's technique has some virtue in that it is possible for the beginner to learn to do each successive small step really correctly in a comparatively short time. By contrast, starting off by hunting the treble to, say, Grandsire Doubles does tend to mean that the beginner spends a fairly prolonged period of being able to do it somehow before attaining the goal of being able to do it properly (there is also the additional danger, of course, that having learnt to do it 'somehow' he will continue to do this and more advanced types of change-ringing 'somehow' for the rest of his days). On the other hand, I personally think Brian Price has put rather exaggerated emphasis on ringing without a covering tenor. At any rate, his article has prompted me to try some of his exercises in my own tower, and so far they have been well received, but it is too early to say whether they are going to be successful.

I do, however, find the letter that this article has provoked from Mr. Bennett of the College of Campanology alarming. Mr. Bennett and others in the College may believe that their methods of teaching change-ringing are good, but to write this into a manual as *the* way to teach seems to me the height of folly, and I cannot believe that it is good teachnig practice. Do we understand that all students of the College have to be taught change-ringing by this method, and that all tutors must use it regardless of the circumstances? Are all students to be taught the same way in country churches and city cathedrals, in well-established bands and newly-formed ones, on heavy-going bells and light ones, whether they are teenage girls or middle-aged men, in Northumberland and Cornwall, in Herefordshire and Kent, by instructors with university degrees galore and those whose schooling has been the hard way? Surely not: but if the College's manual of instruction does not mean this I do not know what it does mean. All of us who try to teach people to ring welcome new ideas and suggestions, such as in Brian Price's article, but we know that we have to adapt them to our own circumstances and constantly experiment to make sure that every learner who goes through our hands has the best possible opportunity of becoming a good ringer. Only one thing is universally right—perfect striking.

It would have been much more helpful if Mr. Bennett could have given us actual details of how some of his students have gone on in learning by these methods with a critical appraisal, backed by four years of experience, of how this and other methods compare in various circumstances.—Yours faithfully,

P. M. J. GRAY.

Stoke Bishop,
Bristol.

PEAL WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir,—I wish to withdraw the peal rung at Brampford Speke, Devon, on May 21st, 1960 ('R.W.', page 397), since it did not accord with Central Council regulations. I should like to extend my apologies to all concerned, and in particular to the 'first pealers' in the hand.—Yours sincerely,

FRANK D. MACK.

Exmouth, Devon.

'FIRING' OF BELLS

Dear Sir,—As another naval ringer, and one who was taught to ring at Winchester Cathedral by that most painstaking and meticulous of teachers, the late Mr. Wilfred Andrews, I must endorse entirely the sentiments expressed by Commander Merritt in your issue of October 7th.

As an historian I must also support his plea for the retention of local customs. In far too many cases nowadays there are, by a process of steady erosion by the forces of so-called progress, until, after a lapse of years during which the custom has been stifled, it is resurrected with much pomp and ceremony as a part of a vaunted revival. Surely the reason for the survival of these customs is that they remain a part of the life of the village, town or city, which serves to differentiate it from its neighbours. In this age of television uniformity it is desirable to keep these local customs alive and to preserve them from the 'quaintness' of a tourist attraction to which they can so quickly degenerate.

Finally, I must agree that 'firing' is just as much open to criticism for bad striking as any other method of ringing bells. Striking cannot be attained without practice, and the curtailment of it to a few occasions would produce an even worse clangour during 'firing' than can be heard many times a day in this island.

I am, sir, yours faithfully,

A. S. WATT,
Instr. Lt.-Cdr., R.N.

Malta.

OWNERSHIP OF BELLS

Dear Sir,—With regard to Mr. T. Belton's letter, page 691, 'R.W.', concerning the ownership of bells, I should like to draw his attention to the section of 'The Opinions of the Legal Board,' published by the Church Assembly, under the heading 'Bells and Bell-ringing.'

'The control of the church bells and bell-ringers belongs to the incumbent and not to the incumbent and the P.C.C. jointly.'

Surely this presupposes that the bells can only be rung at any time with the permission of the incumbent.—Yours faithfully,

G. SLEIGHT.

Whitworth, Rochdale.

CONGRATULATIONS FROM AUSTRALIA

Dear Sir,—It was quite a thrill to read in your issue of September 2nd of a peal being rung on the lovely bells of Long Clawson, Leicestershire, after an interval of 33 years. I send my congratulations to Mr. Brian Warwick and to the members of his band upon their success in an ambitious peal of 27 methods, with a change of method after each extent. This is a great achievement on strange bells with a long draught of rope, where the ringers stand in the church between the choir stalls, a distance of 40 feet to the ceiling, and no sally guides.

Long Clawson's is my home tower, where I learned to ring as a boy half a century ago. I also had the honour to take part in the first peal to be rung on these bells (November 12th, 1927) during my last visit to England. This peal was conducted by Mr. Ernest Morris. The fourth bell is pre-Reformation (circa A.D. 1400) and the tenor is 19¾ cwt. This tower needs an extra treble to become a lovely six.

In this same issue of 'R.W.' Mr. Ernest Morris gives a list of 23 towers in Leicestershire each with four bells. May I suggest to the executive officers and members of the Leicester Diocesan Guild that they give serious thought to a campaign of publicity and persuasion to add another bell to some of these towers, and to increase other towers from five to six bells?—Yours sincerely,

W. SMITH (Lieut.),
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LETTERS—Continued

COLLEGE YOUTHS' PEAL AT DERBY

Dear Sir,—Of the 12 peals rung in four counties by Mr. Williams' touring band, only one was not rung for the appropriate territorial association. This was the one rung at Derby Cathedral. I was rather puzzled by this pointed departure from form, but I had no complaint for I do not hold the view that peals should always be rung for the Association in whose territory the tower lies.

However, my attitude changed when I read the report of this tour. The implication is that the peal rung at Derby Cathedral was not rung for the Derbyshire Association because it was considered that this Association was far too insignificant to have a peal of Spliced Surprise Royal added to its records.

By having the peal recorded in the College Youths' peal book, Mr. Williams and his band will presumably continue to enjoy the admiration of their colleagues every time the book is passed round.

When it is copied into this book I suggest a footnote such as: 'Rung as an insult to the Derbyshire Association.'—Yours sincerely,

Derby. G. A. HALLS.

APOLOGY OVER FALSE PEAL

Dear Sir,—I have an apology to make to the ringers in the peal of New Cambridge at Henley on August 8th, and I do so most profoundly for, of course, it is false. It is the more regrettable as, in the course of nearly 60 years' ringing, it is the first false peal in which I have rung and the first false composition of mine to be rung. It happened that when we decided in the belfry to ring this composition to New Cambridge we were under the impression that 24365 was the only f.c.e. I forgot about the other two. In spite of this, however, the fact remains that it is true to Lincolnshire for which it was originally composed, and to B methods with b f.c.e.

Thanking you.—Yours faithfully,

CHAS. J. SEDGLEY.

Ipswich.

LINE FAILURE IN ASHBOURNE BROADCAST

Dear Sir,—Your correspondent W. Frank Stenson is reported in your issue of October 7th as complaining to Canon Roy McKay, Head of Religious Broadcasting, about the very short time that the bells of Ashbourne Parish Church were heard by listeners on Sunday, September 25th, prior to the harvest festival that we broadcast from there in the North Home Service.

The explanation is that there was a brief line failure which compelled us to cut short the broadcast of the bells. We much regretted that we were in consequence only able to broadcast a few seconds of the peal on these fine bells, instead of the minute or so that we usually give on these occasions.—Yours faithfully,

F. L. COBB,
Publicity Officer, B.B.C.

UNIVERSITY OF WALES SOCIETY

A well-attended meeting of the U.W.S.C.R. was held in Brecon on October 15th. Before the meeting a wide variety of methods was rung on the pleasant ring of six bells at St. David's Church, Llanfaes. We were very happy that our president, the Bishop of Swansea and Brecon, was able to join us at tea.

The Rev. I. J. Richards (vice-president) conducted the business meeting. Mr. Michael Day, Miss Gillian Graney, Mr. Richard Hedges and Miss Mollie Tilbury were elected members and Mr. Trevor Lewis Ringing Master. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Llanbadarn Fawr, Aberystwyth, in late February, if possible.

After the meeting further ringing, ranging from rounds to Yorkshire and Double Norwich, was enjoyed on the good ring of eight bells at St. Mary's, Brecon. Later, most of those present went to Llanfeigan where, in this very isolated tower, we rang several methods by the light of four candles and an oil lamp, on a truly beautiful and easy-going octave.

B. J. C.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD TO RAISE SUBSCRIPTION

THE Oxford Diocesan Guild, at its autumn annual general meeting, held at Newbury on October 1st, decided to raise its subscription by 1s. to 3s. 6d. This was the first time the Guild had visited Newbury this century, and the presence of some 200 members, many of whom came in coaches organised by their respective branches, was an indication of the healthy spirit prevailing.

At the outset, the deputy Master (Mr. Frederick Sharpe) presided, as the Master had been held up by the heavy traffic proceeding to Newbury races. He was supported by Mr. A. D. Barker (treasurer), Miss M. R. Cross (secretary) and Mr. H. L. Roper (librarian).

The matter of the subscription followed on a report on finances by Mr. A. D. Barker, who said the 500 copies of the 1958–59 report had cost £103 10s. (4s. 2d. each). He wondered how many of those who voted for the report had bought one. Unless all the copies were sold there would be a deficit. He had paid £63 10s. towards the cost and was asking for Branches to send in the money they owed for reports.

A resolution was moved by Mr. A. Diserens and seconded by Mr. P. Pearce that the subscription be raised to 5s.

Mr. A. R. Pink said the rule governing the subscription had been so worded as to appeal to the generosity of members.

Mr. W. Birmingham pointed out that raising the subscription by 2s. 6d. would give an income of £200, which was more than the Guild needed. To this Mr. Barker replied that as the Branches would take half the subscription this would lead to an increase of £80 to £100.

Mr. H. L. Roper contended that the report should stand on its own feet. He supported the proposal that there should be an increase to 5s. He was shocked at the way ringers managed their own affairs from the tower level to 'The Ringing World' level. The idea that the Guild could not pay its bills was dreadful.

An amendment was submitted by the deputy Master that the subscription be raised to 3s. This was strongly opposed by Mr. B. C. Castle, who said it would be impossible to run the Sonning Deanery Branch on one shilling per head.

Eventually the meeting accepted the amendment of the hon. general secretary that the subscription be raised to 3s. and that the extra shilling should go to Guild funds. This should bring in £100.

A NEW BRANCH

Mr. Donald Wheeler (Central Bucks) gave a report on the progress being made towards the formation of a new branch for the Aylesbury area.

The hon. general secretary stated that when the project was first mooted, it was decided that there should be a probationary period of two years, and she felt this should be adhered to. Mr. Wheeler agreed to this course.

80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GUILD

Miss Cross said there would be a Branch secretaries' meeting in November to discuss the celebrating of the 80th anniversary of the Guild. She asked for suggestions to be sent to her or to the Branch secretaries.

OBITUARY

The meeting stood in silence while the Master reported the following deaths: Mr. A. E. Lock, for 39 years hon. secretary of the North Bucks Branch; Mr. G. Gilbert (Burnham), Mr. J. Harrison (Beaconsfield), Mr. T. Mitchell (Braywood) and Canon Last (chairman, Central Bucks Branch). Tributes were afterwards paid by the Master to Mr. A. E. Lock and Mr. J. Harrison, and by Mr. W. Birmingham to Mr. Gilbert.

APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS

An application was received from West Hanney, supported by the North Berks Branch, which had made a grant of £20, for the rehanging of their bells which had been silent for 30 years, and also to rebuild the tower. The first stages of the tower had been completed and the bells rehung. The cost of rehanging was somewhere in the region of £1,400, of which £700 had still to be paid. Since the restoration a new band had been taught, in a large measure due to the work of Wantage members. As a result the ringers at West Hanney were all members of the Guild. Upon the suggestion of Miss Cross the meeting decided to thank Wantage ringers for their work. Although the hon. treasurer said there was only £89 in the bank, of which £60 was due to be paid out, the meeting approved of a grant of £40 to West Hanney.

Notice was given that the following towers were due for bell restoration work: Aston Clifton, North Leigh and Marsworth. Grants had not been paid to South Newington or Arborfield as the work there had not been inspected by an officer of the Guild. This was to be done as soon as possible.

CENTRAL COUNCIL REPRESENTATION

The Master reported that owing to the death of Mr. A. E. Lock there was a vacancy in the Guild's representation. Mrs. A. D. Barker, a former member, was the only nominee, and she was elected.

The Rt. Rev. Robert Hay, who had retired from the office of Bishop of Buckingham, was elected vice-president.

On the proposition of Mr. G. Edmans, it was decided to hold the autumn meeting for 1961 at Bletchley.

Memorials are proposed to be elected at Bucklebury for Miss Stella Davis and at Abingdon for Mr. A. E. Lock. In neither case has anything definite been suggested.

Miss Cross said she had received a request from the Guildford Diocesan Guild, asking for support for the A. H. Pulling memorial bell, to be placed in Guildford New Cathedral. She asked members to do all they could to support.

The Guild service followed in Newbury Parish Church, at which the Rector preached. At the tea which followed he was thanked by the hon. librarian, who also thanked the organist, incumbents and ringers of towers visited, and Mr. H. Lawrenson, hon. secretary of the Newbury Branch, on whose shoulders had fallen the organisation of the meeting.

NORTH SHROPSHIRE RINGERS IN NORTH WALES

The ringers of St. Oswald's, Oswestry, were joined by others from neighbouring towers for their annual outing into North Wales on September 24th. The party left Oswestry at 8.45 a.m., and the opening touch, Stedman Triples, was rung at Llangollen (tenor 16 cwt.). After call-changes, Cambridge Major was attempted, but it was too early in the morning for some of the band.

The trebles at Ruthin proved quite a handful, but Bob Major and Erin Triples were rung. The company separated for lunch at Denbigh and proceeded to Rhyl (17 cwt.). A wedding interfered with the programme, but after the locals had rung Queens and Tittums and 'fired' the bells, there was an opportunity to ring Plain and Little Bob and Kent Treble Bob.

At Rhuddlan the bells could not be heard in the ringing chamber because of the rattle of ropes; nevertheless a course of Cambridge Minor was rung. Unfortunately we were behind schedule on reaching the delightful six at Abergele, and had only a short ring. The last tower was Llandudno, where the bells went like tops and courses of Cambridge Major and Double Norwich were rung. Thanks are accorded to local ringers and incumbents, and to John Thomas for organising such an excellent tour.

C. S.

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UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION TOUR

WHEN Dermot Roaf distributed the tour 'chores' after dinner on the first day of this year's U.A. week I was told to provide a report. Some kind souls said, 'Good, it might be amusing for a change.' This places a heavy responsibility on the scribe but here, for better or worse, is my fading recollection of what took place between the 6th and 13th of August last.

All top class reports always have a quotation in verse. I do not intend to lower any standards so:

'Beneath this stone, a lump of clay,
Lies Uncle Peter Daniels
Who, early in the month of May,
Took off his winter flannels.'—Anon.

As perceptive readers of this journal will have noticed, this year's tour was based at Whirlow Grange, Sheffield. This establishment is the Sheffield Diocesan Conference House and we were gratified to discover that the warden was the same good lady who looked after our wants on the Rugby week in 1955. The house stands on the western boundary of the city, half a mile from the Peak National Park.

Proceedings commenced with ringing on the bells of Breadsall church, just outside Derby., and the majority of the participants assembled under the tall spire after journeys which, if added together would cover the whole length of the country. More or less united the cars moved on to West Hallam where the light eight were raised with a rapidity that surprised the middle-men and 4 Spliced Surprise was rung for the first time. 'Tea—own initiative' came next in Heanor before ringing on the eight and departure to Sheffield.

The first evening at Whirlow Grange was devoted to settling in activities, the croquet equipment was duly tested and certain local landmarks were investigated. Our organiser's estimate of distances proved to be in error by a factor of four. This lessens one's faith in the judgment of those who travel by car.

On Sunday, as usual, bands were deployed to assist in service ringing at local towers (6 off). Those who visited All Saints', Pitsmoor, duly remarked on the multi-laddered ascent to the ringing-cum-clock room and we were sorry that rearrangement of the A.G.M. prevented a visit during the practice night. Apart from ringing, Sunday afternoon provided opportunities for visiting local beauty spots, caving, thunderstorms, etc., etc.

TO BELFRY VIA BROOM CUPBOARD

Opportunities to get lost en route to the first tower on Monday morning were gratefully seized but eventually all reached Bolsterstone, above the Sheffield 'lakes.' York produced an enormous tape-recorder with miniature spool of tape and was rewarded with interminable rounds on eight instead of Superlative. Yorkshire tail-ends were encountered for the first time at Penistone, and more Major methods were indulged in before adjourning to a pub at Wortley for a sandwich lunch. The president, Paul Taylor, joined the party there and we regretted that he could only be with us for one day. Across the road the parish church holds a Warner eight and the ladder to the somewhat neglected belfry was ascended from the broom cupboard.

Wath-on-Dearne and Ecclesfield provided more eight-bell ringing and glimpses of that part of the coal industry that works the Barnsley seam. Dick Price took time off from his anaesthetics to meet the party at Ecclesfield and ring Cambridge, etc., and Norman, John and Susan Chaddock left us until later in the week. A trip across the city of Sheffield to Dore (8) sorted out the navigators before supper.

The A.G.M. was held that evening with the president in the chair. Minutes of the January meeting in Birmingham were confirmed and the accounts for 1958/59 were adopted. Some correspondence with Mr. Peter Kirk, M.P., about the Noise Abatement Bill had produced an assurance that ringers were not liable to be prosecuted under its provisions.

A motion that 'ex-presidents shall automatically become vice-presidents' was carried and Mr. E. H. Lewis was welcomed back into office. Mr. R. F. B. Speed was re-elected as honorary auditor and 20 new members from eight universities were also elected.

1961 TOUR

The 1961 dinner will be at the Victoria Hotel, London, on January 7th. Plans to hold the 1961 summer tour in Shropshire had failed and, after discussion, Marie Cross and Geoff Dodds undertook the organisation of a tour in the Hertfordshire area. Accommodation has since been booked at Pendley Manor, near Tring. An invitation to Manchester for the 1962 annual dinner was left for consideration in London. The 1962 tour would take place in Shropshire if accommodation could be found.

The secretary thanked his helpers, especially Phyllis Holborn and John Seager for their work in organising the Sheffield week and it is appropriate to add the thanks of all who took part. Their efforts in providing us with bells and scenery were much appreciated.

On Tuesday morning the 'bread and butter' peal band scored with Yorkshire at Bolsover—where repairs to the burnt-out church continued during the ringing. The larger party went to Great Longstone (6) and Youlgreave (8, 26 cwt.), where, apparently, non-regular tenor ringers took two touches off to recover. After lunch the six in the Norman tower at Bradbourne were kept going long enough to allow the returning pealers to make a snatch. They had despatched the secretary to Greece via Chesterfield Station and Cambridge and it was remarked that the best way to journey between the latter two places by rail was to start from somewhere else!

The next tower was Ashbourne, where the eight long ropes down to the crossing caused some bother and the ringing did not do justice to the bells. The interesting cruciform church at Wirksworth was the scene of the only mishap of the tour when the treble stay gave up the ghost after one touch. Proceedings were delayed somewhat and this allowed due appreciation of the architecture.

Post-supper exercises included visits to the practices at Staveley and Bolsover and a fairly slow handbell peal of Bob Triples. This was rung in the reverberant vestry of the Church of the Holy Spirit, which adjoins Whirlow Grange, and our corporate Communion was held in the church on the Wednesday morning.

MALE KNEES

As a result of Wednesday's sunshine three pairs of male knees made their appearance, thus maintaining U.A. traditions but without the dire consequences suffered by Uncle Peter Daniels. At the first tower, Dronfield, ringing was delayed whilst the local doctor finished off his morning surgery. Some interesting cross-country navigation brought all cars safely to Darley Dale, where Pudsey made a welcome change of method. 'Jafus' was there to meet the visitors and guided them to the Grouse Inn where lunch was topped off with peaches and was therefore memorable.



Visiting local ringer.—I brought this over. We th'nk it has a better tone than your tenor.

Duffield was reached exactly on time and various ten-bell methods rung. An ill-fated band left to attempt Cambridge Royal at Chesterfield but the peal was set-up after an hour due to poor striking. A great shame on this fine bells but perhaps Grandsire Caters would have gone better. As compensation the 'experts' were able to sample the excellent bells at Ashover by rejoining the main party who had rung at Crich meanwhile.

Practice night at Handsworth proved a popular attraction and it was demonstrated that ringing is not feasible with thirty people in this tower. However, John Gilbert was able to meet his namesake for the first time.

Thursday morning saw another peal-band lose 4-spliced at Handsworth after reaching the half-way mark. Non-pealers visited Ranmoor for ten-bell ringing under the direction of 'Sir' and then went on to the pleasant six at Wentworth, Yorks. Ranald Clouston, however, took time off to 'grab' the only tuning fork factory in England.

'REAL' BELLS

The rest of Thursday provided the first 'real' bells of the tour as far as the West Countrymen were concerned. St. George's, Doncaster, came first, followed later by Rotherham Parish Church and Sheffield Cathedral for practice night. Conisbrough and Eastwood, Rotherham, towers were also visited. Norman Chaddock's spotless belfry with its many notices to the visiting public (e.g. 'No Exit' in the windows) was in great contrast to the grime at Eastwood. The practice of holding 'Open Days' at city church towers has much to commend it and if the public can be persuaded to make the chimney-like ascent to All Saints' belfry then they will go almost anywhere!

Another tower, Thrybergh, was scheduled but the death of a local lady led to the substitution of a peal in memoriam at the request of the local band. This was rung by a mixed band for the Yorkshire Association.

Was it the catch-phrase, 'Big Wheels,' that led to our indifferent 12 bell ringing at Sheffield Cathedral—or just lack of practice? Either way we were grateful to the local band for their welcome.

At breakfast on Friday, Mr. Lewis gave a brief outline of the local history of the area to be visited. Eyam, with it's associations with the Great Plague, provided a pleasing six and the usual reaction to Cambridge coming round with a single. At Tideswell there was time to examine the wood carvings before some ringing which was generally below the normal standard. Attempts to ring A.Y-B.'s new type method were abortive and only spliced four went well.

Excellent scenery and bright sunshine prevailed and the little village of Chelmorton was invaded for lunch before the new ring of five bells (8-3-24) was sampled. Albeit, rather loud inside these are very good. Next came Buxton and 'Nonsuch' was eventually rung at Fairfield after a certain amount of belfrymanship had eliminated both the author and the cleric from the band. Burbage (6) was also visited and, finally, Castleton.

The remainder of the tour is described by a man who wasn't there and, like Alex Atkinson's description of America in 'Punch,' this gives great scope for details. I had planned a wholly libellous description of the usual social evening and am disappointed to learn that no such function was held this year. People actually went ringing instead. Likewise, on Saturday, instead of departing homewards in a quiet and orderly manner, many persons went tower grabbing. Wingerworth, Clay Cross, Tibshelf, Blackwell and Whittington were reported to me and there may be others. Our thanks go to all those who opened their towers to the U.A., to the organisers and to our hosts at Whirlow Grange. Roll on next year in Herts.

Finally, in deference to the letter in a recent 'R.W.' from one mentioned earlier, I will admit my identity.

J. H. GILBERT.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.—On Oct. 17th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Pat A. Burt 1, A. F. Lee 2, J. R Hobbs 3, D. J. Barnett 4, J. J. Jefferies 5, R O. Fry (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

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BAKER—ROSS.—Mr. and Mrs. Ross, of Woodbeck, Retford, have pleasure in announcing the engagement of their daughter, Margaret, to the Rev. Robin H. Baker, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Baker, of Ashton-on-Mersey, Cheshire. 6858

DEATH

PARKER.—On October 22nd, 1960, at The White House, Caister-on-Sea, James Parker, aged 94. 6857

RETURN THANKS

Mrs. Ebberson thanks the members of the Norwich Diocesan Association and all who contributed to the memorial to her late husband in Dersingham Church.—Market Place, Snettisham, King's Lynn. 6838

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

On and from October 27th, 1960, the address of Ian H. Oram will be 74, Chislehurst Road, Orpington, Kent. Telephone No.: Orpington 30499. 6832

The address of Mr. F. A. Sedgwick (Lichfield), is now 6, Hill Village Road, Four oaks, Sutton Coldfield, Warwicks. Telephone Four Oaks 1089. 6835

Mr. T. J. SOUTHAM (late St. Albans) has now moved to 14, Howard House, Howardsgate, Welwyn Garden City, Herts. 6817

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PERSONAL

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MISCELLANEOUS

SALTLEY, BIRMINGHAM 8.—Carillon of the Rosary Church, Parkfield Road (23 Gillett and Johnston bells of 1933, bass 17 cwt. in F sharp). Recitals of mixed music and change ringing are given every Thursday lunchtime, 12.30-1.30 p.m. by Clive M. Smith. 6834

BALDOCK, HERTS.—No practice on Wednesday, November 2nd.—E. Buck. 6846

WICKEN, NORTHANTS. — Change of practice night, as from and on November 10th, practice will be held on Thursdays, 7.30 to 9 p.m. 6833

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—The annual dinner, 1961, will be held on Saturday, January 21st, and not Saturday, January 28th, as previously announced. Further details later. 6852

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Monthly practice will be held at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, on Wednesday, November 2nd, 6.30 p.m. 6859

Practice at Holy Trinity, Stratford-on-Avon, every Tuesday, at 7.30 p.m. All welcome. 6863

CANCELLATION

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Owing to the regretted death of the Bishop of Guildford, who was president of the Guild, the meeting for Saturday, October 29th, at Yorktown and Hawley is cancelled. Until after the funeral all ringing in the Diocese will be half-muffled.—C. W. Denyer, Master. 6865

MEETINGS

DORSET RINGING FESTIVAL
BLANDFORD FORUM PARISH CHURCH
Saturday, October 29th
Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.
Tea in Town Hall 5.15 p.m.
All Dorset ringers welcome.
6800

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—Meeting advertised for Stretton Grandison now to be held at Coddington, October 29th. Arrangements as before.—J. Ward. 6831

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual dinner, Saturday, October 29th, Rose and Crown Hotel, Tonbridge, 6.15 for 6.45 p.m. Tonbridge bells (8) available 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

LADIES' GUILD.—Beds and Northants District.—Meeting Saturday, October 29th, at Silsoe. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 4.45. Service 6 p.m. Further ringing after tea. All welcome.—Kathleen A. Rivett. 6719

LADIES' GUILD (Central District). MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION (S. and W. District) and OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (East Berks and South Bucks Branch).—Joint meeting at Hillingdon, Saturday, October 29th. Ringing at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon West, 2.30-4 p.m.; St. John's, Hillingdon, 3.30-5 p.m., followed by service. Tea at 5.30 p.m. in St. John's Hall, with social evening to follow. Names to F. W. Goodfellow, 46, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks (Iver 1039).—Mrs. S. Bullock, E. R. Gotham and Miss D. Hague, Hon. Secs. 6776

LINCOLN and PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILDS.—Meeting, Stamford, Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells, All Saints' and St. Martin's, 2.30 to 4 p.m. Service, All Saints', 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Castor and Wansford also available after tea. 6803

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—The 323rd anniversary dinner will be held at the Bridge House Restaurant, London Bridge, S.E.1, on Saturday, November 5th, at 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets (21s.) are now available.

Ringing arrangements for those attending the dinner:—St. Dunstan's, Stepney (10), 10.30-11.30 a.m.; St. Clement Danes', Strand (10), 12 noon-1 p.m.; St. Giles', Cripplegate (12), 2-3 p.m.; St. Lawrence Jewry (8), 2.30-3.30 p.m.; St. Michael's, Cornhill (12), 3-4 p.m.; Southwark Cathedral (12), 4-5 p.m. — John Chilcott, Hon. Sec., 67, Farley Road, Selsdon, Surrey. 6775

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD. Meeting at Mytholmroyd, November 5th, 2.30 p.m. Tea arranged. All welcome. Rounds to Surprise Minor or Major.—D. Smith. 6843

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—Meeting at Biddenham (6), Saturday, November 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea, business and further ringing. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, to Miss Steel, King's Close, Biddenham, Bedford.—R. L. P. 6829

DEVON GUILD.—The annual meeting of the N.W. Branch will be held at Bridgerule (8) on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Service 4.15 p.m.; tea and meeting to follow.—R. Pearce, Sec.

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Christ Church, North Shields, on Saturday, November 5th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, November 2nd, to R. M. Gray, 36, Albury Park Road, Tynemouth, Northumberland. 6844

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting at Willingham, Saturday, November 5th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. F. Murfet, Dis Sec. 6862

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton Branch.—Monthly meeting, Stinchcombe (6), Saturday, November 5th. Bells 3 p.m., tea and service. Note change in venue.—B. T. Cooper, Rangers House, Dursley. 6836

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Saturday, November 5th, St. James' (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please attend.—A. Bennett. 6830

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, November 5th, at Quatt. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to H. Edge, 10, The Crescent, Much Wenlock, Salop. 6797

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District—Langlebury (6), November 5th, 3.30 p.m. Tea 6. Service 7 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Bartholomew, 14, Kelmscot Close, Watford. Phone Watford 31563.—G. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 6855

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Practice meeting, Stevenage, Saturday, Nov. 5th, 5.30 p.m.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 6805

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Padiham, on November 5th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Branch fund donation requested.—John Pilkington, Sec. 6828

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Monthly meeting at Bentham, Saturday, November 5th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. Coates, 8, Cheapside, Bentham, Yorks.—P. Handley, Branch Sec. 6851

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, November 5th, at St. John's, Coppull. Bells 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—C. F. Low. 6850

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Practice at Bletchley (8), Saturday, November 5th, 5 p.m. Guild reports will be available 2s. 6d. each. Outstanding subscriptions, please.—F. Vickers. 6849

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting, Clipston (5), Saturday, November 5th. Names for tea by Tuesday previous, to E. Thresher, 22, Watson Road, Long Buckby. 6860

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Wath, 3 p.m., Saturday, November 5th. Names for tea by Wednesday, 2nd, to Mrs. V. Brook, 76, Burman Road, Wath-on-Dearne, near Rotherham.—J. Seager, Sec. 6839

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South Eastern District.—Meeting, Copdock (6), November 5th. Bells 2.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. at Belstead, followed by meeting. Names for tea by Thursday, November 3rd, to C. R. Lovett, Meadow View, Grundisburgh.—C. R. Lovett, Sec. 6848

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Worth (6), on Saturday, November 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea only for those who notify by Wednesday, November 2nd, Mrs. Hairs, Norman Cottage, Park Corner, Groombridge. 6794

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A practice meeting will be held at Hursley, on Saturday, November 5th. Bells (8) available 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify by November 1st, P. Dickinson, Riverbank Cottage, Cheriton, near Alresford, Hants. 6840

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Quarterly meeting at Ryde, November 5th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—Anne M. Guy, Dis. Sec. 6842

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Practice meeting at Lymington, on Saturday, November 5th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. in 'The Old Bank House.' Names for tea by Thursday, November 3rd, to W. T. Godfrey, 'Pine Hurst,' Shorefield Way, Milford-on-Sea, Lymington, Hants. 6856

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. District.—Meeting at Borcham, Saturday, November 12th. Bells (8) at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury. 6821

ESSEX ASSOCIATION (S.W.) and MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION (N. and E.).—Joint meeting, November 12th, St. John's, Loughton (Church Lane). Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in adjoining hall. Names for tea, please, to Mr. E. Smith, 6, Roundmead Avenue, Loughton. Central London Railway, 38A bus from Bakers Arms. 6837

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Notice is hereby given that an extraordinary general meeting of the Guild will take place at the Parrot Inn, Shalford Common, near Guildford, on Saturday, November 12th, at 4.30 p.m. As accommodation is limited it is essential that notifications for tea are receievd by Mr. S. Ponting, High Down, Milford, Godalming, by first post, Tuesday, November 8th.—S. Russell, Gen. Sec. 6864

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting at Charing, November 12th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. —R. L. Sills. 6847

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Branch.—Meeting, Great Hale (6), November 12th. Names for tea by Wednesday, November 9th, to Mrs. G. T. Brown, 17, Church Street, Great Hale, Sleaford, Lincs. No names no tea. —S. A. Chambers, Hon. Sec. 6827

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Ringing meeting, Saturday, November 12th, at Bucknall. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Annual committee meeting 3.30 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, November 9th, to Mr. R. O. Preston, 76, Ruxley Road, Bucknall. Note change of date.—J. G. Burton, Hon. Sec. 6810

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Whilton, Saturday, November 12th. Names for tea by Saturday previous, to Mr. H. Haynes, Whilton, Daventry.—F. W. Hancock. 6841

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Annual dinner to be held at 'The Black Horse,' Thompsons Avenue, Wolverhampton, Saturday, November 12th, 6 p.m. for 6.30 p.m., price 12s. 6d. Bells available:—St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, Penn, Coseley, Bradley during the afternoon. Tickets from Mr. D. J. Tranter, 36, Seven Acres, Aldridge, nr. Walsall. 6681

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Practice meeting, Felsham (6), Saturday, November 12th. Bells 6.30 p.m.—A. F. Ballam. 6854

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Chislet (6), Saturday, November 19th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. p.m. Tea, School Hall, 2s. per head. Names together with cash by Wednesday, November 16th, please, to Hon. District Secretary, T. C. Phillimore, 47, St. Peter's Grove, Canterbury. 6847

Billy, The Little Church Bat

High up in the steeple
Away from all the people.
Lives Billy, the little church bat.
He can hear the church bells ringing
And the choirboys singing.
And joins them with his squeaky chitter-chat.

One night from out the steeple
A noise woke all the people.
It was Billy, the little church bat.
He had made a frightful clamour
By hanging on the hammer
Of the bell with the big, loud clap.

From an old novel, sent by A. Henson, West Bridgford, Notts.

BUCKLAND, BERKS.—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): J. Strawford 1, N. Leslie 2, C. I. J. Pearce 3, D. Leslie 4, M. J. Edney (cond.) 5, M. Wills 6, J. Hut 7, A. O'Shaunessy 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Fred Shewry, a loyal ringer of this tower for many years.

CHURCH GRESLEY, DERBYS.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Baxter (14, first quarter) 1, D. P. Jones (cond.) 2, Joan Cotton 3, J. W. Cotton 4, D. Eames (15) 5. Rung fully muffled in memory of Joseph Wood Baxter, father of the treble ringer.

GREAT STAUGHTON, HUNTS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Grandsire, April Day, St. Simon's and Plain Bob): J. R. G. Spicer 1, F. W. Lack 2, A. J. Davey (first in five Doubles methods) 3, E. J. Whiting 4, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 5, F. Reeve 6. For Harvest Festival.

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	4 5 6 3 2	Canterbury
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	5 6 4 3 2	Frodsham
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	5 6 3 2 4	Windermere
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A plain lead of each method is included. First rung in a peal at Thrybergh, Yorks, on September 2nd, 1960.

HARDINGTON MANDEVILLE RINGERS' OUTING

Milking done by 7 a.m., the Hardington ringers, plus friends, set off for a day's ringing in Hampshire. Rain, floods and the failure of a garage to keep an early appointment with our coach driver for fuel made our arrival at St. Michael's, Southampton, well over half-an-hour late. However, we found the Vicar seated at a table in the porch receiving gifts, and having welcomed us to the belfry he returned to the 'receipt of custom.'

Our next tower was close at hand, and we all enjoyed ringing on the ten at St. Mary's. This was the first of many churches that we found being decorated for harvest—Constance Spry really has nothing on what the average English parish can produce in the way of floral arrangement when it comes to harvest festivals.

Our next two towers were the eights at Shedfield and Fareham: somehow or other we found time to eat our picnic lunches between these two towers.

At Portsmouth the ringers and non-ringers parted company, the ringers making their way to the Cathedral. These bells were greatly enjoyed, and we also commended the industry of the man who had written out Holt's Original, which we saw framed and hanging on the wall.

After tea we made our way to the harbour to catch the ferry to Gosport. Naturally, the obvious happened—some were left behind. However, they caught us up in good time to ring at our last tower, Alverstoke.

Our thanks go to incumbents and to the local ringers. M. M.

QUARTER PEALS

ALFORD, LINCS.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire): D. Maultby 1, Miss B. Willoughby 2, G. Willoughby 3, R. Willoughby 4, J. I. Smith (cond.) 5, C. Wilkins (first quarter) 6. To welcome the new Vicar, the Rev. G. J. Lanham, and family.

BATH, SOMERSET.—At the Abbey Church, on Sept. 24th, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: R. Smith 1, Mrs. D. Evans 2, Mrs. R. Smith 3, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 4, H. D. Taylor 5, J. Tiley 6, J. Hallett 7, P. W. Weeks 8, E. Chivers 9, H. J. Merrett 10. Rung after the wedding of Mr. S. Arthur Read and Miss Brenda White, both members of the Abbey band.

BRECON, BRECONSHIRE.—On Oct. 4th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: M. R. Thomas (cond.) T. H. Owen 2, M. M. Peterson (first of Minimus) 3, M. T. Johns (first 'inside') 4.

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): S. Henson 1, T. E. Hiddens 2, W. T. Petty (cond.) 3, D. L. Hughes 4, C. M. Smith 5, J. G. Lloyd 6, D. W. Davies 7, T. Froley 8. For Harvest Festival.

BRITFORD, WILTS.—On Oct. 1st, 1,440 Cambridge Minor: J. Daniells 1, E. Haines 2, R. Haines 3, A. Abrahams 4, L. Page 5, H. Abrahams (cond.) 6. First of Cambridge Minor for 2, 3, 4 and 5. Rung after the wedding of Brenda Horsley and Raymond Gay.

ESHER, SURREY.—On Oct. 8th, 1,760 Kent T.B. Major: Miss P. Jervis 1, C. Hayter 2, Miss C. Rimmer (first of Major) 3, A. Bagworth 4, Miss C. M. Powell 5, Mrs. C. Harbott 6, S. Huckle 7, G. Penney (cond.) 8.

EUSTON, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 6th, 1,320 Doubles (St. Simon's, Plain Bob and Grandsire): H. Ivings 1, Mrs. H. Ivings 2, Miss D. M. Reeve 3, H. Fuller 4, J. W. Paul (cond.) 5. Rung for the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. F. Coulton, and birthday compliment to Miss B. Jarvis.

HATHERN, LEICS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,440 Minor (St. Clement's and Plain Bob): R. Adkins 1, V. Lacey 2, J. Exon 3, C. Cowley 4, D. Swift 5, T. Harris (cond.) 6.

HOLME-PIERREPONT NOTTS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Minor (Single Court, Single Oxford and Plain Bob): C. Froggott 1, S. Meredith 2, R. Blackshaw 3, M. W. Harrison 4, D. Armstrong 5, F. Bradley 6. Conducted by F. Bradley and D. Armstrong. First quarter peal in 3 methods for 1, 2, 3 and 4. For Harvest Festival.

HONITON, DEVON.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels, on Sept. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman and Grandsire): Janet Real 1, C. Manley 2, A. Hodge 3, W. Sparkes 4, W. Webb (cond.) 5, J. Real 6. Rung for St. Michael's Day.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints', on Sept. 25th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: C. Bell 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, A. J. Davey 3, H. S. Peacock 4, M. J. Dyer 5, S. Gilbert (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDX.—On Sept. 28th, 1,296 Plain Bob Caters: Miss P. Rogers (first quarter) 1, W. G. Wilson 2, L. C. Way 3, Mrs. K. Parr 4, Miss J. Creak 5, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 6, C. H. Rogers 7, M. Gathercole 8, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 9, N. F. Felton 10. Rung prior to the induction of the Rev. E. J. Fellowes-Brown to this parish. Also on Oct. 2nd, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: L. C. Way 1, Miss P. Rogers (first 'inside') 2, J. Mudd 3, Miss J. Creak 4, C. H. Rogers 5, J. Perrett 6, M. Gathercole (first of Grandsire) 7, W. G. Wilson 8, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 9, N. F. Felton 10. For Harvest Festival.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—At the Church of St. James Benwell, on Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. Harle (first quarter) 1, Miss K. Wyndham 2, Miss I. Thomson 3, A. Wallace 4, F. Ross (cond.) 5, R. Barrow 6.

ORSETT, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: T. Bowley 1, Miss J. E. M. Hills 2, Miss E. Mason 3, Mrs. F. W. Blatch 4, T. Taylor 5, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 6. First quarter of Minor for 1 and 3. First of Minor on the bells. Also on Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Reilly 1, Miss J. E. M. Hills 2, Miss E. Mason 3, Mrs. F. W. Blatch 4, R. Hills (first quarter as cond.) 5, F. W. Blatch 6. For Harvest Festival.

OXENDON, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss L. Brown 1, C. Swann 2, F. Lane 3, W. Cropley 4, D. E. Griffin (cond.) 5. For Harvest Festival.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): D. Slowman (first quarter) 1, B. C. Sadler 2, P. Sadler 3, J. Belcham 4, D. Belcham (first as cond.) 5, Mrs. B. Sadler 6. First of Doubles 3 and 6. For children's service. Also 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Slowman 1, Miss J. Rowe 2, B. Sadler 3, J. Belcham 4, D. Belcham 5, P. A. Sadler (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival Evensong.

QUARTER PEALS

CHECKENDON, OXON.—On Sept. 17th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: H. Oglesby 1, Miss C. V. Pullin 2, D. C. Bowen 3, A. T. Collins 4, R. K. Russ 5, C. C. Clarke (cond.) 6. Rung in thanksgiving for the life and work of Eric H. Kennington, sculptor and artist, of Checkendon, 1888-1960.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—On Aug. 15th, at the Church of St. Leonard-at-the-Hythe, 1,440 Double Court Minor: J. Avis 1, Rachel Newstead (first in method) 2, W. J. Brunt 3, F. G. Oliver 4, G. W. Barnes 5, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 6. Also on Aug. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Doreen Fairhead 1, Rachel Newstead 2, J. Avis (first 'inside') 3, G. W. Barnes 4, F. G. Oliver 5, B. W. Fairhead (cond.) 6.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: M. D. Trigg (first on a working bell) 1, Mrs. D. M. Mager 2, W. F. Todd 3, Mrs. C. A. Agg 4, F. J. Plummer 5, C. M. Orme 6, A. R. Agg (cond.) 7, H. H. Starte 8. For Harvest Festival Evensong.

OMBERSLEY, WORCS.—On Sept. 17th, 1,259 Doubles (Plain Bob, April Day, Grandsire): A. J. Wheatley 1, J. E. Pullon 2, M. J. Fellows 3, D. J. Hiscock 4, M. D. Fellows (cond.) 5, P. Cattermole 6. Rung after meeting short for a peal attempt.

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Aldate, on Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Pamela Humphris (first quarter) 1, J. Venn 2, J. M. Gardner 3, R. Allsworth 4, E. R. Venn (cond.) 5, R. Benstead 6. For Harvest Festival Evensong. Also on Oct. 2nd, at St. Ebbe's, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. H. Walker 1, W. H. B. Wilkins (89) 2, Dawn Elson 3, D. Harrison 4, F. A. H. Wilkins 5, E. Moore 6, N. Allnutt (cond.) 7, C. Coles 8. For Harvest Festival.

PAINSWICK, GLOS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. J. Stanier 1, Anne Bullard (first of Surprise) 2, R. G. Morris 3, Susan Jackson 4, Shirley Parsons 5, I. Goulter 6, G. E. Evenden 7, D. Beacham 8. For Evensong.

PRESTON, LANCS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,280 Kent T.B. Major: M. R. Crossthwaite 1, M. Crossthwaite 2, E. Fausch 3, K. Martin 4, D. Lawson 5, G. A. Dimmock (cond.) 6, A. Gardner 7, C. Crossthwaite 8. Rung for Harvest Festival.

REDHILL, SURREY.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss F. Hankey 1, Miss B. Saggers 2, D. Mundy 3, A. Streeter 4, G. Olliver 5, A. T. Shelton 6, F. E. Roberts (cond.) 7, H. Comber 8. For Evensong on the 117th anniversary of the church.

RIPPLE, WORCS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: I. Davis 1, A. Bennett 2, C. Haylings (cond.) 3, J. Davis 4, B. Spiers 5, P. Bennett 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Davis, the parents of I. and J. Davis, on their silver wedding anniversary.

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LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

SO much of ringers' thoughts and writings are in retrospect that the future at times receives very scant attention. It was indeed strange that at the Jasper Snowdon commemoration dinner at Rotherham the concern of the speakers was not of the achievements of the past but of the model and form future ringing should take.

The aims and objects of the great territorial Associations formed in the second half of the last century have been achieved. The Church has recognised the office of bellringer as a servant of the Church ranking in parity with the choir. In fact the dual role of ringer and chorister prevails among a large number of our brethren and sisters today. Ringers in no sense confine their work to the belfry. They are to be found in the ranks of churchwardens, licensed lay readers and parochial church councillors and Sunday School teachers, and it is an exception today to find a tower where at least one member does not hold responsibilities for other sections of church work. Yes, it can truly be said that ringers as a body are integrated into the life of the parish and form a part of the Church Militant.

To a limited degree this has always been the case. Perhaps when the Guilds and Associations were being formed leadership was frequently in the hands of the clergy, not merely from an administrative point of view but in the development and advancement of our art. Today, except in such offices as president or branch chairmen, the clergy do not lead on the practical side, and at the moment we can only recall one Guild where the Master is in Holy Orders. On the Central Council itself we have only two clerics with big responsibilities—the vice-president, understudying the duties of chairman, that in the course of years might devolve on to his shoulders, and the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead as convener of the Methods Committee.

Mr. Philip Gray, in his speech at the dinner, created rather a surprise by stating that one in six of the members of the Central Council possessed either university degrees or their equivalent from professional bodies. We do not dispute his calculations; with the expansion of university and higher forms of education since the war this is not surprising. There was a time when the old-stage ringers who were masters of the art of peal ringing regarded many from the universities as 'waistcoat pocket' ringers. Whether the change of dress of the modern young male has meant that the phrase had met with a normal death or the great contribution the universities are now making in the shaping of the advancement of the Exercise renders it unnecessary we do not know. But this fact prevails, and we hope it always will continue, that the fortunes of education, rank or position count as naught inside a belfry. It is the ability of the man (or woman) by his handling, striking and dependability in the method being rung that counts, and by that yardstick he is judged in the eyes of his fellows.

Because of this guiding principle there is a responsibility placed on the universities to produce worthy practitioners in the Exercise. We believe with the modern trend of education that from their ranks will eventually come the Guild executives and leaders in individual towers. But make no mistake, a 'Professor Dodge' will only succeed in giving leadership in the belfry if he has assimilated a profound knowledge of human nature that gets the best out of his team and presents ringing in such a form that the striving after perfection is constantly in the minds of the whole company.

A suggestion was made at Rotherham that in the reframing of the objects of Guilds and Associations particular attention should be paid to silent towers and those where the bells are not rung properly. In tackling the problem of the silent tower the co-operation of the incumbent is essential. It is very largely through his agency that the would be band is recruited. For a tower to succeed an experienced leader is necessary, whether from the parish or outside. There are cases, not infrequently reported in our columns, where a band has started on its own absolutely from scratch. We admire the enthusiasm and pertinacity, but with the right leader progress is much quicker. The success of the Exercise has been built up by enthusiastic leadership. There are ringers who wherever they go have the knack of building up a company, and these are the real servants of the Exercise. Thus in the problem of tackling the silent tower the selection of the leader is of paramount importance. It is not merely 'know-how' but the ability to teach and hold the keenness of the recruit in face of other distractions to win through.

Those who made the journey to Rotherham from afar could not fail to be impressed that here was a proper cradle for ringers. Young people in large numbers are in this part of Yorkshire joining our ranks, and one tower captain informed the writer that he had been able to put in his tower a band of Girl Guides for one service and Boy Scouts for another. The Sunday service ringing the writer heard was good. Sheffield Cathedral band rang for Matins Grandsire Cinques, Plain Bob Maximus, Stedman Cinques and Little Bob Maximus with hardly a trip and a perfect rhythm that brought out the majesty of the tenors. It was indeed cathedral ringing as it should be, setting a standard that keeps Yorkshire amid the foremost towers of the land. Yes, the spirit of Jasper Whitfield Snowdon is still alive.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.
THE ANTIENT ORDER OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF ENGLAND.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5017 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

BRO. PETER J. STANIFORTH, M.M., Highcross 4835	*Treble*		
BRO. ALBERT TYLER, M.M., Burnett 6789	2		
W. BRO. ARTHUR D. BARKER, L.G.R., P.M., St. Clement Danes' 1351	3		
BRO. ERIC NAYLOR, J.W., Elizabethan 7296	4		
BRO. FRANK W. PERRENS, M.M., Arts and Crafts 4134	5		
BRO. COLIN HARRISON, S.W., Howe and Charnwood 1007	6		
BRO. ARTHUR G. MASON, M.M., Rectitude 4727	7		
BRO. RICHARD C. INGRAM, M.M., Orion 4993	8		
BRO. ARTHUR GIBBS, M.M., Pemberton 3039	9		
BRO. W. BERTRAM KYNASTON, M.M., Royal Sussex 355	10		
W. BRO. FRANK HANSFORD, P.M., Brotherly Love 329	11		
BRO. THOMAS SETTER, M.M., Progressive Science 5007	*Tenor*		

Composed by BRO. FRANK W. PERRENS.
Conducted by BRO. PETER J. STANIFORTH.

READING, BERKSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,
A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 23 cwt. 20 lb. in D.

THOMAS H. FRANCIS	*Treble*	ALAN R. SYDER	7
SHIRLEY M. PARSONS	2	PETER BERESFORD	8
HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	3	ALFRED J. HOUSE	9
A. RONALD LING	4	FRANK J. MATTHEWS	10
JOAN BERESFORD	5	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	11
J. MICHAEL LAKIN	6	DENNIS BERESFORD	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENNIS BERESFORD.
First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus for the Society, and by all the band except the treble ringer.

TEN BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Oct. 3, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5040 RAVENSTONE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

G. RONALD EDWARDS	*Treble*	JOSEPH W. COTTON	6
BRIAN G. WARWICK	2	GORDON A. HALLS	7
RICHARD J. CLIFTON	3	A. JAMES POYNOR	8
ERNEST MORRIS	4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS	9
MRS. G. A. HALLS	5	JOHN M. JELLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by SHIRLEY BURTON. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
First peal in the method.

CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Oct. 13, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes.*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SS. MARY-THE-VIRGIN, PETER AND CEDD.
A PEAL OF 5055 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 34 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in C.

JOE E. G. ROAST	*Treble*	*PATRICK W. SALTMARSH	6
JOHN H. CRAMPION	2	FRANK V. GANT	7
*JOSEPH SAUNDERS	3	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	8
HILDA G. SNOWDEN	4	PETER J. EVES	9
HARRY TURNER	5	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE R. NEWTON. Conducted by JOHN H. CRAMPION.
* First peal of Stedman Caters.
Rung to mark the commencement of the Cathedral Festival.

APPLETON, BERKSHIRE.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE.
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E.

*NORMAN H. LESLIE	*Treble*	*DAVID C. WOODWARD	6
BRIAN R. WHITE	2	FREDERICK A. H. WILKINS	7
JOHN DREWITT	3	FREDERICK C. WHITE	8
*DENNIS A. LESLIE	4	FRANCIS A. WHITE	9
NEIL I. ALLNATT	5	EDWIN DREWITT	*Tenor*

Composed by G. HOLIFIELD. Conducted by FRANCIS A. WHITE.
* First peal on ten bells.

RAVENSTONE SURPRISE ROYAL
x 30 x 14 x 50 x 16 x 1270 x 38 x 12 x 30.16 x 16.90
L.-e. 12 1573 Clean

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

ARTHUR H. REED	*Treble*	FRANK L. HARRIS	6
DOROTHY T. GARDINER	2	GEORGE FRANCIS	7
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	3	PHILIP N. TUBBS	8
JAMES E. DANIELS	4	MICHAEL J. BEST	9
HERBERT W. WOOLVEN	5	GWILYM SALMON	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. HALEY. Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

LIVERPOOL, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 41 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in C.

LESTER L. GRAY	*Treble*	JOHN F. GROVE	6
GWENDOLINE HOWLETT	2	†PETER S. BENNETT	7
TUDOR P. EDWARDS	3	JACK N. BROWN	8
*WILLIAM E. COURT	4	EDWIN C. BIRKETT	9
RICHARD C. WARBURTON	5	H. STEWART BAILEY	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by PETER S. BENNETT.
* First peal of Bob Royal. † First on ten. 150th peal in the tower. 35th on the new bells.
Rung as a 78th birthday compliment to Mr. L. L. Gray, Ringing Master in this tower.

WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5025 ERIN CATERS
Tenor 35¼ cwt.

JAMES A. D. WOOLFORD	*Treble*	JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK	6
WILFRID F. MORETON	2	GEOFFREY TOWNEND	7
PETER SCHOLFIELD	3	JOHN E. KIRBY	8
PETER WOODWARD	4	NORMAN CHADDOCK	9
J. HENRY FIELDEN	5	KENNETH PARK	*Tenor*

Composed by E. J. LINDLEY. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
First peal in the method by all except the ringer of the third, and the first in the method for the Association.
Rung to mark the 13th anniversary of the dedication of these bells.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Oct. 17, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes.*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5040 SHACKERSTONE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

*BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Treble*	JOSEPH W. COTTON	6
*JOHN A. ACRES	2	GORDON A. HALLS	7
RICHARD J. CLIFTON	3	A. JAMES POYNOR	8
ERNEST MORRIS	4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS	9
MRS. G. A. HALLS	5	JOHN M. JELLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by SHIRLEY BURTON. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
Witness: G. RONALD EDWARDS.
* 250th peal together. First in the method, and rung without previous practice. John A. Acres has 'circled the tower.'

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Oct. 20, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 18 cwt. 20 lb.

*ALBERT W. BOND	*Treble*	HERBERT W. WOOLVEN	6
ANGELA GRAINGER	2	FREDERICK PAGE	7
J. RICHARD WILSON	3	HENRY STALHAM (87)	8
C. ALFRED LEVETT	4	JOHN W. EUSTON	9
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	5	LEONARD STILWELL	*Tenor*

Composed by EDGAR BENNETT. Conducted by JOHN W. EUSTON.
* 100th peal. First of Grandsire Caters as conductor. First of Grandsire Caters on the bells for 37 years.

GRANTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WULFRAM.
A PEAL OF 5055 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 32 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in C sharp.

KATHARINE BURCHNALL	*Treble*	GEOFFREY R. PARKER	6
GRACE BURCHNALL	2	DENIS A. FRITH	7
JACK L. MILLHOUSE	3	*COLIN W. REED	8
MARGARET A. SWANN	4	WILLIAM L. EXTON	9
*MRS. COLIN W. REED	5	JAMES W. RAITHBY	*Tenor*

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal of Stedman and first on ten bells.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1960, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 SOUTHWELL SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in G.

ROBERT C. KIPPIN	*Treble*	†MAURICE J. BUTLER ..	6
*JOHN R. FAITHFULL ..	2	‡GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ..	7
†JESSIE M. KIPPIN	3	‡R. ROGER SAVORY	8
†M. ELIZABETH CHAPMAN	4	‡GERALD C. HEMMING ..	9
†JOHN HARTLESS	5	†TOM CHAPMAN ..	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by R. ROGER SAVORY.
* First peal of Surprise. † First in the method. ‡ First of Royal in the method.

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1960, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5000 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 23 cwt.

ARTHUR DAY	*Treble*	GERALD PENNEY	6
ERIC EDMONDSON	2	REGINALD W. DARVILL ..	7
A. ROWLAND TYSOE ..	3	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM ..	8
*KENNETH J. DARVILL ..	4	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ..	9
†JOYCE DODDS	5	MICHAEL D. FROST	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.
Conducted by GEORGE W. DEBENHAM.
* First peal in the method. † First of Caters in the method.

SHACKERSTONE SURPRISE ROYAL
x 30 x 14 x 50 x 16 x 1270 x 38 x 12 x 30.16.78.16.90
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EIGHT BELL PEALS

BIDFORD-ON-AVON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 10, 1960, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 14 cwt. 24 lb. in F.

SIDNEY READE	*Treble*	JOHN W. PERKINS	5
HAROLD E. RAXTER	2	COLIN B. LONGMORE ..	6
*SHEILA KEYTE	3	ROBERT W. COLE	7
*MICHAEL G. SELBY	4	ARTHUR SHOREY	*Tenor*

Composed by REV. C. D. P. DAVIES. Conducted by HAROLD E. RAXTER.
* First peal of Triples.
Arranged and rung for the Patronal Festival.

ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Oct. 10, 1960, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRAUNSTONE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in E flat.

WILLIAM F. WOODWARD ..	*Treble*	JOSEPH W. COTTON	5
BRIAN G. WARWICK	2	DEREK P. JONES	6
ERNEST MORRIS	3	RUSSELL S. MORRIS	7
RICHARD J. CLIFTON	4	JOHN M. JELLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER (No. B.52).
Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1960, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.

FRED STONE	*Treble*	DAVID W. PARKIN	5
DAVID GEBBETT	2	DEREK ASTRIDGE	6
JOHN F. MURFIN	3	CLIVE W. WALKLATE ..	7
MICHAEL KNIGHT	4	MICHAEL R. BLORE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by MICHAEL R. BLORE.
Fastest peal of Major on the bells.
Rung as a 47th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr F. Stone. Also birthday compliments to Miss V. Carlisle, of Risley, and Mr. Clive Walklate, of Derby.

EBBW VALE, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1960, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in D.

JACQUELINE S. KING ..	*Treble*	BARRIE HENDRY	5
RUTH BORDER	2	JOHN MCDONALD	6
DAVID KING	3	JOHN A. ANDERSON	7
RODERICK W. PIPE	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.
First peal of London on the bells.

GAINSBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1960, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

PETER A. SHARP ..	*Treble*	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	5
MARGARET A. SWANN ..	2	CHARLES H. BAKER	6
DELIA E. SMITH	3	A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL ..	7
G. LEONARD THOMPSON ..	4	GEOFFREY R. PARKER ..	*Tenor*

Composed by E. BARNETT, SEN. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
Rung as a farewell to the Rev. G. R. Parker (assistant curate), following his appointment as Vicar of Brothertoft.

GOLDHANGER, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1960, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in A flat.

MARY ROAST	*Treble*	ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON ..	5
PETER J. EVES	2	JOE E. G. ROAST	6
*HARRY R. APPLETON ..	3	PATRICK W. SALTMARSH ..	7
*RICHARD J. HARRISON ..	4	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.
* First peal in the method.

HAMPTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1960, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.

WILFRED J. NEWMAN ..	*Treble*	WILLIAM J. NEWMAN ..	5
MRS. J. THOMAS	2	PATRICK HARRIS	6
*WALTER H. RAXTER ..	3	*HAROLD E. RAXTER ..	7
COLIN B. LONGMORE ..	4	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN ..	*Tenor*

Composed by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON. Conducted by HAROLD E. RAXTER.
* First peal in the method.
Rung as a birthday compliment to William J. Newman and to Harold E. Raxter.

LYDNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1960, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Ten-Part (C.C.C. 25). Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in F.

*GEOFFREY T. HORRITT ..	*Treble*	AUSTIN T. WINGATE ..	5
†WILLIAM F. SCUDAMORE	2	†JOHN E. MORGAN	6
†PATRICIA H. MORGAN ..	3	FRANK REED	7
†CLIVE G. BRYANT	4	*JOHN I. WILCOX	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM F. SCUDAMORE.
* First peal of Triples. † First in the method. First in the method on the bells.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Henry Taysom (of Bristol and Penzance) and Miss Janice Organ, who were married at Berkeley the previous Saturday.

USK, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1960, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt. in F sharp.

MAUREEN WOOLLEY	*Treble*	BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY ..	5
RUTH BORDER	2	PETER BORDER	6
RODERICK W. PIPE	3	*BARRIE HENDRY	7
JOHN A. ANDERSON	4	JOHN MCDONALD	*Tenor*

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY. Conducted by JOHN MCDONALD.
* First peal of Bristol Surprise Major.
A birthday compliment to Margaret Turner and Janice Cotterill.

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WARMINSTER, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1960, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE MINSTER CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
W. A. Cave's variation of J. W. Washbrook's. Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. THEOBALD	5
*ERNEST. E. NORRIS	2	REV. ROGER KEELEY	6
LAURENCE E. HITCHINS	3	FREDERICK S. SLATFORD	7
ERIC J. HITCHINS	4	NORMAN G. N. KNEE	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK S. SLATFORD.
* First peal. First peal on the bells since rehanging.
Rung as a tribute to the late E. F. Marlow.

WEST MALLING, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1960, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In ten methods, comprising 768 each London and Bristol, 576 Rutland and Ealing, 480 Wembley and Watford, 384 Cambridge, Superlative and Yorkshire, 288 Lincolnshire and 137 changes of method.
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in G.

*DORIS E. COLGATE	*Treble*	IAN H. ORAM	5
*RALPH BIRD	2	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	6
BERNARD F. L. GROVES	3	JOHN R. COOPER	7
*STANLEY JENNER	4	*PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by EDWIN A. BARNETT. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
* First peal of 10 Spliced.
A birthday compliment to the composer, and to Mr. A. S. Richards.

WORCESTER.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1960, in 3 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15¼ cwt.

SIDNEY T. HOLT	*Treble*	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	5
R. GEORGE MORRIS	2	REGINALD WOODYATT	6
SUSAN JACKSON	3	THOMAS W. LEWIS	7
DAVID BEACHAM	4	GEORGE E. EVENDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by R. GEORGE MORRIS.
Rung in memoriam Mr. Fred Giles, ringer and church worker at St. John's for many years.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Oct. 17, 1960, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, comprising 1,312 Bristol, 1,280 each of London, Cambridge and Superlative, with 112 changes of method: all the bells do all the work of each method. Tenor 12½ cwt.

OSWALD CLAYBROOK	*Treble*	*FRED JACKSON	5
JOHN E. BIBBY	2	WALTER ALLMAN	6
CYRIL VALENTINE	3	TUDOR P. EDWARDS	7
*†DENIS MADDOCK	4	FRANCIS BIBBY	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.
* First peal of Spliced in four methods. † 100th peal and 25th on the bells.

DARESBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Oct. 19, 1960, in 3 Hours.
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16¼ cwt.

JOHN RYDER	*Treble*	FRED JACKSON	5
DENIS MADDOCK	2	HAROLD WORRALL	6
JOHN ASHCROFT	3	TUDOR P. EDWARDS	7
JOHN E. BIBBY	4	WALTER ALLMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by DENIS MADDOCK.

DEREHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Oct. 20, 1960, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 105 lb. in E flat.

DAVID CUBITT	*Treble*	NOLAN GOLDEN	5
WILFRED ROBINSON	2	F. CHARLES GOODMAN	6
GEORGE P. ADAMS	3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	7
J. FRED MILNER	4	BERT GOGLE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

MORPETH, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Oct. 20, 1960, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE WATCH TOWER,
A PEAL OF 5168 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

ERIC N. HARRISON	*Treble*	NORMAN ERRINGTON	5
MARION S. AINSWORTH	2	GEORGE S. DEAS	6
*M. ELAINE MURCOTT	3	NICHOLAS I. WRIGHT	7
JOHN E. ANDERSON	4	J. ALAN AINSWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by NORMAN CHADDOCK. Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.
* First peal in the method. Mr. N. I. Wright has now 'circled the tower.'

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5088 SOUTHWELL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE	*Treble*	*DONALD LAWSON	5
*KEITH ABBOTT	2	ROGER LEIGH	6
*MARYL R. CROSSTHWAITE	3	†GORDON ROTHWELL	7
†JOHN P. PARTINGTON	4	†MICHAEL D. FISHWICK	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE.
* First peal of Surprise. † First in the method. The treble and tenor ringers have now 'circled the tower.'

BURNHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

JUDITH K. ESSEN	*Treble*	MICHAEL R. ROSE	5
*E. JANE LANGTON	2	GEOFFREY PRATT	6
MIKAELA ERIK	3	DEREK E. SIBSON	7
N. DAVID ROBINSON	4	F. ERIC ROBERTS	*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.
* First peal of Surprise 'inside.' In memoriam George Gilbert.

CONISBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, being 1,312 Bristol and 1,280 each of London, Cambridge and Superlative, with 112 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 13¼ cwt.

MILTON C. FOWLER	*Treble*	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	5
*MRS. G. A. HALLS	2	IAN M. HOLLAND	6
HOWARD SCOTT	3	NORMAN SMITH	7
*GORDON A. HALLS	4	RICHARD E. PRICE	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise.
Rung on the occasion of the Snowdon dinner.

COTTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1960, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

ALFRED LOCKWOOD	*Treble*	LESLIE G. FOSTER	5
ROBERT E. LESTER	2	HARRY D. LISTER	6
HUBERT A. MITSON	3	WILLIAM J. BUTTON	7
FRANK STERRY	4	ARTHUR E. COOK	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.
A silver wedding compliment to the Rector and Mrs. Derbyshire: also to Mr. and Mrs. A. Lockwood and Mr. and Mrs. A. Godfree.

CANNOCK, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1960, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 14 cwt. 11 lb.

*MARGARET GUTHRIE	*Treble*	BARNABAS G. KEY	5
GEORGE L. ROOBOTTOM	2	HOWARD HOWELL	6
DAVID W. BRUNNING	3	ROY K. MOUNTFORTH	7
E. MARION KEY	4	*ARTHUR ARMSTRONG	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.
* First peal.
Rung as a compliment to Preb. D. K. Robertson, late Vicar of Cannock, on his installation as canon residentiary and custos of Lichfield Cathedral.

GREAT BUDWORTH, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1960, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20¼ cwt.

NEIL BENNETT	*Treble*	SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN.	5
FREDERICK SHALLCROSS	2	F. JOHN NELSON	6
HAROLD LONYON	3	DEREK TAYLOR	7
IVOR JENKINS	4	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.
A farewell peal for the seventh ringer, who is joining H.M. Forces.

HARTLEBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1960, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-Part (seventh observation). Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

C. WILLIAM COOPER	*Treble*	ERNEST CALCUTT	5
ALFRED W. GLAZZARD	2	*JOHN HILDER	6
HAROLD J. SHUCK	3	FREDERICK G. HANDLEY	7
REV. ALBERT WEBB	4	MARTIN D. FELLOWS	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK G. HANDLEY.
* First peal of Triples. Quarterly peal for the Association: also a birthday compliment to Alfred W. Glazzard.

KNEBWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND THOMAS-A-BECKET,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	*Treble*	FREDERICK J. PLUMMER	5
JACK S. DEAR	2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	6
A. REX AGG	3	HILDA G. SNOWDEN	7
ERIC EDMONDSON	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 7¾ cwt.

*DENIS HEAPY	*Treble*	WALTER SHERRATT	5
BARRY CORBISHLEY	2	*ROY WORRALL	6
NORMAN SHERRATT	3	JOHN E. BROUGH	7
ALAN D. STEEL	4	IVOR R. NICHOLS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by IVOR R. NICHOLS.
* First peal in the method.

ORMESBY, NORTH YORKSHIRE.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 14 lb. in E.

JACK ROACH	*Treble*	FRED HODGSON	5
JOHN E. ANDERSON	2	ROBIN G. TURNER	6
THOMAS M. COX	3	GEORGE S. DEAS	7
MARION S. AINSWORTH	4	J. ALAN AINSWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN J. IVIN. Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

SIX BELL PEALS

YASS, NEW SOUTH WALES.
THE NEW SOUTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Aug. 14, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. in B flat.

LAURENCE A. R. CURRAN	*Treble*	WILLIAM D. WATSON	4
RALPH E. CLARK	2	THOMAS W. GOODYER	5
JOHN J. CUMMINS	3	JAMES F. HAMMOND	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS W. GOODYER.
First peal in Australia with Extremes.

ACLE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND, KING AND MARTYR.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Norwich Surprise and two of Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford T.B. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in G.

A. WILLIAM BIRD	*Treble*	*HENRY TOOKE	4
DAVID CUBITT	2	*GEOFFREY R. DREW	5
*WILLIAM CLOVER	3	BEVAN W. WILLGRESS	*Tenor*

Conducted by BEVAN W. WILLGRESS.
* 25th peal together.
Arranged in honour of the wedding of Miss E. R. Slegg and Mr. H. Parnell, which took place at Great Ryburgh.

ST. KEA, TRURO, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in G.

*GRAHAM F. DUNSTAN	*Treble*	*MARIAN DRIVER	4
*HELEN HOBBINS	2	CLEMENT W. JOSE	5
ANTHONY LOCKE	3	*DEREK R. DUNSTAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by CLEMENT W. JOSE.
* First peal. First as conductor.
Rung for the Feast of St. Kea.

SWALCLIFFE, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents (two callings). Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in F.

ANTHONY R. MANN	*Treble*	RONALD K. RUSS	4
*BARRY J. DAVIES	2	HOWARD OGLESBY	5
ROBERT A. REEVES	3	CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE.
* First peal 'inside.' First as conductor.

WILMSLOW, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
In 23 methods: (1) Morning Star Treble Bob; (2) Crowland, Combermere, Vale Royal and St. Werburgh Delight; (3) Willesden, Newdigate, College Bob IV and Old Oxford Delight; (4) College Exercise, Norbury, Ockley and Duke of Norfolk Treble Bob; (5) Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans and Wragby Delight; (6) Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston and Oxford Treble Bob; (7) Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 14 cwt.

PHILIP G. K. DAVIES	*Treble*	NEIL D. LOMAS	4
SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN.	2	DEREK TAYLOR	5
BRIAN SCHOFIELD	3	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.
An 82nd birthday compliment to Mr. Sidney Hough, sen.

CASTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Oct. 16, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being 2.160 of Cambridge and two extents each of Norwich and Ipswich. Tenor 9 cwt.

DAVID CUBITT	*Treble*	HENRY TOOKE	4
THOMAS E. SPIGHT	2	BEVAN W. WILLGRESS	5
WILLIAM CLOVER	3	GEOFFREY R. DREW	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY R. DREW.
First peal of Surprise on the bells.

HEREFORD.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Oct. 16, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 40 extents (ten callings) and one 240 Morris'. Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM J. YATES	*Treble*	HARRY JOHNSON	4
WILLIAM A. KITSON	2	SIDNEY J. BOWYER	5
REGINALD G. POWELL	3	HORACE D. WRIGHT	*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD G. POWELL.
First peal on the bells since being restored.
Rung as a farewell to the Rev. C. T. Cottrell, B.A., and Mrs Cottrell, who are leaving for Cradley.

SUTTON, MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Oct. 18, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 12½ cwt.

S. RONALD FETHERS	*Treble*	PETER WM. HORN	4
HILARY L. KIRKMAN	2	MRS. C. W. LAWTON	5
CHARLES WM. LAWTON	3	ANTHONY WM. LAWTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES WM. LAWTON.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. F. Armitage, a faithful worker at the church.

BEENHAM, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Oct. 19, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being two extents of Beverley Surprise, two of Surfleet Surprise and three of Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. in G.

ERIC P. WOOLGROVE	*Treble*	RONALD F. DISERENS	4
*PATRICIA HEATHER	2	ERNEST J. MUNDAY	5
REGINALD W. REX	3	GEOFFREY K. DODD	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.
* First peal of Minor.

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ALGARKIRK, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1960, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

William E. Clarke	*Treble*	J. Martin Thorley	4
Alan G. Payne	2	*Frederick Derry	5
Harold Barsley	3	*James H. Musson	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.
* First anti-clockwise peal. The treble ringer has now 'completed the circle,' and the conductor has now called a peal from each bell.

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1960, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 30 extents (ten callings) and six different 240's (Morris').
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in A.

Harry Callwood	*Treble*	*Edward Shuttleworth	4
Robert Barratt	2	John Robinson	5
Brian Schofield	3	George Forrester	*Tenor*

Conducted by John Robinson.
* First peal in the method, and of Doubles. The ringers of 3 and 6 have now 'circled the tower' to peals.
Rung prior to the consecration of the extension to the churchyard by the Bishop of Chester.

HITCHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1960, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5040 HITCHAM DELIGHT MINOR
Being seven extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout.
Tenor 6 cwt. 11 lb. in B flat.

Phyllis M. Mayne	*Treble*	Kenneth R. Dunstan	4
John R. Mayne	2	John Hill	5
Howard Oglesby	3	Frank C. Price	*Tenor*

Conducted by John R. Mayne.
First peal in the method.

HITCHAM DELIGHT MINOR
34—34.6—12—123—12—3. 6ths place lead: 164523.

MITCHAM, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
(Northern District.)
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1960, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
At Christ Church,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 7 cwt.

*John Munton	*Treble*	Adrienne Gibson	4
Sylvia Marsh	2	William Parrott	5
*Carolyn D. Cockman	3	†John Davidge	*Tenor*

Conducted by William Parrott.
* First peal. † First 'inside.' First as conductor.
Rung by members of St. Martin's and Christ Church, Epsom, Sunday service bands.

WEST LAVINGTON, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1960, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 12½ cwt.

Archibald T. Knight	*Treble*	Walter Beaven	4
Sidney G. Grant	2	Norman Knee	5
David J. Knight	3	Frederick S. Slatford	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frederick S. Slatford.
Rung to mark the retirement of Canon P. Sexty after 34 years' service in this parish; also for the induction of the Rev. R. Poston.

HANDBELL PEAL

BEVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Sept. 23, 1960, in 1 Hour and 46 Minutes,
At 36, Eastgate.
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven different 720's.

Frances Fairbank	1—2	Charles Barker	3—4
Malcolm Lincoln	5—6		

Conducted by Charles Barker.

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The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

HALF PEAL

BATLEY, YORKS.—On Oct. 25th, 2,5!0 Plain Bob Minor: D. Rhodes (first half) 1, S. B. Schofield 2, Sheila Henry (first half) 3, Janet E. Brook 4, B. Gillian Schofield (cond.) 5, H. B. Schofield 6.

ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—At St. Peter's Cathedral, on Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: C. H. Bagot (first of Stedman as cond.) 1, Enid Roberts 2, H. Greenhalgh 3, W. B. Pitcher 4, B. R. Cox (first of Stedman) 5, H. C. Moule (first quarter) 6. For Evensong. Also on October 16th, 1,272 Treble Bob Minor (720 Oxford, 552 Kent): F. N. Smeaton 1, H. Greenhalgh 2, Enid Roberts (cond.) 3, C. H. Bagot 4, W. B. Pitcher 5, B. R. Cox 6. For Confirmation.

AUGHTON, LANCS.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Grandside Triples: S. Flint 1, J. Marsh 2, W. Rimmer 3, J. R. Lunham (cond.) 4, K. Rothwell 5, A. L. Pearson 6, W. E. Rothwell 7, H. Moorcroft 8. A compliment to the three octogenarian ringers—S. Flint (81 years), W. Rimmer (82 years), J. Marsh (83 years).

BICESTER, OXON.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Alsworth 1, C. H. Kinch 2, E. G. Jones 3, H. Hatfield 4, L. Busby 5, J. Eustace (first quarter of Triples) 6, E. J. Smith (cond.) 7, H. Clifton 8.

BROOKFIELD, LONDON.—On Oct. 16th, at St. Anne's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. Z. Ogilvie 1, J. M. Payton 2, T. Bevan 3, P. G. Foote 4, A. W. J. Butler (cond.) 5, J. T. O'Dell 6, M. Lewis 7, P. J. Herring 8. Rung in memoriam George Gilbert, by his friends from the Hampstead and Highgate bands.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. Butler 1, E. D. Poole 2, A. D. Barker (cond.) 3, Miss D. Hague (first quarter of Stedman) 4, K. Buckingham 5, R. E. Dean 6, W. Birmingham 7, J. Norsworthy 8. Rung half-muffled, after an unsuccessful peal attempt, in memoriam George Gilbert.

CANNOCK, STAFFS.—On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Susan Devey 1, H. Butler 2, Margaret Guthrie 3, D. Jordan 4, G. Bradbury (cond.) 5, Arthur Armstrong 6. First quarter for 1, 3 and 4. For St. Luke's Day, and for the installation of Preb. D. K. Robertson as Canon Residentiary and Custos of Lichfield Cathedral. Also in honour of the birth of a son to Rev. and Mrs. D. H. Bishop.

CLEVEDON, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 21st, 1,344 Stedman Triples: J. Brain 1, H. W. Knight 2, L. Derrick 3, P. J. Bird 4, G. Prescott 5, A. M. Tyler (cond.) 6, W. H. Kingcott 7, S. G. Smith 8. In memoriam J. B. Hesse.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—On Aug. 15th, at St. Leonard's, 1,440 Double Court Bob Minor: J. Avis 1, Rachael Newstead 2, W. J. Brant 3, F. G. Oliver 4, G. W. Barnes 5, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 6. Also on Oct. 2nd, at St. Peter's, 1,264 Little Bob Major: A. Dale 1, H. Webb 2, Mrs. H. J. Millatt 3, B. Webb 4, K. Smith 5, E. Piper 6, E. P. Duffield 7, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 8. For Harvest Festival Evensong.

DRAYTON, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 15th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: K. Welch 1, G. Monckton 2, R. Dean 3, H. J. Gaylard 4, J. Cornelius 5, F. Welch 6, J. Drew (cond.) 7, J. T. Locke 8. For the tenor ringer's 27th wedding anniversary.

DUNHOLME, LINCS.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, St. Simon's, Plain Bob): B. W. Smith 1, P. Coddington (first 'inside') 2, D. Drury 3, W. S. Smith 4, T. R. Smith (first as cond.) 5, P. Burton 6. For Evensong.

FAVERSHAM, KENT.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Pack 1, Mrs. E. S. Palin 2, C. Eades 3, Miss K. Walsh 4, F. Farnsworth 5, W. S. Palin (cond.) 6, B. R. Jemmett 7, G. Nicholson 8. For Harvest Festival.

FIVEHEAD, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Holway 1, W. H. Tarr 2, P. Cox 3, R. Shepherd 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5, A. J. Lewis 6.

GREEN'S NORTON, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Susan Kirkup (first quarter) 1, G. G. Mansfield 2, Sandra Freeman 3, C. Rigby 4, F. W. Eydon 5, A. W. Mansfield (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. R. Bennett 1, H. K. White 2, A. H. Webb 3, J. H. Napper 4, C. J. Garlick 5, M. Bishop 6, G. W. Bishop (cond.) 7, L. F. Cox 8. For Harvest Festival. Also on Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. P. Gordon (first quarter) 1, W. White 2, Miss M. Thomas 3, H. K. White 4, J. H. Napper 5, M. Bishop 6, G. W. Bishop (cond.) 7, L. F. Cox 8.

QUARTER PEALS

HARLINGTON, MIDDX.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. H. Smith 1, Miss J. Hitchcock 2, Miss W. Smith 3, A. Corran 4, T. Durn 5, D. Shaw 6. For Evensong, and as a 21st birthday compliment to R. H. Smith (vice-captain) and D. Shaw, at present doing National Service.

HEAVITREE, EXETER.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Skinner 1, T. Wills 2, A. T. Truman 3, C. P. Yates 4, E. Glass 5, N. Mallett 6, F. Wreford (cond.) 7, G. S. Luxton 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Arthur Mitchell, interred this day, for over 50 years a ringer at this church and for 30 years a member of the Exeter Cathedral Society.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss P. Rogers 1, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 2, C. H. Rogers 3, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 4, M. Gathercole 5, G. B. Beebe 6, J. R. Perrett 7, N. F. Felton 8. First of Stedman for 1, 3 and 5. For Evensong, and as a welcome home, from Sierra Leone, to G. B. Beebe.

KINGSTHORPE, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. E. Frost (cond.) 1, Miss J. I. Frost 2, D. M. Trueman 3, J. W. Felce 4, S. F. Earl 5, J. Payne 6. For Harvest Festival.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 16th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: F. F. Mortlock 1, S. H. Symonds 2, A. Knight 3, F. Hunt 4, F. A. Poulson 5, S. Smith 6, M. T. Symonds (cond.) 7, L. Pryke 8. Birthday compliment to F. A. Poulson.

LEICESTER.—At St. John-the-Divine Church, on Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Caters: S. Harrison 1, P. J. Chilton 2, D. J. Simpson 3, Miss B. Manship 4, R. Elkington 5, I. J. Fraser 6, A. M. Lindsey 7, K. B. Townsend 8, J. M. Jelley (cond.) 9, A. J. Cooke 10. Half-muffled in memory of Canon H. V. Williams, Vicar, 1926-1936.

LICHFIELD, STAFFS.—On Oct. 16th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Minor (720 Cambridge Surprise, 540 Plain Bob): L. W. Key 1, F. A. Sedgwick 2, Jill V. Morgan 3, M. W. Elson 4, J. B. Webb 5, C. M. Smith (cond.) 6. First of Minor in two methods for 3 and 4. For Evensong.

LOWER HEYFORD, OXON.—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Miss J. West 1, H. Adams 2, C. C. Clarke (cond.) 3, W. Minnear 4, E. Honour 5, E. Franks 6. First in two methods for 1, 2, 5 and 6.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 8th, 1,280 Kent T.B. Major: G. Hewlett (cond.) 1, A. Crowe 2, R. Coates 3, M. Utton 4, N. Cassey 5, R. Brown 6, P. Kindred 7, M. Parker 8. First in method 2, 4, 5, 6 and 8.

MARCH, CAMBS.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. A. Bevis (cond.) 1, Jennifer Lewis 2, June Peel 3, J. Payne 4, D. Feek 5, W. Moore 6. First quarter of Minor for 2, 3, 4 and 5. For Harvest Festival.

MORETON PINKNEY, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. E. Roberts 1, G. Linnell 2, W. A. Yates (cond.) 3, C. E. Truman 4, J. Linnell 5. For the wedding of Joyce Leeding and Malcolm Arthur Bignell.

NETTLEBED, OXON.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jennifer M. Davies 1, P. M. Wilkinson 2, F. J. Sage 3, J. W. Blackwood 4, A. B. Shingler 5, E. J. W. Manley (cond.) 6. Rung by members of the Reading University Society.

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTS.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: N. Knee 1, P. Harding 2, Mrs. Penn 3, E. Morris 4, A. Knight 5, F. Slatford (cond.) 6, F. Penn 7, M. Phillips 8. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. Knight (silver wedding) and Mrs. Edwards (birth of a son).

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob Minor: Wendy Bowak 1, Ann Hancock 2, L. Cordell 3, S. King 4, J. McPhail 5, W. Wedlock (cond.) 6. For family service.

PETERSFIELD, HANTS.—On Oct 23rd, 1,176 Grandsire Triples: J. Clark 1, Mary White 2, K. Sansom 3, D. White 4, D. Hughes (first 'inside') 5, K. Tipper 6, R. T. Jones (cond.) 7, B. Kercher 8. For Evensong and the christening of Helen Margaret Davison, daughter of a local ringer.

PILTON, DEVON.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Sangwin 1, L. Rooke 2, B. Boyle 3, C. Rooke 4, D. Jewell 5, W. Turk 6, N. Mallett (cond.) 7, A. Smallridge 8.

POPLAR, LONDON.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. C. F. Neal 1, Miss N. Hales 2, J. M. Steele 3, R. K. C. Wilkngs 4, J. Hales 5, G. A. Parsons 6, D. Neal (cond.) 7, C. F. Neal 8. Rung for the Mission, and as a birthday compliment to J. Hales.

PRESTON, GLOS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob, Reverse St. Bartholomew): B. Wakefield (first on treble) 1, R. Wakefield (first 'mixed') 2, G. Land (first as cond.) 3, Miss A. Stephens (first mixed') 4, P. Lewis (first 'mixed') 5.

PRESTON, LANCS.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Martin 1, Maryl Crossthwaite 2, M. Crossthwaite 3, D. Lawson (cond.) 4, G. A. Dimmock 5, F. Stead 6, A. Gardner 7, C. Crossthwaite 8. Rung for Evensong and on the eve of the Preston Rural Deanery annual meeting of the S.P.G.

RAMSGATE, KENT.—On Oct. 13th, at St. Laurence-in-Thanet, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Miles 1, Miss C. Cobbold 2, Miss P. Fennell 3, Miss M. S. Taylor 4, J. Webb 5, S. J. Gee 6, Rev. S. M. Evans (cond.) 7, T. W. Edwards 8. For the wedding anniversaries of Mr. and and W. C. Bridges and Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Jarman, also a 21st birthday compliment to G. C. Durham.

RIPPLE, WORCS.—On Oct. 14th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: I. Davies (first of Minor) 1, J. Lawrence 2, F. Lawrence 3, C. Haylings 4, D. Price 5, M. Hawkes (cond.) 6.

ST. BRIDE'S MAJOR, GLAM.—On Oct. 8th, 1,440 Minor (Cambridge Surprise and Kent T.B.): R. B. Hughes 1, B. Taylor 2, A. F. Hartley 3, D. Llewellyn 4, R. G. Havard 5, E. J. R. Hartley (cond.) 6. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Hartley, parents of the ringers of 3 and 6.

SAWLEY, DERBYS.—On Oct. 16th, 1,280 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. W. Simpson 2, Miss C. Webb (first 'inside') 3, J. Harvey 4, D. Marshall (cond.) 5, R. Newsum 6.

SHEBBEAR, NORTH DEVON.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. L. Queen 1, P. C. Plant 2, I. R. Slee 3, A. V. Queen (cond.) 4, P. R. Turner 5, I. Collins 6. By Shebbear College Society.

SPELBURY, OXON.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Cooper (first quarter) 1, H. Floyd 2, A. Leach 3, R. Datson 4, W. Butler 5, A. Franklin 6. For Harvest Festival.

STAMFORD, LINCS.—At All Saints' Church, on Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Kent T.B. and Plain Bob Minor: J. R. Nichols and E. Tyers 1, C. Matthews 2, P. D. Baldock 3, C. Perkins 4, R. H. Knight 5, J. H. Bluff (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival Evensong. Also on Oct. 11th, 1,260 Single Court and Oxford Bob Minor: E. Tyers 1, C. Matthews 2, P. D. Baldock 3, E. Cox 4, R. H. Knight 5, J. H. Bluff (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of G. Slaughter, a ringer at Stamford for over 50 years.

STANTON-ON-HINE HEATH, SALOP.—On Oct. 7th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: R. E. Morris 1, Beryl W. Abbott 2, F. Leech 3, E. V. Rodenhurst 4, R. H. Newton 5, F. H. Bennett (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

STANWELL, MIDDX.—On Aug. 21st, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor, 540 Plain Bob Doubles: K. Young 1, F. T. Blagrove (cond., Plain Bob) 2-3, D. C. Morgan 4, D. G. Pickett 5, C. B. Fynes (cond., Cambridge) 6. For Evensong.

STOCKBRIDGE, HANTS.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Prisca Hornby (first quarter) 1, Mrs. Myrtle Williams 2, W. Hawthorn (first quarter) 3, W. Young 4, D. Brown (first as cond.) 5, A. Carter (first quarter) 6. Rung by ringers from Winchester Cathedral.

TWYNING, GLOS.—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: I. Davies 1, D. Price (cond.) 2, J. Lawrence 3, C. Haylings 4, F. Lawrence 5, M. Hawkes 6.

WAREHAM, DORSET.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,279 Grandsire Doubles: S. Orchard (first of Doubles) 1, Judith A. Harding 2, C. A. Bull (first of Doubles inside') 3, C. T. Brown 4, R. G. W. Robertson (cond.) 5, C. Heawood (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

WESTMINSTER, LONDON.—At St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, on Oct. 20th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: I. Hughes (first of Major) 1, C. Simpson (first of Major) 2, Diana Lawless 3, C. M. Meyer 4, A. J. Frost 5, J. D. Rock 6, R. F. Overington (first of Major 'inside') 7, M. P. Moreton (cond.) 8. The ringer of the 4th rang this bell to his first quarter peal a quarter of a century ago.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Oct. 9th, 1,440 Norwich Surprise Minor: W. A. Hughes 1, R. E. Finch 2, L. W. G. Skinner 3, J. Faircloth 4, D. Holland 5, J. E. Cannell (cond.) 6. First in method for 2, 4 and 5.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Plain Bob, Stedman and Grandsire): J. Linell 1, T. E. Roberts 2, C. E. Truman 3, G. E. Green (cond.) 4, F. C. Case 5, G. Foddy 6. Rung as a 4th birthday compliment to the conductor's son, Andrew.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

On Sunday, October 23rd, the Freshford Church Bell-ringers' Guild, Somerset, held their annual service, conducted by the Rector, the Rev. Francis Pollard, who is also Tower Master. The secretary, Mr. J. Harvey Green, presented five new candidates. The Rector then admitted Ruth Brown as a probationer; and L/A. Royston Newman, Roger Bishton, Robert Parsons and David Dawe as members of the Guild. The bellringers' office hymn was then sung. The Guild now consists of fourteen members and two probationers.

Three octogenarians ringers took part in a quarter peal at Aughton, Lancs—S. Flint (81 years), W. Rimmer (82) and J. Marsh (83).

Shenstone Church, which is near Lichfield, Staffs, is to have an additional two bells installed by next Easter, thus making a ring of five.

Birmingham ringers had an enjoyable week-end in South Wales on October 15/16th, with peals of Bristol Surprise at Usk and London Surprise at Ebbw Vale.

The late Mr. George Gilbert was a very good friend of the University of London Society. To his memory the Society rang a peal at Burnham, on October 22nd.

We hear that the recent trip to England by boys of Groton School, Massachusetts, had paid great dividends in terms of knowledge, rhythm and good striking. 'We will be eternally grateful to all our English friends who helped us,' writes Mr. Russell Young.

Mr. Harold B. Scholfield, of Bradford Cathedral, had five of his young people in a half peal on October 25th. Their respective ages were 12, 12, 15, 15 and 15. It is a pleasure to see the next generation taking their places.

Owing to the difficulty of public transport to Great Hale, Lincs, where the next meeting of the Central Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild is to be held on November 12th, lifts from Sleaford or Heckington will be provided for anyone who informs the secretary, Mr. S. Chambers, 64, Goldsmith Walk, Lincoln.

Ratby cum Groby, Leicestershire, are fortunate in their new Rector, the Rev. Peter R. Blackman, who is an accomplished ringer, having spent five years at Aylestone, where there is a ring of eight. He will now have two rings of bells in his charge. In a peal in honour of his institution were the president, secretary and treasurer of the Leicester Diocesan Guild, and also three others from Aylestone and one from Ratby.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. F. Denty, of Twyford.

The quarter peal rung at Southover (see page 719), was rung as a compliment to Mr. Ernest H. Fuller, on his 90th birthday.

The silencing work has been completed in Church Gresley belfry, Staffs, with wood-wool slabs and the noise is no longer overpowering to the ringers.

Faced with raising £4,000 for the rehanging of their bells, Beaminster, Dorset, Ringing Guild are holding an open day on November 19th. Details advertised next week.

The Rev. C. Holroyd Barker, who has been clerical secretary to the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford for 44 years, has tendered his resignation.

Three members of the recently formed St. Stephen's Society, Westminster, took part in the quarter peal of Bob Major at their own tower on October 20th. It is understood that this is to be the first of many quarter peals to be rung on these bells.

Mr. E. Barnett writes: 'Another peal at the Curfew Tower, Windsor, was omitted from the article in the issue of October 21st—one of Grandsire Triples, by the Cumberlands, nearly 70 years ago, which was conducted by William Barron.'

Mrs. J. I. Anderson (née Scrutten) thanks ringers of Christ Church, Ealing, and neighbouring towers for their beautiful wedding gift of a chiming clock and also for the quarter peal that made her wedding day memorable.

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WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL DINNER

NOT so many as in the past few years, but still a substantial gathering of 156 members and friends were present at the 23rd annual dinner, held at the Guildhall, Worcester, on October 8th and presided over by the Very Rev. R. L. P Milburn, Dean of Worcester and president of the Association. He was supported by Mrs. Milburn; Mr. D. Beacham (vice-chairman) and Mrs. Beacham; Rev. R. M. Powell (Kempsey) and Mrs. Powell; Rev. M. H. Richards (St. John's, Worcester) and Mrs. Richards; Rev. H. L. Davies (Cradley); Rev. A. M. Moreton Jackson (Leigh); Mr. J. D. Johnson (general secretary) and Mrs. Johnson.

The list of apologies was rather unusual, including several who make a point of never willingly missing the event. Among these were the Master (Mr. W. B. Cartwright), who is in Canada and U.S.A. in connection with his profession. The attractive menu cards contained the caption: 'Greetings from Canada. —Here's hoping you all have a very pleasant evening.—The Master.'

Other apologies were from the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, the Right Rev. C. E. Stuart; the Revs. L. J. Birch (Chaplain) and A. W. Webb (vice-president), and Messrs. G. J. Lewis and R. R. Savory The task of seating the gathering was again unobtrusively carried out by the three stewards—Messrs F. Hyde, T. W. Lewis and J. J. Stanier.

Following the loyal toast, the toast of 'The Worcestershire and Kindred Associations' was submitted by the Rev. R. M. Powell, who said he could not claim any vast knowledge of the ringing of bells, but he was fortunate in having a parish with a loyal band of ringers and he was grateful for them. He spoke in praise of the Association for all the reforms they had brought about and congratulated them on their great work. Concluding, he felt that their heartfelt sympathy would go out, that evening, to their Chaplain, the Rev. L. J. Birch, and to Mrs. Birch, in their recent loss through the tragic death of their son.

THE FOCAL POINT

Responding, Mr. Hugh Neill extended a welcome to visitors from no less than 10 counties and also said how gratified they were to see so many clergy present. He himself was especially grateful to the Rev. M. H. Richards, at whose church he had the privilege of teaching to ring a young band of scholars from King's School. Personally, he felt that Worcester should be the focal point of the Association and the standard of ringing in the city reflect the health of the organisation. Through lack of practice this year, things had not gone quite according to plan, but the lapse was only temporary and they were now returning to normal. The attendance, however, that evening reflected the enthusiasm in the Association, and a proof that it was still going strong.

The toast of 'The Chairman' was proposed by Mr. D. Beacham, who reminded the gathering that it was in the unavoidable absence of the Master that he had this honour, as vice-chairman, an honour accorded to him as being representative of the younger generation.

The Dean, in reply, remarked on the number of young ringers present, and how agreeable it was to see young and fresh faces year by year. 'I can't help reflecting,' he continued, 'how your bells ring out, year by year, the course of human life and I think this is a very significant and happy fact. It is with a feeling of pride that I stand before you and pay tribute for your devotion to a difficult and really worthwhile art in which you are highly skilled.'

After the toast list a course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells by members of the Hinton-on-the-Green band: Miss V. Barnes 1-2, W. J. Newman 3-4, Mrs. J. Thomas 5-6, J. D. Johnson 7-8, Mrs. P. Harris 9-10. With the addition of R. Newman, the same band, with one bell each, rang 120 Grandsire Doubles by changing places. This caused no little amusement to the company, and quite a surprise to the band, for the fact that it came into rounds.

An excellent musical entertainment was provided by Henry Hall and his party and the evening concluded with 'Auld Lang Syne' and the national anthem. J. D. J.

SERVANTS OF THE EXERCISE – No. 45



MR. HAROLD CHANT
Yorkshire Association

It is to Mr. Harold Chant, of Wakefield, that the Exercise is indebted for introducing to it that amusing if elusive character 'The Professor,' whose thirst for knowledge and information seems to be insatiable. The provocative utterances of this gentleman have aroused much interest and discussion, up and down the country, and the general result is stimulating. There is, of course, a fringe of superior folk who do not approve the treatment of a serious subject in such a lighthearted manner, but it does us all good to have a touch of humour introduced into our reading, and most of us are grateful to Harold Chant for bringing 'the Professor' into our circle.

Harold was born at Darnall, Sheffield, in 1910, and obtained his education the hard way in technical colleges at Doncaster, Lincoln and Wakefield. He was at one time a member of the W.E.A., attending their lectures and courses. He learned to ring at Felkirk, when he was 10 years old, and rang his first peal (Bob Minor) at the same place in 1927. He became a Minor enthusiast, and of his 180 peals, 40 of which he conducted, over 100 have been peals of Minor. Of these, only six have been in less than 7 methods.

His other peals have ranged from Minor to Maximus on tower bells, and Minor to Royal on handbells. He was one of the band at Felkirk which, in 1929, rang no less than 252 extents of Minor in 252 methods. In 1931 he took part in a peal of 10,800 Surprise Minor in 15 methods at Rotherham, which he believes is the longest length of Surprise Minor yet rung. He learned much of his 'theory from Mr. George Lewis, and has contributed many useful articles to the pages of this paper, including 'Random thoughts on Bob Major and T B. Minor,' 'Modification of the half lead system of extracting false course heads,' 'History of the Barnsley and District Society,' etc., etc.

Always in the forefront in preaching the gospel of good striking, his services are in great demand as a judge in ringing contests in the North and Midlands, and he has established a great reputation for his fairness. He has been treasurer of the Barnsley and District Society for 30 years; Ringing Master of the Southern District, Yorks Association, for 20 years, and served on the Central Council from 1947 to 1951.

His other hobbies are chess and music. In the former he has played for four years in inter-county tournaments and so far has an unbeaten record. In music, he holds the Special Certificate of the Royal Schools of Music. He contributes a chess column in the West Yorks Teachers' Magazine, and Mrs. Chant does the music reviews in the same paper. By profession, Harold is in the building trade. He was in the R.A.F. for 3½ years, as an engine fitter. He is a family man, having three children, Michael, 15½ (who stubbornly refuses to learn to ring), Helen, 9½, and Susan, 1½. Mrs. Chant is a teacher by profession, and Harold is loud in his praise of her patience in putting up both with him and his ringing for so long.

There is a lot more we could say about Harold, if only space permitted—but this we will say, his sound common sense and his inexhaustible supply of good humour have endeared him to all his friends, and particularly to the readers of this paper.

JAFUS.

FOUR PEALS OF SURPRISE IN ONE DAY

An attempt to create a new record by ringing five peals of Surprise Major, in five different towers, with five conductors, nearly came off on October 15th. Four peals had been duly rung and with only six courses of Yorkshire to finish a miscall foiled us. Arrangements for the towers were very ably carried out by Mr. Geoff Dodd and a strong band was assembled together. On Friday evening, October 14th, six of us stayed at the Old Mill Hotel, Aldermaston. A start was made at Aldermaston, at 3 a.m., for Cambridge, with bells fully muffled. Two of the local atomic guards wondered why the bells were sounding so early! Breakfast was served at the Old Mill, at 6.10 a.m., by Mrs. E. Arlott, whose husband used to be the local ringers' captain.

A short run brought us to Stratfield Mortimer, where the bells were already up, thanks to Mrs. A. Cowdry and Mr. J. Taylor. We commenced ringing at 7.10 a.m. and Rutland was duly brought round. Before starting at Thatcham, we had time for a short snack, and slight delay was experienced in the tower through finding two clappers still tied after practice. An excellent peal of Lincolnshire was scored, starting at 11.15 a.m.

By this time we were all ready for lunch, before continuing to Bucklebury, where we were met by Mr. A. Hawkins. It was a sad reminder that last time we came here on September 20th, 1958, we were entertained to coffee by the late Miss Stella Davis. Superlative was duly brought round, starting at 3.12 p.m. To save time, we had our tea (no drinks!), in the form of sandwiches, on our way to Highclere, and starting at 7.18 p.m. all felt fit and confident that we should score No. 5. However, after 2 hours of Yorkshire a miscall was a big disappointment. It certainly shows that progress today demands a high standard, when a band is disappointed with only ringing **four** peals!

However, thanks to the very generous hospitality of the local Rector, the Rev. T. Lewis, and his wife, we soon cheered up, and were glad to be sitting down round a cosy fire, eating sandwiches and drinking beer (the first all day!). Mr. G. B. Evans, a local ringer, also played back a tape recording of our ringing.

Special mention must be made of the excellent ringing of Mr. Reg Rex, one of our very active one-armed ringers. He would have been quite happy to have started again, after 13 hours 45 minutes ringing and over 24,000 changes behind him!

Grateful thanks are extended to all the local clergy for kindly allowing the attempts, and especially to Dr. R. Payne, of Aldermaston. Also to Mr. E. J. Munday, for providing the necessary transport, and Malcolm Cloke's very useful motor cycle. It is hoped to have another attempt in the New Year.

A. P. C.

WOOD GREEN, LONDON.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, St. Simon's, St. Martin's and Plain Bob): Miss M. Morrison (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Spreadbury (first in more than one method) 2, Miss W. Whitaker (first in more than one method) 3, A. Spreadbury (first in more than one method as cond.) 4, T. Bailey 5, W. Vince 6. For Harvest Thanksgiving and as a compliment to the tenor ringer on becoming a grandfather.

Controversy At Durham & Newcastle Annual Meeting

THE Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association acknowledges its dual allegiance by holding its annual meeting alternately in the two dioceses. This year it was the turn of the younger diocese and the meeting was held in Newcastle, on October 1st. Ringing was available in the morning at Gosforth, and in the afternoon at Jesmond, Fenham and Newcastle Cathedral.

The service was held in Newcastle Cathedral. The Provost, the Very Rev. N. M. Kennaby, conducted the service and gave the address. He said that the bells today took on the role that had been given to the silver trumpets in the lesson from the book of Numbers and were used for calling together the 'congregation.' The 'congregation' in that context embraced the whole of Israel—the people of God. So today the bells call to all the people of God—to all who have been baptised—but as with Christ's call of old some respond and some do not. Mr. J. L. Keen played the organ and the collection for the Bell Restoration Fund amounted to £4 7s. 8d.

The tea and business meeting were held in the vestry of St. John's, where the catering was most efficiently carried out by members of St. John's Drama Society. This arrangement provided a first class meal at a reduced price for the ringers, while raising funds for the Drama Society through the voluntary labours of its members.

NEW PEAK IN PEAL RINGING

The president, Mr. T. Cooke, welcomed the company of almost 80 and expressed appreciation of the warmth of the welcome that he had received in visiting the districts. The various reports on the year's work were presented and adopted. In these the secretary reported that meetings had been well supported and that peal ringing, which had reached a new peak, was largely accounted for by a handful of ringers. The area had had an unusual influx of visitors during the year. The treasurer reported an increase in the balance in hand from £108 14s. 11d. to £123 4s. 7d., in which the general fund had gone from £77 13s. 3d. to £87 7s. 11d., but he warned members of forthcoming heavy demands for printing.

The peal report showed that 56 peals had been rung in 27 towers with one on handbells. Of the 71 ringers taking part, 11 scored their first peal but no new conductor had appeared. Leading peal ringers were J. A. Ainsworth 42, E. N. Harrison 36, G. S. Deas 35 and J. E. Anderson 27. There were 15 conductors but J. A. Ainsworth's 24 was well ahead of all the others.

SCHEME OF INSTRUCTION

Last year the office of Ringing Master was created and the meeting heard a report of the first year's efforts directed towards the formulation of an efficient scheme of instruction for the Association. The problems had been discussed by a panel and a sub-committee had been entrusted with formulation of some details. Alongside the attempts at an organised scheme many individual efforts had done valuable work, especially in ending the long silence that had prevailed at St. Peter's, Jarrow.

The trustees were able to report that the property of the Association was safe and sound.

The election of officers saw all the retiring officers re-elected, thus making the list for 1960-61 as follows: President, Mr. T. Cooke; honorary treasurer, Mr. F. Ainsley; honorary secretary and editorial secretary, Mr. D. A. Bayles; honorary auditor, Mr. J. F. Bird; Ringing Master, Mr. K. Arthur; trustees, Messrs. W. N. Park and N. I. Wright.

District officers.—Northern: Mr. J. A. Ainsworth (vice-president), Mr. G. S. Deas (honorary secretary); Southern: Mr. F. W. Cooke and Mr. E. P. Rock; Eastern: Mr. C. N. Lea and Mr. W. F. Sheraton; Western: Mr. K. W. Cheeseman and Mr. C. T. Lamb. Peal referees: Messrs D. A. Bayles, W. J. Davidson, R. Park and W. N. Park.

VOLUNTARY PEAL LEVY

Mr. J. A. Ainsworth had submitted a motion calling for the institution of a peal levy of 6d. per rope to be incorporated in the rules. The general feeling was in sympathy with the aim of raising more money from those who caused the increased printing costs, but most disagreed with the motion as it stood and Mr. Ainsworth withdrew the original motion substituting an appeal for voluntary contributions from peal bands. This was adopted and will be printed in the annual reports.

Meetings for 1961 were arranged as follows: Social function, Chester-le-Street, January 6th; half-yearly meeting, Whitley Bay, May 13th; annual meeting, Sunderland, September 30th.

Fifteen new members were elected, including six from Jarrow, and eight belfry elections were ratified.

PEAL SECRETARY RESIGNS

The peal report for 1958-59, which had been adopted at the A.G.M., 1959, was raised again and much discussion took place on the question of whether the peal rung at Norton, Yorks, and which would be credited by the Central Council to the Yorkshire Association only, should be included in the Durham and Newcastle records. A motion to include it was eventually carried by 27 votes to 18.

Mr. Bayles then announced that cool and careful consideration of this possibility had led him to the conclusion that this new policy would leave him no option but to resign forthwith as peal secretary and as peal referee. He had not mentioned this inside or outside of the debate lest he be accused of trying to 'hold a pistol to their heads' but he formally resigned those two appointments.

The president, after a vote expressing full confidence in Mr. Bayles as peal secretary, asked him to reconsider his decision. Mr. Bayles replied that he was not prepared to append his signature to any peal report which violated his principles and therefore there could be no question of withdrawing his resignation, but he was prepared to continue for a short time in order to tie up the loose ends and publish the annual report for 1959-60, wherein the peal records would be confined to the peal report for 1959-60 presented and adopted at that meeting.

There was no further business and the members were able to spend a short time in the belfries of Newcastle Cathedral and St. Mary's, Gateshead, before ringing ended for the day.

D. A. B.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

The quarterly meeting of the Banbury and District Branch was held at Sandford St. Martin, on October 22nd, about 40 members and friends being present. The proceedings were marred by the sudden illness of the incumbent, the Rev. W. F. Malcolm, who had been taken to hospital earlier in the day, but that very good friend of ringers, the Rev. K. G. Packard, came at short notice from Lower Heyford and conducted the service. At the business meeting a sub-committee was appointed to make arrangements for the annual dinner of the branch on January 21st, and the next meeting was fixed for January 14th, at Swalcliffe, with ringing at Tadmarton, after tea.

PENARTH, GLAM.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): M. Chiplin 1, Miss R. Harding 2, W. J. Palmer 3, E. J. R. Hartley (cond.) 4, A. F. R. Hartley 5, C. P. Bristow 6. For Harvest Festival Evensong.

NEWS FROM AUSTRALIA

Three cars containing 12 ringers from four different Sydney towers journeyed to Maitland on October 15th, to ring during a fete in St. Paul's Church grounds. Five quarters were scored over the week-end, two on tower bells and three on handbells.

Highlights of the trip were the Saturday night tea provided by local ringers; the night at the Belmore Hotel, during which a 'Rickety Kate' school went on to 2.45 a.m.; a 10-mile drive for a milk-shake and prawns at Hexham; the merry-go-round rides at the fete; ascending the vertical ladders to the top of the campanile of St. Paul's; and the hot sun on their backs during the 123 miles (four hours) run home after a thoroughly enjoyable two days.

The two quarter peals on the bells of St. Paul's Church, on October 15th, were 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Robert C. Wood (first quarter) 1, W. D. Watson (cond.) 2, J. S. Hedges 3, R. L. Clark 4, J. F. Hammond 5, J. Y. Seymour 6. Also 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Linden R. Langshaw (first tower bell quarter) 1, Graeme A. J. Langshaw (first tower bell quarter) 2, Audrey E. Peters 3, Wendy A. Nichols 4, Thomas W. Goodyer (cond.) 5, John Y. Seymour 6.

While the second quarter was in progress a quarter 'in hand' of Doubles was rung in the church by J. J. Cummins 1-2, W. D. Watson (cond.) 3-4, J. F. Hammond (first on handbells) 5-6. At the end of this, about 9.50 p.m., a party was held in the belfry before going back to the hotel.

In the church porch on the Sunday, 1,344 Plain Bob Major was rung by J. J. Cummins 1-2, Margaret E. Goodyer 3-4, T. W. Goodyer (cond.) 5-6, W. D. Watson 7-8. A further quarter attempted on the Sunday, collapsed. A warm 'Thank you' goes to Maitland people for such a feast of bellringing.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Chew Deanery Branch

The quarterly meeting was held at Nailsea, on October 15th. Ringing preceded the Association form of service, whoch was conducted by the Rector, Rev. E. Guy Hammond, and some 40 members and friends then enjoyed an excellent tea prepared by the Nailsea lady members.

The Rector took the chair at the business meeting which followed tea and new members were elected from Portbury, Portishead and Long Ashton, also one lapsed member from Winford was re-elected. It was decided that, provided permission was forthcoming, the annual meeting should be held at Backwell on the first Saturday in December, with Yatton as an alternative, should it prove difficult to arrange tea at Backwell. The practice meeting for November was fixed for Kingston Seymour.

The usual votes of thanks to all who had contributed to such an enjoyable meeting concluded proceedings.

CORPORATE COMMUNION

Some 19 members attended the half-yearly Corporate Communion at Barrow Gurney, on October 23rd, and this pleasant octave was set ringing soon after 7 a.m. The ringers attended the Parish Communion at which the celebrant was the Vicar, Canon J. B. Sturdy, and those who attended are grateful to both the Vicar and the authorities at the adjoining Barrow Court, now a teachers' training college, for providing breakfast for the party.

M. J. H.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

COLLEGE YOUTHS' PEAL AT DERBY

Dear Sir,—As the person largely responsible for writing the report of Wilfred Williams' 1960 Peal Tour, I should like to make some observations in reply to the letter under the above heading from Mr. G. A. Halls.

The paragraph concerning the Derby Cathedral peal does not conform to the copy supplied by me. It has been subjected to the editorial blue pencil, and does not read that it was the first ever of Spliced Surprise Royal, containing all the work for each bell, etc., as was intended, instead, it states that it was 'the first time in this church.'

I was not at Derby when the peal was rung and compiled my notes from details given me verbally. Unfortunately, those original notes were accidentally destroyed, and I was faced with the task of writing the whole account from memory. Being somewhat pre-College Youth I thought it fitting that this 'first' should be recorded for the College Youths. Perhaps, however, it was tactless of me to refer to them as the premier ringing society. No doubt many people, including Mr. Halls, disagree with this expressed opinion, and, of course, they are perfectly entitled to.

Finally, I should like to point out to Mr. Halls that I am entirely responsible for the composition, ideas and opinions expressed in this particular report. It was never my intention to offer any slight or insult to the Derbyshire Association. If and when an apology becomes necessary I shall gladly proffer it to the officers of the association. I feel, however, that Mr. Halls has launched rather impetuously into print without true knowledge of the facts.—Yours faithfully,

DONALD G. CLIFT.

Harrow, Middlesex.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Gordon Halls should have made himself more familiar with tour history before rushing into print. He would then have known that a College Youth peal attempt has been arranged on most of my tours during recent years. There was, therefore, no departure from usual custom, and nothing unique in ringing the Derby peal for that Society. He is also quite wrong in stating that it was the only peal not rung for the appropriate territorial association. The peal at Staindrop in County Durham was rung for the Yorkshire Association and not the Durham and Newcastle.

Mr. Halls makes an even greater mistake by assuming that a professionally written volume like the College Youths' peal book is passed round. It would not surprise me to learn that he is firing bullets made by a well known member of the Ancient Society and the Derbyshire Association.—Yours faithfully,

WILFRED WILLLIAMS.

London.

Dear Sir,—We fear that Mr. G. Halls is a little piqued because the College Youths will not admit him into their Society. Obviously Mr Williams did not intend to insult the Derbyshire Association: if he had the peal would have been rung for the South Derbyshire and North Leicestershire Association.—Yours faithfully.

D. R. CARLISLE,
D. J. MARSHALL.

Derby.

SAWLEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir,—We wish to draw attention to a small error which occurred in the published falseness of 'Sawley' (see page 716). The false courses are: B (4/4), N (F 2/3).—Yours faithfully,

D. R. CARLISLE.
G. A. HALLS.
D. J. MARSHALL.

Derby.

WINDSOR CASTLE BELLS

Dear Sir.—Apropos the account of Windsor Castle Curfew bells, one wonders what is the 'inside story' of the 1650 augmentation, for story there must be, when one considers the set up.

Charles Stuart had been sent to the scaffold twelve months before, his son was a fugitive and 'Old Noll' firmly established as Protector of the English Republic, yet somebody has sufficient 'pull' somewhere to carry through an extensive bell restoration in a Church of England building in an ex-royal residence, all of the last three, bells, churches and royal palaces, absolute anathema to the powers that be and they in the first flush of authority. Perhaps Mr. Sharpe would like to enlighten us, if possible, as to how it was done.—Sincerely,

W. E. BOX.

Harborne, Birmingham.

P.S.—I should be pleased to know from whom a copy of 'Church Bells of Berkshire, Part 17,' containing the Windsor Castle account, can be obtained.—W. E. B.

GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGED

Dear Sir.—The list of tower names, which appear week by week under 'Gratefully Acknowledged,' is one item in 'The Ringing World' we would like to see go on for ever, and may it grow even longer!

Looking through the last ten issues of the 'R.W.', commencing August 12th-October 14th, I find some very interesting information about peals, quarter peals, etc., and the ringers who have partaken in these performances, named in the 'G. Ack.'

Looking at the quarter peals, etc., I found that out of 495 published 236 subscribed to 'G. Ack.' and were responsible for £33 13s. 11d., the details being:

Bells	Total	'G. Ack.'	£	s.	d.
10	23	14	2	8	0
8	165	68	10	2	3
5–6	303	150	20	14	2
4	4	4		9	6
	495	236	33	13	11

Out of 423 peals published, other than tours, etc., I found that 59 were named in 'G. Ack.', these being responsible for £11 7s. 0d.:

Bells	Total	'G. Ack.'	£	s.	d.
12	11	nil.	—	—	—
10	31	3		14	0
8	167	23	5	1	0
5–6	214	33	5	12	0
	423	59	11	7	0

Those peals published under tours, week-ends, etc., total 97, and were responsible for £1 8s. One tour subscribed £1, total 12 peals, and a 'week-end' and 3 peals 8s.

The whole 520 peals occupied 45 pages and the 495 quarters, etc., less than 10 pages. The 214 peals under 5-6 bells include 15 handbell peals.

The Putney band lead the quarter peals, and a footnote under a Wentworth quarter told us that a proposed quarter at Wortley was called off owing to heavy rain!

H. E. TAYLOR.

Darley Dale.

'THANK YOU, CORNWALL'

Dear Sir.—Having just returned from a short holiday in 'The Delectable Duchy' (the first many years), may I through the courtesy of 'The Ringing World' say a big 'Thank you' to all those ringers who made me so very welcome. Their unfailing kindness was very much appreciated.—Yours sincerely.

E. T. P. FIELD.

Knole, Langport, Somerset.

TWO WHITE 'GHOSTS'

When the young band descended Church Gresley belfry, recently, an excited turmoil floated up to the ringing chamber.

Bluntly the Ringing Master shouted down to enquire about the fuss. The odd reply came back—'two white ghosts' were trying to break into the tower.

This brought from Mr. Derek P. Jones the obvious rejoinder not to be ridiculous, but on going down to find out for himself, the Ringing Master was staggered to find that two white strangers were in fact trying to get in and were holding the lads at bay.

They were, however, frisky peat GOATS that had strayed into the churchyard, their consciences leading them to seek refuge in the church.

MINIMUS RINGING

Dear Sir.—I was interested to read Mr. P. Amos' letter, in your issue of October 28th, as I have been thinking along somewhat similar lines re the Minimus controversy. I feel that we ringers should encourage ringing in four bell towers for the very reason stated by Mr. Amos—that the kindling of enthusiasm may one day lead to an increase to five or more bells. We have such an example in this county. In the tiny village of Leire love of ringing was bred in a four bell tower, and has resulted in the addition of two more bells. I well remember approaching the church on the night of the dedication service. It was only the sound of Plain Bob Minimus that floated out from that little tower. But what a sound! The striking was exemplary and constituted a lesson to many of us who ring on higher numbers.

I have instanced this case as an example of the potential effect of encouragement in a four bell tower. Admittedly, the question of four bell peals did not arise, but I feel we should ask ourselves—would the banning of four bell peals constitute an encouragement to a four bell tower, or not?

In conclusion, I note that according to Mr. T. C. Belton many of the four bell towers in Leicestershire are out of action, and whilst I would not dispute this statement, I do feel that in many cases a thorough examination might prove otherwise. In some towers the bell are 'apparently' unringable, and unfortunately they stay that way for various reasons. The rings of four bells at the following churches in Leicestershire are certainly ringable: Evington, Burrough-on-the-Hill, Kimcote and Peatling Magna. The tone of the last two rings (approximately 16 cwt. and 13 cwt. tenors) is beautiful, although I doubt whether either are rung regularly. Has any ringer information regarding the other Leicestershire four bell towers.—Yours faithfully,

Cosby, Leics. JOHN B. BENNETT.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD'S PEALS

Dear Sir,—The Guild's peal total for 1959, as published in 'The Ringing World' of October 21st, was incorrect. It should read: Maximus 2 (1), Royal 6 (4), Caters 2, Major 12 (2), Triples 2, Minor 3 (1). Total 27 (8).—Yours faithfully.

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COMPARISONS WITH THE PAST AT SNOWDON DINNER

Problems Of Ringing In This Age

COMPARISONS were made at the 28th annual commemoration dinner to the memory of Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and past officers of the Yorkshire Association with the present age, at Rotherham, on October 22nd. Mr. Philip Gray, who replied for the guests, set before the assembly, of over 150, the need for a revision of the objects of most ringing associations.

It was an occasion when Yorkshire excelled in its hospitality. The president (the Ven. C. O. Ellison), who presided, gave a lead in friendliness. The arrangements were made by Mr. N. Chaddock and Mr. J. J. L. Gilbert and it was with great regret that the company learned of the indisposition of Mr. Gilbert. The highlight of the evening was the handbell tune ringing of the Ecclesfield handbell ringers, who by their performance must rank in the forefront of this class of entertainment.

Supporting the president and Mrs. C. O. Ellison on the top table were Bishop G. V. Gerard (Assistant Bishop of Sheffield), the Revs. Canon H. Ferraby, Canon A. King, C. A. Edwards, G. Hollis and J. K. Dixon, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Barnett, Mr. and Mrs. N. Chaddock, Mr and Mrs. W. E. Critchley, Mr. and Mrs. Alec Marsh, Mr. and Mrs. H. Bagot, Messrs. G. Benfield, E. Hudson, P. Gray, W. M. Barton, L. W. G. Morris and T. W. White.

The president preceded his welcome to the guests with apologies from the Archbishop of York, the Bishop of Sheffield, Mr. Frederick Sharpe, Miss Margaret Snowdon, niece of Jasper Snowdon, and Mr. A. E. Sellers.

'WHO IS LOSING HIS TEMPER'

Archdeacon Ellison had a special greeting for the Rev. Gerald Hollis, who, next month, will become Vicar of Rotherham. Mentioning the presence of the editor, he said, 'I think "The Ringing World" is a most interesting paper. I am not a scientific ringer, but I am interested in the art. I start with Belfry Gossip and then turn to the correspondence page to see who is losing his temper. I don't know if bellringers are a particularly bad tempered body but some are apt to get excited. I hope, Mr. Editor, you will encourage the use of the blue pencil.'

To Mr. Ben Birkett, who will be 81 before Christmas, the oldest ringer present, there was a special round of applause. The secretary was asked to convey the company's sympathy to Mr. John Gilbert.

The Rev. C. Edwards, senior curate at Rotherham, also gave a welcome to the visitors mentioning that Rotherham was very proud of its church, with its long record of worship throughout the centuries, its choir and Mr. Chaddock and his loyal team of ringers, whose ringing was no less praise and worship.

Mr. E. A. Barnett, honorary secretary of the Central Council, submitted the toast of 'The late Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and past officers of the Yorkshire Association.' He suggested that for the benefit of the younger ringers a synopsis of Jasper Snowdon and what he did should be printed on the back of the menu card. His writings in the Snowdon series of ringing books were unrivalled, and Mrs. Turner, who was now selling these books, told him recently that she was arranging for the reprinting of one of the books.

IMPROVEMENTS

It was invidious for him to mention the past officers, many of whom were known personally to many of those present. What would they think of the Exercise today if they could be with them? They would find many things which were an improvement. One thing, in particular, was the report of the Sunday Service Ringing Committee, of which Mr. Chaddock was the convener and Mr. Gray a member. Whatever ringers of the past might have thought of Sunday service ringing, those of today consider it as vital. They were all agreed upon that, and that it created a better relationship with the clergy.

The corollary of their better relationship with the church was that they must not pride themselves that ringers of today were of a slightly better type than those of the days they were thinking about. Another thing was that public interest in their art was greater than it ever was. As secretary of the Council he was astonished at the requests he received, not only from this country, for information about ringing for articles. One he remembered was from the B.B.C. German service; another from a Swedish gentleman who was writing an article in Swedish about ringing.

There were many other things that were better; one was the elimination of the abuse of prize ringing—he knew that in that part of the country they still had ringing contests and he was not criticising them. He remembered the articles he read in 'The Bell News' about the prize ringing contests at Liversidge which began at 6 a.m. All the teams rang half a peal and the contest went on to 4 or 5 the next morning. 'Well, we are glad to say good-bye to that,' remarked the speaker.

FAULTS OF TODAY

'Some of the things we do today are, perhaps, not what they did. For instance, in the early days of your Association peals of Minor were almost always rung in seven methods, and anything less was regarded as "beyond the pale." This week's "Ringing World" contains seven peals of Plain Bob Minor. There may be very good reasons for those peals, but they are a lowering of the standard. And when we come to Minimus—well!

'Another thing is what is known as "tower grabbing." It seems rather futile rushing round the country, rushing up the belfry, raising the bells, ringing for a few minutes, lowering the bells and rushing off to another tower about three miles away.'

At a recent ringing meeting the incumbent told him that on a Bank Holiday he had refused requests from three bands for permission to ring, none of whom had had the courtesy to get in touch with him before the day. That gave ringing a bad name.

The toast was duly honoured.

GREETINGS

Mr. Wilfrid F. Moreton was entrusted with the toast of 'The Visitors' which he submitted wittily. The clerical visitors duly honoured were Bishop G. V. Gerard (Assistant Bishop of Sheffield), the Revs. C. Edwards, G. Hollis, Canon King, Canon Ferraby and J. K. Dixon.



The Hug of Affection.—Clare, of the Raving Ringers, reveals to the rest of the company outside Burmarsh Church during the recent tour of Kent where her true happiness is to be found.

Anyone attending the Central Council meeting, he said, would think Mr. Barnett had a full time job with a full time secretary. He had the latter in Mrs. Barnett, whom they were pleased to have with them. To Mr. and Mrs. Smallwood he would say his initials were 'J. F. S.' and anyone would see them in 'Jafus.' He remembered the lesson in geography Mr. Smallwood received after their peal at St. Woolos'. Monmouthshire is in England and not Wales.

In his greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Halls, of Derby, Mr. Moreton styled Mr. Halls as half a composer. He did not know whether he put in the wrongs and middles and left his assistant the homes! Associating Mr. Philip Gray's name with the toast, he said Mr. Gray spent several years in Australia and when he came back to these islands he saw ringing here in a new light. Mr. Gray collected a good deal of information for Mr. Chaddock in the Sunday Service Survey.

Mr. Philip Gray in his reply said Yorkshire made a special appeal to him in his profession as a metallurgist. He came to Yorkshire in 1948 with the Society for the University of London and stayed at Ilkley. During that week he rang his first peal of London Surprise in Jasper Snowdon's tower, which was the first peal of London by a university band.

INFLUENCE OF UNIVERSITIES

One of the features since the war had been the advance of ringing by the universities, and he was very proud of his position as president of the University of London Society. Before the war there were two university societies; today there were 15 and he estimated that there were now twice as many university peals rung. Today one in six of the Central Council members had university degrees or their equivalent. There were also a great many ringers today who had been to secondary schools. Ringers today were of a very different type from those Jasper Snowdon knew. If this type of person did not have some impact on ringing after the expensive education they had had, which they as ratepayers had paid for, then it was a waste of public money.

The world of ringing that Jasper Snowdon knew was very different from today. It was in his day that the associations were created and later the Central Council. It was one of the greatest events in the history of ringing in forming associations, like the Yorkshire. There was not a single tower in the British Isles that could not be a member of a society and take a part in formulating ringing.

If they looked at their rule book they would find amongst the objects that their association existed for the promotion of ringing as Church work, belfry reform and the promotion of scientific ringing. Today the status of the ringer was very much higher than it was then and now practically all ringers were recognised as Church workers. Belfry reform really meant reforming the ringers. It was a very urgent topic then. When they saw some of the rules put up in belfries and fines for drinking, smoking and swearing, they smiled, but they were a very necessary thing in the towers of those days.

NEW SENSE OF PURPOSE

He thought those original aims had been achieved and that their association had lost some of their sense of purpose. It might sound presumptuous but they should ask, 'Where do we go from here-' There were still far too many towers where the bells were not rung or not rung in a fitting way for Sunday service, and too many where the care and maintenance was at fault. They could not be satisfied with this and as an association they must take more responsibility and try to do something. How could inefficient towers learn? How could they put these things right? There were the Jasper Snowdon books but not everybody could learn from books. Those who had been taught by skilful ringers knew that this was not so. Should they not devote their time on Saturday afternoons to belfry towers with a struggling band? Should they not run special courses of instruction in towers, where they wanted to learn? Could they not improve on their methods of teaching change ringing? Did they make sure that

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SNOWDON DINNER—Continued

all the clergy knew they existed and who their officers were? When they elected new officers did they send the names to the Archdeacon or Rural Deans?

They had that day a very fine organist, and they reached a point when they should ask where did they go from here. He would like to see added to their aims and objects the promotion of bells and knowledge of the teaching of ringing.

The chairman said that the Yorkshire Association had several of the points raised by Mr. Gray under consideration. They were revising their objects and many of these would be included.

The evening concluded with a vote of thanks to the president, proposed by Mr. W. M. Barton.

A well-struck course of Caters was rung by W. E. Critchley 1-2, W. M. Barton 3-4, L. W. G. Morris 5-6, W. F. Moreton 7-8, N. Chaddock 9-10.

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HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. White 1, Miss M. E. East (first quarter) 2, A. H. Webb 3, H. K. White 4, J. H. Napper 5, M. Bishop (cond.) 6, G. W. Bishop 7, L. F. Cox 8.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD ANNUAL DINNER

THE annual dinner of the Chester Diocesan Guild was held at the Queen Hotel, Chester, on October 8th, when a company of 139 sat down. The guests were the Dean of Chester (the Very Rev. M. McCausland Gibbs) and the Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Lloyd.

After the loyal toast had been drunk the proceedings commenced by the Dean proposing the toast of 'The Chester Diocesan Guild.' In the course of a lively speech he referred to his association with the Cathedral of St. George, Cape Town, during which time the old tower had been taken down and the bells were outside the tower. On arrival in Chester he was welcomed by the bells and very much appreciated it but he found later that he received, as Dean, a bill for the ringing!

He went on to refer to the many different occasions on which bells are rung, in times of joy and in time of sorrow, and he trusted that the sound of the bells summoning people to the worship of God would always be heard. He considered bell ringing to be one of the world's great arts and wished the Guild continued success and prosperity.

The Master of the Guild, Mr. J. W. Clarke, replied and mentioned that this year's festival had been recorded on tape, including the Lord Bishop's address and that this tape would be placed in the Guild library. He followed this with many humorous stories and concluded by assuring the guests that the Guild was advancing and doing well.

The toast of 'Church and State' was entrusted to Mr. C. W. Lawton, who dwelt on the part the Church has played in the life of the country and how the State has gradually taken over its place in education, law, hospitals, etc. Nevertheless, the Church had still a great part to play in the life of the State and he felt that they could be bonded together more closely than they had been in the past, but the Church's intention and leadership must be clear.

CHOOSING A HOUSE

The reply was given by the Rev. J. M. Lloyd, who made the point that one of the few things the State did in the Church was to appoint the Dean and he thought all would agree that they had a good one. He went on to mention how when faced with complaints about the ringing of the bells in a previous parish he had suggested that it was just as unwise to choose a house near a church (if you did not like bells) as to choose one near the gas works. He trusted that Church and State would continue to co-operate for a long time to come.

Mr. Denis Mottershead, in proposing the toast of 'Our Guests and the Ladies,' welcomed them in the name of the Guild and said that meeting together as a Guild gave opportunity for the interchange of ideas and the formation of friendships and taught them to work as a team, not only in the Guild but throughout the country. His speech was liberally sprinkled with quotations from the works of Robert Burns and it would appear the Burns philosophy would repay study by more ringers.

Mrs. Millington in her reply said how delightful it was to be entertained instead of as is usually the case of the ladies doing the entertaining. She mentioned the great interest there was in handbell ringing in the Women's Institutes, a remark which some present throught rather dangerous since it might mean a reversal of the usual roles, i.e. husband waiting patiently (?) for the arrival home of his wife from a bellringing practice. She was grateful for the courtesy of the belfry and on behalf of the lesser creatures she was pleased to see so many learning to ring and forming great friendship.

During the course of the entertainment songs were given by Mr. N. A. Parry and Dr. I. B. Terret and Mrs. A. Potts provided musical interludes. Handbell ringing comprised Grandsire Caters and Triples, Bob Major and Oxford Treble Bob Major and was arranged by the Deputy Master, Mr. J. Worth.

C. K. L.

HENLOW, BEDS.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Thompson 1, P. Rogers 2, M. Major 3, R. Fuller 4, G. Mayes 5, L. H. Bywaters (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival Evensong.

THREE SHIRES TOUR BY BEDFORDSHIRE RINGERS

On October 8th some 15 keen members of the Bedfordshire Association and their friends arose early, except for the organiser, who set up a new world record by being in the coach four minutes after rising from his slumbers! However, we were on time when we stopped at Brackley for refreshment and for one member to have a much-needed shave! We arrived at Middleton Cheney, and the heavy and melodious bells were soon being put through their paces. A pleasant walk from the main road brought us to the Parish Church of Great Tew, where it was necessary to light the oil lamps to enable us to see to ring. After a good ring and a look round this interesting church, we were soon wending our way to Witney. A very pleasant three-quarters-of-an-hour was spent here and, after a good ring down, we travelled to Burford, where lunch awaited us.

Following lunch, we continued our journey to Moreton-in-the-Marsh, where the bells were a joy to ring. On arrival at Pershore the 'cage' was viewed with awe by some, but the undaunted soon had this lovely eight ringing to a touch of Stedman. The recent rehanging here has greatly improved the handling, and the magnificent tonal qualities were a rich reward for the hazardous ascent.

A very satisfying tea was taken in the picturesque village of Broadway, after which we travelled to the fine eight at Bloxham. All voted these the best bells of the day, and although time was short, good use was made of this fine octave. The last tower was St. John's, Wicken, where some of the local band joined us. Home was reached at 11.30.

Ringing throughout the day ranged from rounds to Cambridge Major and, as should be the first consideration on all outings, the striking was good. Our thanks to those who met us and allowed us to ring, and especially Keith Fleming for his efficient arrangements—even though he does need a new alarm clock!

C. D. M.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
Lewisham District

Over sixty members and friends met at St. Mary's, Woolwich, for the annual meeting of the Lewisham District on October 22nd. The eight bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening under the able guidance of Mr. I. H. Oram, District Ringing Master.

The service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. N. Stacey; Mr. Martin, local ringer, played the organ; and the lesson was read by Mr. E. Barnett.

An excellent tea was followed by a rapid business meeting. In twelve and a half minutes, and in addition to the usual business, the Ringing Master was re-elected to serve for the following year; Miss Cannon was re-elected and Miss Inman elected to serve as district representatives; and the secretary was re-elected. The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for his inspired and uplifting address, his warm welcome and his expeditious chairmanship of the meeting.

M. R. A.

THE MAJOR HESSE WEEK-END

The twelfth annual gathering to honour the memory of the late Major J. H. B. Hesse was held at Wrington on October 22nd. An unsuccessful peal attempt at Clevedon was made on the Friday evening, but a peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal was rung on the noble ten at Wrington on the Saturday afternoon.

After the Wrington peal, Mrs. Hesse entertained the party to tea for which she was thanked on behalf of those present by Mr. H. J. Sanger. Those present were: the Rev. Bernard Lee (Rector of Wrington), Mr. and Mrs. H. Knight, Messrs. J. Brain, L. Derrick, H. Freeborn, D. Hoare, M. Horseman, W. Kingcott, A. Pink, G. Prescott, V. Roberts, G. Salmon, A. Sanger and H. Sanger.

M. J. H.

The Kimpton Cup competition for Hertfordshire towers held at Kimpton, on October 22nd, was awarded to Apsley End with 49 faults. The holders, North Mymms, also had 49 faults. Other competitors: Baldock 58, Hatfield 101, King's Langley 115 and Kimpton 154.

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DEATH

HOARE.—On Wednesday, Oct. 26th, Lucy Mabel, wife of the late James A. Hoare and mother of Arthur Hoare, at 6, Gendros Crescent, Swansea. Rest in peace. 6872

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MEETINGS

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting at Willingham, Saturday, November 5th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. F. Murfet, Dis Sec. 6862

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Langlebury (6), November 5th, 3.30 p.m. Tea 6. Service 7 p.m.—G. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 6855

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Practice at Bletchley (8), Saturday, November 5th, 5 p.m. Guild reports will be available 2s. 6d. each. Outstanding subscriptions, please.—F. Vickers. 6849

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting, Powerstock, Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells now 6. Ringing from 6.30 to 9 p.m. 6869

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Wath, 3 p.m., Saturday, November 5th.—J. Seager, Sec. 6839

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South Eastern District.—Meeting, Copdock (6), November 5th. Bells 2.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. at Belstead, followed by meeting.—C. R. Lovett, Sec. 6848

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Worth (6), on Saturday, November 5th. Bells 3 p.m. 6794

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A practice meeting will be held at Hursley, on Saturday, November 5th. Bells (8) available 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. 6840

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, STOURTON, WILTS.—The rededication of the newly-hung bells will be held on Sunday, Nov. 6th, at 6.30 p.m. Ringing 5.30 to 6.30 p.m. and after service. 6868

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting, St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station), Monday, Nov. 7th, 7 p.m. 6874

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Practice meeting, Thursday, Nov. 10th, Cranford (6). All welcome. 6890

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Horbury, near Wakefield, Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea. Please notify not later than Nov. 8th Mr. John E. Dews, Holme Croft, Hall Cliffe, Horbury, near Wakefield.—J. W. Buxton. 6876

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Branch practice at Minehead (10), November 12th, 6.30 p.m.—A. R. Tudball, Hon. Sec. 6905

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Monthly meeting, Silsoe (6), Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.30. Evensong 6 p.m. Special methods: Double Court and Hull Surprise. Come to Silsoe for enjoyable ringing.—A. Smith, Dis. Sec. 6897

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Market Weighton (6), Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Nov. 10th to Mr. J. V. Hobson, 4, Holme Road, Market Weighton. 6871

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Meeting, Handbridge (8), Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea before Thursday, Nov. 10th, please, to Mr. P. Swindley, 24, Overleigh Road, Handbridge, Chester.—R. C. H. Sibley, Hon. Sec. 6904

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 12th, Aston-Cantlow, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Evening, Alcester, 6.30 to 7.30. Names for tea.—P. A. Oram, 15, Henley Road, Leamington Spa. 6878

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Houghton-le-Spring, Saturday, Nov. 12th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by Nov. 9th to Mr. W. F. Sheraton, 27, St. Aidan's Terrace, New Herrington, Houghton-le-Spring. 6877

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Meeting at Cudham, Saturday, Nov. 12th. Tea at The Cottage, Cacketts Lane, Cudham, Sevenoaks. Please notify Mr. K. J. Bickle at that address. No notification, make own arrangements.—C. A. Bassett. 6896

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—A meeting will be held at Duxford (6) on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—E. W. Bullman. 6891

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. District.—Meeting at Boreham, Saturday, November 12th. Bells (8) at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury. 6821

ESSEX ASSOCIATION (S.W.) and MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION (N. and E.).—Joint meeting, November 12th, St. John's, Loughton (Church Lane). Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in adjoining hall. Names for tea, please, to Mr. E. Smith, 6, Roundmead Avenue, Loughton. Central London Railway, 38A bus from Bakers Arms. 6837

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Meeting, Highworth (8), Saturday, Nov. 12th. Names for tea to R. Luton, 169, Cheney Manor Road, Swindon. 6867

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Extraordinary general meeting, combined with Guildford District nomination meeting at Shalford on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Ringing to commence 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m., for which names must be sent by Nov. 8th to S. Ponting, Highdown, Milford Heath, Milford. 6898

HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 12th, Berkhamsted. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Tuesday, Nov. 8th, to H. Porritt, 18, Cowper Road, Berkhamsted.—J. Good, Dis. Sec. 6899

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting at Charing, November 12th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—R. L. Sills. 6847

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District.—Meeting, Kirkby-in-Furness, Saturday, Nov. 12th, 2.30 p.m. Names: The Rev. C. Whittaker, The Vicarage, Kirkby-in-Furness.—N. M. Newby. 6894

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—Meeting, Church of the Sacred Heart, Talbot Road, Blackpool, Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells (8) 4 to 6 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—John F. Turner, Sec. 6887

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting, St. Francis Xavier's, Saturday, Nov. 12th, Tower open 3 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea by Wednesday, Nov. 9th, to the Secretary, St. Francis Xavier's, Liverpool, 3.—T. E. Radcliffe, Hon. Sec. 6900

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting, Bilsborrow, Saturday, Nov. 12th. No tea arrangements; café nearby. A6 road; alight Roebuck.—L. Walmsley. 6903

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting, Cross Stone, Todmorden, Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Business 6 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. P. Scholfield, 3, Joshua Street, Todmorden.—Hudson, Sec. 6901

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Branch.—Meeting, Great Hale (6), November 12th. Names for tea by Wednesday, November 9th, to Mrs. G. T. Brown, 17, Church Street, Great Hale, Sleaford, Lincs. No names no tea.—S. A. Chambers, Hon. Sec. 6827

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Next meeting, Rolleston-on-Dove, Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. 6885

NORTHERN UNIVERSITIES.—Joint meeting, Manchester, Saturday, Nov. 12th. Ringing: Salford, Sacred Trinity, 1.45 to 3 p.m.; Town Hall, 4 to 6; Cathedral, 6.30 to 7.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements. 6880

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Shiplake (8), on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea. Henley (8) available 7 to 8 p.m. Names for tea by Nov. 9th to Mr. E. Smith, Stratton, Shiplake Cross, Henley-on-Thames, Oxon. 6874

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Hodnet (8), Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells from 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mr. R. Morris, 12, The Crescent, Hodnet. 6902

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Annual dinner to be held at The Black Horse, Thompsons Avenue, Wolverhampton, Saturday, Nov. 12th, 6 for 6.30 p.m.; price 12s. 6d. Bells available: St. Peter's, Wolverhampton; Penn, Coseley, Bradley during afternoon. Tickets from Mr. D. J. Tranter, 36, Seven Acres, Aldridge, near Walsall. 6681

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD (North Notts District) and DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Chesterfield District).—Joint meeting at Worksop (8), Saturday, Nov. 12th. Short service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify by 8th Mr. H. Smart, 19, Park Street, Worksop.—H. Denman and A. B. Cooper. 6889

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Practice meeting, Felsham (6), Saturday, November 12th. Bells 6.30 p.m.—A. F. Ballam.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting, Rogate (6), Saturday, Nov. 12th, 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. No service owing to the illness of the Vicar. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to E. W. Keys, Greystones, Salthill Road, Fishbourne, near Chichester. 6895

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting with LADIES' GUILD (Western District), Saturday, Nov. 19th, Whickham, St. Mary's, 2.30 p.m. Names by Nov. 17th to Mr. S. Thompson, Poplar Villa, Whaggs Road, Whickham. 6888

ESSEX ASSOCIATION—N.E. District.—Meeting, Kirby-le-Soken, Saturday, November 19th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea. Numbers for tea, please, by Wednesday, November 16th. to Mr. U. Wildney, Laurel Cottage, Kirby-le-Soken, Frinton-on-Sea. 6096

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD—Leatherhead District.—Nomination meeting, Banstead, Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea in Lady Neville Pavilion, 5 p.m., followed by business. To ensure tea *please* notify by Nov. 16th Mr. H. N. Pitstow, Saffron, High Street, Banstead.—A. H. Smith. 6893

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting, Bethersden (6), Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mr. H. Jarvis, Cheriton, Ashford Road, Bethersden. —C. T. H. 6892

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Chislet (6), Saturday, November 19th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. p.m. Tea, School Hall, 2s. per head. Names together with cash by Wednesday, November 16th. please, to Hon. District Secretary, T. C. Phillimore, 47, St. Peter's Grove, Canterbury. 6847

LADIES' GUILD. — Midland District.—Meeting, Measham, Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells available: Desford (6), 3 to 3.30; Measham (8), 3 to 4.30 and after tea; Swepstone (6), 7 to 7.30; Ibstock (6), 8 to 8.30. Service, Measham, 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Nov. 16th to Rev. A. J. Day, Measham Vicarage, Burton-on-Trent, Staffs.—W. M. Warwick, Actg. Hon. Sec. 6882

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Donington (8), Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by 16th to Mr. S. V. Woods, 14, Market Place, Donington, Spalding. 6886

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Lindsey Branch.—Next meeting, Lea, Saturday, Nov 19th. Bells, afternoon and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify me by Tuesday previous.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 6879

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Meeting at Mathern (6), Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business. Names for tea, please.—J. S. King. 6881

SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD—Newark District.—Meeting, South Collingham (5), Saturday, Nov. 19th. 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Bring own tea—cups of tea available. North Collingham (6), 6 to 8 p.m.—W. L. Exton, Hon. Sec. 6883

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—Annual meeting, Earl's Croome, Saturday, November 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Practice method: Single Oxford Minor. Names for tea by Tuesday, November 15th. to F. Hyde, 6, Winchester Avenue, St. John's, Worcester. 6097

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Advent Sunday, November 27th, 1960
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(Preacher: The Rev. G. Rainbow, Vicar of Leominster.)
Ringing also after Evensong.
Everyone welcome.
Visitors will be entertained to coffee in the Parish Lounge after Evensong.
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REV. MALCOLM STRACHAN

With regret we learn that the Rev. Malcolm Strachan, who took over as Ringing Master from Mr. Warren Sturgis at Groton School, Massachusetts, has died suddenly. A good and enthusiastic ringer he was wholly responsible for the survival of the Exercise at Groton until a heart attack three years ago. Among his pupils was Mr. Russell Young, who recently toured England.

OBITUARY

MR. JAMES PARKER

The passing of Mr. James Parker at the age of 94, recorded in our last issue, recalls many memories of the days when bellringing was not quite so simple as it is now. Bands of ringers in advanced methods were few and far between and means of transport difficult.

James Parker was born at Pulborough, Sussex, and commenced his ringing at Charlwood, Surrey. After leaving Charlwood he went to Storrington, Sussex, where he taught the call-change band to ring Doubles. When he was married in 1888, the ringers for the first time rang 120 Grandsire Doubles without his assistance. Later he went to Crawley, Sussex, where, when he joined the band, Grandsire Triples was the top method, and when he left, seven or eight years later, the band, under his tuition, had progressed to London Surprise Major. His greatest achievement there, of which he was justly proud, was the record length of Superlative Surprise Major of 9,312 changes, which he conducted. This record was held for 14 years.

In 1897 he moved to London and soon joined the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths and was closely associated with Henry Dains. He was Master of the Cumberland Youths in the early part of the century. When he moved to Edmonton, in 1900, he became Master of the Parish Church ringers and remained so until 1940. During that time he seldom missed Sunday service ringing, which he considered the most important duty of a ringer.

He represented the Sussex County Association on the Central Council from 1894 to 1896 and later the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths from 1897 to 1899 and from 1906 to 1947 when he retired to make way for a younger man.

Of his three children, two sons and one daughter, Edith, the last named, was the only one to take up ringing seriously, and doubtless to say he followed her career with great pride.

He had rung 365 peals from Minor to Maximus, of which six were handbells. His last peal was at Bradford Cathedral, in 1939.

The cremation service took place at Norwich and the service was conducted by the Rev. Giles Galley.

AN APPRECIATION

James Parker did much good work for the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild. He was a member from its formation by a union of the Middlesex Association and the South and West Middlesex Guild in 1897, and was one of those forming the first Central Committee, so that without doubt he was amongst those who formed the rules of the present Association, rules which ever since have not been materially altered.

At All Saints', Edmonton, where for many years he was captain of the ringers, he gained the respect of a loyal and progressive band—a local band which could at that time compete with any other in the country. The striking was of a high standard and no visitors were necessary in the ringing on Sundays and practice evenings of touches of Spliced Surprise Major in up to eight methods—truly pioneer work.

James Parker conducted the fourth peal for the Association—Superlative Surprise Major, at Southgate, in 1897—and this method could have been his favourate for he conducted the then longest length at Crawley, Sussex, and also rang a course at the farewell gathering at Edmonton in 1942, when he left to reside near Great Yarmouth. Another commendable tribute, to him, was, of course, the introduction to the belfry of his daughter, Edith K., who apart from her quite outstanding performances on tower bells and on handbells was a foundation member of the Ladies' Guild.

We owe to James Parker, a great deal for his successful work and high endeavour and the Exercise would benefit with more like him.

T. J. L.

QUARTER PEALS

ANCASTER, LINCS.—On Oct. 8th, 1,500 Grandsire Doubles: W. Towns 1, Miss J. Brandon 2, G. Vickers 3, J. M. Simpson 4, E. Towns (cond.) 5. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. Beard.

BOZEAT, NORTHANTS.—On July 4th, 1,440 Doubles (St. Matthew, St. Mark, St. Luke and St. John): Miss J. A. Downing 1, T. A. Wooding 2, J. C. Rainbow 3, G. F. Roome (cond.) 4, A. R. Jones 5. A wedding compliment to the tower keeper.

BROMLEY COMMON, KENT.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Redden 1, Maria Thoday 2, Freda Cannon 3, Felicity Webber 4, P. Spice 5, W. J. Rawlings 6, T. Newman 7, J. Dafters (cond.) 8. First quarter by 1 and 4.

BURBAGE, DERBYS.—1,440 Spliced Treble Bob Minor (College Exercise, Duke of Norfolk, Norbury and Ockley): Margaret Finlow 1, A. G. Kirk 2, F. Forster 3, R. Dawson 4, J. Kennett 5, H. Kirk (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

COALBROOKDALE, SALOP.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rosaline A. Farlow 1, W. S. Crawford 2, R. Evans 3, Joseph Hanley 4, A. S. Bayley 5, E. Dennis Poole (cond.) 6, B. L. Jones 7, A. Lloyd 8. For Harvest Festival, and a compliment to E. D. Poole, former ringer at Holy Trinity, Coalbrookdale, now of Marlow, Bucks.

EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. F. Tizzard 1, P. M. Howard (first in method) 2, June M. Mitchell 3, Evelyn M. Hicks 4, D. R. Mitchell 5, J. A. Howard 6, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 7, F. R. Roberts 8. For Harvest Festival.

EASTON MAUDIT, NORTHANTS.—On June 30th, 1,440 St. Peter and St. Paul Doubles: J. W. Hall 1, P. Amos 2, T. A. Wooding 3, V. A. Perry 4, G. F. Roome (cond.) 5. For the patronal festival.

FULBOURN, CAMBS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. J. Algood 1, J. Bird 2, M. Lovelace 3, M. Fuller 4, C. Johnson 5, G. Pratt (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Minor (Oxford T.B., Plain Bob): Susan Meredith (first quarter of T.B.) 1, Doreen Armstrong 2, Ruth Blacksnaw (first T.B 'inside') 3, M. W. Harrison 4, A. Larkin 5, F. Bradley (cond.) 6.

LITTLE HOUGHTON, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Dunkley 1, R. Henman (cond.) 2, J. Merritt 3, J. Kightley 4, A. Ford 5. For Harvest Festival.

MONKEN HADLEY, HERTS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Pearl 1, R. Fraser 2, T. Pink 3, M. Soper 4, A. Price (first 'inside') 5, C. King 6, C. Ward (cond.) 7, W. Langley 8. An 80th birthday compliment to W. Langley.

NORTHAMPTON.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Shackshaft 1, Mrs. G. F. Roome 2, J. C. Rainbow 3, F. Burgess 4, Miss J. A. Downing 5, T. Jennings 6, A. R. Jones (cond.) 7, G. F. Roome 8.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.—On Oct. 12th, 1,296 Minor (Cambridge S., St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Double Plain Bob and Plain Bob): W. F. Butler (cond.) 1, C. Watson 2, D. Stone 3, F. R. Scott 4, W. Birmingham 5, J. K. Ward 6.

OXFORD.—At St. Thomas' Church, on Oct. 16th, 660 Plain Bob and 600 Grandsire Doubles: Hilary Mason 1, A. Thompson 2, D. Bennett (first 'inside') 3, N. Martin (cond.) 4, P. Wycherley 5, J. Wardle 6.

STOKE D'ABERNON, SURREY.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: Tessa P. Kemp 1, Adrienne Gibson 2, J. Marilyn Gibbs 3, N. D. J. Webb 4, B. J. Woodruffe (cond.) 5. Also 1,320 Stedman Doubles: Tessa P. Kemp 1, B. J. Woodruffe (cond.) 2, Adrienne Gibson 3, J. Marilyn Gibbs 4, N. D. J. Webb 5. First of Stedman Doubles by all except conductor.

STONE, STAFFS.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Hodson 1, W. Buckley 2, Meryl Purslow (first in method) 3, Sheila Hodson 4, Glenda Rowley 5, C. Dobson (first in method) 6, E. Young (cond.) 7, A. Purslow 8. For the Harvest Festival.

STUDLEY, WARWICKS.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Galloway 1, J. Crook 2, Miss M. Tyson 3, T. Griffiths 4, J. W. Perkins (cond.) 5, R. Sutor 6. For Harvest Festival.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At St. Mark's Church, on Oct. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (6, 7 covering): T. R. Collins 1, A. M. Stratford (first 'inside') 2, A. T. Collins 3, J. T. Sawyer 4, P. H. Naylor 5, W. R. Pearce 6, M. A. New (first quarter) 7. For Evensong.

WROXETER, SALOP.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire and April Day): Miss B. Abbott 1, Mrs. M. C. Poyner 2, P. Purslow 3, M. W. Challinor 4, H. Poyner (cond.) 5. For Harvest Festival, the Bishop of Lichfield being the preacher.

5,040 SWINDON SURPRISE ROYAL

Arranged by JOHN R. MAYNE.

23456	M	W	H
45236		—	—
26354	—	—	2
52364		—	3
32465	—		3
64523	—	—	
35426	—		—
23456		—	3

First rung July 18th, 1959, at Swindon, Wiltshire, conducted by John R. Mayne.

5,088 HAMPTON SURPRISE MAJOR

By J. W. WASHBROOK.

23456	B	M	W	H
52436			—	3
43526			—	—
63425		2		3
35426		—		2
23564	X			2
62534			—	3
23645	X			3
42635			—	3
23456	X			3

Rung at Hampton, Middlesex, June 13th, 1959, conducted by John R. Mayne.

QUARTER PEALS

WOODBURY, DEVON.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. Mallett (cond.) 1, A. Truman 2, H. P. Burton 3, S. Skinner 4, F. Wills 5, G. Skinner 6, F. Wreford 7, H. Spencer 8. Rung half-muffled, by the Exeter Cathedral band, in memoriam J. L. S. Glanvill, who was the Assistant Ringing Master at the Cathedral, and died on Oct. 17th, in Woodbury ringing chamber. First quarter on the 'new' bells.

WOTTON-UNDER-EDGE, GLOS.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Audrey V. Evans 1, Myra J. Wilkins (first of Triples 'inside') 2, B. K. Lewis 3, O. Mills 4, B. T. Cooper 5, A. W. Gibbs 6, A. L. Barry (cond.) 7, P. J. Mills 8. First of Triples for 1, 3, 4 and 8. A wedding compliment to Henry Taysom and Janice Organ.

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SELF-CENTRED?

THE main grievances against Victorian ringers, of drinking, smoking and swearing in belfries, are more or less a thing of the past. There are isolated incidents such as have been recorded in recent letters of smoking in belfries, but according to our experience this is in no sense a general rule. Conduct in belfries today is good and fitting to a building consecrated as God's house. But don't let us develop into a sanctimonious attitude about such things. Spurgeon, the great Baptist divine, once commented that he found tobacco an aid to holiness, and many a writer, including the Editor, will not hesitate to light a pipe as a help to stimulate thought.

The great thing to remember is that with very few exceptions we practise our art in God's house. Although the ringing chamber is invariably very distant from the altar, in every part of the building there should be a consciousness of His Presence. We cannot disguise the fact that ringing in many of its phases is a sport. The sporting element is disguised at times under the words 'the Exercise,' but nevertheless much of our ringing in peals, quarter peals and at meetings is prompted by the sheer pleasure we get from ringing bells. After all, it would be a very poor outlook for ringing in general if we only rang from a sense of duty. There may be some who do like the sexton tolling his bells, and others with a grudging sense of disciplined duty, but the glory of England's bells would never have reached its present state of rich beauty in cadence and rhythm if those who rang did not revel in the music and find a sense of immense pleasure and satisfaction when the performance reaches a high standard.

We have referred in the past to ringing as a dedicated sport or art. The association of the Exercise at large with Sunday service ringing and the recognition by many ringers and clergy that ringing for service is an act of worship and praise lifts ringing on to a higher plane. If the purport of all our enjoyment was primarily directed towards this purpose then perhaps all the critics would be silenced. The fact remains that we love ringing very largely for its peculiar fascination. We love touring the country and ringing in strange towers; we love testing our mental and physical ability in peals; we love the comradeship of fellow ringers and hearing anecdotes of the past. Indeed, we have become a community in many ways estranged from the rest of mankind. The other people, to some of our enthusiasts, are just incidental to life.

Is such a picture of ringing true or untrue? If life is self-centred in ringing, although some of that ringing may be reserved exclusively to His purpose and the work of His Church, is there not a danger of a sanctimonious halo about our art? There are ringers today who regard their Sunday service ringing as the omnia and termina of their worship. The impelling call to worship with the rest of the congregation has no part in their spiritual worship. We do not condemn them, although it is an oft-repeated theme at ringers' services. What we do condemn is an utter indifference to the Church and all it stands for. Without that recognition the belfry is turned into a secular gymnasium. Enthusiasm must be limited: it must never reach the stage when the only things that matter in a church are the bells and their music.

Practically all of the church bells in our land are hallowed and dedicated. In most dedication services a warning is given against the profane use of bells. This does not mean that the ringing of a peal is a profane act. It only becomes profane when those who ring are not conscious that the instruments that give them pleasure are provided as part of the Church's offering. And as bells ring out over town and country they bring the message to mankind of his Church on earth. In all peal ringing, even for pleasure, it is an offering to the Almighty. Because of the sacred character of the instruments it behoves us all, whether for service or practice, to give of our best. A second best or indifference is no good.

And finally, remember that bells can be false gods. We are all bounded together through our Guilds and Associations into the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers. The significant word is 'Church.' That does not mean we are ringers of bells in a church. No, the title goes far deeper, implying membership and servants of that Church. We cannot as a body remain aloof; we love our particular form of service as a kind of offering that relatively few have the ability or privilege to make, but at the same time we share in the common membership. We must see our ringing in a true perspective with the rest of Christ's Church. The belfry must not be a fraternity unto itself but a part of the living Church. Let us not be the one talent man of the parable, keeping all our ability exclusively to ourselves. There must be a willingness to trade or to work so as to increase that talent. That work might take us to other offices of the Church and mean the sharing of our love for the bells with a far greater love, that of His Church and the great duty entrusted to it of bringing His Kingdom on earth.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 25¼ cwt.

Basil Jones	*Treble*	‡Robert Smith	7
*Carol Fernley	2	Peter Laflin	8
*Eileen Fearn	3	‡Brian Harris	9
C. Kenneth Lewis	4	Leslie Boumphrey	10
†Ronald J. Johnston	5	Derek Ogden	11
John Worth	6	Edward Jenkins	*Tenor*

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by John Worth.
* First peal of Surprise Maximus. † First on 12 bells. ‡ 100th peal together.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary, Redcliffe,
A PEAL OF 5016 LITTLE BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor 50 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in B.

Frank E. Hansford	*Treble*	Emlyn F. Hancock	7
Elisabeth A. G. Bowden	2	Richard J. Bowden	8
*Mary H. Hall	3	Francis C. Mogford	9
Albert M. Tyler	3	†Patrick J. Bird	10
†David Heighton	5	Frank D. Mack	11
†D. John Hunt	6	†John H. Gilbert	*Tenor*

Composed by Nolan Golden. Conducted by Emlyn F. Hancock.
* First peal in the method. † First of Maximus. First in the method as conductor. First of Little Bob Maximus by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

TEN BELL PEALS

WRINGTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 37 cwt.

J. Howard Freeborn	*Treble*	*David Hoare	6
*John Brain	2	*George Prescott	7
*Victor Roberts	3	*Gwilym Salmon	8
*Anthony J. Sanger	4	*Henry J. Sanger	9
*William H. Kingcott	5	Alan R. Pink	*Tenor*

Composed by G. R. Newton. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* First peal of Kent T.B. Royal. First in the method on the bells.
In memoriam John H. B. Hesse.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Oct. 24, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Martin,
A PEAL OF 5077 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 25 cwt.

Herrick B. Bowley	*Treble*	Richard Grant	6
*Mrs. H. B. Bowley	2	Shirley Burton	7
John A. Acres	3	†Robert B. Smith	8
†Jack P. Kesterton	4	William J. Root	9
Geoffrey M. Brewin	5	John E. Cook	*Tenor*

Composed by Fredk. H. Dexter. Conducted by Herrick B. Bowley.
* First peal. † First of Stedman Caters.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Oct. 24, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
At Christ Church,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

Donald Pearson	*Treble*	John Worth	6
Alan A. Potts	2	Brian Harris	7
Harold C. Lonyon	3	Harry Farrer	8
Edward F. Potts	4	Gerald Farrer	9
Denis A. Henshaw	5	Basil Jones	*Tenor*

Composed by Rev. B. Jealous. Conducted by John Worth.
The conductor's 950th peal.
Rung for the wedding of Margaret Clay to Edward F. Potts (a service ringer at this church), which took place at Bollington on October 15th.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 25¼ cwt. in D.

Frederick A. Munday	*Treble*	William Barton	6
*S. Barry Schofield (12)	2	Gordon Benfield	7
*Rita M. Jowett	3	Leslie W. G. Morris	8
*Roy Bettley-Cooke	4	Vernon Bottomley	9
*B. Gillian Schofield	5	Alfred Smith	*Tenor*

Composed by William Pye. Conducted by Leslie W. G. Morris.
* First peal of Surprise Royal.
A birthday compliment to the ringer of the ninth.

DERBY.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 19 cwt. 1 lb. in D flat.

Charles W. Walklate	*Treble*	Harold Taylor	6
*Edwin Walklate	2	*Roy Stephenson	7
Denis R. Carlisle	3	Gordon A. Halls	8
Mrs. Pat A. M. Halls	4	Clive W. Walklate	9
Albert E. Thompson	5	Michael R. Blore	*Tenor*

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by Gordon A. Halls.
* First peal of Surprise Royal.
Rung for the Patronal Festival and to commemorate the 33rd anniversary of the hallowing of the Cathedral.

EAST RETFORD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Swithun.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

Jack L. Millhouse	*Treble*	*William L. Exton	6
Margaret A. Swann	2	George H. Randles	7
Norah M. Randles	3	*James W. Raithby	8
*Albert W. A. Leggett	4	John Walden	9
*Frederick G. Hooper	5	Geoffrey R. Parker	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* First peal of Surprise Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

AYLESTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Oct. 21, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15¼ cwt.

*S. Marie Davenport	*Treble*	A. James Poynor	5
Sandra E. Chesterton	2	Terence I. Roper	6
Patricia A. Wardle	3	†Paul Martin	7
Russell S. Morris	4	John M. Jelley	*Tenor*

Composed by Nathan Pitstow. Conducted by A. James Poynor
* First peal of Surprise. † First in the method 'inside.' First in the method as conductor.
Rung as a farewell to the Rev. P. R. Blackman, curate and ringer at this church, who was inducted as Vicar of Ratby-cum-Groby, Leics, on October 22nd.

BURWELL, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Blessed-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt.

Anthony R. Mann	*Treble*	Donald F. Murfet	5
George E. Crisp	2	George E. Thoday	6
Rosemary J. Seabrook	3	Geoffrey A. Lucas	7
Roger J. Palmer	4	Mansfield Ginn	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Topp. Conducted by Mansfield Ginn.
Rung as a compliment to the Rev. and Mrs. David Howell on the occasion of their marriage.

CLAVERLEY, SHROPSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in F.

Muriel Reay	*Treble*	Norman J. Goodman	5
Ruth M. Border	2	John A. Anderson	6
Arthur V. Pearson	3	Peter Border	7
David J. Purnell	4	George E. Fearn	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Arthur V. Pearson.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. E. Drew, of the local band, and Ringing Master of the Hereford Guild. Also to the Vicar, the Rev. J. C. Raby, a good friend to ringers.

MANCHESTER.
THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. James-the-Apostle, Birch-in-Rusholme,
A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

George F. Nix	*Treble*	*John H. Soanes	5
*Patricia J. Walker	2	Ronald J. Johnson	6
Cynthia Bibby	3	David W. James	7
Robert J. Warrilow	4	Trevor Taylor	*Tenor*

Conducted by Trevor Taylor.
* First peal of Surprise 'inside.'
A compliment to Margaret Ross and Robin Baker on their engagement.

NEW ALRESFORD, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

BRYAN C. BURROUGH	*Treble*	ERNEST J. MUNDAY	5
KATHLEEN M. HIGGINS	2	ANN M. COX	6
GILLIAN A. NEAL SMITH	3	ROBIN G. LEALE	7
STANLEY G. PONTING	4	WILLIAM S. DEASON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. S. WILDE. Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

ROCESTER, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Being 1,440 Yorkshire, 1,280 Cambridge, 1,280 Lincolnshire and 1,120 Rutland, with 69 changes of method and all the work of each method for each bell. Tenor 13 cwt. 17 lb. in F sharp.

FRANCIS R. LOWE	*Treble*	*A. MAXWELL LINDSEY	5
ARTHUR PRITCHARD	2	*MARTIN C. FAULKES	6
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	3	JOSEPH W. COTTON	7
RICHARD J. WARRILOW	4	DERK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Composed by PHILIP G. K. DAVIES. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major.

RATBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5088 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in G.

PAUL MARTIN	*Treble*	BRIAN G. WARWICK	5
*GEORGE A. HURD	2	RUSSELL S. MORRIS	6
ERNEST MORRIS	3	A. JAMES POYNOR	7
BRIAN M. SMITH	4	PETER J. STANIFORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY (No. 3).
Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal in the method.
Rung to welcome the Rev. Peter R. Blackman, who was instituted Vicar of Ratby-cum-Groby during the afternoon.

ST. LAURENCE-IN-THANET, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

*ROGER D. MILES	*Treble*	†MARY S. TAYLOR	5
†CHRISTINE COBBOLD	2	*H. JOHN WEBB	6
MRS. NELLIE BRIDGES	3	REV. STANLEY M. EVANS	7
†PAULINE FENNELL	4	THOMAS W. EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Conducted by REV. STANLEY M. EVANS.
* First peal. † First of Triples. First as conductor.
Rung as a tribute to the Vicar, the Rev. John H. Roundhill, who is leaving St. Laurence at the end of this month, and in thanksgiving for his ministry in the parish during the past 18 years.

WOOLTON, LIVERPOOL.
THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 20 cwt.

*NORMAN F. ASHWORTH	*Treble*	*DONALD B. LYON	5
*WENDY A. W. KENYON	2	*JOHN H. WILTON	6
*MICHAEL C. ROGERS	3	ERNEST L. HUMPHRISS	7
*V. DAVID JENNER	4	*ROY M. GLOVER	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST L. HUMPHRISS.
* First peal.
Rung as a first birthday welcome to Carolyn Dorothy Jane and Martin David, and also as a tribute to the College of Campanology.

ASHOVER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Oct. 27, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 10 lb. in E.

J. FRANK SMALLWOOD	*Treble*	ROGER BALDWIN	5
HAROLD TAYLOR	2	*MICHAEL R. BLORE	6
MRS. PAT A. M. HALLS	3	*GORDON A. HALLS	7
BURLEY P. MORRIS	4	RONALD H. BULLEN	*Tenor*

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY. Conducted by GORDON A. HALLS.
* 25th peal together.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

BASFORD, NOTTINGHAM.
THE NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Wed., Oct. 26, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEODEGARIUS,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

BRUCE GRAINGER	*Treble*	‡DAVID W. FRIEND	5
*DEBORAH HOPKINS	2	§KENNETH W. PRICE	6
†MARTIN D. BISHOP	3	ROGER BALDWIN	7
CHRISTINE J. STRATFORD	4	JAMES H. PAILING	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. MIDDLETON. Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.
* First peal of Major 'inside.' † First of Major. ‡ 50th peal. § First of Cambridge Surprise. First peal on eight, and of Surprise for the Society.
Rung to mark the visit of the Archbishop of York to the University to deliver the Firth Memorial Lectures.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD
On Thurs., Oct. 27, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5184 ZEALS SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER	*Treble*	JOHN R. MAYNE	5
JOAN BERESFORD	2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	3	ALFRED J. HOUSE	7
ALICK CUTLER	4	THOMAS J. LOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by THOMAS J. LOCK.
First peal in the method.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Oct. 28, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY AND UNDIVIDED TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Bruerton's transposition. Tenor 21 cwt. 1 lb. in E flat.

*IAN C. BUCKLAND	*Treble*	PATRICK J. BIRD	5
D. JOHN HUNT	2	JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM	6
PETER E. PARRY	3	DON C. EXELL	7
*PETER BRIDLE	4	CLIFF RICHARDS	*Tenor*

Conducted by PATRICK J. BIRD.
* First peal at first attempt. First of Grandsire Triples as conductor.
Rung in memory of the Rt. Rev. I. S. Watkins, former Bishop of Malmesbury, translated Bishop of Guildford.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Oct. 28, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	*Treble*	IAN H. ORAM	5
ARTHUR G. MASON	2	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	6
BARWELL B. DIBBEN	3	RALPH BIRD	7
FREDERICK J. CULLUM	4	JOHN R. COOPER	*Tenor*

Composed by PHILIP G. K. DAVIES. Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.
First peal in the method as conductor.

BISHOPSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5088 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb. in F sharp.

MAURICE J. BUTLER	*Treble*	R. ROGER SAVORY	5
*HILARY N. KIPPIN	2	ANN M. COX	6
M. ELIZABETH CHAPMAN	3	*DAVID E. HOUSE	7
†NORMAN HAYES	4	TOM CHAPMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by CHAS. H. KIPPIN. Conducted by TOM CHAPMAN.
* First peal of Surprise. † First of Cambridge Surprise Major. First of Cambridge as conductor.
Rung for the 50th anniversary of the installation of bells at this tower.

BLEWBURY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's transposition. Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr.

ALFRED R. T. GREENOUGH	*Treble*	JACK BERRY	5
*WILLIAM J. IRVING	2	JAMES E. GODMAN	6
FRANK E. GODDEN	3	ROBERT B. BLOND	7
†ERIC O. DAVIES	4	ERNEST G. GARRARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT B. BLOND.
* First peal of Stedman. † First of Stedman away from the tenor.

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—56—14.56—58.36—34—38.14.36.14.3
8ths place lead-end; 4ths place bobs.

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CHISLEHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1960, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
At the Church of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's No. 2. Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb. in E.

Trevor A. Cross	*Treble*	Brian D. Threlfall	5
John R. Cooper	2	*Alan E. Bagworth	6
*Isobel Inman	3	Frederick J. Cullum	7
Sidney J. Woodcock	4	Ian H. Oram	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frederick J. Cullum.
* First peal in the method.
Rung for the 90th anniversary of the church's dedication; also for the 25th anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1960, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

Malcolm P. Phipps	*Treble*	H. David Holland	5
John N. D. Chaddock	2	Cyril Rusby	6
Ian M. Holland	3	W. Eric Critchley	7
Norman Chaddock	4	John E. Turley	*Tenor*

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Ian M. Holland.
Rung as a 45th birthday compliment to Mr. J. E. Turley, who has now completed 25 years as a ringer at this church.

HUISH EPISCOPI, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1960, in 3 Hours,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's transposition. Tenor 16 cwt.

Victor G. Roberts	*Treble*	Edward J. Chivers	5
*Marjorie Legg	2	Peter C. Wright	6
Gordon Gaylord	3	*George Prescott	7
James E. Looker	4	Sidney G. Smith	*Tenor*

Conducted by George Prescott.
* 100th peal together. First of Stedman as conductor.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1960, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

Colin A. S. Harwood	*Treble*	*Herbert W. Woolven	5
*Patricia M. Bourn	2	G. William Critchley	6
E. Winifred Keys	3	Jack S. Dear	7
Claudia A. Critchley	4	J. Richard Castledine	*Tenor*

Composed by W. Eric Critchley.
Conducted by G. William Critchley.
* First peal in the method.
Rung half-muffled as a tribute to Mr. W. M. Scott, late treasurer of Henfield Parochial Church Council.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1960, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

Herbert W. Woolven	*Treble*	Patricia M. Bourn	5
Claudia A. Critchley	2	W. Arthur Riddington	6
J. Richard Castledine	3	Colin A. S. Harwood	7
G. William Critchley	4	Jack S. Dear	*Tenor*

Composed by Frederick Dench. Conducted by J. Richard Castledine.

HUDDERSFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1960, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
At the Church of All Hallows, Almondbury.
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

Frank Popplewell	*Treble*	William Sykes	5
*Sheila Brown	2	Peter Dawson	6
†J. Rodney Pagdin	3	John Pearson	7
Walter E. Dransfield	4	Jack Newton	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Severn. Conducted by John Pearson.
* First peal. † First in the method.
A wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hinchcliffe from his fellow members and friends of the Huddersfield St. Peter's company.

KIBWORTH BEAUCHAMP, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1960, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Wilfred.
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in F.

Brian G. Warwick	*Treble*	John R. Smith	5
Ernest Morris	2	Martin C. Faulkes	6
Mrs. H. Poyner	3	Russell S. Morris	7
Harry Poyner	4	John M. Jelley	*Tenor*

Composed by Ernest W. Tipler (No. B.55).
Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.
Rung to celebrate the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. Fred Staniforth (local Ringing Master) and Mrs. Staniforth.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1960, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

*Colin J. Watson	*Treble*	‡Linda J. Kew	5
William Butler	2	†D. Kenvyn Walters	6
*Derek W. Stone	3	William Birmingham	7
†Howard Oglesby	4	Alan R. Pink	*Tenor*

Composed by E. W. Tipler (B.58). Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* First peal of Surprise Major. † First in the method. ‡ First of Surprise Major 'inside.'

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1960, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9¾ cwt.

Roy Foster	*Treble*	Harold Worrall	5
*David Godfrey	2	Harry W. Howard	6
Mrs. D. Lowe	3	Douglas Lowe	7
John Ryder	4	Denis Maddock	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Reeves. Conducted by Denis Maddock.
* First peal of Major in the method.

PULHAM MARKET, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

*Pauline Adcock	*Treble*	L. Edward Etheridge	5
Ernest Whiting	2	Robert Plummer	6
Charles R. Catchpole	3	Leonard J. Minns	7
E. Austin Head	4	William J. Flatt	*Tenor*

Composed by Edwin Timbrell. Conducted by Ernest Whiting.
* First peal of Treble Bob.

TETTENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1960, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
A PEAL OF 5056 GAINSBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

Frederick E. Wilshaw	*Treble*	*Brian J. Wylde	5
*Robert J. Warrilow	2	*Geoffrey Davies	6
*Charles A. S. Webb	3	*Robert B. Smith	7
David W. Brunning	4	*Arthur Pritchard	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. Hattersley. Conducted by Arthur Pritchard.
* First peal in the method.

WEDMORE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1960, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 30 cwt. 5 lb. in C.

Richard J. Bowden	*Treble*	Brynley A. Shackleton	5
Elisabeth A. G. Bowden	2	Reginald G. Hooper	6
*Don C. Exell	3	Philip M. J. Gray	7
*D. John Hunt	4	John H. Gilbert	*Tenor*

Composed by Frederick Dench. Conducted by John H. Gilbert.
* First peal of London Surprise. First in the method as conductor.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Oct. 30, 1960, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Helen.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 15½ cwt.

George H. Paulson	*Treble*	*Harold Sherratt	5
Michael H. Paulson	2	Burley P. Morris	6
Ronald H. Bullen	3	Herbert E. Taylor	7
J. Frank Smallwood	4	Ernest Paulson	*Tenor*

Conducted by Herbert E. Taylor.
* First peal 'inside.'
Rung as a 70th birthday compliment to George H. Paulson.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Oct. 31, 1960, in 3 Hours and 22 Minuest.
At the Cathedral Church of The Holy Trinity.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

David J. Tubbs	*Treble*	Ann M. Cox	5
*Jill M. Lane	2	Harold A. May	6
William T. Beeson	3	†Douglas A. R. May	7
Barwell B. Dibben	4	A. Patrick Cannon	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. Middleton. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
* First peal of Surprise Major. † First of Cambridge Major.
Rung with the bells half-muffled in memoriam the Rt. Rev. Ivor S. Watkins, Bishop of Guildford and president of the Guild, who died on October 24th.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

FLOOKBURGH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 16¼ cwt.

GILBERT D. PARK	*Treble*	JAMES E. DICKINSON	4
NICHOLAS M. NEWBY	2	JAMES BLACKBURN	5
THOMAS F. METCALFE	3	ALEX EDGAR	*Tenor*

Conducted by NICHOLAS M. NEWBY.
Rung for the diamond jubilee of the dedication of the church.

PAULERSPURY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb.

*ROGER PAYNE	*Treble*	JAMES LINNELL	4
MRS. G. SHELLARD	2	†GEORGE W. HOLLAND	5
CHARLES E. TRUMAN	3	WILLIAM A. YATES	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. YATES.
* First peal. † 150th peal.

SNODLAND, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in 12 methods: (1) Stamford and Rossendale, (2) London and Wells, (3) York and Durham, (4) Beverley and Surfleet, (5) Annable's London, (6) Norwich, (7) Cambridge and Ipswich.
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

PETER F. BORER	*Treble*	TREVOR A. CROSS	4
IAN H. ORAM	2	RALPH BIRD	5
BERNARD F. L. GROVES	3	JOHN R. COOPER	*Tenor*

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

WALLINGTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Oct. 24, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in A flat.

MICHAEL T. HOPKINS	*Treble*	CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	4
*CAROLINE WILLS	2	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE	5
JUNE I. DEAR	3	EDWIN G. BUCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE.
* First peal.

ROTHERSTHORPE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Oct. 25, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents of St. Simon's, ten of Grandsire and 15 each of Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in G.

*ELIZABETH M. PAUL	*Treble*	MALCOLM R. C. HENSHER	3
*GRAHAM C. PAUL	2	RICHARD J. DANBY	4
JOHN E. GODDARD	*Tenor*		

Conducted by JOHN E. GODDARD.
* First peal.

BUXTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Wed., Oct. 26, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being extents of Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Spliced St. Clement's and Plain Bob, and combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob; 25 changes of method.
Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD	*Treble*	NOLAN GOLDEN	4
DAVID CUBITT	2	WALTER C. MEDLER	5
ARTHUR G. BASON	3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
Rung as a welcome to the Rev. A. K. Birch, M.A., inducted to the living on the 24th.
First peal on the recently-rehung bells.

LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 26, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAITHNESS SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout.
Tenor 8 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

PHYLLIS M. MAYNE	*Treble*	RAYMOND G. SMITH	4
KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	2	JOHN R. MAYNE	5
FRANK C. PRICE	3	JOHN HILL	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
First peal in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.

MAPLEDURHAM, OXON.
THE UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION.
(The Reading University Society.)
On Wed., Oct. 26, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

T. FELICITY WEBBER	*Treble*	JENNIFER M. DAVIES	4
*PAMELA M. MILLHOUSE	2	FREDERICK J. SAGE	5
JANET K. SECKER	3	JOHN MANLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN MANLEY.
* First peal. First as conductor.
A birthday compliment to the ringer of the second.

WALSOKEN, CAMBRIDGESHIRE
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 26, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of St. Clement's Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

ROBIN SHIPP	*Treble*	M. ROWLAND REED	4
ERNEST A. SHIPP	2	TOM BUSH	5
LESLIE W. HOUGHTON	3	NORMAN V. HARDING	*Tenor*

Conducted by NORMAN V. HARDING.

LOIS-WEEDON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Oct. 27, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents (four different callings). Tenor 6½ cwt.

J. GEORGE SHELLARD	*Treble*	MONTAGUE SAUNDERS	4
*CHARLES E. TRUMAN	2	JAMES LINNELL	5
WILLIAM J. CHESTER	3	WILLIAM A. YATES	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. YATES.
* First peal in the method.

ACTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each of Reverse St. Bartholomew and April Day, 12 of Plain Bob, 16 extents and one 240 (Morris') Grandsire.
Tenor 14 cwt.

STANLEY SUTTON	*Treble*	HERBERT SUTTON	4
JOHN E. BROUGH	2	FREDERICK S. SUTTON	5
EDWARD J. BOFFEY	3	*DAVID E. PARKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN E. BROUGH.
* First peal.
Rung for the birth of a daughter to Mrs. Alma Gregory, former ringer at Acton, who is the daughter of the fourth ringer, Herbert Sutton.

CADOXTON-JUXTA-NEATH, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATWG,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob, ten six-scores and ten 240's Grandsire by Pitman and Morris. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

BARRY J. COUZINS	*Treble*	JOHN T. WILLIAMS	4
*GARETH H. JONES	2	GWYN I. LEWIS	5
HARRY BOYCE	3	JOHN MATTHEWS	*Tenor*

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.
* First peal.

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ASHBOCKING, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1960, *in* 6 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 12240 MINOR

In 17 methods, being 720 each of London Surprise, Norwich Surprise, London Scholars' Treble Bob, College Exercise Treble Bob, Double Court Bob, Hereward Bob, Oxford Bob, Double Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Childwall Bob, Ipswich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford Bob, Thelwall Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb.

RONALD W. STEWARD .. *Treble* | *GEORGE N. ORMAN 4
URBAN W. WILDNEY .. .. 2 | FRANK B. LUFKIN 5
ALAN R. ANDREWS .. .. 3 | WALTER ARNOLD .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* 100th peal. Longest length of Minor by the Guild.

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-A-BECKET,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

E. MICHAEL QUINN .. .. *Treble* | BRIAN SCHOFIELD 4
CAROL FERNLEY .. .. .. 2 | GORDON RUMNEY 5
PETER DALE .. .. .. 3 | JOHN ROBINSON .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN ROBINSON.

First peal in three methods as conductor.

Rung to welcome John Peter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hibbert, Chapel-en-le-Frith.

DAUNTSEY, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten extents of Reverse St. Bartholomew, 12 each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob, and four extents and two 240's (Morris') of Grandsire. Tenor 14 cwt. in E.

*IAN G. SMITH .. .. .. *Treble* | ALAN F. LEE 3
TERENCE J. MILSOM .. 2 | CLIFF RICHARDS 4
CEDRIC J. A. BROWN .. *Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN F. LEE.

* First peal. The conductor's 50th peal. First on the bells.

KEMBLE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of London, Beverley, Surfleet, Cambridge, Kent, Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

IVOR GOULTER .. .. .. *Treble* | SHIRLEY M. PARSONS .. 4
PETER T. HURCOMBE .. 2 | ANTHONY R. PEAKE .. 5
ALAN CARVETH .. .. .. 3 | *CYRIL A. WRATTEN .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

* 50th peal for the Association.

MARSTON, OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In four methods, viz.: 240 April Day, 1,200 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 1,200 Grandsire, 2,400 Plain Bob. Tenor 5 cwt.

*J. S. WALKER .. .. .. *Treble* | †NOEL D. DEAM 3
ALEC GAMMON .. .. .. 2 | E. VENN 4
ROY H. JONES .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by ROY H. JONES.

* First peal on a working bell, and in four methods. † First 'inside,' and in four methods. First as conductor.

Rung for the consecration of the Ven. G. D. Savage, one time vicar of this parish, as Bishop of Buckingham. Also for United Nations Day.

MULBARTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being extents of Duke of Norfolk Treble Bob, Spliced Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob and Double Bob, combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Oxford Bob, Reverse Bob and Cambridge Surprise; 32 changes of method. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

PETER ADCOCK .. .. .. *Treble* | F. CHARLES GOODMAN .. 4
NOLAN GOLDEN .. .. .. 2 | *WILLIAM LOVE 5
ARTHUR G. BASON .. .. 3 | H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. *Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* 100th peal for the Association.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Goodman on the eve of their silver wedding anniversary: they were married at this church.

John Taylor & Co.

LOUGHBOROUGH

The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

HALF PEAL

WATLINGTON, OXON.—On Oct. 29th, 2,880 Minor (1,440 Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, 1,440 Plain Bob): Christine Clayton 1, B. Wakefield 2, P. J. Wycherley 3, A. N. Stubbs 4, N. J. Martin (cond.) 5, D. T. Darby 6.

BATH, SOMERSET.—At St. Matthew's, Widcombe, on October 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Maureen Vincr 1, Mrs. P. Newman 2, H. C. Newman 3, June P. Crees 4, R. M. Stubbs (cond.) 5, K. Harrison 6. Rung in memoriam Mr. J. H. Higgins, who had expressed the wish that the bells be rung open.

BRISTOL.—At St. Mary Redcliffe, on Oct. 2nd, 1,320 Grandsire Cinques: Miss M. A. Hancock 1, P. J. Bird 2, Miss M. D. Hancock 3, T. Bennett 4, F. G. Leaker 5, M. J. Hancock 6, D. Helliwell 7, E. F. Hancock (cond.) 8. F. C. Mogford 9, W. Abraham 10, F. E. Hansford 11, S. Gillett 12. First for 1, 4 and 7. Rung after Evensong for Harvest Festival. Also on Oct. 18th, at Christ Church, 1,263 Stedman Caters: Mrs. A. E. Cox 1, C. Richards 2, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 3, J. C. Baldwin 4, D. J. Hunt 5, S. G. Riches 6, J. Brain 7, D. C. Exell 8, D. G. Yeo 9, F. C. Mogford 10. For St. Luke's Day.

CAMBERWELL, LONDON.—At St. Giles' Church, on Oct. 23rd, 1,263 Stedman Caters: P. Cattermole (first of Stedman and on 10) 1, C. Wood 2, W. H. Hewett (cond.) 3, G. Parsons 4, E. Talbot 5, G. Peters 6, J. Euston 7, H. Clark 8, R. Sanders 9, J. Smith 10. Rung for induction of new Vicar, Rev. John Glasson Nicholls.

CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Gardiner 1, W. Smith 2, L. Hewitt 3, V. Sheppard 4, R. Law (cond.) 5, J. Ernstzen 6. For Evensong. Also on May 10th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: J. Riadore 1, R. Law 2, V. Sheppard 3, L. Hewitt 4. First touch of Minimus by all the band, and in Africa. Rung in despair at meeting short.

CONGLETON, CHESHIRE.—On Oct. 28th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. Riley 1, D. Heapy 2, N. Sherratt 3, R. A. Challinor 4, R. Worrall 5, P. A. Mason 6, W. Sherratt 7, B. Corbishley (cond.) 8. First in the method by all except 2 and 8.

CRADLEY, WORCS.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. Hall 1, H. J. Shuck (cond.) 2, Mrs. H. White 3, A. G. Hall 4, H. Wyre 5, J. Griffiths 6, H. White 7, L. R. Hall 8. For Harvest Festival.

DAVENTRY, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Minor (Little Bob, Plain Bob and St. Clement's): G. Bonsor 1, Gillian Tavener 2, Elizabeth A. Negus 3, Hilary M. Johnson 4, H. M. Johnson 5, D. J. Marshall (cond.) 6. For Parish Communion. Also on Oct. 2nd, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: G. Bonsor 1, Elizabeth A. Negus 2, Mary J. Marshall 3, Gillian Tavener 4, Hilary M. Johnson 5, H. M. Johnson 6, P. I. Chapman 7, D. J. Marshall (cond.) 8. Rung as a farewell to the ringers of 2 and 3, who are leaving for London and Durham, respectively, and to Frances Johnson, who has left for Hascombe.

DORKING, SURREY.—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Alison Read 1, C. A. Read 2, G. Marriner 3, Ethel Clear 4, G. F. Pratt 5, E. G. L. Coward 6, F. Oakshott (cond.) 7, B. Coward 8. Rung half-muffled for the late Bishop of Guildford, Rt. Rev. Ivor S. Watkins.

EAST BRIDGFORD, NOTTS.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Wilde (first quarter) 1, R. Mills 2, Ruth Blackshaw 3, M. W. Harrison 4, N. Wilde 5, J. Higgs (first as cond in own tower) 6.

EPSOM, SURREY.—On Oct. 30th, at Christ Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. E. Fentiman 1, Barbara Spencer (first quarter) 2, D. Herschell 3, Sylvia Marsh 4, F. Oakshott (cond.) 5, W. Parrott 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Rt. Rev. Ivor S. Watkins, Bishop of Guildford.

EXNING, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 30th, in St. Martin's belfry, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. J. Palmer 1-2, A. R. Mann 3-4, Irene Cross (first quarter, age 14) 5-6.

FINCHLEY, MIDDX.—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Frances Campbell 1, L. Tubb 2, F. Barker 3, A. Richardson 4, A. Warren 5, S. Wallace 6, B. Willis (cond.) 7, B. Watson 8. First in the method for 4, 6 and 8. Rung for the marriage of Miss Jennifer Mary, daughter of the Rector, Rev. R. Matthews, to Mr. Adrian John Flowers, formerly organist at St. Mary's and now at Southwark Cathedral.

GRITTLETON, WILTS.—On Oct. 10th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Jean Palmer 1, Rita M. Webb 2, Gloria M. Newton 3, T. J. Milsom 4, C. J. A. Brown 5, A. F. Lee (cond.) 6. Believed to be the first of Minor on the bells for about 25 years. Rung as a compliment to Mr. Henry Taysóm and Miss Janice Organ, who were married at Berkley, on October 8th.

QUARTER PEALS

HARMONDSWORTH, MIDDX.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss C. O'Kelly 1, D. G. Pickett 2, C. Stevenson 3, Miss J. Richardson 4, D. C. Morgan (cond.) 5. For Evensong, and as a compliment to Miss Juliet Wooders, ringer at Harlington, who is going to Exeter University.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. P. Gordon 1, H. K. White 2, Miss M. Thomas 3, J. H. Napper 4, C. J. Garlick 5, G. W. Bishop 6, M. Bishop (cond.) 7, L. F. Cox 8. Also 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. N. Bennett 1, W. White 2, Miss M. Thomas 3, J. H. Napper 4, C. J. Garlick 5, M. Bishop 6, G. W. Bishop 7, A. H. Webb (cond.) 8. First in method for 1, 3, 4 and 5. Both quarters rung for Ringers' Sunday, 33rd anniversary of the consecration of the new bell-frame.

HALLOW, WORCS.—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. J. Bayliss 1, W. Collins 2, F. C. Pugh 3, P. Bullock 4, J. Gwilliam (cond.) 5, A. Herman 6. For evening service.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On October 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jean Warner 1, H. Colcombe 2, Joan A. Smith 3, C. N. Chinnery 4, C. Webb 5, Mrs. A. Smith 6, J. King (cond.) 7, Gwen May 8. Rung half-muffled to the memory of the Rt. Rev. Ivor S. Watkins, Bishop of Guildford.

HERTFORD.—On Oct. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Carter 1, J. W. Thorn 2, E. J. Phillips 3, C. Springham 4, A. S. Carter (cond.) 5, J. M. Kemp 6, C. E. Hayter 7, P. W. Saunders 8. A welcome to the new Vicar of All Saints', who was instituted by the Bishop of St. Albans immediately after this quarter peal.

HINTON WALDRIST, BERKS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. O'Shaugnessy (first on treble) 1, N. Leslie 2, R. Hayden 3, F. Moland (first 'inside') 4, M. Edney (cond.) 5, D. Leslie 6.

KIMPTON, HERTS.—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss S. Baxter 1, Miss I. M. Lander 2, M. B. Butterfield 3, R. L. Arnold 4, J. G. Cull (cond.) 5, P. A. Gibson (first quarter) 6. Rung for morning service on the eve of the first anniversary of the rededication of the bells after rehanging.

KINGSWOOD, SURREY.—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Sally Parrott 1, Adrienne Gibson (first in two methods as cond.) 2, J. Munton 3, W. Parrott 4, A. G. Clark 5, R. E. Fentiman 6. First in two methods for 1, 3, 5 and 6.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Susan Bell (first of Stedman) 1, G. Marriner 2, Hilda Oatway 3, Rev. E. Wood 4, B. Hawkins 5, A. H. Smith 6, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 7, W. F. Oatway 8.

LECKHAMPTON, GLOS.—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: 1, Goulter 1, Mrs. M. A. Wratten 2, A. Pendlebury 3, D. Newcombe 4, C. Burridge 5, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 6, T. Boreham 7, A. Newman 8. For Evensong.

NETTLEBED, OXON.—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Castle 1, J. Pinchin 2, Mrs. F. Belson 3, R. Cummins 4, N. Belson (cond.) 5, R. Hope 6. A farewell to the Vicar, on his retirement and leaving the parish.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—At St. John's Church, on Oct. 23rd, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: R. J. G. Spicer 1, H. Goakes 2, J. Woodham 3, Ruth Anderson 4, D. French 5, M. Dyer 6, H. S. Peacock 7, J. H. Bluff (cond.) 8. For morning service, and to welcome the Rev. H. Sheasby as Curate at St. John's.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—On Nov. 1st, at the Church of St. Andrew, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: H. W. Milford 1, Miss Y. C. Porter 2, F. E. Day 3, H. H. Thomas (first on 10) 4, J. Perkins (first on 10) 5, W. G. Lavers 6, D. R. Bould 7, A. W. Myers 8, T. G. Myers (cond.) 9, W. H. Marks 10. Rung for Solemn Holy Communion on All Saints' Day.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On Oct. 30th, 1,279 Doubles (Stedman, St. Simon's, Plain Bob, Antelope and Grandsire): A. Clayton 1, Miss C. Carpenter 2, B. Coatsworth 3, A. Bishop 4, C. Mew (cond.) 5, B. Bull 6. First in 5 methods for all. First quarter containing Antelope and St. Simon's for all. Rung for Evensong and in memory of Thomas Chambers, verger of this church.

ROCHESTER, KENT.—At the Cathedral, on Oct. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (with 9, 8, 10 covering): J. Sellen 1, W. A. J. Knight (cond.) 2, Eliz. Wharton 3, J. Colman (first quarter of Grandsire Triples) 4, B. Baker 5, C. J. Gould 6, P. Bond 7, R. Norris 8, C. E. J. Norris 9, D. Norris 10. First quarter on the 10 bells since the new frame was installed.

ROTHERSTHORPE, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 9th, 1,320 Old Doubles: Miss K. M. Featherstone (first quarter) 1, K. D. Perkins 2, G. C. Paul 3, M. R. Bennett (cond.) 4, M. R. Harvey 5. Also on Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss P. E. Goode (first quarter) 1, G. C. Paul 2, Miss P. F. Curtis 3, M. R. Harvey (first as cond.) 4, K. D. Perkins 5.

ROMSEY, HANTS.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Miss S. Edwards 1, Miss A. J. Knight 2, M. D. G. Northway 3, M. J. Northway (cond.) 4, H. J. Page 5, K. J. Jacobs 6, C. M. White 7, C. Churchill 8. For the Patronal Festival.

RUGBY, WARWICKS.—On Oct. 17th, at St. Andrew's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. Underwood 1, A. Barlow (cond.) 2, E. Hunt 3, Miss C. Eustace 4, S. Osborne 5, P. Fisher 6, E. Orland 7, P. Howitt 8. For the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. W. Vann.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At St. Peter's, on Oct. 22rd, 1,263 Stedman Caters: A. R. Agg 1, F. J. Plummer 2, C. F. Sayer 3, G. Dodds 4, K. Darvill 5, B. C. Johnson 6, H. V. Frost (cond.) 7, W. C. Hughes 8, T. J. Southam 9, G. W. Debenham 10. For the Oddfellows' service.

ST. LAURENCE-IN-THANET, KENT.—On Oct. 30th, 1,080 Plain Bob Minor (with tenor covering): R. D. Miles 1, Miss C. Cobbold 2, Mrs. N. Bridges 3, G. C. Durham 4, Rev. S. M. Evans (cond.) 5, T. W. Edwards 6, R. S. Weekes tenor. Rung for the Rev. J. H. Roundhill's last service as vicar.

SAXILBY, LINCS.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Minor (Kent, Single Court, Plain Bob): H. Dove 1, M. L. Mann 2, H. W. Cox 3, J. M. Blaikie 4, D. Crosby 5, J. B. Nicholson (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

SILSOE, BEDS.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): D. R. Brazier 1, B. A. Martin 2, Ann Culpin 3, P. J. Lawton 4, T. P. Harris (cond.) 5, G. F. Olney 6. Rung as a compliment to Susan and John Olney, on the birth of their son and heir.

STEEP, HANTS.—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. Robertson 1, R. A. Routh 2, C. E. Wakefield 3, C. R. Jelley 4, C. M. Press (cond.) 5, Miss C. C. Robertson 6. Rung for the birth on September 16th and baptism on November 5th of Sarah Jane, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. D. J. Snelgar, her godfather being the ringer of second.

STONEY STANTON, LEICS.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Cox 1, G. E. Vernon 2, L. Towers 3, J. H. Bailees 4, M. Lindsey 5, J. A. Hill 6, M. Vernon (cond.) 7, N. L. Walker 8. Rung half-muffled after Evensong, on the occasion of the Village Wakes feast.

STORRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Chacksfield 1, Mrs. Chacksfield 2, Jean Horton 3, L. Stilwell 4, J. Newell (cond.) 5, M. Davies (first quarter) 6. Rung to mark the first wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. Chacksfield.

SHUSTOKE, WARWICKS.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Ensor 1, D. L. Hooper 2, Miss R. Morgan (first quarter) 3, L. L. Willis 4, W. C. Rhodes (cond.) 5, E. Hill 6. Rung for the wedding of Mr. R. Rich and Miss J. Butler, and 22nd wedding anniversary of L. L. Willis.

STUDLEY, WARWICKS.—1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss M. Galloway 1, R. Spray 2, Miss M. Tyson 3, T. Griffiths 4, J. W. Perkins (cond.) 5, J. Crook 6. To honour the Bishop of Coventry on his visit to Studley.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Miss G. Newcombe (first of Royal) 1, P. D. Chapman (first of Royal 'inside') 2, Miss D. Lawless 3, A. J. N. Boyack 4, F. Sykes 5, T. Hawkins 6, D. Hewitt 7, C. Willmington 8, B. Downes (cond.) 9, A. Frost 10. Rung for Evensong, and as a ruby wedding compliment to Mr. H. Rumens, secretary of St. Mary's Society, and Mrs. Rumens.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 4th, 1,296 Surprise Minor (720 Beverley, 576 Cambridge): P. D. Taylor 1, F. C. Case 3, G. E. Green (cond.) 4, C. E. Truman 5, T. E. Roberts 6, J. Linnell 7, G. Foddy (covering) 8. First 720 of Beverley for 3, 4 and 6.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.—On Oct. 16th, 1,320 York Surprise Minor: Rosemary Gower 1, C. T. Hillis 2, R. J. Carlton 3, L. T. Pope 4, W. P. Garner 5, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

WILLINGDON, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Linacre 1, G. Pullinger (cond.) 2, Janet Percy 3, Mrs. B. Percy 4, H. S. Hobden 5, R. Percy 6. First quarter for 1 and 3 who are both aged 12. For Evensong.

WILLINGHAM, CAMBS.—On Oct. 9th, 1,296 Surprise Minor: A. Benson 1, D. Murfet 2, D. Robinson 3, G. Thoday 4, G. Lucas 5, M. Ginn (cond.) 6. For Festival Evensong. Also on Oct. 30th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. Benson 1, N. Robinson 2, D. Murfet 3, G. Lucas 4, G. Crisp 5, G. Thoday (cond.) 6. For Matins.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Long lengths of Minor are rare in these days. One of 12,240 changes was rung at Ashbocking, Suffolk, on October 29th. It consisted of 17 extents in 17 different methods and was completed in 6 hours 31 miputes. Mr. F. B. Lufkin, who had participated in a number of long lengths, conducted.

The band who rang the first peal on Dauntsey, Wilts. bells report that they are a very pleasant-toned ring on ball bearings.

Exning, Suffolk, ringers have great hopes in their latest recruit, 14-year-old Irene Cross, who rang her first quarter ('in hand') on October 30th.

The silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Goodman, of Costessey, was marked by a peal at Mulbarton church, where they were married, and in a hospitable manner afterwards at their home.

The peal of Doubles on page 717 stated to be rung at St. Augustines's Church, Locking, Somerset, should read the Church of St. Leonard, Shipham, Somerset. Apologies are sent by our correspondent for the mistake.

When a peal was rung at Buxton, Norfolk, as a welcome to the Rev. A. K. Birch, the newly-inducted Vicar, he recorded part of the peal and afterwards played it back for the ringers to hear. They were not ashamed at what they heard. It was a joy to the band having Mr. W. C. Duffield peal ringing again after a lapse of so many years.

The Vicar of Hagbourne, Rev. H. A. Smith-Masters, asked the tower secretary what the ringers were going to do for Ringers' Sunday. Quick as a flash (and without thinking!) he replied that three quarters would be attempted —one for each service. Thus it was that the ringers, casting reproachful glances at the malefactor, assembled at 7 a.m. on the Sunday. A good quarter of Grandsire Triples was rung, following which all the ringers attended Holy Communion. Stedman Triples was attempted for Matins, but this unfortunately came to grief due to a missed call one course from home. To finish the day, a quarter of Plain Bob Major was rung for the special Ringers' Sunday Evensong; this included four parts in the method.

Records are given in the July issue of 'Ringing Towers' of peal and quarter peal totals for each year since the formation of the New South Wales Association in 1946. Peals total 32 (26 tower and 6 hand) and quarter peals 425 (331 tower, 94 hand). The leading peal ringer is W. Rowe with 18, followed by T. Goodyer 15, R. Ferris 14 and J. Duncan 11.

Our newer universities are in the news this week with peals from Nottingham and Reading University Societies.

The ringer of the 2nd in the quarter peal of of Grandsire Triples, on October 15th, was Maria E. Kirby and not Maria Thoday as printed on page 743.

The work of restoration of the tower of St. Nicholas', Kenilworth, is now completed and the bellhangers have commenced the work of rehanging the bells. They hope to have them ready for ringing by the end of the month.

Fifty-four sacks of twigs, stones, bottle tops and rubble, carried there by jackdaws, have been removed from the bell chamber of Repton Parish Church, states 'The Church Times.'

Mr. E. L. Humphriss had great satisfaction over the peal he conducted at Woolton, Liverpool, on October 22nd. Seven of the local St. Peter's Society scored their first peal. They are all teenagers, four being still at school and three started work this summer.

Great credit is due to the four 'first-timers' in the peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal at Bradford Cathedral, on October 29th, all of whom really 'did their stuff,' particularly Master Barry Schofield, who at the age of 12 years earned full marks by not making a single trip.

Four ancient bells have recently been rehung at Spofforth Parish Church, Yorks, as the result of a memorial benefaction of 1,000 guineas. It is thought that the bells may contain metal from bells used at the Trinitarian Priory, Knaresborough, and at Fountains Abbey. This third and tenor bells were cast by William Oldfield, of York, in 1609.

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KIMPTON CUP CONTEST

THE first Hertfordshire ringing competition was held at Kimpton in October, 1959, following the rededication of the bells after rehanging; the trophy was a solid silver cup given by the Kimpton Guild of Change Ringers to mark the occasion.

Kimpton was the meeting place for the second event which took place on October 22nd. A rainy, dismal afternoon did nothing to dampen the spirits of the 6 competing teams that gathered outside the tower just before 3 o'clock to draw for order of ringing. With the two judges safely 'locked away' the first team drawn were soon ringing the 'test piece,' 360 Minor, own choice of method. Meanwhile, teams who were to ring later, together with other ringers and friends, were able to partake of light refreshments in the Memorial Hall, and here also were available darts, table tennis and billiards, which were put to good use throughout the afternoon.

All teams successfully completed ringing by 5 o'clock and in the time remaining before tea the bells were open for general use. The judges were 'released' and had the opportunity to try the bells. Their verdict was 'not an easy ring.' However, the competing teams would have had difficulty in faulting the judges!

Over 70 ringers and friends sat down to an excellent tea in the Memorial Hall. Among the distinguished ringers present were the president, Mr. W. C. Hughes, and three past presidents of the Hertford County Association, and Mr. A. E. Rushton, president of the Bedfordshire County Association. After tea the Vicar of Kimpton, Rev. C. W. Lawrence, welcomed the company and said it was a great thing in the life of the church that the bells should ring out their message and it was a joy to see so many ringers, some young and some not so young, gathered together on this occasion.

Mr. T. J. Lock, in introducing the judges, Miss Hilda G. Snowden and Mr. Ralph Edwards, said he thought there could be no one except the veriest beginners who did not know of the achievements of these two eminent ringers.

JUDGES' COMMENTS

Miss Snowden, in her remarks, said that the ringing generally had been of a very high order; the principal faults were erratic leads and the little bells 'clipping' the big bells, two of the teams did not seem to settle into a good beat and she felt the ringing was a little slow with some teams.

Mr. Edwards supported these remarks and also said he was surprised that no team had made full use of the two minutes allowed for rounds; a peal band would often ring rounds for a full five minutes before starting their attempt.

The teams who entered, methods rung, and marking were then given as follows: Apsley End (Cambridge) 44 faults, North Mymms (winners last year) (Cambridge) 49, Baldock (Cambridge) 58, Hatfield (Plain Bob) 101, King's Langley (Plain Bob) 115, Kimpton (Plain Bob) 154.

The Kimpton Cup was then presented to Mr. R. E. Sheppard, of Apsley End, who said he felt that it was regular Sunday service ringing together as a band that had helped his team to success.

Mr. J. G. Cull, on behalf of the competition committee, thanked the judges for their services and they were each presented with a box of chocolates as a small token of appreciation. Mr. Cull also expressed the thanks of the Kimpton Guild to the North Mymms band who, as first holders of the cup, had generously had it beautifully engraved with a suitable inscription.

Mr. A. V. Good, secretary of the winning team, invited the company to Apsley End for the 1961 competition.

The very enjoyable social evening which followed included a smoking concert, during which several well known ringers displayed their talents in other directions. Included in the programme were songs from Mrs. Kathleen Lock and entertainment at the piano from Martyn Jordan, of Tewin. All the ringing had been tape recorded and during the evening teams were able to hear their efforts played back. The ringers' other needs were adequately met by some of the Hatfield team, ably led by Mr. Stan Huckle, who served behind the bar.

J. G. C.

SERVANTS OF THE EXERCISE – No. 46



MR. JOHN WILLIS
Kent County Association

Whether we describe Mr. John Willis as a 'Kentish man' or a 'Man of Kent' it is an undoubted fact that he has made a considerable impact on the ringers in the great county of Kent. He is yet another member of that honoured profession—the teachers, which has provided us with so many reliable stalwarts who have carried the torch so well and so long.

Such is the estimation in which he is held, that when Mr. E. H. Lewis left Kent, Mr. Willis was appointed a vice-president and succeeded him as chairman. He is modest and unassuming, but firm and efficient in conducting the affairs of the Kent County Association.

Born at Egerton in 1883, he was taught to ring in 1896 at Charing by the late William Spice, to whom he is eternally grateful for introducing him to an art which has given him much happiness all through his life. He rang his first peal (Grandsire Triples) at Quex Park in 1902, and nobody could ever accuse him of suffering from 'pealitis' for his total stands at the very modest figure of 25. He seems to have been more adapted for administration then peal ringing and he has given all through his life most valuable service as an administrator not only in the field of ringing—but also in other fields—and has earned for himself the highest regard of his fellows. He is now one of the members of the K.C.A. with longest service, having joined it in 1896, and he became a committee member in 1910.

He held teaching appointments at Faversham and Canterbury and in 1912 left Kent on becoming head of Pondsbridge C. of E. School, Huntingdon. In 1915 he went to Fortyfoot Bridge School, Ramsey, and stayed there for over 30 years, until retirement in 1945. He went to live at Folkestone, and at once resumed his activities in the K.C.A. Re-appointed to the committee in 1946, he also served as trustee. Then in 1951 he was elected as Central Council representative, and, as stated above, vice-president in 1953.

In 1952 he was appointed to serve on the Biographies Committee, and at once set about the task of bringing the work up to date, by writing up the details of careers of over 300 deceased members of the Council. Owing to the illness of his wife, he did not seek re-election in 1957, but offered to carry on with his work in connection with the biographies—and was promptly made an honorary member.

Amongst other offices Mr. Willis has filled are: Honorary secretary of Hunts County Teachers' Association for 27 years, a service recognised by the presentations of a gold watch and cheque in 1923, and a further cheque for £50 on retirement; member of County Education Committee; East Anglian representative, National Union of Teachers' Executive; honorary secretary, District Hospitals Committee, Ramsey; governor, Peterborough Memorial Hospital; member of the Urban District Council, Ramsey; vice-chairman, District Youth Committee, etc., etc. In Freemasonry he has served with distinction, being W.M. of Arlwyn Lodge 3535: Pr., Gd., Std. B., and P. Pr., S.G.W., Northants and Hunts; and W.M. of Shorncliffe Lodge 4330. His whole life has been one of service to his fellows, and the Exercise will wish him many more happy years of retirement.

JAFUS.

RECORD LENGTH FAILURE

A telegram was read by Mr. F. Sharpe at the dinner of the Ancient Society of College Youths on Saturday that the attempt for the 40,320 changes of Plain Bob Major at Over that day failed at 11,000 changes. The news was received with regret.

We have since heard that the attempt failed in the 100th course after 6¼ hours' ringing.

The band stood as follows: B. F. L. Groves 1, F. Dunkerley 2, C. K. Lewis 3, B. Jones 4, J. Worth 5, E. Jenkins 6, R. B. Smith 7, B. Harris 8.

The umpires were H. O. Baker, D. Mottershead, P. Laflin and R. Boumphrey.

WANTAGE RINGERS' 'THANK YOU'

An attempt was made, on October 29th, to ring J. J. Parker's Twelve Part peal of 5,040 Grandsire Triples on the bells of the Parish Church, Wantage, as a tribute to the Rev. A. C. A. Chetwynd-Talbot before his departure from the parish. The ringers were Ian Stoter, K. Leach (conductor), Jim White, H. V. Booker, A. E. Fullbrook, David Stoter, A. R. Wood and H. White.

Some 5,040 changes were rung in 3 hours 4 minutes, but owing to the fact that a shift occurred during the last quarter-hour, the effort unfortunately could not be counted as a true peal. So far as is known, this is the first time that a peal has been attempted by the Sunday service band at Wantage, and the ringers were particularly pleased to be able to make this effort as a 'thank-you' to Fr. Talbot.

K. L.

BELL RINGING CLASSES IN DERBYSHIRE

A series of 12 evening classes on bellringing is being run by the Derbyshire Education Committee, on behalf of the Derbyshire Association, at Scargill School, West Hallam, with Mr. Gordon A. Halls as instructor.

The attendance each week is about 14 and fortunately for the instructor all the pupils can handle a bell. The two hour class comprises one hour of practical ringing at West Hallam church, and one hour of the theoretical aspects of change ringing.

Lectures have so far included bell founding and tuning, method structure and place notation, others will deal with touches and peals, how to write them out and prove them and finally, a little talk on elementary composition.

Recently the class visited Loughborough Foundry and that night doubles its strength. An interesting tour of the foundry finished up with ringing on the campanile.

College Of Campanology

Of the two new officers, recently appointed, the Registrar is Mr. D. P. Jones, of Balliol College, Oxford, and whose home is in Southsea; while the Press and Public Relations Officer is Dr. R. G. T. Bennett, of Harwell, and formerly of the Christchurch (New Zealand) Cathedral band.

The College hopes shortly to announce details of its next week-end residential course to be held in the South Midlands, next spring. The course will be suitable for both learners and instructors and reduced terms will be available for local students.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD ANNUAL DINNER & SOCIAL

The annual dinner and social of the Leicester Diocesan Guild was held on October 29th, in the Shakespeare Hotel, Braunstone, Leicester. For some years past, criticism has been passed regarding the venue for the annual dinner, but this year everyone appeared to be satisfied with the arrangements made. Although situated only two miles from the centre of Leicester the hotel proved to be a little difficult to locate, but the three or four late-comers were served.

Promptly at 6.30 p.m., Mr. J. P. Fidler, toastmaster, called for the company to be seated. The chief guests were the Lord Bishop of Leicester and the Provost of Leicester Cathedral, together with their wives. Supporting the president (Mr. P. J. Staniforth) and his wife were the vice-presidents (Mr. P. L. Taylor and Mr. F. K. Measures) and their wives, general secretary (Mr. B. G. Warwick) and Mrs. Warwick, the peal secretary (Mr. J. A. Acres), the treasurer (Mr. Ernest Morris), the trustees (Mr. C. Harrison and Mr. J. P. Fidler) and their wives, Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Burton and Mr. F. W. Perrens.

PRESENTATION TO PEAL SECRETARY

After an excellent meal came the formal part of the proceedings. First of all, the Lord Bishop presented Mr. Shirley Burton, who has just retired as peal secretary, with a picnic set on behalf of the Guild in recognition of all the hours of painstaking work which he has put in for the Guild. This gave the Bishop an opportunity of speaking to the Guild, but as he spoke last year he was able to keep his remarks quite short on this occasion. Mrs. Williams (the Bishop's wife) presented Mrs. Burton with a bowl of fruit.

In reply, Mr. Burton thanked the Guild for their gifts. He hoped that more young ringers would take up the theoretical side of ringing and suggested that the Guild organise a study group with which he would be happy to assist.

The toastmaster then announced that a touch of Spliced Surprise Major on handbells would be rung by Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Staniforth, Mr. A. Ballard and Mr. J. A. Acres. This consisted of a lead each of London, Superlative, Cambridge, Superlative and Yorkshire and was practically faultless.

The toast of 'The Leicester Diocesan Guild' was proposed by the Provost of Leicester. This was the first occasion he had been present and he expressed great pleasure at being invited. He made reference to Mr. P. L. Taylor and the famous bell foundry, stating that he first came across Taylor's bells when he was Vicar at Holywood in Ireland. He also mentioned Ernest Morris and the fact that Ernest had rung more peals than any living ringer, having rung his 1,960th peal that same morning. He ended by saying that the clergy did appreciate the help given to the church by the ringers.

The president replied to the toast on behalf of the Guild. He thanked the Bishop and the Provost for their speeches and their wives for their attendance.

A short recital of handbell tunes was then given by three members of the St. Thomas', South Wigston, band.

Mr. C. Harrison proposed the toast of 'The Visitors.' These included Mr. and Mrs. L. Walmsley and Mr. and Mrs. Crossthwaite (Leyland, Lancs). Mr and Mrs. H. Poyner (Shrewsbury), Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Smith (Southrepps, Norfolk), Mr. F. Hinds and his party of six members from the North Leicestershire and South Derbyshire Association, and Mr. F. W. Perrens (Coventry), librarian of the Central Council. Mr. F. W. Perrens replied on behalf of the visitors.

The social evening that followed was organised by a professional entertainer and all present thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Bells On The Queen Mary

Mr. W. B. Cartwright, the honorary solicitor to the Central Council, returned from his visit to the United States and Canada on the Queen Mary.

On the Sunday morning he went to the service conducted by the Staff Captain in the first-class lounge. Passing along the promenade deck he was surprised to find a seaman trying to knock out some rounds and queens on a set of tubular bells. 'If I had been a bit earlier,' he writes, 'I might have tried to show him how to do it.'

At the Riverside Church, New York, he met Dr. Lefevere, the carillonneur mentioned in a recent front page article in 'The Ringing World.' Dr. Lefevere is a carillonneur at Bournville. As a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Cartwright he started his afternoon's recital by playing the National Anthem!

DORSET RINGING FESTIVAL

The annual ringing festival took place at Blandford Forum Parish Church on October 29th, when some 60 ringers and others were present. Unfortunately, the ringing was restricted by the collapse of two stays, but that still left 6 good bells on which Doubles and Minor methods, as well as rounds, were rung.

At the service in the lovely Restoration Church, which was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. H. G. Goodall, an address was given by the Master of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, Canon C. Carew Cox. His text was appropriate, 'Seek, that ye may excel.' As progress was expected in all men's activities, he said, so in the art of ringing we should not be content with a fixed level of proficiency, but always be pressing on to a higher standard.

The tea was presided over by the Mayor of Blandford, who was accompanied by the Mayoress and Deputy Mayor. In welcoming the ringers the Mayor said that church bells always spoke to him of joyful times, whether Christian Festivals or Royal occasions: he was glad to know that ringing was a growing art, and he hoped it would continue to flourish in Dorset. Later, the Mayor visited the tower and watched the ringing with great interest.

This festival is the result of a bequest by a late citizen of Blandford, Samuel Francis Pond, who left money for the curfew to be rung every day, and for an annual ringing competition. Dorset ringers felt that competing for a prize was not in keeping with the spirit of ringing, and that a festival in which all would compete to ring their best would be equally agreeable to their benefactor: and so it remains, the money being spent on the expenses of the festival and the tea.

A SOLIHULL TRIBUTE

On October 30th the ringers of St. Alphege's Church, Solihull, Warwickshire, paid a tribute to Mr. P. W. Harrison on the occasion of his 80th birthday, which took place on the following day. Mr. Harrison has served Solihull church for a great number of years, and it is mainly due to his devoted service as Rector's warden and treasurer of the Parochial Church Council that the finances of the church have been for so long in a healthy condition.

A great lover of the bells, and a firm believer in the part they play in worship, Mr. Harrison has never ceased to champion the cause of the ringers, and it was due to him that the custom of the Pancake Bell on Shrove Tuesday was resuscitated.

In appreciation of Mr. Harrison's services 1,280 Plain Bob Major was rung by: W. Leeson 1, C. Dale 2, V. W. Rigg 3, A. Walker 4, T. Warner 5, R. Cann 6, E. C. Shepherd (conductor) 7, C. Bragg 8.

ALPHABET FOR BEGINNERS

By T. J. LOCK.

"T"

TITTUMS.—The Tittums change on eight bells is 15263748, and on ten bells is 1627384950, and as you will observe it causes the lighter of the bells to strike alternately with the heavier bells. It is one of the most musical changes there are and the ear can stand its repetition at succeeding strokes, as one may get in call change ringing. You could work out for yourself the Tittums change on twelve bells, and when you have got it, it would be worth playing on the piano.

There is also the Tittums position but in practice it occurs only in odd-bell ringing. If the bells were put in the Tittums position in even-bell ringing it would mean parting the tenors from their natural positions and would produce some unpleasant and unnecessary musical changes. The bells when in the Tittums position are made to course down to lead in the order of 7.8.9. in Caters or 7.8.9.0.E. in Cinques.

TOUCH.—As soon as a conductor calls the first bob or single the ringing is transformed from what would have been a plain course into a touch. In other words a touch in ringing is when the bells have been turned over from their plain coursing order. And, of course, a true touch is when the bells are brought back into rounds without repetition of any of the changes. A touch, you will recollect, can in some methods be so short as to contain less changes than the plain course itself.

TRANSPOSITION.—To quote an example of this term I would refer you to Thurstans' Four Part peal of Stedman Triples. Sir Arthur P. Heywood moved or adapted the calling slightly so that the bell unaffected by extras and omits is the treble. This composition is now known as Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans' Four Part.

TREBLE BOB HUNT.—A bell which treble bob hunts is one which dodges in every pair of adjacent positions as it progresses from front to back and from back to front.

TREBLE BOB METHOD.—This class of method requires the treble bell to treble bob hunt and no internal places to be made at any of the cross sections in the half-lead.

TUNING OF BELLS.—The note of a bell comprises five recognised tones—the 'strike,' the 'hum' (an octave below strike), the 'nominal' (an octave above strike), the 'tierce' and the 'quint,' a third and a fifth above strike respectively. The sketch shows their positions on the stave when the strike note is G.



The actual tuning of bells is done, so to speak, behind the iron curtain of the foundry and is a secret which has been jealously guarded for generations. It has been said, however, that there are well over eight hundred known ways of tuning a bell, from small to large no doubt, but it is presumed some ways are not quite so successful or convenient as others. Should you hear reference to bells forming a maiden peal it indicates that, when cast, they each produced their correct note and thus did not need to be tuned.

ICKLETON, CAMBS.—On Oct. 15th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: F. Peacock 1, Frances Secker 2, Clare Webster 3, Hilary Muirhead 4, D. J. Roaf 5, A. J. Griffin 6, P. H. Langton (cond.) 7, J. R. Taylor 8. For the Cambridge University Guild.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FALSE PEALS

Dear Sir.—On checking through the figures of my arrangement of the 50 Plain and Little method peal, I find there is a repetition of changes in the leads of Cambridge Court and Hastings Little Bob.

I therefore wish to withdraw two peals, one rung 'in hand' at Burton-on Stather on March 11th, 1951, and the other at Lincoln on May 31st, 1960. I tender my sincere apologies to both bands.

This means that the peal in 46 methods rung 'in hand' at Burton-on-Stather, on February 19th, 1951, is now the record for handbells for Major. The figures for the 50 Major methods were published in 'The Ringing World' shortly after the first peal was rung.—Yours sincerely.

GEORGE E. FEIRN.

Kirton-Lindsey.

SMOKING IN BELFRIES

Dear Sir.—How nice for some North Devon ringers to be able to smoke in the belfry! Perhaps, that is where the ashtrays went, that disappeared from South Shropshire, 12 years ago.

Might I suggest that some of our more prosperous towers extend this idea by having television sets installed for those waiting their turn to ring.

Come to think of it, perhaps, we could even suggest to P.C.C.s that coffee and biscuits are served in church during the sermon!—Yours faithfully,

DAVID G. BRUNNING.

Usk, Mon.

NOTE.—While smoking is forbidden in the ringing chamber of Holy Trinity Pro-Cathedral, Guildford, ash trays are provided in the room below, which is used as the Provost's office, and have been used.—Ed.

'BRIDGING THE GAP'

Dear Sir.—I regret that Mr. Gray found my letter alarming. I appear, unwittingly, to have given the impression that the College wishes to impose some totalitarian and sterile uniformity on the methods of teaching ringing. This is emphatically not the case. This is brought out in the 'Manual' itself, where it is made quite clear that different treatments are necessary for different circumstances, and that the tutor must always be ready to adapt his teaching.

Whether the principles are sound and sufficient, whether the exercises illustrate them properly, whether, in short, the 'Manual' succeeds or fails in its purposes are things on which ringers who have read it and tried out its proposals will naturally hold their own opinions. To stigmatise it as worthless and foolish merely because it attempts to present a 'graded set of exercises for the learner' while commending Mr. Price for doing so does not appear to be consistent.—Yours etc.,

R. G. T BENNETT.

P. & P.R.O., College of Campanology.

'HENRY VIII'

Dear Sir.—The passing of George Gilbert was mourned by all ringers, and the articles about him in recent 'Ringing Worlds' have been most interesting.

I well remember the sensation caused when he rang the peal with seven ladies at Shiplake in 1930. Owen W. Porter, who was captain of the Shiplake tower at that time, gave him the name of 'Henry VIII' and by that name we shall always remember him.—Yours faithfully,

ERNEST H. SMITH

Henley-on-Thames.

PEALS OF MINIMUS

Dear Sir.—From the letters that have appeared since my original one on the subject of peals of Minimus, it seems probable that the majority are, in fact, opposed to 4-bell peals being recognised. It is, of course, up to us who have feelings on the matter to put them forward at meetings of our own Associations so that our representatives can take action at the next Central Council meeting.

Mr. Amos puts forward two arguments typical of those in favour of 4-bell peals. I should like to comment briefly on these: Firstly, there is no objection to performances of any length on 4-bells; **the objection is to them being recognised as 'peals.'** This objection is not 'dog-in-the-manger,' but comes from a wish to preserve standards before they become so low as to be meaningless.

Secondly, it seems unlikely that recognition of 4-bell peals will encourage the augmentation of 4-bell rings. Far more likely that the 4-bell ringers will be content to go on ringing 4-bell 'peals.' Perhaps if six-bell performances had not been recognised as peals, more six-bell rings would have been augmented to eight!—Yours sincerely,

P. H. WHITAKER.

Coleraine, Northern Ireland.

STAINDROP, CO. DURHAM

Dear Sir.—With reference to the letter from Mr. Halls, page 724, I wish to point out that Staindrop is in County Durham and the Diocese of Durham and it is difficult to see how the Yorkshire Association is in the case of a peal rung there the 'appropriate territorial association.'

It is not a new thing for peals rung in County Durham (or elsewhere for that matter!) to be appropriated by the Yorkshire Association, but in this case Mr. Williams was forced to adopt such a course, as insufficient of his band were members of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association to comply with our rule concerning belfry elections of the others.—Yours sincerely,

DENIS A. BAYLES.

Honorary General Secretary,
D. & N. Association.

OXFORD GUILD'S SUBSCRIPTION

Dear Sir.—In the report of the Oxford Diocesan Guild's meeting in 'The Ringing World' of October 28th I am quoted as having seconded a resolution moved by Mr. A. Diserens that the subscription be raised to 5s. I did not second Mr. Diserens' resolution. I did second a resolution moved by Mr. D. Smith, which was subsequently withdrawn by him in favour of the honorary secretary's resolution, that the subscription be raised to 3s. 6d.

A further point about your report. You state, correctly, at the beginning that the meeting decided to raise the subscription to 3s. 6d., but at the end of the section of the report dealing with this matter it is stated that it was agreed to raise the subscription to 3s.!—Yours faithfully,

P. PEARCE.

Stonesfield, Oxford.

NOTE.—The new subscription rate is 3s. 6d. The error is regretted.—Ed.

PEAL WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir.—As has already been pointed out, the peal of New Cambridge rung at Henley, Suffolk, on August 8th, was false, and I therefore withdraw it.—Yours faithfully,

R. W. PIPE.

Grundisburgh, Suffolk.

RINGING COMPETITIONS

Dear Sir.—While the memories of another successful ringing competition at Kimpton, Hertfordshire, are still fresh, I would like, through your columns, to submit a few points in favour of such gatherings with a view to promoting discussion in your paper.

The interest shown by, and the number of, eminent ringers—often from other Associations—present at these functions leads us to suppose that many more competitions would be welcome: instead of being the exception they could almost be the rule.

The objects of our local Association, the Hertford County, are given as:

(1) Belfry reform.

(2) The promotion of change ringing and of social intercourse amongst change ringers within and around the county by means of the various annual and district meetings.

Most worthy objects they are, interest and social intercourse are promoted by meetings and also by peal attempts. However, we consider that the inclusion of ringing competitions into the present Association activities would be welcomed by most members and be stimulating to the Exercise in general and to Sunday service bands in particular.

We submit that competition ringing—for no financial reward—has the following points in its favour.

(1) A condition of entry is that the band must be entirely and without exception composed of service ringers local to one tower.

(2) The improvement in the standard of striking and knowledge of the chosen method by a band practising for a competition is considerable.

(3) The limited social arrangements for a peal attempt or a meeting just will not do. Bearing in mind that only one team is in the tower at a time arrangements for the remainder must be adequate. Wives and friends must be catered for. The evening, too, lends itself to informal entertainment, handbell ringing and that beloved pastime of all ringers—beer and chatter.

(4) Young ringers there for the day really do hear good striking, good handbell ringing—rare in some areas—and see the freemasonry of ringers in action.

(5) A tape recording made during the afternoon and played back during the evening when there is leisure to listen critically often convinces us that we do not strike as well as we ought.

In conclusion, may I repeat that the purpose of this letter is to promote discussion on this topic. Are we right to continue and encourage competitive ringing? Will it corrupt the good things of the Exercise? Will competitions not endure so long as traditional peals and meetings? Could their scope be made wider? Could the local competitions lead to a national final?—Yours sincerely,

DONALD PRICE.

Kimpton, Herts.

POSTCARDS WANTED

Dear Sir.—With reference to my appeal for postcards, published in 'The Ringing World,' I have received many from all all parts of the country. Last week I received a parcel from a ringer at St. Mary's, Woodstock, Cape Town, who also read the appeal in 'The Ringing World.' It does show how ringers, so very far away, welcome your paper and how well they read it.

I am still collecting postcards for our tower fund and I am particularly asked for cards from 1900 to 1936.—Yours sincerely,

I. M. RICHARDS.

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Llanarth, near Raglan, Monmouthshire.

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LETTERS—Continued

THE OFFICIAL RECORD

Dear Sir,—When the footballer or football supporter surveys the official league table at the end of the season he will find that that record agrees with all the individual records of the clubs in that league and he would think it ridiculous if that were not so.

Once again the Central Council, through its Peals Analysis Committee, has produced its 'league table' in the Peals Analysis for 1959 (p. 706 'R.W.'), but no ringer should be so naive as to think that this will agree with the individual records of all the affiliated societies or associations in their own reports. I know that these often begin their year at some time other than January 1st (as this analysis does) and I do not refer to apparent discrepancies resulting from comparison of different periods of time. After making these adjustments I understand that there are associations, such as Chester Diocesan Guild, where the figures will agree as a result of a deliberate policy but there are others, such as the Yorkshire and Lancashire Associations, where the figures will not agree as a result of a deliberate policy and any resemblance will be entirely coincidental.

As peal secretary of the Durham and Newcastle Association my figures would have accorded with the official 'league table' but that policy has recently been rejected and I have therefore taken what I believe to be the only honourable course open to an accountant who is instructed to falsify his accounts and resigned the position.

The earliest relevant publication of the Central Council that I have seen is the Rules and Decisions publication of 1927 and on p. 31 of that we read:

'BOOKING OF PEALS—With a view to the regulation of the records of peals in Peal Books, the Council has passed the following resolution:—

'"It is desirable, when a band of ringers belonging to more than one Association meet to ring a peal, that they should decide beforehand to which Association such peal shall be credited, and that for the future no peal shall be published under the name of more than one Association" (1893).'

The other resolution deals with performance of new peals and is not relevant to this discussion. In the Central Council Handbook of 1956, pp. 21 and 22, the spirit of this earlier publication is clearly preserved, although the wording is slightly different.

I know that there are a number of people who share my view that it is completely nonsensical to have different and discordant records. Indeed, the only defence that I have heard is that it has been done in the past, in spite of the Council's campaign almost from its inception against that sort of thing! One obvious course is to bring all records into line with the official central records and this I sought to do at Folkestone earlier this year. There I was surprised to learn that the Central Council cannot be expected to give any instructions to its affiliated societies (although Handbook p. 11 these 'shall subscribe to an undertaking loyally to abide by the rules and decisions of the Council') or to the Editor of the paper that it owns!

In the Handbook of 1956, p. 31, we read of the work of the Peal Analysis Committee—'This work of analysis is a valuable piece of recording and demands from the committee great care and accuracy.'

While we have affiliated societies which say in effect that they do not 'give a rap' for the Central Council's records and will continue to compile their own differing records where it suits their own purposes to do so is there any justification for the claim that the Peals Analysis is 'a valuable piece of recording'? Does it in fact serve any useful purpose?

I must make it quite clear that this criticism is entirely limited to the system and is not in any way an attack on the persons who have produced this analysis.

The full extent of the discrepancies is hard to assess for peals may appear in more than one association report, although published in 'The Ringing World' under one association's name only, e.g. see my letter earlier this year on p. 91 (February 5th).—Yours sincerely,

DENIS A. BAYLES.

Chester-le-Street.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD FESTIVAL AT ST. EWE

More than 100 ringers attended the festival of the Mid-Cornwall Branch of the Truro Diocesan Guild, held at St. Ewe. Various tests were arranged by Mr. H. Lander (St. Stephen's), and 14 first-class certificates were awarded. Mr. J. Keatte (St. Merryn) was the judge. Among those present were Mr. W. H. Southeard and the Rev. A. S. Roberts (vice-presidents), the Rev. J. R. Jose and E. Thomas. Tea was provided by local ringers' wives and helpers and the festival organisers were Messrs. D. Burnett and H. Lander.

TRAFALGAR DAY DINNER

When Sir Christopher Furness kindly proposed to give a dinner for the ringers of Truro Cathedral, it was suggested that this should be held on Trafalgar Day, because it was to Cornwall first of all that news of the Battle of Trafalgar was brought by the schooner 'Pickle' to Mounts Bay, only a few days after October 21st, 1805.

Thus on Friday, October 21st, at the Brookdale Hotel, Truro, a company numbering 25 met for a sumptuous dinner. Those present included the Dean (the Very Rev. H. M. Lloyd), Sir Christopher Furness, Mr. Guillaume Ormond (organist), Mr. W. H. Southeard (Master), Miss H. Penrose (vice-Master) and Mr. A. Davidson (secretary).

Sir Christopher, in a short and witty speech, expressed his pleasure at being in the company of the Cathedral ringers, and gave some amusing and suitable remarks with reminiscences concerning Truro and its Cathedral.

The Dean proposed the toast of the evening 'Lord Nelson' and told the company that young Horatio was the son of a Norfolk clergyman, and in his early years could possibly have pulled the bells in his father's church tower. At the age of 12 Horatio went to sea and had a very distinguished career in the Navy, becoming a captain at the age of 21 years. Nelson was 47 years of age when he died at the battle of Trafalgar. He was probably the greatest admiral England ever had.

Mr. W. H. Southeard proposed the health of the host, Sir Christopher Furness, and said that out of a total of 50,000 ringers in England he felt that it was a great honour that the ringers of Truro Cathedral should be given such a splendid dinner.

Bellringing, he said, was an art, sometimes unrecognised by people in general. But this evening the company were delighted to accept the hospitality of one who greatly loved and admired church bells, especially those of Truro Cathedral.

Following the speeches an entertaining hour was given by Mr. Peter Penwarden, the magician, and the evening was brought to a close with some very pleasant and suitable remarks from Mr. Alan Carveth, on behalf of all the ringers present.

D. B.

CRANTOCK, CORNWALL

On October 29th the ringers of Crantock, with friends from St. Columb Minor, St. Mawgan and St. Breock, Wadebridge, had an afternoon's ringing in the Camelford area. The three cars met at Tintagel to ring on the six in the church on the top of the cliff. It was one of the few lovely days of this autumn and Tintagel looked beautiful.

From there we went back to Camelford and into the lanes to find Advent. This church is in a field and has no road to it. Advent has a beautiful tower with eight small pinnacles: there are five bells which are the lightest ring in Cornwall (tenor 3¼ cwt.) and the best of the county's seven fives. We began with Bob Minimus and ended with Grandsire Doubles. The captain of Advent ringers, Mr. F. Bartlett, greeted us just before we left which we much appreciated.

Later we joined the Launceston Branch Festival at St. Breward, where we had tea, attended the service and had a ring on the bells, being joined by three change ringers from St. Mary Magdalene, Launceston. On the way home we called in at St. Breock, Wadebridge, and rang several good touches on the recently restored six.

W. H. R. T.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY

On October 15th the Society held its quarterly meeting at Walsall. It was a typical autumn day, dull and dry, but this did not deter members from visiting this 'Black Country' town.

The meeting began in an unusual manner with a carillon recital on the bells of the Town Hall given by Mr. C. M. Smith, assistant secretary of the Society. This was followed by ringing at St. Michael's Church, Rushall, a little church amid the fields just outside Walsall. For an hour the six bells of this church (tenor 7 cwt.) were put to very good good use. Afterwards the gathering of ringers moved to St. Matthew's Church, where the magnificent 'Taylor' twelve were soon booming out over the roof tops. It is always a pleasure to ring in this well kept belfry: the bunch of flowers in the corner added a delightful finishing touch for the occasion. Ringing for all comers was arranged by the Ringing Master (Mr. E. Malin)—rounds for the learners, Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Surprise Major and Royal.

A short service was conducted by the Rev. Vernon S. Nicholls. In his address he said how very good it would be if everyone could learn to say 'thank-you.' He would like to say 'thank-you' to his own ringers and the thousands of other ringers throughout the country for the faithful service they performed each Sunday.

Tea followed in the Church Institute, where about 80 members and friends enjoyed an excellent meal. During the business meeting the lay secretary, Mr. D. J. Tranter, read a letter of resignation he had received from the clerical secretary, the Rev. C. Holroyd Barker. He had, he said, been clerical secretary for the past 44 years and had been a great servant of the Society. In recognition of his service the committee had unanimously proposed that he be made an honorary life member of the Society. A fund is to be set up and it is hoped to raise enough money to enable a suitable presentation to be made to him.

Ringing continued on these fine bells after tea. Altogether it was a most successful meeting, due in no small way to the hard work and enthusiasm of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Hughes, the local band and their many helpers.

D. J. T.

RECORD GATHERING AT STAMFORD

The joint meeting of the South Lincs and Peterborough Diocesan Guilds held at Stamford on October 29th attracted a gathering of over a hundred ringers, which is a record for either Guild.

The bells of All Saints' and St. Martin's were set in motion about 2.45 p.m. and rang touches from rounds for the beginners to Spliced Surprise methods until 4.15 p.m. when a service was held in All Saints' Church, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. E. F. Wright.

After tea, at the White Heather restaurant, ringing continued at both Stamford churches and also Castor and Wansford until about 9 p.m. The counties from which the ringers came were: Lincoln, Rutland, Derby, Northampton, Leicester, Huntingdon and Norfolk.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION

In honour of the birth of a son (Michael Charles) to Dr. E. V. Woodcock, a keen member of the Hope band, members of the North Wales Association met at Hope, Flintshire, to ring a quarter peal of Minor, on October 17th.

As the treble rope broke shortly after the start, it was decided by the eight ringers present to ring two 720's with rounds while a change of ringers was made. Two excellent extents were rung—Plain Bob (conducted by Christopher Gudgeon) and Kent Treble Bob (conducted by William Cathrall).

Those taking part were: W. H. Lewis and Harry Price (Hope), F. R. Evans and W. Cathrall (Wrexham), B. Jones and B. Griffiths (Mold), D. H. B. Millward (Buckley) and C. Gudgeon (Flint).

BRIEF SURVEY OF HUNTINGDONSHIRE

Over 400 Bells — 39 Founders

By T. A. BEVIS

HUNTINGDONSHIRE is a small county, compressed between two great rivers—the Nene and the Ouse. To the north are the low Fenlands of which the shire forms a small part, but its most attractive scenery is found in the pleasant, undulating countryside: little hills capped with centuries-old churches; lazy streams meandering peacefully through rich, green meadows.

Due, perhaps, to its unassuming nature the county is not often seen to the fore in news appertaining to bells and bellringers. The bells, naturally, are there—over 400 of them—and there are a number of enthusiastic campanologists, several of whom are well known in neighbouring shires and beyond. One of the most interesting features in Huntingdonshire's bell-lore is its wealth of bells which represent no less than 39 founders, a surprising revelation when considering the size of the county.

As far as can be ascertained the earliest founders are represented at Water Newton and Bury. **John Rofford** and **William Rofford** each providing a bell to those respective churches. John, a Londoner, was appointed Royal Bell-founder in 1367, and he died about 1390.

Next we have **W. Dawe,** who had a peculiar habit of inscribing his work with 'William ffounder.' His real name very rarely occurred on his work, and he is represented at Abbots Ripton, where the treble is inscribed (translated): 'Of its favour heaven is chary to the man that loves not Mary.'

Dawe's establishment flourished from about 1381 to 1418, and it has been suggested, with some truth, that another person of the same name in the same ward of London's East End carried on practice as a 'dresser of white leather.' It is possible that they were father and son. At any rate it is reasonable to assume that for the sake of identification the 'bell-man' styled himself as 'William ffounder.' Three bells at Great Paxton, Grafham and Great Staughton may also be Dawe's work, although he may have had a partner at that time, as indicated by later bell stamps.

John Michell and **Roger Landon** are two worthies who are found at Chesterton; the latter expired shortly after 1495. Michell succeeded him and it is believed that he cast a bell for Old Weston.

Ellington, Chesterton and Overton Longueville saw bell installations carried out by **John Walgrave,** who is reputed to have been William Dawe's foreman. John's bells are numerous throughout the country, and the founder appears to have been prosperous.

John Danyell was an excellent founder, but he was not merely contented in that capacity alone. It has been recorded that he supplied wine to King's College, Cambridge, at about the time he ended his career as a 'man of metal.' Danyell provided a bell for Haddon church, and was succeeded by **Henry Jordan,** who cast two bells for Steeple Gidding and inscribed one 'Sancta Anna Ora Pro Nobis.' His stamp is comprised of the cross-keys and a dolphin—the badge of the Fishmongers' Company, of which he was a member. He enjoyed a prolific period of activity between the years 1442 and 1468, and several of his bells remain.

William Culverden, of London, did business at King's Ripton, and is found from 1513 to 1523. Culverden's rebus consists of a shield depicting a bell surrounded by seemingly meaningless symbols and letters: there is usually a bird on the shield, possibly a pigeon. 'Culver' is Old English for pigeon, hence the appearance of the bird in the founder's riddle. His bells are rare, 18 having survived the ravages of time, most of these in Suffolk.

Buckden's treble was made by **Thomas Bullisdon,** also of London, who was casting bells in 1500. His father was Mayor of London and M.P. for the City in 1492. Bullisdon cast a complete ring of five for the old Priory Church of St. Bartholomew the Great, Smithfield, and these earned him a good name.

Robert Oldfield may be represented at Denton, a bell in the church tower bearing a shield with the letters R. O. S. (Robert Oldfield, of S - - -?). Oldfield's family hailed from Nottingham, and this founder also installed bells at Buckworth, Catworth and Stilton.

The foundry at Leicester managed by **Newcombe and Watts** sent several bells into the fair county of Huntingdonshire, and several still exist, mostly in pairs at Little Stukely, Buckworth, Easton, Winwick, Fletton, Farcet, Great Stukely, Upwood, Conington and Houghton.

This founder delighted in his quaint inscriptions, e.g. 'Remember the Pore and Nede' (Great Stukely), and at Upwood we are reminded 'A Peteteute Harte is Good.' Buckworth implores 'Geve God the Prease' and 'Geve Thanks to God Alwais,' while Winwick concludes with 'Prease God Only.'

At Keystone, Watts comes out with 'Feare the Lord, and a very encouraging inscription 'Remember the Ende!' and 'Com, Com and Preay.'

Little is known of the founder **John Greve,** who cast a bell for Kimbolton church in 1571 and one for Abbotsley (1575).

The opening years of the 17th century saw much activity at Newcombe and Watts' premises, and Newcombe provided the treble, second and third for All Saints', Huntingdon, in 1606. Watts despatched bells to Great Staughton and Kimbolton in 1633 and 1634, respectively, and cast a complete ring of five for Spalqwick in 1638. Watts' bells are numerous in Northants and are supposed to excel in fine tonal quality.

Richard Holdfield's abode was probably at Cambridge. He may have been a relative of Robert Oldfield, for both used the same stamp and often the same inscriptions. The former cast bells for Hilton in 1604, Little Stukely (1607), Woodstone (1608), Little Paxton (1610), Everton (1611), and Wyton (1612).

William Hausley, of St. Ives, created four bells for the church at Houghton, one inscribed: 'Man Taketh Paine But God Giveth Gnine (gain).' He is also represented at Fenstanton (1620), Offord Darcy (1620), Great Stukely (1622), Broughton (1624), Wood Hurst (1624), Wyton (1626), and four bells at Holywell (dated 1625).

It is interesting to note that the then popular Stamford foundry, under the Norris family, sent no less than 47 bells to Huntingdonshire. **Tobias Norris** expired on November 2nd, 1626, and is buried in one of Stamford's churches. Hunts has 12 of his bells, the earliest at Orton Waterville, 1606, and the latest at Stanground, 1622.

Thomas Norris carried on the business after John's death and cast about 24 bells for the county, dating from 1628 (Hamerton) to 1679 (Brampton): his most notable bells are at Leighton Bromswold (1641), the tenor inscribed 'Esme Cathertua.'

Tobias III (baptised April 25th, 1634) is buried at St. George's Church, Stamford. This founder has been described as a plain man who believed that 'the less said the better.' Consequently he produced bells with only an occasional scroll or initial as testified by those at Water Newton, Great Gidding and Holme.

Eleven bells were sent to the county by **James Keene,** of Woodstock, who died in 1654. His bells are found at Swineshead (1629), Old Hurst, Offord Cluny, Everton and Brampton. James was succeeded by his son Richard (who has no bells in Hunts), and after the latter's death the foundry was closed.

For nigh on forty years **John Draper** carried on the business of bell founder at Thetford, Norfolk. His death occurred in 1644. Draper made only two bells for Huntingdonshire and these were installed at Colne. Said to be a good founder, he enhanced his reputation as such by marrying a sister of John Bend (also a founder), and between them the two men endeavoured to build an active concern against the then growing reputation of 'Colchester Graye.'

It seems ironic that **Miles Graye's** son made a bell which was hung at the side of Draper's bells at Colne in 1654! Miles cast but one bell for the county and this was installed in 1632 at Bluntisham. Something like 80 of his instruments are still to be found from 1605 to 1646. He died in 1649, 'weak in body and crazed with age, but yet in p'fect mind and memory,' leaving two sons, **Christopher and Miles II.**

The former is represented at Hailweston (1665), Everton (1681), Yelling (1660), Pidley-cum-Fenton (1675), and Offord Darcy (1676). Miles II made bells for Abbotsley (1653), Buckden (1654) and Colne, naturally (!), (1564). This founder, like a good many others of his day, possessed a nomad-like streak, having lived in Suffolk, Bedfordshire and Cambs. He finally settled down in Suffolk and expired in his father's old town, Colchester, in 1686, leaving a shilling each to his six children.

Bryan and **William Eldridge** had their businesses at Chertsey, Surrey, and they provided bells for Great Gransden (1658) and Kimbolton (1660).

Charles Newman, of Haddenham (Cambs), just managed to get his nose into the picture with two bells at Colne and Bury, respectively (both dated 1700). Most of his work is to be found in Suffolk. He, like Miles Graye II, possessed nomadic habits and was also established at King's Lynn.

Lichfield Cathedral has 10 bells, eight of which were cast by **Henry Bagley,** of Ecton, in 1688. He also appears in Hunts with bells at Bythorn (1682) and Kimbolton (1702).

Richard Chandler died in 1755 and is described in a burial register as a 'poor bell-founder,' this presumably from a financial point of view. Chandler had his foundry at Drayton Parslow, Bucks, and he produced bells in 1688 and 1699 for the Huntingdonshire villages, Ellington and Diddington, respectively.

Three bells were provided for churches at Great Paxton (1721), Keystone (1733) and Brampton (1741) by **Thomas Russell,** of Wootton, Bedfordshire. Apart from casting bells he also enjoyed the additional occupation as a clock and watchmaker—not an unusual sideline for a founder in the 1700's. His bells are found from 1715 to 1745, in which year he died.

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting, including election of officers, at 'The Rising Sun,' Carter Lane, E.C., Saturday, November 12th, at 6 p.m. Forthcoming practices: November 15th, St. Paul's Cathedral, 6.30 p.m.; November 22nd, St. Giles', Cripplegate, 6.45 p.m.; November 29th, St Michael's, Cornhill, 6.30 p.m.; December 6th, Southwark Cathedral, 6.45 p.m.—John Chilcott, Hon. Sec. 6922

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Meeting at Cudham, Saturday, Nov. 12th. Tea at The Cottage, Cacketts Lane, Cudham, Sevenoaks. Please notify Mr. K. J. Bickle at that address. No notification, make own arrangements.—C. A. Bassett. 6896

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—A meeting will be held at Duxford (6) on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—E. W. Bullman. 6891

ESSEX ASSOCIATION (S.W.) and MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION (N. and E.).—Joint meeting, November 12th, St. John's, Loughton (Church Lane). Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in adjoining hall. 6837

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Extraordinary general meeting, combined with Guildford District nomination meeting at Shalford on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Ringing to commence 2.30 p.m. 6898

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting at Charing, Novem-12th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. —R. L. Sills. 6847

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD. — Next meeting, Rolleston-on-Dove, Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. 6885

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Shiplake (8), on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea. Henley (8) available 7 to 8 p.m. 6874

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting, Rogate (6), Saturday, Nov. 12th, 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. No service owing to the illness of the Vicar. 6895

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—Practice at Wychbold, Saturday next, November 12th. Bells (6) available 7-9 p.m.—F. Hyde, Branch Sec. 6940

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Practice meeting at Kingston Seymour (6), Saturday, November 19th. Bells 5 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 6932

BEAMINSTER, DORSET.—An open day will be held on Saturday, November 19th, in aid of 'Bell Rehanging Fund.' Tower open to the general public from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2-9 p.m. All ringers welcome to ring from 6.30-9 p.m. 6875

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Meeting and ringing contest, Westoning, Saturday, November 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Contest 4. Tea and presentation of cup 5. Service 6 p.m. Names MUST be sent to Mr. R Churchill, 33, Turnpike Road, Husborne Crawley, Bletchley, not later than 16th.—K. G. Spavins, Dis. Sec. 6296

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Alsager meeting, November 12th, **cancelled.** Meeting at Barthomley, November 19th. Usual arrangements. Names by November 16th.—W. Kerr, 102, Moreton Road, Crewe. 6935

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Wallasey St. Nicholas', November 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea **free** for those notifying by Tuesday previous.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 6950

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—Meeting at Bilton, on Saturday, November 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., at St. Mark's School, where non-ringers can visit the Christmas bazaar. 6912

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION. — Next meeting on Saturday, November 19th, at Clay Cross. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to J. W. Price, 1, Bertrand Avenue, Clay Cross, Derbyshire.—B. A. Tollis, Hon. Sec. 6934

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Godmanchester, Saturday, November 19th, Bells (8) 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting.—M. J. Dyer, Dis Sec. 6955

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting, Kirby-le-Soken, Saturday, November 19th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea. Numbers for tea, please, by Wednesday, Nov. 16th, to Mr. U. Wildney, Laurel Cottage, Kirby-le-Soken, Frinton-on-Sea.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Nomination meeting, Banstead, Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea in Lady Neville Pavilion, 5 p.m., followed by business. To ensure tea *please* notify by Nov. 16th Mr. H. N. Pitstow, Saffron, High Street, Banstead.—A. H. Smith. 6893

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.— Farnham District.—Meeting at Yorktown (8) and Hawley (8), on Saturday, November 19th. Ringing at Yorktown 2.30-4.30 p.m., followed by service, tea and business meeting. Ringing at Hawley 6-9 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, November 16th, to Mr. F. J. Farr, 1, Bristow Road, Camberley, Surrey. 6928

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—A combined practice, Westbury, Saturday, November 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m.—G. Randle, Hon. Sec. 6941

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Harpenden (8 bells), Saturday November 19th, 3 p.m. Service. Tea. Names for tea to Mrs. M. A. Coburn, 3, Lea Road, Harpenden. Special method: Gainsborough Little Bob Major.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 6938

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting, Bethersden (6), Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mr. H. Jarvis, Cheriton, Ashford Road, Bethersden. —C. T. H. 6892

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Chislet (6), Saturday, November 19th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. p.m. Tea, School Hall, 2s. per head. Names together with cash by Wednesday, November 16th, please, to Hon. District Secretary, T. C. Phillimore, 47, St. Peter's Grove, Canterbury. 6847

LADIES' GUILD. — Midland District.—Meeting, Measham, Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells available: Desford (6), 3 to 3.30; Measham (8), 3 to 4.30 and after tea: Swepstone (6), 7 to 7.30; Ibstock (6), 8 to 8.30. Service, Measham, 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Nov. 16th to Rev. A. J. Day, Measham Vicarage, Burton-on-Trent, Staffs.—W. M. Warwick, Actg. Hon. Sec. 6882

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, November 19th, at West Didsbury (Christ Church). Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Cups of tea.—W. H. Riddle, Sec. 6951

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton Mowbray District.—Meeting at Long Clawson, on Saturday, November 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting in the Church Room at 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, 16th, please, to Mr. E. Tinsley, Long Clawson.—T. Templeton, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Woodhouse Eaves, Saturday, November 19th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., Church Room. Names by 16th, to Mr. F. Chambers, Main Street, Woodhouse Eaves.—C. W. Hall. 6913

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Great Glenn, November 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., the Crown Inn.—L. W. Allen. 6939

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Donington (8), Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by 16th to Mr. S. V. Woods, 14, Market Place, Donington, Spalding. 6886

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Lindsey Branch.—Next meeting, Lea, Saturday, Nov 19th. Bells, afternoon and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify me by Tuesday previous.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 6879

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Meeting at Mathern (6), Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business. Names for tea, please.—J. S. King. 6881

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, November 19th. Nomination of officers, etc. Place and times will be announced in next week's issue. Everyone welcome.—L. Bullock, Dis. Sec. 6953

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—South and West District.—Meeting, Saturday, November 19th, at St. Martin's, Ruislip. Ringing 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Business meeting 6 o'clock in St. Martin's Vestry, followed by further ringing. Own arrangements for tea. —E. R. Gotham, Dis. Sec. 6952

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Arborfield, on November 19th, at 6 p.m. Special method: Norwich Surprise.—B. C. Castle. 6908

SALISBURY GUILD.—Calne Branch.—Meeting, Compton Bassett (5), November 19th. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please, to F. Rumming, 43A, Compton Bassett, Calne, Wilts.—W. Hacker. 6943

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting, South Collingham (5), Saturday, Nov. 19th, 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Bring own tea—cups of tea available. North Collingham (6), 6 to 8 p.m.—W. L. Exton, Hon. Sec. 6883

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Mansfield District.—Meeting, Edwinstowe, Saturday, November 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15 p.m., for those notifying by Thursday, 17th. Mrs. R. Woodhead, 12, Church Street, Edwinstowe, Mansfield, Notts.—D. H. Rooke, Dis. Sec. 6916

SUFFOLK GUILD.—West Central District.—Practice meeting at Thrandeston (6), November 19th. Bells 6.30 p.m. Special methods: Ipswich, Oxford Bob and College Exercise.—H. Mitson, Dis. Sec. 6921

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Ditchling (8), Saturday, November 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify numbers by Tuesday, November 15th, to George North, 11, Richmond Terrace, Brighton. 6923

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Combined practice at Wolverton, on Saturday, November 19th. Bells (6) available at 6 p.m. —D. Cane. 6917

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Practice meeting, Havant, Saturday, November 19th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in Parish Hall. Names by previous Tuesday, to Mr. A. M. Marshall, Springfield, Rectory Lane, Havant. 6945

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Meeting at Great Budworth, Saturday, November 26th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. service 4.30 p.m. Bring own food, cups of tea provided.—R. W. Worrall, Hon. Sec. 6924

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting, Saturday, November 26th, Wethersfield. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. M. E. Moore, 244, Broad Road, Bocking, Braintree. 6925

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Paul's, Chippenham, Saturday, November 26th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 4.45, St. Paul's Hall, followed by business meeting. Service 6.15 p.m. Names for tea to H. Heath, 89, London Road, Chippenham, Wilts. 6937

GUILD OF MEDICAL RINGERS.—London meeting, Saturday, November 26th. Ringing: Holy Trinity, West Hill, Wandsworth, 3-4 p.m.; St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, 4.45-6. Dinner—Redcliffe Hotel, Fulham Road, 6.45 for 7.15 p.m. Names to D. L. Gullick, Mount View, Stevenage. 6954

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Nomination meeting at Chobham, Saturday, November 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Tuesday, to Mr. R. Collins, The Mount Cottage, Mimbridge, Chobham, Surrey. 6948

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Meeting at Watton, on Saturday, November 26th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by the business meeting. Names for tea by Thursday, 24th, to Miss Dorothy Wilton Jones, Watton. 6947

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—Quarterly meeting and rededication of 7th bell, Buckland, November 26th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, November 23rd, to R. F. J. Gilling, Branch Sec., Fernham, Faringdon, Berks. 6944

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—November 26th, practice meeting, Broadchalke. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names by 22nd, please, to Miss Eloie, 8 Albany Road, Salisbury. 6915

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Nomination meeting, Saturday, November 26th, Immanuel, Streatham, bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting following in Church Hall. Names for tea by Wednesday previous, to Mrs. O. Collins, of 17, Hamilton Road, Thornton Heath. Ringing at St. John's, Croydon, 7-8 p.m., followed by a performance in the church, especially arranged for ringers, of 'Son et Lumiere.' This is a portrayal of 1,000 years of Croydon's history in sound and light.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 6931

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(Preacher: The Rev. G. Rainbow, Vicar of Leominster.)
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Everyone welcome.
Visitors will be entertained to coffee in the Parish Lounge after Evensong.
6870

SOCIETY OF RAMBLING RINGERS.—Annual dinner and A.G.M. at the Imperial Hotel, Birmingham, on December 10th. Ringing at St. Chad's, St. Philip's and St. Martin's. Names by December 1st, please, to Miss C. Eustace, 28, Vicarage Road, Rugby. 6946

KETTERING RINGER'S LONG SERVICE RECORD

October 1st was a red letter day for Mr. R. F. Turner, Kettering's veteran ringer. He celebrated his 80th birthday and also his 60 years' as a ringer at the Parish Church. He joined the new band, formed in 1900, and is the only survivor.

An attempt for a peal of Little Bob Royal (Mr. Turner standing in) was lost after 1¼ hours through a shift course. In the band was Mr. G. C. Goodman, of Kingston-on-Thames, formerly of Kettering, who learnt to ring here under Mr. Turner and others.

After the ringing the Rector, Canon H. G. L. Roberts, and the ringers were entertained to tea by Mr. Turner in the Parish Room. The Rector paid tribute to Mr. Turner's long service, loyalty and regularity for service ringing, and wished him health and strength to add to this wonderful record. He also extended to him birthday greetings from the company present.

Mr. A. H. Idle, captain of the tower, also added his tributes and thanks to Mr. Turner for his hospitality. Mr. Turner was captain of the tower for well over 30 years, and many years ago did good service as branch secretary of the Kettering Branch of the Central Northants Association, the forerunner of the Peterborough Guild. He now is always willing to help out in the surrounding towers. He is a real 'Servant of the Exercise.'

R. G. B.

Society Of Sherwood Youths

The meeting of the Society of Sherwood Youths, held at Hucknall, on October 29th, was attended by about 45 members and visitors. Methods rung included Superlative, Bristol, London, Stedman and Spliced Bob methods. A free tea was provided by the ringers of Hucknall, and a short service was conducted by Canon Thompson. Amongst the visitors were Mr. Scattergood, from Chesterfield, and another ringer from the same tower.

OBITUARY

MR. TOM MILLINGTON

The death of Mr. Tom Millington in hospital on October 23rd came as a great shock to all his ringing friends in the North Wales Association and in the Chester area.

He had been a ringer at Hope for many years, and his enthusiasm and ready smile were an inspiration and encouragement to all who had the pleasure to meet him. He was most regular in his attendance at meetings and often his car arrived, bursting at the seams, with those he was always 'giving a lift' to. He attended our last monthly meeting at Wrexham, on October 12th, but he was not able to take part in the ringing.

Recently he gave up farming on his own account and took a post with the Forestry Commission, to 'keep him out of mischief.'

To his widow we express our deepest sympathy and trust it won't be too long before she joins us again at our practices. R.I.P.

D. H. B. M.

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DONCASTER, YORKS.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. D. Spencer (first quarter on tower bells) 1, Kathleen Mallender 2, Marguerite Battram 3, G. Graham 4, E. Dalingwater 5, H. Wagstaff 6, W. E. Critchley (cond.) 7, G. White 8.

PAULERSPURY, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Hinton 1, P. Foster 2, J. Booth 3, R. Payne 4, K. Sheldon (cond.) 5, J. Elliot 6. A 21st birthday compliment to ringer of 6th.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: D. J. Bodicoat (first of Stedman) 1, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 2, M. G. Wood 3, Mrs. B. G. Warwick 4, B. M. Smith 5, D. W. Stenson 6. First of Stedman Doubles for 3, 5, 6. For Evensong.

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	—	—		34625
X				42356
	—	—		53624
X				32546
		—	2	35426
X				52364
		—		65324
	—		—	43526
X				32465
		—	—	46325
	—	2	3	62534
X			3	23645
		—	3	42635
X				23456

2 and 3 never in 6ths place.

5,024 WYE SURPRISE MAJOR

By NORMAN SMITH

5/4	B	W	H	
		3		64523
		—	(3)	26543
		—		42563
	X			35642
	—			54326
		—		25346

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REFLECTIONS ON A GREAT EVENING

'EVERY man has during his life the experience of at least one good news story,' the late Lord Northcliffe once remarked. And what a collection of good news stories the assembly of 175 ringers and non-ringing friends could have told at the 323rd anniversary dinner of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

There were some present whose great life story has yet to be told, for the College Youths, despite its tradition being well-rooted in ringing history, does not scorn youth. Any male 14 years of age or over who has rung a quarter peal is eligible for membership. The Ancient Society would never have collected such a sprinkling of real hoary veterans of 50 and 60 years' membership without them, and while these were being honoured with a dignity that befitted their age, more than one of the assembly was making a mental calculation that in five, ten or 15 years he would have earned this respect. Of the 60-year membership class, there were only two present. One was George E. Symonds, of Ipswich, whose reputation as a 12-bell ringer and composer stands high. As a composer, like the late Jimmy George who was evolving new peals and compositions to the very end, George Symonds still derives pleasure in this part of the Exercise.

The other was Mr. E. G. Fenn, who since the last dinner had had a peal rung in honour of his golden wedding. He will go down in history as the Master of the College Youths during the eventful years of the last war, when in the City of London ten rings of bells were lost by enemy action, three in East London and five in other parts of the Metropolis. Years of sorrow and anguish to those who loved bells, for in addition the 'Coffee Pot,' the traditional meeting place of the Society, was blitzed. But Ernest has lived to see a great rebuilding and restoration of City bells—indeed the problem before the ringing societies of London today is to find teams to man the new bells.

A smaller number than usual stood up to acknowledge 50 years' membership—but they all bore famous names whose memory will be perpetuated in the history of London ringing as bridging the early decades of this century. There was Albert A. Hughes, a master of anecdote of London ringers and ringing, and one of the greatest College Youths of all time. Except the secretaryship, he has held every office in the Society. The Whitechapel Bell Foundry was the wartime home of the Society—nay, it was more than that, the repository of many of the bells from the bombed churches, except those buried beneath rubble and debris. And now as the post-war bells of London ring out from St. Clement Danes', St. Lawrence Jewry and other towers, attentive ears listen and say 'Hughes' glory.' In the old world and the new the Whitechapel Foundry is known in connection with bells and with another famous family firm, John Taylor's, of Loughborough—the two great survivors of bell-founders' art in this country. With confidence we can say England gives the world its best bells.

Another colourful figure, who with reluctance stood to acknowledge his 50 and more years' membership, was Mr. Alfred H. Peck. For 20 years he was secretary of the Society. Born at Bedford, where he learnt to ring, he is particularly proud of the fact that he went to John Bunyan's school. He inherited all John Bunyan's love of bells but never his fear that because of the wickedness of ringing the bells would fall down on him! His long years of faithful service at St. Paul's Cathedral, particularly on the heavy end, will long be remembered, for it is no light undertaking to come up from Reigate, in the heart of Surrey, to ring Sunday by Sunday. There is something very likeable about Alf Peck: the number who wanted to show their friendship by drinks as a tribute of affection was staggering. All the good-humoured bluntness that characterised the old London ringer is part of his make-up; whether blame or praise, it came straight from the shoulder.

Sitting opposite Alfred Peck was sleek, grey-haired Henry Hodgetts, whose appearance belies his advancing years. 'The safest ringer I ever knew,' commented Alfred, and then proceeded to tell stories of their long association with London ringing, both in peals and on great occasions in the City. Among their many bonds was the ringing of Bow bells for the recording of the B.B.C. time signal, probably 25 years ago. There is only one other survivor of that band—Herbert Langdon, and his absence from the gathering was regretted.

Finally, as we look at this great Society, we see the burden of responsibility passing to a much younger generation. Although no word of appreciation was said, everyone present was conscious of the contribution made to the success of the evening by John Chilcott, the secretary, who since assuming office three years ago has had conferred upon him the conductorship of St. Paul's Cathedral band, one of the outstanding positions in the Exercise today. And those who rang so meticulously the bob course of Stedman Cinques 'in hand' were, with one exception, all of his generation. Leadership of the Ancients for the next few years will be in the hands of young men. The old men of the past will sit back—no, not to criticise, but to smile with satisfaction in the knowledge that the torch carried so valiantly, and at times under great difficulties, is being held aloft by young men who are not only masters of their craft but are imbued with the spirit of keeping the College Youths in the forefront of change-ringing today.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Oct. 27, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Norman J. Goodman	*Treble*	David J. Purnell	7
John McDonald	2	Barrie Hendry	8
Bryan D. A. Woolley	3	George E. Fearn	9
Roderick W. Pipe	4	A. Patrick Cannon	10
Roderick W. Lees	5	John A. Anderson	11
John Pinfold	6	Peter Border	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by Peter Border.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
At the Collegiate Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 33 cwt. 21 lb. in C sharp.

Frank E. Haynes	*Treble*	David J. Purnell	7
Bryan D. A. Woolley	2	Anthony Ager	8
Arthur V. Pearson	3	Peter Border	9
Clifford Skidmore	4	Henry H. Fearn	10
John McDonald	5	George E. Fearn	11
John A. Anderson	6	Richard E. Price	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by Peter Border.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Nov. 3, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip,
A PEAL OF 5042 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Muriel Reay	*Treble*	David J. Purnell	7
Norman J. Goodman	2	Barrie Hendry	8
Bryan D. A. Woolley	3	John A. Anderson	9
Roderick J. Pipe	4	Ralph G. Edwards	10
Roderick J. Lees	5	George E. Fearn	11
John Pinfold	6	Peter Border	*Tenor*

Conducted by Peter Border.

TEN BELL PEALS

TWICKENHAM, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 27, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Hallows,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL
Comprising 1,840 Pudsey and 1,600 each of Cambridge and Yorkshire, with 39 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 20 cwt.

William A. Theobald	*Treble*	Brian J. Woodruffe	6
Ronald F. Diserens	2	Giles C. Galley	7
Alan F. Thirst	3	Robert C. Kippin	8
John D. Rock	4	Philip Mehew	9
Noel J. Diserens	5	Wilfred Williams	*Tenor*

Arranged by Richard F. B. Speed. Conducted by Wilfred Williams.
First peal of Spliced Surprise Royal on the bells.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes.*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 34¼ cwt. in C sharp.

Mrs. N. Chaddock	*Treble*	Barry Holland	6
Dr. Richard E. Price	2	Herbert O. Chaddock	7
*Raymond Woodward	3	Fred Fisher	8
Susan Chaddock	4	Norman Chaddock	9
Gordon K. Chaddock	5	John N. D. Chaddock	*Tenor*

Composed by A. Cattell. Conducted by Norman Chaddock.
* First peal of Royal.
Rung to welcome the new Vicar (Rev. Gerald Hollis, M.A.) to the parish of Rotherham.

SWINDON, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
At Christ Church,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 22 cwt. 9 lb. in E flat.

Victor Griffin	*Treble*	A. Terence Collins	6
Eric Sutton	2	†Arthur W. Sayers	7
Reginald W. Rex	3	Reginald T. Jones	8
*Michael J. Stanley	4	†Reginald F. Crook	9
Ronald F. Diserens	5	Geoffrey K. Dodd	*Tenor*

Composed by Henry J. Tucker. Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.
* First peal on ten bells. † First of Royal. First on ten as conductor.
Rung for the 109th anniversary of the dedication of the church, which falls on November 12th.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

EAST MOLESEY, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 10, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

Catherine M. Powell	*Treble*	John F. M. Maybrey	5
J. Marilyn A. Gibbs	2	*Roy Collins	6
Sylvia Marsh	3	Martyn W. Harbott	7
Dennis G. Blows	4	E. John Wells	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by E. John Wells.
* 50th peal for the Guild. First peal on the bells since 1924.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Sept. 12, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
A PEAL OF 5056 OXFORDSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

Shirley Harris	*Treble*	Edward Jenkins	5
Carol Fernley	2	Leslie Boumphrey	6
Eileen M. Fearn	3	Robert B. Smith	7
Basil Jones	4	Brian Harris	*Tenor*

Composed by E. W. Tipler. Conducted by Brian Harris.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Guild.

HANDSWORTH, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in F.

Muriel Reay	*Treble*	John Pinfold	5
Marion S. Ainsworth	2	David J. Purnell	6
Arthur V. Pearson	3	Alan J. Ainsworth	7
Norman J. Goodman	4	George E. Fearn	*Tenor*

Composed by George Baker. Conducted by Alan J. Ainsworth.

HARTHILL, YORKSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of All Hallows,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in F.

*Frank Cooke	*Treble*	Herbert T. Rooke	5
Arthur B. Cooper	2	Harold Wagstaffe	6
George Challans	3	Dennis Cooper	7
Dennis A. Smedley	4	Douglas H. Rooke	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Douglas H. Rooke.
* First peal of Major.

GRAYSHOTT, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Oct. 16, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Luke,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's One-Part. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in A flat.

Charles W. Denyer	*Treble*	*Graham Yarborough	5
*Rita Moore	2	E. John Wells	6
Edward J. Bragg	3	Tom Page	7
*Peter Stevens	4	*John Crayden	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. John Wells.
* First peal at first attempt.
Rung to celebrate the diamond jubilee of the church.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in F.

Arthur V. Pearson	*Treble*	Barrie Hendry	5
Norman J. Goodman	2	George E. Fearn	6
Clifford Skidmore	3	John A. Anderson	7
John Pinfold	4	Peter Border	*Tenor*

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Peter Border.

TANWORTH-IN-ARDEN, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalen,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in F sharp.

*J. David Atkinson	*Treble*	Geoffrey Davies	5
R. Ann Barr	2	Paul W. Webb	6
Charles A. S. Webb	3	*Roger J. Gay	7
Roderick W. Pipe	4	John McDonald	*Tenor*

Conducted by John McDonald.
* First peal of Surprise. First of Major and of Surprise for the Society.

WOLSTANTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's One-Part. Tenor 14 cwt.

*ELIZABETH SNELL	*Treble*	LESLIE WALLEY	5
*PATRICIA ROBINSON	2	ROBERT ARROWSMITH	6
RACHEL SNELL	3	DOUGLAS R. WHALLEY	7
RONALD BARLOW	4	PHILLIP S. WHALLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by DOUGLAS R. WHALLEY.

* First peal.

Rung before the special service of the C.E.M.S. (North Staffs Area) in connection with the centenary celebrations of the restoration of the church.

COWBRIDGE, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb.

*ARTHUR W. THOMAS	*Treble*	DAVID LLEWELLYN	5
JACQUELINE S. KING	2	TREVOR T. LEWIS	6
ROBERT E. COLES	3	DAVID J. KING	7
THOMAS YEOMANS	4	†LEWIS GROOM	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID J. KING.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First peal.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21¼ cwt. in E.

*ERNEST G. PEARCE	*Treble*	ALAN R. SYDER	5
*JAMES B. MORLEY	2	RODERICK W. PIPE	6
*ANDREW T. BECKWITH	3	CECIL W. PIPE	7
*ROGER L. K. WHITTELL	4	*LESLIE N. MELTON	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.
* First peal of Bristol Surprise Major.

HEPTONSTALL, YORKSHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.
A PEAL OF 5160 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR

In 29 methods, including Plain Bob, Double Bob, Reverse Bob, Little Bob, Gainsborough, Fulbeck, Cleatham, Nelson, Hudson, Wavertree, Ogden, Leigh, Blackley, Smith, Crayford College, Lesser Wopping, Wellington Little Court, Hackington, Canterbury, Scholfield, Fishwick, Childwall, Tolleshunt D'Arcy, Goldhanger, Fielden, St. Clement's, Crayford Little Court, Bastow and Kent Little Court; with 263 changes of method. Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in E.

NORMAN SMITH	*Treble*	PHILIP H. J. HUDSON	5
F. JOHN NELSON	2	MICHAEL D. FISHWICK	6
PETER SCHOLFIELD	3	JOHN H. FIELDEN	7
ROGER LEIGH	4	DEREK OGDEN	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.

Believed to be the greatest number of Plain Major methods rung to a peal on tower bells.

Rung for the 700th anniversary of the dedication of the church.

HINGHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Oct. 30, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 28 lb.

WILLIAM CLOVER	*Treble*	DAVID CUBITT	5
FREDA P. GREAVES	2	THOMAS SPIGHT	6
*GILBERT LARTER	3	BEVAN W. WILLGRESS	7
HENRY TOOKE	4	GEOFFREY R. DREW	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by BEVAN W. WILLGRESS.
* First peal of Major. First of Major as conductor.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Oct. 31, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
A PEAL OF 5056 BERKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

JOHN R. GILDEN	*Treble*	RONALD J. JOHNSTON	5
FRANK OSBALDISTON	2	BASIL JONES	6
EILEEN M. FEARN	3	*LESLIE BOUMPHREY	7
CAROL FERNLEY	4	BRIAN HARRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by S. H. WOOD. Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.
* 50th peal this year. 25th peal on the bells this year. First in the method on the bells for the Guild, and by all the band.

SHIPLAKE, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Nov. 2, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in F sharp.

*JOHN MANLEY	*Treble*	RONALD F. DISERENS	5
JENNIFER M. DAVIES	2	ERNEST J. MUNDAY	6
†PATRICIA HEATHER	3	JOHN N. DISERENS	7
DONALD H. NIBLETT	4	NOEL J. DISERENS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by NOEL J. DISERENS.
* First peal of Major. † First of London.

STOKE POGES, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Nov. 2, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Ten-Part (No. 6). Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.

D. KENVYN WALTERS	*Treble*	HOWARD OGLESBY	5
MRS. ARTHUR D. BARKER	2	*JAMES RUMBLE	6
ARTHUR D. BARKER	3	JOHN E. CAMP	7
WILFRID G. WILSON	4	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR D. BARKER.

* First peal of Stedman and at first attempt.

A 70th birthday compliment to the conductor.

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Nov. 3, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt.

H. GEORGE HART	*Treble*	REGINALD ROWLEY	5
ELSIE K. HART	2	*NEVILLE JENKINS	6
ALICK CUTLER	3	GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN	7
*CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	4	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	*Tenor*

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY.
Conducted by CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY.
* First peal in the method.

ALLESLEY, COVENTRY.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

ROGER HARRIS	*Treble*	L. MICHAEL CALLOW	5
FRANK W. PERRENS	2	JOHN W. T. TAYLOR	6
HUBERT G. SUMMERS	3	*COLIN SWEENEY	7
PAUL K. WILLIAMSON	4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	*Tenor*

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.
* First peal of Lincolnshire.

CHIPPING BARNET, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5024 BARNET SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt.

G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	*Treble*	ALICK CUTLER	5
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	2	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE	6
PATRICIA M. BOURN	3	THOMAS J. LOCK	7
PETER J. COLES	4	JACK S. DEAR	*Tenor*

Composed by HAROLD G. CASHMORE.
Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.
First peal in the method by all the band.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5152 LAVENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. in D.

*†MARY ROAST	*Treble*	*PATRICK W. SALTMARSH	5
PETER J. EVES	2	†JOE E. G. ROAST	6
ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON	3	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	7
DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
* 50th peal together. † 100th peal together. First in the method by all the band, and on the bells.

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THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1960, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's transposition. Tenor 22¼ cwt.

RALPH HARRIS	*Treble*	†ROBERT W. COLE	5
MRS. J. THOMAS	2	PATRICK HARRIS	6
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	3	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN	7
*COLIN B. LONGMORE	4	HAROLD E. RAXTER	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

* First peal of Stedman. † 50th peal.

LONDON, E.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1960, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN OF JERUSALEM, SOUTH HACKNEY,
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in E flat.

ANNE C. GARNETT	*Treble*	WILLIAM S. DEASON	5
GILLIAN A. NEAL SMITH	2	ALAN J. FROST	6
ROBIN G. LEALE	3	PHILIP MEHEW	7
STANLEY G. PONTING	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by W. BARTON. Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

LONDON, E.C.
THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1960, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OLAVE, HART STREET,
A PEAL OF 5056 ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in G.

J. MICHAEL LAKIN	*Treble*	SHELAGH R. COLLINS	5
*E. JANE LANGTON	2	N. DAVID ROBINSON	6
MIKAELA ERIK	3	GEOFFREY PRATT	7
DIANA M. LAWLESS	4	DEREK E. SIBSON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.

* 25th peal. First in the method by all the band except the treble ringer, and for the Society.

Rung as a compliment to Judith K. Essen and David Robinson on their engagement, and as a 21st birthday compliment to Judith K. Essen.

WATLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1960, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.
A PEAL OF 5040 ST. LEONARD'S BOB MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 8 lb. in E flat.

A. JAMES GLASS	*Treble*	FREDERICK R. SCOTT	5
WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	2	WILFRID G. WILSON	6
JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	3	EDGAR J. SMITH	7
J. KEITH WARD	4	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

First peal in the method (Collection of Plain Major Methods, No. 265).

Rung for the Feast of St. Leonard.

WESTERHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1960, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's variation. Tenor 23¼ cwt. in E.

FREDERICK J. CULLUM	*Treble*	TREVOR A. CROSS	5
WALTER H. DOBBIE	2	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	6
CYRIL S. JARRETT	3	JOHN W. SMITH	7
DORIS E. COLGATE	4	PETER F. BORER	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. SMITH.

First peal in the method as conductor.

WEST MALLING, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1960, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

*KEITH WALLIS	*Treble*	PETER CARTER	5
KATHLEEN M. YEO	2	ALEXANDER WADDINGTON	6
MAURICE E. DOWNS	3	E. S. JOHN HATCHER	7
JOHN NIXON	4	REGINALD L. SILLS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by REGINALD L. SILLS.

* First peal.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. Leslie Hills on the occasion of his induction as Vicar of this parish.

WOKINGHAM, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Sonning Deanery Branch.)
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 19 cwt.

WILLIAM J. H. PARKER	*Treble*	ARTHUR J. N. RANCE	5
BERNARD C. CASTLE	2	STANLEY G. DAY	6
RAYMOND K. RIVERS	3	HAROLD SMITH	7
ROBERT J. CASTLE	4	FREDERICK J. E. HICKS	*Tenor*

Conducted by BERNARD C. CASTLE.

First peal on the bells since rehanging.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

SIX BELL PEALS

EAST SUTTON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 17, 1960, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise, two each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

FRANK HICKS	*Treble*	BERNARD F. GROVES	4
OLIVE D. COUCHMAN	2	HERBERT W. WOOLVEN	5
THOMAS E. SONE	3	COLIN A. TESTER	*Tenor*

Conducted by COLIN A. TESTER.

TILNEY ALL SAINTS, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Sept. 19, 1960, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. in E.

WILLIAM ROSE	*Treble*	JOHN WILSON	4
FREDA P. GREAVES	2	*ERIC EMMERSON	5
GEORGE RICH	3	C. HAROLD WHITTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN WILSON.

* First peal. First as conductor.

BURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Wed., Sept. 28, 1960, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. BOTOLPH AND ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 15 methods: (1) Norfolk and Primrose Surprise, (2) Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise, (3) Thelwall and Childwall Bob, (4) Double Court Bob and College Single, (5) St. Clement's, Double Oxford and Oxford Bob, (6) Plain Bob and Double Bob, (7) Kent and Oxford T.B. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

ERNEST G. PEARCE	*Treble*	RODERICK W. PIPE	4
JACK PILGRIM	2	JAMES BENNETT	5
ROGER L. K. WHITTELL	3	LESLIE N. MELTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

The greatest number of Minor methods rung in a peal by the band, on the bells, and for the Guild.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1960, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court Bob, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 4 cwt. 10 lb. in D.

CECIL W. PIPE	*Treble*	ERNEST G. PEARCE	4
WILLIAM J. BUTTON	2	RONALD W. STEWARD	5
JAMES BENNETT	3	RODERICK W. PIPE	*Tenor*

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

The quickest peal by the band, on the bells, and for the Guild.

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1960, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being eight extents each of St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Stedman, Plain Bob and ten of Grandsire. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb.

GRACE BURCHNALL	*Treble*	WILLIAM L. EXTON	4
KATHERINE BURCHNALL	2	F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER	5
GEORGE E. FOSTER	3	CHARLES J. COPP	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.

BURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., Oct. 28, 1960, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. BOTOLPH AND ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 22 methods: (1) Cambridge, Ipswich, Norfolk, Primrose, Hull and Bourne Surprise; (2) Beverley, Surfleet and Durham Surprise; (3) London and Wells Surprise; (4) Plain Bob, Double Bob and Oxford Bob; (5) Thelwall, Childwall, Double Oxford and St. Clement's Bob; (6) Double Court Bob and College Single; (7) Kent and Oxford T.B. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

ERNEST G. PEARCE	*Treble*	JAMES B. MORLEY	4
JACK PILGRIM	2	PETER S. BEDFORD	5
RODERICK W. PIPE	3	LESLIE N. MELTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.

The most methods rung in a peal by the band, on the bells, and for the Guild.

CHURCHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1960, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 extents of Plain Bob, ten 12-scores and ten six-scores of Grandsire. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.

*MAY STEVENS	*Treble*	†FREDERICK TURNER	4
LEONARD SMITH	2	JOHN J. WEBB	5
RICHARD CHEW	3	*MICHAEL BANKS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN J. WEBB.

* First attempt for a peal. † First in two methods. Believed to be the first peal on these bells since 1887.

BELBROUGHTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being four extents of Spliced Grandsire and Stedman, 12 each of Plain Bob and April Day, and 14 of Grandsire.
Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

*YVONNE EDWARDS	*Treble*	MARTIN D. FELLOWS ..	4
MICHAEL J. FELLOWS ..	2	REV. ALBERT WEBB	5
JAMES E. PULLON	3	PETER J. BROWN	*Tenor*

Conducted by MARTIN D. FELLOWS.

* First peal of Doubles. First as conductor. First in the above denomination by all, and believed to be the first to be rung for the Association and in the county of Worcester.
Rung for the Feast of SS. Simon and Jude.

COUNTESTHORPE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being four extents of Kent T.B. and three of Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 17 lb.

PAUL MARTIN	*Treble*	JOHN J. MORRIS..	4
GEORGE DUDLEY	2	RUSSELL S. MORRIS	5
HAROLD KILBY	3	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN S. CHAPMAN.
The conductor has now 'circled the tower.'
Rung as a farewell to Canon G. Calcraft on his retirement.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 6¼ cwt.

CHARLES PERKINS	*Treble*	*JOHN G. AMES..	4
*J. MARTIN THORLEY ..	2	C. HAROLD WHITTON ..	5
ALAN G. PAYNE	3	FRANK TAYLOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.
* 25th peal together.

ELSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 240 Morris' and 40 extents of 120. Tenor 9 cwt. 24 lb.

*MARGARET E. CHILTON (14)	*Treble*	ARTHUR E. CHILTON.. ..	4
IVY ROE	2	JOHN R. PRATCHETT	5
†MICHAEL G. TRUMPER ..	3	F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. PRATCHETT.
* First peal at first attempt. † First 'inside.' First as conductor. 25th peal on the bells.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Rev. C. W. Howard, Rector of Elston 1922–1932, who died October, 1960, aged 94.

FRAMPTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Eastern Branch.)
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods, being one extent Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B., two of Cambridge Surprise, two of Plain Bob and one of St. Clement's.
Tenor 13 cwt.

LESLIE H. TAYLOR	*Treble*	ALBERT E. FLATTERS ..	4
JOHN P. MORRISS	2	THOMAS CUMMINS	5
JOSEPH W. BAILEY	3	HAROLD BARSLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS CUMMINS.
First peal in five methods as conductor.

LONGHOPE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 21 Morris' 12-scores. Tenor 11 cwt.

JOY SMITH	*Treble*	GEOFFREY GREEN	4
WILLIAM E. SPIERS	2	CHARLES PHILLIPS	5
MICHAEL V. POWELL.. ..	3	RALPH DAVIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY GREEN.

MERRIOTT, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob and five of Plain Bob.
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

REV. C. V. B. MARSHALL	*Treble*	SIDNEY W. WHITE	4
*HAROLD TURNER	2	*ALAN W. ROBINSON ..	5
*ALAN W. BEST..	3	WILLIAM E. TURNER ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.
* First peal in two methods.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

WISBECH ST. MARY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Sun., Oct. 30, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, called differently. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.

JOHN FOX	*Treble*	*EDWARD SHIPPEY	4
MRS. M. PARKER	2	*LEONARD HARVEY	5
*GEORGE SHARPE	3	MICHAEL PARKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by MICHAEL PARKER.
* First peal and first attempt by local ringers. First as conductor.
Rung on the fifth anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

BLYTHBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., Oct. 31, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven 720's in 11 methods, viz.: (1) Netherseale, (2) Surfleet and Beverley, (3) York and Durham, (4) London and Wells, (5) Ipswich and Cambridge, (6) Bourne, (7) Norwich.
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

*C. JACK GIBSON	*Treble*	PETER S. BEDFORD	4
JACK PILGRIM	2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT ..	5
RAYMOND PECK	3	JOHN W. BLYTHE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.
* 100th peal for the Guild.

STISTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Nov. 4, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven 720's: One each of London, Wells, Beverley and Cambridge Surprise, and College Exercise, Norbury and Duke of Norfolk Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

HAROLD W. MOORE	*Treble*	WALTER ARNOLD	4
ANDREW T. BECKWITH ..	2	CHARLES W. BURTON.. ..	5
JOHN A. WARNER	3	ALAN R. SYDER	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. SYDER.

ASFORDBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in nine methods: (1) Double Court, (2) Single Court, (3) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (4) Single Oxford and Plain Bob, (5) Cambridge Surprise, (6) Kent T.B., (7) Oxford T.B.
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in F.

R. KINGSLEY MASON ..	*Treble*	RICHARD E. CLIFTON ..	4
TOM HARRIS	2	ROLAND H. COOK	5
CECILIA D. COWLEY	3	DEREK P. JONES..	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
Rung for the Patronal Festival, and as an 87th birthday compliment to Evander L. Littlewood, ringer at this church for 72 years.

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BROOMFIELD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1960, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob and five of Plain Bob.
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

MARGARET E. PANTON	*Treble*	*JEREMY P. BRANDON	4
ANNE EDWARDS	2	ANDREW S. HUDSON	5
JAMES L. TOWLER	3	IAN R. PANTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by IAN R. PANTON.
* First peal. Average age of band 17 years.

ISHAM, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1960, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Comprising one 720 each of St. Clement's and Grandsire, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

JACQUELINE DOWNING	*Treble*	TIMOTHY A. WOODING	4
RONALD RUSSELL	2	PERCY AMOS	5
RICHARD WEBSTER	3	GEORGE F. ROOME	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE F. ROOME.
Rung to mark the 200th anniversary of Edward Perronet's hymn, 'All hail the power of Jesus' name,' written in 1760, following the writer's attendance at the coronation ceremony of George III.

KNUTSFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1960, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Consisting of one 720 each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob, and two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*NORMAN HOUGH	*Treble*	HAROLD WORRALL	4
*CHRISTOPHER JONES	2	*MICHAEL THOMPSON	5
HENRY PARKER	3	HARRY W. HOWARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.
* First peal in five methods.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the third, who has now 'circled the tower.'

WENTWORTH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1960, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 42 extents in three methods, viz.: 12 of Grandsire, 15 of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, 15 of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 12 lb. in G.

*ANDREW KING	*Treble*	*EDWIN P. KING	4
*M. ALEC BEAUMONT (13)	2	MICHAEL R. MEADOWS	5
MICHAEL KING	3	GEORGE R. HINER	*Tenor*

Conducted by MICHAEL R. MEADOWS.
* First peal. First as conductor. First of Doubles, and in three methods by all except the sixth ringer. The tenor ringer has now 'circled the tower.'

HANDBELL PEALS

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Syston District.)
On Mon., Oct. 31, 1960, in 1 Hour and 23 Minutes.
AT 15, SILEBY ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

F. KEVIN THOMPSON	1—2	B. STEDMAN PAYNE	3—4
		MALCOLM D. BARSBY	5—6

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.
Rung by members of his Sunday service band to congratulate the Vicar of Barrow (Rev. W. H. Dew) on his appointment as an honorary Canon of Leicester Cathedral.

OXFORD.
THE UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 2, 1960, in 1 Hour and 25 Minutes.
AT WADHAM COLLEGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINIMUS
Being 210 extents. Tenor size 11 in G.

DAVID T. DARBY	1—2	ANDREW N. STUBBS	3—4

Umpire: ANDREW THOMSON.

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HALF PEALS

BARROWBY, LINCS.—On Nov. 5th, 2,520 Minor (720 Oxford T.B., 1,800 Plain Bob): C. McCartney 1, F. W. Pinchbeck 2, P. A. Slight 3, J. E. Cook 4, D. A. Frith (cond.) 5, J. M. Simpson 6.

WATLINGTON, OXON.—On Oct. 29th, 2,880 Minor (Kent, Oxford and Plain Bob): Christine Clayton 1, B. Wakefield 2, P. Wycherley 3, A. Stubbs 4, N. Martin (cond.) 5, D. Darby 6.

ALDINGTON, KENT.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Hooker 1, Miss M. Jones 2, Miss M Vantom 3, C. T. Hillis 4, R. J. Carlton (cond.) 5, R. Swift 6. For Evensong.

ASH, SURREY.—On Oct. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): C. Harwood 1, Audrey Goodchild 2, Sylvia Sherwood 3, E. Sherwood 4, C. Champion (cond.) 5, P. Sherwood 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rt. Rev. Ivor S. Watkins, Bishop of Guildford.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Wingrove (cond.) 1, Dorothy Fletcher 2, G. Riglar (first quarter) 3, Ann Shiels 4, W. Henley 5, R. Broadley 6, A. Bridges 7, M. Broadley 8. For Evensong.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 30th, 1,504 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: E. Fosberry 1, B. White 2, H. F. Wood 3, E. R. Rapley 4, R. P. Wood 5, G. C. Rix 6, W. L. Weller 7, G. Francis (cond.) 8. For Evensong, and as a 21st birthday compliment to Mr. Bernard E. Matthews.

BLUNSDON, WILTS.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Doubles (St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob): Miss M. Aubrey 1, Miss S. A. Peake (first as cond. age 13) 2, Miss A. Porter 3, J. Vincent 4, A. R. Peake 5, Miss P. Hearne 6. For Harvest Festival.

BOOTLE, LANCS.—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. Ashworth 1, Miss W. Kenyon 2, M. C. Rogers 3, V. D. Jenner 4, J. Wilton (first as cond.) 5, R. Glover 6. First of Doubles for all the band.

BRADDEN, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. A. Brangwyn (first quarter) 1, G. G. Mansfield 2, C. Rigby 3, W. F. Eydon 4, A. W. Mansfield (cond.) 5. For Harvest Festival.

BURGESS HILL, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss R. Thompson (first quarter) 1, M. Walridge 2, D. S. Anderson 3, Miss A. Barclay (first quarter) 4, K. C. Knight (cond.) 5, A. Brown 6. Also 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. Ware (first quarter) 1, Mrs. K. C. Knight 2, Miss A. Dunnett (first 'inside') 3, D. S. Anderson 4, F. Godsmark (cond.) 5, G. Burrows 6. For Harvest Thanksgiving.

CAPEL, SURREY.—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Alice Ward (13, first quarter) 1, A. Harman (cond.) 2, Hannah Penfold 3, R. Tullett 4, Barbara Sheldon 5, P. Ede 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rt. Rev. Ivor Stanley Watkins, Bishop of Guildford.

CASTLE EATON, WILTS.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): Mrs. A. R. Peake 1, Mrs. G. Swain 2, J. T. Sawyer 3, M. Stanley 4, A. R. Peake (cond.) 5, G. Swain 6. For Harvest Evensong.

CHOBHAM, SURREY.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. J. Hudson 1, C. Hill 2, J. W. Priest 3, R. Collins (cond.) 4, D. G. Blows 5, R. G. Collins 6. For Harvest Thanksgiving. Also on Oct. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Ann Jupp 1, C. Hill 2, R. Collins (cond.) 3, J. W. Priest 4, D. G. Blows 5, R. G. Collins 6. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the Bishop of Guildford.

CHURCH GRESLEY, DERBYS.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, Grandsire, Plain Bob): I. Measures (13, first attempt for quarter) 1, D. P. Jones (cond.) 2, Joan Cotton 3, A. R. Pocklington 4, M. R. Blore 5.

DORCHESTER, OXON.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Diserens 1, Janet K. Secker 2, A. D. Barker (cond.) 3, Jennifer M. Davies 4, P. A. Wilkinson 5, W. Birmingham 6, C. E. Lewington 7, V. Cherril 8.

EARL'S CROOME, WORCS.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 All Saints' Bob Doubles: Christine Halling 1, E. Maund 2, M. Hawkes (cond.) 3, A. Halling 4, E. W. Penn 5, Anne Broxton 6. Rung on the Feast of All Saints.

EASTON MAUDIT, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure): F. Curtis 1, S. Silsby 2, R. Line (cond.) 3, N. Line 4, E. Smart 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. M. E. Allebone, people's warden for 25 years.

ELING, HANTS.—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Anne Akroyd (first quarter) 1, Ronda M. Purkess 2, M. D. G. Northway (cond.) 3, Gladys D. Kitcher 4, R. Buchanan 5, L. D. Smith 6.

QUARTER PEALS

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Meadows 1, A. R. Elkins 2, E. Box 3, R. North (first as cond.) 4, M. Marshall 5, R. J. Hasted 6, E. J. Wells 7, J. W. Marr 8. Also on Oct. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Elsmore 1, Miss A. Wells 3, R. North 4, C. W. Denyer 5, E. Box 6, E. J. Wells (cond.) 7, J. W. Marr 8.

FINCHLEY, MIDDX.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Richardson 1, F. Barker 2, Miss Ruth Foreman 3, L. Tubb 4, A. Warren (cond.) 5, S. Wallace 6, B. Willis 7, B. Watson 8. Rung for 20th Century Mass.

FOLKINGHAM, LINCS.—On Oct. 19th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. Lindsey 1, Miss I. Lindsey 2, C. T. H. Bradley 3, F. Derry 4, C. Wilkinson 5, J. H. Musson (cond.) 6. Rung at the conclusion of the collation and induction service of Canon F. R. Money, M.A., late of Winchester Cathedral, to the livings of Folkenham and Threekingham.

GRAVESEND, KENT.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Lowings 1, S. Penfold 2, J. Carrott 3, Miss J. Peacock 4, F. V. Gant 5, J. Fowler 6, L. S. Woods (cond.) 7, R. Constant 8.

HAVANT, HANTS.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. Marshall (first of Stedman) 1, Mrs. B. W. Hunt 2, J. Ball 3, D. S. Jones 4, H. A. Nobes 5, R. Wake 6, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 7, C. Parsons (first of Stedman) 8. For Patronal Festival.

HEIGHINGTON, CO. DURHAM.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Vasey 1, R. Bowser 2, E. Jackson 3, J. Robinson 4, J. Schofield 5, E. Thompson (first as cond.) 6. First quarter 1, 2, 4 and 5. First quarter by a parish band.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,440 Minor (Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob): Christine Froggatt (first of Treble Bob) 1, Susan Meredith and Doreen Armstrong 2, Ruth Blackshaw 3, M. W. Harrison 4, A. Larkin 5, F. Bradley 6. Conducted by Frank Bradley and Doreen Armstrong. For evening service and St. Luke's Day. Also on Oct. 24th, 1,260 Minor (Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob): Christine Froggatt 1, M. Poppleston (first of Minor) 2, Ruth Blackshaw 3, Doreen Armstrong 4, M. W. Harrison 5, F. Bradley 6. Conducted by Frank Bradley and Doreen Armstrong. First of Kent for 1, 2, 3 and 5.

HOLT, WILTS.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Drewitt 1, R. Humphries 2, Mavis Wright 3, J. Lucas 4, F. Box (cond.) 5, W. Stillman 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Rev. E. Lawson Brewis, interred at Holt the previous Wednesday.

HOPE, FLINTSHIRE.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. E. V. Woodcock 1, H. A. Price 2, W. H. Lewis (cond.) 3, F. R. Evans 4, D. H. B. Millward 5, W. Cathrall 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Tom Millington, a ringer at this church for many years, who was buried this afternoon.

HORSELL, SURREY.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Oliver 1, Miss J. Drury (first 'inside') 2, Miss P. Drury 3, J. Martin 4, A. D. Leach 5, B. Priestley (first 'inside' and first as cond.) 6. For Evensong.

KERESLEY, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 6th, 480 Plain Bob Doubles, 480 combined Plain Bob and Grandsire, 300 Grandsire: W. H. Allport 1, H. Folwell 2, Miss T. I. Bowcutt 3, W. A. Stote (cond.) 4, R. D. Hart 5. For Evensong.

LACOCK, WILTS.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Lovelock 1, R. Purnell (cond.) 2, R. Lovelock 3, M. Mace (first 'inside') 4, P. Gaisford 5, B. Lewis 6. First quarter 1 and 6.

LIMPSFIELD, SURREY.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Allen 1, E. Nixon (cond.) 2, Margaret Smith (first 'inside') 3, E. Jarrett 4, A. Terry 5, D. Weeks (first quarter) 6.

LINCOLN.—At St. Giles' Church, on Oct. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Norma Richardson (first quarter) 1, J. L. Millhouse (cond.) 2, H. L. Pask 3, Margaret Swann 4, P. A. Sharp 5, J. Burton 6, G. R. Parker 7, L. Willders and S. A. Chambers 8.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on Oct. 23rd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: P. J. Spice 1, A. M. Macve 2, Miss I. Inman 3, Miss M. E. Kirby 4, J. D. Faircloth 5, Mrs. B. D. Threlfall (first on 10 as cond.) 6, A. S. Richards 7, D. A. N. Holland 8, I. H. Oram 9, R. T. Newman 10. First on ten for 2, 4 and 5.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—At St. Michael's Church, on Sept. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Woodruffe 1, M. Gilbert 2, J. Nickson 3, B. Groves 4, J. Mannering 5, M. Howe (cond.) 6. Rung for Evensong on the eve of St. Michael's Day.

NEWARK-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—On Oct. 16th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Margaret Chilton 1, F. G. Hooper 2, Elisabeth Tutty 3, J. W. Raithby 4, H. Squires 5, A. E. Chilton 6, H. Stevenson 7, L. Squires 8, W. L. Exton (cond.) 9, D. Simpson 10. Rung for Gopher.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Valerie Colegrove 1, Joan Cheney 2, J. R. Haycock 3, W. C. Budd 4, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 5, Mrs. Margaret Went 6. For Harvest Festival, also birthday compliments to conductor and 2nd.

OCKHAM, SURREY.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss J. Warner 1, Miss J. Drury 2, Miss P. Drury 3, A. D. Leach 4, J. Martin (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Bishop of Guildford.

POWERSTOCK, DORSET.—On Oct. 29th, 1,440 Minor (London S. and St. Clement's): F. Knight 1, Mrs. C. W. Powell 2, W. Poole 3, H. G. Keeley 4, C. W. Powell (cond.) 5, G. S. Morris 6. First quarter peal on the augmented bells.

REDRUTH, CORNWALL.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Catherine Ruscoe 1, J. Williams 2, Mavis Wright 3, Allison Ince 4, E. V. Williams (cond.) 5, R. Drewett 6.

ST. CRANTOCK, CORNWALL.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Veale 1, D. Docking 2, J. Roberts 3, C. Stephens 4, Rev. W. H. R. Trewhella (cond.) 5, L. Moss 6.

ST. MARY CRAY, KENT.—On Oct. 16th, 1,140 Doubles (Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury and Grandsire): S. H. Hardy 1, F. Gorringe 2, R. Beard 3, F. G. Wheller 4, P. G. Braund (cond.) 5, A. Trigg 6. Rung for Matins, and as a compliment to Janet Evelyn, daughter of conductor, who was made a member of Christ's Church this day.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: J. K. Ward (first as cond. on 10) 1, E. S. T. Farr 2, Linda J. Kew 3, W. D. Ward 4, D. K. Walters 5, Pamela M. Jervis 6, A. D. Rivers 7, E. L. A. Hudson 8, W. Birmingham 9, F. R. Scott 10. For Sung Eucharist service.

SUNNINGWELL, BERKSHIRE.—On Oct. 24th, 1,440 Minor (Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob): Miss D. Honey 1, M. Jones 2, Miss J. Jones 3, J. Honey 4, W. G. Cudd 5, A. R. Pink (cond.) 6. Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to Jonathan Honey, formerly captain of this tower.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Nov. 6th, at Christ Church, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: W. W. T. Daniell 1, Mrs. P. Minchin 2, Dr. C. G. Roworth 3, Mrs. E. Sutton 4, M. J. Stanley (first of Grandsire Caters) 5, Dr. H. Craig 6, P. Minchin 7, R. G. Townsend 8, E. Sutton (cond.) 9, E. Vincent 10. For evening service on the occasion of the 109th birthday of the church.

TEWIN, HERTS.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,309 Grandsire Doubles: F. H. Garrod 1, M. L. Jordan 2, D. M. Gambling 3, H. Shire 4, P. C. F. Wooster (cond.) 5, C. H. Geeves 6. Rung half-muffled for All Souls' Day.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBS.—On Oct. 27th, 1,232 Grandsire Triples (from Parker's One Part): P. Bergdahl (first on eight) 1, Miss K. Willers 2, P. H. Pigg 3, E. G. Hibbins (cond.) 4, H. Muncey (first of Grandsire Triples) 5, Miss H. Muirhead 6, J. W. Quinney 7, R. Dennis 8.

UXBRIDGE, MIDDX.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): M. Sheehan 1, H. W. Impey (cond.) 2, V. Mitchell 3, P. Phillips 4, E. R. Gotham 5, D. G. Rowlands 6, F. Bedford 7, J. Ing 8. For Matins, and a birthday compliment to Mrs. P. Phillips.

WANTAGE, BERKS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Gillian Bailey (first quarter) 1, I. Stoter 2, J. White 3, K. Leach (cond.) 4, A. E. Fullbrook 5, H. White 6, A. R. Wood 7, D. Stoter 8. A tribute to the Rev. A. C. A. Chetwynd-Talbot on his last Sunday as Vicar.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Nov. 6th, 1,440 Minor (St. Clement's and Plain Bob): Hermione Hockey 1, J. Faircloth 2, L. W. G. Skinner 3, R. E. Finch 4, A. S. Richards (cond.) 5, D. Holland 6.

WHISTON, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. F. Roome (cond.) 1, T. Jennings (aged 80) 2, P. Amos 3, T. A. Wooding 4, J. C. Rainbow 5. For Evensong.

WINFORD, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Hall 1, H. Knight (cond.) 2, C. York 3, A. G. Hazzard 4, A. Worle 5, H. Worle (first quarter) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Rev. A. J. H. Hobbs (Rector), interred this day.

WISBECH ST. MARY, CAMBS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Burrows 1, G. Sharpe 2, Miss D. Green 3, J. Bird 4, A. Gower 5, L. Harvey (cond.) 6. Rung in farewell to J. Bird.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. J. D. Johnson has waited for 46 years to conduct a peal at Ledbury, Herefordshire—his father's native town and the tower in which he learnt his early ringing. On August Monday, 1914, he had been invited to conduct a peal of Grandsire for the local band, but the outbreak of the 1914 war cancelled this attempt. The opportunity did not recur until the peal of Stedman on November 5th this year.

We regret to learn of the passing, on November 1st, of Mr. Benjamin Barker, a loyal member of St. Peter's band, Derby.

Miss Ann Brown, a well known Australian ringer, who has been in England recently, was married last Saturday at St. Michael's (R.C.) Church, Huntingdon, to Mr. David Henby, a member of the U.S.A. Air Force.

After an absence from ringing for many years, by reason of his occupation, Mr. J. Ramble, sometime of Croydon, rang his bell faultlessly in a peal of Stedman Triples, at Stoke Poges, on November 2nd.

The peal of Lincolnshire Surprise at Allesley, Coventry, on November 5th, was rung on the 50th anniversary of Mr. Frank W. Perrens' first peal and he called the same composition as he did when the first peal of Lincolnshire was rung in 1928.

Mr. John N. D. Chaddock (19), turned in Rotherham tenor (34¼ cwt.), to a peal of Plain Bob Royal, to welcome the new Vicar. He is the youngest ringer to do so and received the hearty congratulations of the band on a good job at the conclusion of the peal.

Liverpool University Society has now the use of the bells of St. Francis Xavier's Church, Liverpool, for practices every Friday from 6 to 7 p.m. As the Society is still few in numbers, any visitors would be made very welcome.

The tower of St. Mary's Church, Brecon, is undergoing repairs, estimated to cost £1,770. Ravages of the weather have loosened much of the masonry at the top of the tower and the parapet, gargoyles and buttresses. So far only £200 has been received.

Towards the cost of providing a memorial bell at Guildford New Cathedral to Mr. A. H. Pulling nearly £240 has been received. At an extraordinary general meeting of the Guildford Diocesan Guild on Saturday, it was decided to transfer money standing in the Cathedral Bell Fund towards this object and also to consider winding up the Benevolent Fund of the Guild. Another £200 at least is urgently required. Donations to Mr. C. W. Denyer, 15, Crondall Lane, Farnham.

The bells of St. Mary's, Southampton, will be broadcast, prior to the 9.45 a.m. service, next Sunday (November 20th), on the West Home Service (258m. and 206m.).

Congratulations were extended by many friends at the Guildford Diocesan Guild meeting on Saturday to Mr. F. N. Wicks on his recent marriage.

Still going strong is Mr. Tom Jennings, of St. Sepulchure's, Northampton, who will be 81 in January. He rang a quarter peal at Whiston on November 6th with precision, on bells which many ringers fight shy at handling. Congratulations Tom!

Regarding our report of the bells on the Queen Mary an error occurred in our paragraph (page 754). Dr. Lefevere has recently retired from the post of carillonneur at the Riverside Church. He is not carillonneur at Bournville. Mr. Clifford Ball, a friend of many ringers, holds that post.

'The statistics given in H. E. Taylor's letter, re "Gratefully Acknowledged," seem to indicate that the more "highfalutin" one's ringing becomes the less one needs to support the organ which does so much for peal ringers.'—Comment by South Yorks ringer.

Before Mrs. Mary C. Poyner went to Pulverbatch, Shropshire, to conduct her first peal, she read her horoscope in the morning newspaper. It stated: 'Keep your wits about you or you will be "beaten to the post" in some ambitious project.' She succeeded and is believed to be the first lady to call a peal in the county of Salop.

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JOINT MEETING AT HILLINGDON

The day was gloomy, and the rain hardly stopped for a moment on October 29th, when the annual meeting of the Ladies' Guild, Middlesex Association and the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at Hillingdon. This annual event was not dampened by the weather, as about 80 ringers supported the meeting.

During the afternoon St. Andrew's, Uxbridge, was open for ringing as well as St. John's, Hillingdon. Mr. Fred Goodfellow started the ringing at both towers, and then Mr. Frank Blagrove took charge of the eight bell ringing at St. Andrew's, while Mr. Derek Fowles looked after the ten bell ringing at St. John's. On the whole the ringing was good.

We were very grateful to the Vicar of Hillingdon, Rev F. C. Tyler, who conducted a most enjoyable service in which the Rev. Mr. Swindells, curate of St. Mary's, Slough, preached a evry interesting sermon.

A magnificent tea was provided in the Church Hall, and this year the responsibility was taken over from Mrs. Goodfellow, who has catered so well for us in the past, by Mrs. A. R. Turley. The Vicar again welcomed the various ringers to Hillingdon. Mrs. Locke replied for the Ladies' Guild and said that there were about 30 ladies present and this, compared with the first meeting, which was held about 25 years ago, was very good.

The Ringing Master, of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch, Mr. E. G. Swift, thanked the ladies of Hillingdon for the splendid tea. He added that unlike most years, when it is said, 'The same old faces are here,' looking around he could see many new, young faces, which was most encouraging.

The meeting stood in silence to remember two faithful ringers who had passed away—Mr. George Gilbert, of Burnham, and Mr. James W. Parker, late of Edmonton.

Mr. A. D. Barker proposed votes of thanks to the Vicar, also the organist and choir for their attendance.

The tables were quickly moved away for a very pleasant social evening which followed. A touch of Stedman Triples was rung on the handbells and Mr. George Hart showed coloured slides of towers in Somerset, which he visited this summer with the American boys. The annual tussle between the Middlesex and Oxford ringers for the famous China Cup was again won by Middlesex. Games and dancing followed and thanks were given to Mrs. Locke for her assistance in organising the games.

D. H.

AN OUTING IN NORTH DEVON

On October 22nd two Devon and five Somerset ringers spent an enjoyable day amongst the sixes of North Devon. A narrow, twisting 1 in 4 ascent brought the party to Charles, where they found a delightful ring (9 cwt), although the tenor is somewhat predominant in the ringing chamber. High Bray (13 cwt.) stands at the top of another hill. These nice-toned bells are unfortunately very rarely rung and much moulting of the sallies occurred.

A black cat met the band at Bratton Fleming (15 cwt.) and the party were indeed lucky for the bells are a joy to ring and to listen to. Then on to Kentisbury (8 cwt.), where the bells are an easy going, merry little set. After tea at Clifton House, Combe Martin, a move was made to Arlington, where the church stands in National Trust grounds and is lighted by paraffin. The bells are a very good ring, sounding heavier than their 11 cwt.

To reach Loxhore (5 cwt.) one has to pass through two farmyards. These bells go very well despite the somewhat cramped ringing space. Goodleigh church is difficult to find in the dark but the bells (8 cwt.) are worth searching for, even though the ropes appear to have been adjusted for giants. West Buckland (7¼ cwt.) was the last tower of the day and another welcoming black cat brought luck for, despite the long draught causing some misgivings, the bells proved to be one of the best rings of the day. Fog was descending as the party dispersed for home.

Best thanks are due to all who so readily gave permission to ring and to those locals who met the party.

E. T. P. F.

SERVANTS OF THE EXERCISE – No. 47



MR. WILFRID F. MORETON

Mr. Wilfrid Moreton is one of the most brilliant members of the younger generation in the Exercise. He is a true Yorkshireman and it can be confidently claimed that he is imbued with all the highest ideals of good ringing and striking that have characterised Yorkshire ever since Jasper Snowden set that county's very high standards. He will not countenance bad or 'sloppy' ringing, and poor handling and striking are his pet abominations. This is not to say he is impatient or intolerant—indeed he is of a very quiet disposition—but those who do not take the job of ringing seriously and do not give of their best would be well advised to steer clear of the danger of his strictures! He is a born teacher, and is yet another member of that grand profession that has provided us with so many capable instructors.

Born in 1924, at Flamborough, he lived in Yorkshire for eight years and then his family moved to Herefordshire, where, during his 20 years' residence, he learnt to ring in 1937 at All Saints' Church, Hereford, under the instruction of the late Charles L. Sadler. His first peal (Grandsire Triples) was rung at Holme Lacey in 1939, conducted by E. F. Salmons. His first as conductor was three months later. After leaving school he went up to Oxford in 1942 and learnt handbell ringing from John E. Spice, who called his first handbell peal that year. Then service in the Royal Armoured Corps for three years—mostly spent abroad—took him to India, and whilst there he rang three handbell peals. Returning to Yorkshire in 1952, he was appointed Divinity Master at Normanton Grammar School. Interested in the game of rugby football, it was natural that he should also be in charge of that at the school.

Being brought up in the atmosphere of a clergyman's home (his father is a priest), he naturally became involved in all sorts of church work—becoming a server since seven years old and a chorister since nine. He can accompany a service on the organ, and took part in many church activities, such as amateur dramatics, pageants, etc. In 1952 he married Miss Jo(an) Roper—known to her intimate friends as 'Jo,' the daughter of Mr. H. L. Roper, Oxford D.G. librarian, and compiler of 'The Ringing World' index. They have one son—not yet two years old—but already interested in bells. Wilfrid was elected Central Council representative for Hereford Guild in 1945 and served in that capacity until 1959. He was then made an honorary member, and has rendered splendid service on the Sunday Service Survey Committee.

His peals total to date is about 750, of which he has conducted over 370. The total includes about 100 on handbells. He took part in the peal of Spliced Surprise Major in 25 methods—then a record—and has since taken part in the present record—a peal of Spliced Surprise Major in 53 methods. Two of the peals he is most proud of are Yorkshire at Lugwardine in 1949 and Stedman Triples at Holme Lacey. In both these peals practically all were 'firsts.' Wilfrid is never so happy as when teaching learners, and when he has finished with them they can take their places with the best.

JAFUS.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION DINNER

The Kent County Association held their annual dinner at Tonbridge, on October 29th. Unfortunately only a few ringers were able to make use of the opportunity to ring at the Parish Church during the afternoon, probably due to the typical English weather, but over 70 members and friends met for dinner at the Rose and Crown.

After the meal Mr. J. Willis, who presided, proposed the loyal toast and then speeches followed, alternated with songs from Miss Barbara Lee and Mr. Raymond Large, accompanied by Mrs. E. J. Ladd.

The Association's secretary, Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, proposed the toast of 'The Church' which was replied to by Canon T. F. C. Bewes, Vicar of Tonbridge. The Archdeacon of Tonbridge (Ven. E. E. Maples-Earle), proposed a toast to 'The Exercise,' to which Mr. P. A. Corby replied on behalf of the Kent County Association. A course of Grandsire Caters was rung by members of the Association.

The chairman then thanked the two singers, and Miss Doris Colgate for her work in arranging the dinner and presented her with a gift from the members.

M. A. L.

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION

The autumn meeting of the Scottish Association was held on October 22nd, the proceedings beginning at St. John's, Alloa, the lightest ring of eight in the country. The local ringers had kindly provided a buffet lunch and for some it was a difficult matter to decide whether to go first to the Church Hall for refreshment or to the tower for ringing. So that full use would be made of the ringing opportunities of the afternoon an advance party set off for Dunblane, where the bells were available only between 3 and 4 p.m.

Ringers from Paisley, Dundee and St. Andrew's then had to leave for home while the rest of the party moved on to Edinburgh, where ringing continued first at St. Mary's Cathedral and then at St. Cuthbert's Parish Church.

In addition to a good attendance of members we were pleased to have with us two ringers from Cheshire who had made the journey specially to attend the meeting. The ringing, ranging from rounds to Double Norwich and Cambridge Major, was under the supervision of the Ringing Master, Mr. H. F. Sargent, of Glasgow.

R. S. W.

323rd ANNIVERSARY DINNER OF THE COLLEGE YOUTHS

ENCOURAGING REVIEW OF RINGING NATIONALLY—BUSY DAYS AHEAD FOR BELL-FOUNDERS—COLLEGE YOUTHS' GROWTH : A MEMBER A WEEK SINCE THE WAR—JUBILEE OF 'THE RINGING WORLD'

A VERY encouraging review of ringing throughout the country was presented by the president of the Central Council at the 323rd anniversary dinner of the Ancient Society of College Youths held at the Bridge House Restaurant on November 5th. For the Master, Mr. J. G. A. Prior, it was his second occasion in the chair, the other being in 1952.

Proceedings started with the traditional entry of the Master, accompanied by the senior steward, Mr. Michael P. Moreton, and the junior steward, Mr. W. T. Cook. A company of 157 was present and there were the usual toasts to those of 60 years membership (Mr. G. E. Symonds and Mr. E. G. Fenn) and those of 50 years (Messrs. A. H. Peck, Henry Hodgetts and Albert A. Hughes). The principal guest was the new Bishop of Southwark (the Rt. Rev. A Mervyn Stockwood), who was known to some members of the company when he was at Cambridge A cablegram was read from Wing-Comdr. Stan Mason, from California, wishing the company a successful evening.

The Master was supported on the top table by the Bishop of Southwark, the Provost of Southwark, the Rev. E. G. Turner, Messrs. E. T. Floyd-Ewan (Registrar of St. Paul's Cathedral), G. G. J. Watts, J. E. Chilcott, F. Sharpe, A. A. Hughes, J. F. Smallwood, R. Wilson, S. Fox, M. P. Moreton, W. T. Cook, D Beresford. A. York-Bramble, A. C. Winn, S. Foskett, H. C. Edwards and W. A. Yates.

Proposing the toast of 'The Church' the Master said it was their custom that this toast should always be proposed by the Master, and that was the second time he had proposed it. The Church today had problems, perhaps as serious as any in its long and glorious history. At home at a time of almost full employment and the so-called affluent society when one would have thought that crimes against people and property would have decreased enormously, the reverse was the case. There was, too, an appalling disregard of, or indifference to, the sanctity of human life. Year after year the growing figures of road casualties rose and most people thought of them in terms of statistics. All this was in a supposedly Christian country.

WOULD-BE MASTER AN ORDINAND

The Master referred to the colour bar and also to certain problems of the Bishop of Southwark, particularly in regard to the recruitment of clergy. The Society was very proud that Brooke Lunn, who in the normal course of events would be occupying the chair that night, was now an ordinand. They knew he would have been a first class Master, and they felt sure he would become a fine clergyman.

Eight years ago he reminded them that there were only three more or less ringable rings of bells in the City of London—St. Paul's, Cornhill and Bishopsgate. What a difference there was today! Hart Street, Cripplegate and St. Lawrence Jewry now had fine new rings and some much-needed rehanging had been done to St. Paul's; there had been a complete restoration at Cornhill and just over the city boundary they had the splendid new ten at St. Clement Danes'. Before long the new 12 at Bow would ring out; St. Vedast, Foster Lane, would have a new six and there would be a new eight at St. Andrew's, Holborn.

'What a challenge this presents to London ringers. We in the Ancient Society cannot hope to provide ringers for all these towers but will do our best to assist.'

The Right Rev. A. Mervyn Stockwood replied with a witty and humorous speech, in which he described his efforts to elude reporters who wanted his views on 'My lovely lady's chatter.'

Proposing the toast of 'The Ancient Society of College Youths' Mr. Frederick Sharpe, president of the Central Council, said of the many functions he attended, he did not think there were any that gave him greater joy than the annual feast of the Ancient Society of College Youths, because of the many old friends he met on that occasion. Although the Ancient Society was by no means the only one doing good for the Exercise and their art, he thought that during the 323 years of its existence as an organised company it had done far more than any other to promote the good of their art.

CLERGY OPPOSED BELLS

When their Society was founded Puritan influence was strong and ringing was almost divorced from the church. A number of young men, mostly recruited from the Inns of Court and the nobility, rang as a sport. In the middle of the last century the Church began to recover from that Puritan influence and they allowed the use of bells for Sunday services. They would be surprised at the opposition. It was only recently that he was reading 'The Ecclesiologist' of 1864 and there it was reported that there was an organised attempt by the clergy to prevent bells being rung. They did not succeed. The ringers were persistent and were rewarded in bells being allowed to be rung for church services

Today an ever-increasing number of young people were ringing bells in an ever-increasing number of churches for Sunday services. Ringers did not confine their activities to the belfries: many were engaged in other activities of the Church.

The Sunday Service Survey produced some interesting statistics. Although one newspaper declared that ringing was on the decline, never before had they had so many young people interested. That day there had been an attempt on a peal of 40.320 Plain Bob Major. He was sorry to say it had failed. He had arranged for telegrams to be sent to him reporting progress and he had received one which read: 'Failed at 11.000.—John Worth.' They were all sorry that attempt failed and they wished them and others luck in any future attempt.

'WONDERFUL PROGRESS'

The most important thing of the Sunday Service Survey was the wonderful progress in the last 70 years. Then, according to the county histories of towers, the number of churches where the bells were rung for services was only 4 per cent: today it was 70 per cent. In that they could take heart and it was due to societies like theirs that that had taken place.

The year 1960 was an eventful year in many ways. They had had legislation that required a quinquennial survey of all their churches. The results of that survey were beginning to be seen. The urgent things required to the fabric of many of their churches had been done and now churches were paying attention to their towers and the bells. He forecast a very great increase in bell restoration work and in the next 10 years they would see a great deal of work done. On the Towers and Belfries Committee of the Central Council they had never been so busy and with requests for reports on putting bells in order. The result of the conference between the Central Council for the Care of Churches and their Council had been most satisfactory. They had reached agreement and a joint statement was to be issued.

Another advantage was the courses of instruction in their art in various parts of the country. They were bearing much fruit and were developing by the process of evolution. They were very much on the increase and almost all parts of the country were being planned to be covered by such courses.

'I travel about the country a great deal and I find that there is a greater interest in all matters appertaining to the Church. There is a great spiritual development going on and I am seeing more and more of it. We should take heart.'

The ban on ringing in this country during the war did an awful lot of good. When people could not hear the sound of bells they realised what they lost, and like the Restoration time of Charles II ringing greatly increased after the lifting of the ban.

CHANGE RINGING IN HEBREW

Last week he was studying the manuscripts of Oliver Palmer of 1658. Ringing then was regarded as a wicked thing and if Palmer had been caught he would have been put in jail. Oliver copied out the book of Psalms in Greek and above each line in Hebrew he put down his changes. These included Bob Minimus, Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor and a lot more of interesting things. All this was done before Fabian Stedman published his work. In the old days their Society was the great link of the Exercise in all parts of the country; today that link was provided by 'The Ringing World.'

Mr. John E. Chilcott, the honorary secretary, who replied, thanked Mr. Sharpe for his remarks and said it was a pleasure for them all to know that Mr. Sharpe had not missed a dinner of the Society for 30 years.

Apologies for absence had been received from John H. Jones (Tamworth), Alan R. Macdonald (Poole), W. Arthur Riddington (Upper Beeding), Joseph T. Dyke (Chilcompton), James Rea (Streatham), David E. Parsons (Carshalton), Richard W. Stannard (Barking, joined 1890), John H. Fielden (Halifax), Harry Miles (Carbis Bay), Harold N. Pitstow (Banstead), W. H. Coles (Hillingdon), G. Nelson Sloan (Christchurch, N.Z.), Walter P. Judge (Oxford) and Burley P. Morris (Derby).

NEW MEMBER A WEEK

In general, said Mr. Chilcott, the Society had had a very good year, which was reflected by an attendance of 185 members and friends that evening. During the year they made 47 new members and since 1945 they had made, on an average, one member a week.

Up-to-date they had rung 24 peals since the last dinner, excluding one rung that day. These peals were rung in 23 counties, with Lancashire leading with 8 and the two counties of Notts and Derby with 9 between them.

In London they very much appreciated the care in the selection of new members. He thought there was some misunderstanding as to the qualification for membership. The qualification was a male person of 14 years of age who had rung a quarter peal. Under exceptional circumstances a young member could be elected in a tower before a peal, and his name sent to London, with particulars in writing as to his qualifications.

Another thing decided this year was the condition under which a former member of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths

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would be elected to membership. They had decided that a year must elapse between his resignation from one Society and his election as a College Youth.

PEALS OF INTEREST

In the 26 peals rung 112 members took part and there were 17 different conductors. Of the peals two were Minor, both rung at Warsop; the three peals of Triples included one at Westminster Abbey for the wedding of Princess Margaret and Mr. Armstrong-Jones. There were six peals of Major—five Surprise and one Double Norwich, which was the first peal for Roger Overington, the son of the verger of St. Paul's. There were two of Caters and four of Royal, including one of three Spliced Surprise, but the footnote to this peal, as suggested in 'The Ringing World' would not appear in the Society's peal book. The five peals of Cinques included one in memory of George N. Price, one on handbells and one at Buckfast Abbey by West Country ringers. Maximus was represented by four peals, including the first for the Society of Superlative Surprise Maximus.

Three golden wedding-peals were rung—Cambridge Maximus at Southwark Cathedral for Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Fenn; Stedman Cinques at Cripplegate for Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hughes; Stedman Triples at Stamford Hill for Mr. and Mrs. Horace Belcher.

LOSSES BY DEATH

The company stood in memory of the following ringers: C. W. R. Grimwood, J. Hurrell, G. H. Myers, W. C. Lampard, F. W. Cannings, F. M. Mitchell, Josiah D. Harris, W. S. Langdon, Miss Stella Davis, A. E. Lock, F. Skidmore, H. Prout, C. H. Woodberry, P. H. Marshall, Morris J. Morris, W. J. Prescott, A. Harding, G. Gilbert, C. H. Hawkins, H. Holgate, James Parker, John R. Sharman (63 years a member).

Normal practices had been held and well supported. Practice dates would be published in 'The Ringing World.' On January 8th the memorial to Challis F. Winney was dedicated at St. Clement Danes'. The county visit to Derby was arranged by Mr. J. F. Smallwood and Mr. Burley P. Morris, and a company of 60 sat down to lunch and received a welcome from the Bishop, the Provost and the Lord Mayor.

Mr. J. A. Waugh submitted the toast of 'The Visitors and Kindred Ringing Societies.'

In personal reminiscences he recalled, as a boy of 14, learning at Bow, where a great importance was attached to the beat. Rounds would be rung for quite a long time until the conducter was satisfied. The first 'Ringing World' he took contained an account of a peal at Wells Cathedral, conducted by Challis F. Winney, who was described as a prominent member of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

He welcomed, in particular, Dr. Goldstein from the U.S.A., a prominent handbell ringer, who was now learning tower bell ringing. To Mr. Dennis Beresford, Master of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, he thought their new rule would make some Cumberlands think twice before joining the College Youths

A FAMOUS WALK

In welcoming 22 members from the Oxford Society, Mr. Waugh said in 1733 there was a famous visit by their Society to Oxford. They set out 15 strong under Benjamin Annable and the majority of them walked to 53 miles to Oxford.

Replying Mr. Beresford brought the cordial greetings of the Cumberlands. He congratulated the Ancient Society, specially on two peals rung in the past year, Stedman Cinques 'in hand' and Spliced Surprise Royal in three methods. Handbell ringing was not now so popular as it was and it was very good to hear of Stedman Cinques being rung again in London. He hoped to have the pleasure of entertaining their new Master at their annual dinner in February.

Mr. Brian D. Threlfall proposed the toast of 'The Ringing World' and described the reactions of various types of ringers to the contents of the journal. He hoped their journal would not have the same fate as had befallen one of the national newspapers.

NO TAKE OVER BIDS!

Replying, Mr. J. F. Smallwood said during last week or two they had had some painful reminders of the difficulties of maintaining newspapers and he thought in the next few weeks others would also go. These papers had been confronted with exactly the same difficulties as they had—of rising costs. Fortunately for 'The Ringing World' the Council had the foresight to elect a committee who would not give up without a very severe struggle. They had had no approach from Mr. Clore or Mr. Thompson for take-over bids but if they were forthcoming they would know what to say!

He was very pleased to think that when Mr. Goldsmith passed on they were far-sighted enough to become the owners of the paper, and being the owners they could decide their fate and the fate of 'The Ringing World.' He thought the solution of their difficulties was a strong and long pull by all people to lift up the circulation. There was one thing that must be said, the Exercise as a whole was living on a great deal of charity—he was not referring to the 'Gratefully Acknowledged' column but to the measly sum they paid to those who served them.

Next year would be the 50th anniversary of 'The Ringing World' as John Goldsmith founded the paper in the spring of 1911. The committee were meeting in London shortly to consider a suitable celebration. What would please John Goldsmith best for the jubilee of the paper would be to have a circulation of 10,000. That was a wild dream when one could not get to the 6,000 mark.

The concluding toast of 'The fragrant memory of the Masters of 300, 200 and 100 years ago' was submitted by Mr. A. A. Hughes.

The Master of 1660 was John Brereton, a son of Lord Brereton, one of the founders of the Society. He was a student at Oxford and he and his younger brother got into trouble as they took part in the Civil War fighting for the King.

The Master of 1760 was not known but of 1860 it was Edward Lansdell, who came from Rolvenden, in Kent. He was employed in the Hop Market, and was reported to have introduced half-muffled ringing into London.

A bob course of Stedman Cinques was rung by W. T. Cook 1-2, John Chilcott 3-4, M. V. Chilcott 5-6, Wilfred Williams 7-8, Brian D. Threlfall 9-10, Michael P. Moreton 11-12.

The company present, in addition to the top table, were:—

A. J. Adams, A. J. Adams, J. A. Anderson, J. Armstrong, W. J. Arnold.

A. Bagworth, N. Bagworth, T. N. J. Bailey, B. J. Baker, R. Baker, A. W. Beard, H. Belcher, P. Bird, G. Bishop, P. Border, R. J. Bowden, J. Brain, B. W. Brighty, W. J. Brunt, F. W. Burger, D. Burnett.

A. P. Cannon, G. W. Cecil, P. A. F. Chalk, J. H. Chance, P. Chapman, J. R. Chaundy, W. J. Chester, D. G. Clift, M. V. Chilcott, F. E. Collins, R. J. Cook, R. G. Cousins, A. W. Cox, J. H. Crampion.

F. E. Darby, R. Davies, G. Davis, J. I. P. Davis, J. S. Dear, S. H. Dearden, W. S. Deason, J. E. Drewitt.

R. G. Edwards, S. Edwards, T. P. Edwards, E. G. Fenn, E. F. Flintham, D. Fowles, L. J. Fox, R. J. Fox, T. G. Fox.

F. V. Gant, M. Gathercole, D. Goldstein, W. T. Grice.

R. Hanger, F. E. Hansford, N. V. Harding, B. Hendrie, A. R. Heppenstall, J. Hill, R. W. Hinde, E. Hitchens, H. Hodgetts, S. Holgate, G. W. Holland, R. G. Hooper, D. Hughes, W. A. Hughes, D. J. Hunt.

E. R. Iveson, D. Jewell, W. Judge.

J. R. Ketteringham, S. Key, S. F. Kimber, W. H. Kingcott.

D. Langdon, R. G. Leale, D. A. Leslie, N. H. Leslie, A. F. Lewry, H. Look, J. H. Lott.

T. Macey, A. R. Mann, F. E. Manns, J. Marks, G. W. Massey, R. B. Meadows, P. Mehew, J. Merrifield, E. G. Moore, J. McDonald.

R. T. Newman, C. E. Norris, R. Norris

W. A. Osborn, C. W. Ottley, R. Overington.

I. Page, R. I. F. Parsons, F. Patrick, A. B. Peck, A. J. Phillips, J. Phillips, M. Phipps, C. W. Pipe, M. J. Pryor.

D. Randell, W. J. Rawlings, A. S. Richards, P. G. Richards, F. E. Roberts, V. G. Roberts, J. D. Rock, A. Rogers, D. H. Rooke, J. Rooke, J. H. T. Rooke, A. Rose, E. J. Rowe, R. K. Russ.

G. Salmon, J. B. Sansom, R. E. Saunders, V. Savage, C. Sedgley, T. J. Setter, B. Shackleton, G. Shellard, R. D. Short, K. G. Spavins, R. Sumner, G. E. Symonds.

W. A. Theobald, A. F. Thirst, H. E. Thompson, R. J. Trebilcock, B. D. Threlfall, C. E. Truman, A. M. Tyler.

C. C. Varney, R. A. Vickers.

P. Walker, D. K. Walters, J. A. Waugh, H. C. Weaver, H. G. Weedon, R. Weedon, J. O. Weller, B. R. White, F. A. White, F. C. White T. W. White, W. R. White, D. S. Wilkes, F. H. Wilkins, W. Williams, C. E. Willmington, D. C. Woodward, H. Woolven, A. H. Worboys.

THE LADIES' GUILD

Midland District

Despite three different outings arranged from this area, the Midland District of the Ladies' Guild held a successful meeting at Belgrave on September 17th. Ringing in a variety of methods ranging from rounds to Spliced Surprise, catered for all. After shortened Evensong, conducted by the Vicar, tea was served by the local ringers' wives in the Parish Hall. Mrs. Staniforth (president) gave a short account of the A.G.M. held in Bath in July.

The next meeting will be at Measham on November 19th. The A.G.M. of the District will be held on February 18th at St. Peter's, Derby, both these dates and places having been confirmed. Should there be sufficient support a coach will be arranged for the November meeting. W. M. W.

Southern District

The autumn meeting of the Southern District was held on October 22nd, at Steep, Hampshire. On a lovely warm afternoon the six bells were soon going to a variety of methods until the service at 4.30 p.m. An excellent tea in the Village Hall was enjoyed by 24 ladies and friends, after which a brief business meeting was held. Three new members were elected and it was most encouraging to see old and new friends present.

Evening ringing was at Petersfield, where methods up to Cambridge Surprise Major were rung. The next meeting is planned for February 11th, at Aldershot, and we hope to see many more members present. C. M. H.

BROMBOROUGH, CHES.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,344 Plain Bob Triples: L. L. Grey 1, V. R. Tallis 2, M. C. Hughes 3, G. H. Pullin 4, F. Anderton 5, H. S. Bailey 6, P. S. Bennett (cond.) 7, T. A. Morgan 8. First quarter of Triples for all except L. L. Grey. Rung for the 155th anniversary of Trafalgar Day.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

F-GROUPS

Dear Sir,

A misprint again occurred in the falseness of Sawley S.M. The correct falseness is B($\frac{4}{1}$); N(F_1 $\frac{3}{2}$). The omission of F's suffix $_1$ renders it meaningless.

We would like to recommend the use of this notation for it gives, in addition to the false course heads, the leads in which the falseness occurs. This information is essential for methods whose falseness necessitates the use of parts of false courses.

To give an example of this notation, suppose a method has false course heads 32546 ($\frac{3}{2}$, $\frac{3}{2}$, $\frac{5}{3}$), 24536 ($\frac{1}{4}$), 25346 ($\frac{1}{3}$), 26354 ($\frac{1}{2}$), 24653 ($\frac{1}{1}$), 62453 ($\frac{1}{3}$), 36452 ($\frac{1}{3}$), 53246 ($\frac{1}{2}$), 43526 ($\frac{1}{2}$). This would be written D($\frac{3}{2}$); $T_1(F_1\ \frac{1}{4})$; $T_2(F_1\ \frac{1}{3})$.

D and T are the Maurice Hodgson F groups. T_1 and T_2 are the two F-sets comprising T; F_1 denotes the 1st member of an F-set; $\frac{3}{2}$ means second lead of the plain course false with third lead of the false course. The leads in which F_1, F_3 and F_4 are false can be determined from the false leads of F_1, it is only necessary, therefore, to specify the false leads of one member of the F-set.

The labelling F_1, F_2, F_3 and F_4 in the table of F-groups in Corrigan's 'Half Lead Systems of Extracting F.C.E.'s' is misleading in those F-groups containing more than one F-set. For example, F_1 of U_2 (U has 3 F-sets) is incorrectly labelled as F_3.

Yours faithfully.

G. A. HALLS.
D. R. CARLISLE.
D. J. MARSHALL.

Derby.

FIRST PEAL IN MONMOUTHSHIRE

Dear Sir,—On page 721 of 'The Ringing World' Mr. Edwin Barnett, sen., is credited with having conducted the first **true** peal in Monmouthshire in 1886.

In Chepstow belfry there is a record of a peal of Grandsire Triples, rung there on January 9th, 1837—composed and conducted by William Ayres. This was rung by the 'Society of Union Youths.'

Is there any evidence that this peal was false?—Yours faithfully,

F. J. HANNINGTON.

Cardiff.

DERBY CATHEDRAL PEAL APOLOGIES

Dear Sir,—Having read the comments in my letter regarding the peal rung at Derby Cathedral for the College Youths, I find that I owe several apologies.

Firstly, to Mr. Donald Clift for:

(a) Not realising that he was not a witness of the peal in question.

(b) Not anticipating that he would lose his notes on the subject.

(c) Failing to realise that the editor of 'The Ringing World' had, with his blue pencil, completely changed the meaning of the report on the peal.

Secondly, to Mr. Williams for:

(a) Not being thoroughly familiar with the details of all his peal tours.

(b) Not having fired bullets made by some nameless Ancient College Youth of the Derbyshire Association.

(c) My irreverent reference to the professionally written peal book of the premier ringing Society.

Yours faithfully,

G. A. HALLS.

Derby.

OLD HANDBELLS

Dear Sir,—A few weeks ago I was fortunate to be taken round the caves of a very famous Nottingham inn. 'The Trip to Jerusalem.' I say fortunate because there were many articles of interest, and last but not least I spied a set of handbells in good condition, and on asking how they were come by and how old, I was told it was not known where they came from, but they were 250 years old. They looked quite modern. If any readers are interested to see them on their visits to Nottingham, the inn will be more than obliging to show you them and all other interesting articles.—Yours faithfully,

A. HENSON (Miss).

West Bridgford, Notts.

ANOTHER GRIEVANCE

Dear Sir.—In the past few weeks a dispute has arisen between the Derbyshire Association and the College Youths. But why bring in the South Derbyshire and North Leicestershire Association? Mr. D. R. Carlisle states that if the College Youths wished to insult the Derbyshire Association they would have rung the peal for the S.D. & N.L.A. Not only is it an insult to us as an association not concerned, but also bad manners to bring us into the dispute.

When ringing peals we may not attempt complex methods, but at least we do strike them, not like some rubbish which others sometimes turn out.

As for Mr. Marshall's signature to the letter he has never been to our meetings and knows even less about us I would therefore suggest he is just a 'yes man' to add weight to a letter, or he is trying to get involved in affairs which don't concern him.

If that is the best you can do, Mr. Carlisle, then I, for one, am disappointed with the Derbyshire Association.

Before rushing back into print we have College Youths and Derbyshire Association members in the S.D. & N.L.A.—Yours faithfully.

E. H. WILLOWS.

IT'S NOT SO AMUSING

Dear Sir,—Reading the last paragraph of a recent letter by H. E. Taylor, of Darley Dale, in the issue of November 4th, made me wonder why he thought that the fact that a certain quarter peal visit to Wortley by the Wentworth band had been called off because of heavy rain. Would he like riding a push-bike five miles in a thunderstorm? As there were three such thunderstorms in less than twenty minutes of near-tropical violence, the prospect of riding a push-bike and then ringing a quarter peal is not very pleasant! No, sir! if you think it is amusing, do it yourself.

May I inform H.E.T. that since May, 1960, the Wentworth band (formed January, 1960), has rung 11 quarter peals and one full peal, this including two quarters at Wath-on-Dearne and at Bradfield. I wonder if H.E.T. noticed this? Also, that the band rang at a ringing contest at Hoylandswaine. To wind up: whenever ringers feel like criticising or making fun of other ringers, let us have them thinking more deeply, collecting their facts and, above all, try to put themselves in the shoes of the ringers they are writing about. We might see less bickering in the 'R.W.'—Yours, etc.,

'THE RINGER WHO WROTE THE FOOTNOTE.'

Wentworth.

SINGLE METHOD PEALS OF MINOR ARE NOT SUB-STANDARD

Dear Sir.—It is unrealistic to say, as did Mr. Barnett in his speech at the Snowdon dinner recently, that peals of Minor in less than seven methods are lowering our standards.

Standards are relative. They depend on the extent to which enthusiasm has kept change ringing alive. For many ringers, the achievement of a peal of any sort is a great step forward. Let us have no more talk of 'Look at all these peals of Plain Bob Minor,' in sorrowful tones. There is no better foundation than Plain Bob on which to build up six-bell ringing.—Yours, etc.,

Shrewsbury. HARRY POYNER.

PEAL AT ACCRINGTON WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir,—I regret to inform you that the peal of Southwell Surprise Major, which I conducted at Accrington on October 22nd, and which appeared on page 732 of the 'R.W.', will have to be withdrawn.

I had checked the 3-4 section (where the method varies from Cambridge), and found that it had the same internal falseness as Cambridge. Consequently, I assumed that all peals true to Cambridge would also be true to Southwell, and called the 5,088 by J. W. Washbrook (C.C.C., No. 12), in the Cambridge section). The method is so similar to Cambridge (only two rows in each lead are different) that it never occurred to me to check the falseness when the tenors are parted.

However, Mr. Norman Smith has since drawn my attention to the fact that both New Cambridge and Southwell are considerably **more** prone to falseness with the tenors parted than is Cambridge itself; and that this composition is false to both these methods.

I must therefore apologise to the band for my laxity in this instance—and particularly to those for whom it would have been a 'first of Surprise.'

If it is any consolation, may I point out that the memory of a well-struck, interesting and musical 'peal' will still remain—only the records will suffer.—Yours etc.,

C. CROSSTHWAITE.

Preston.

SMOKING IN BELFRIES

Dear Sir.—The above habit is indulged in in certain non-association towers in Somerset and in one (which shall be nameless), an Oxo tin is provided for the fag-ends. When, however, a band of 'scientific' ringers visit this 'Oxo tin' tower, the locals follow the example of their guests by not lighting up until they are in the churchyard. Before the last war I noted evidence of smoking in a few towers in Dorset as well and in one, since the war, a previous Vicar was in favour of the habit!—Yours sincerely,

E. T. PAUL FIELD.

Langport, Somerset.

JOINT MEETING AT MILTON

The Rochester District of the K.C.A. were joined by the Kent Branch of the Ladies' Guild, when they held their annual meeting, at Milton-next-Gravesend, on October 15th. Ringing in the afternoon was followed by the service conducted by the Rector, Rev. V. H. Stuart. It was with much pleasure that the members of the Ladies' Guild learned that they were to be the guests at the tea provided by the local band.

The Rector took the chair at the Rochester District meeting, at which the officers re-elected were Mr. T. Barton, secretary, and Messrs. F. J. Cheal and A. J. Dunk, District representatives. The new Ringing Master elected was Mr. L. Harmer. A vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. G. A. Naylor, the retiring Ringing Master, for his efforts in the past year.

At the Ladies' Guild meeting, which followed, four new members were elected, and the meetings for next year were discussed.

Gramophone Records Of Bells Allowed

Despite the opposition of the Rev. Leslie Lowther, Vicar of St. John's, Ilkeston, who is assistant secretary of the Derby Diocesan Advisory Committee, permission was granted at a Derby Diocesan Consistory Court for the use of gramophone records to reproduce the sound of church bells at Cromford Parish Church, Derbyshire. The cost of the electrical equipment, the gift of a parishioner, was stated to be £110. The six bells in the church are regarded as unsafe to ring.

In granting permission, the Chancellor, Mr. W. S. Wigglesworth, said the equipment must not become a nuisance to people in the neighbourhood. He recalled an occasion when similar equipment was used in Gloucestershire to play the 'Messiah' at midnight to celebrate the birth of Prince Charles.

BRIEF SURVEY OF HUNTINGDONSHIRE

By T. A. BEVIS

(Continued from page 757)

Thomas Earye, of Kettering, had the reputation of a sound man of metal and sent nine bells to Hunts. They are: Leighton Bromswold (1720), five at Hemingford Grey (1724), Glatton (1736), Hamerton (1738), and Elton (1746), the latter church witnessing the first Harvest Festival held in the country. This founder's father was a clockmaker and was, for a little while, in partnership with his uncle until his death in 1757.

Henry Penn found himself in the proverbial frying pan at St. Ives, where his ring of eight bells was regarded as being poor value for money. At his trial brought about by the churchwardens he was deservedly acquitted of bad workmanship, but the trial proved too much for him, and he died from over-excitement. 'The founder was sick to death . . . and was too far gone that his Hart broke . . . As for Penn's death 'twas no loss, he was a vile man and gave trouble wherever he was consarn'd but was never so well yoak't before.' This 'vile' man was certainly a good founder and between 1706 and 1723 sent 17 bells into the county.

Huntingdonshire's only bell foundry was situated at St. Neots where **Joseph Earye** erected a building not unlike the shape of a bell, said to be the most prominent object in that town. He supplied about 40 bells to the county, ranging from the tenor at Yelling (1739) to the second at Fenstanton (1771). His earliest bells are at Chatteris, Cambs (1735).

Earye also supplied fire engines and he erected a pump for the parish of St. Neots. He was generally regarded as being a first-class founder, but others have thought otherwise. The ring of six at St. Michael's Church, Stamford, inspired someone to write in 1785: 'Indeed the din of St. Michael's bells is so intolerable to those who live in their vicinity, that they will readily believe there is no devil in his senses but will get away as fast as he can as soon as their clamour begins.'

Joseph Earye, who died in 1772, is recognised by unusual inscriptions, e.g. 'Work itself is pleasure' (Chatteris) and 'Prosperity to the established Church and no encouragement to enthusiasm' (Whittlesey St. Mary).

His nephew, **Edward Arnold,** and the latter's cousin, Thomas Osborn (Earye's foreman) took charge of St. Neots premises. This partnership did not last for long. Osborn establishing a foundry at Downham Market. Arnold cast six bells for Somersham in 1782, and supplied others for Hemingford Grey, Upton and Buckden. He later established a foundry at Leicester but carried on the business at St. Neots, mainly to introduce—

Robert Taylor, a man of extremely fine capabilities, who is represented in the county by 29 bells, his first being at Great Staughton (1787) and his last at Easton (1821). The St. Neots foundry was removed from the Priory to Cambridge Street after Taylor had married a Miss E. Fowler, whose father had a brewery adjoining Taylor's old premises. Evidently Fowler desired to expand, and this marriage proved to be a very tactful move indeed! Robert was a forerunner of that well known establishment at Loughborough, Leics (John Taylor and Co.).

Thomas Osborn was undoubtedly a first-rate founder and had his premises close to the church at Downham Market, his native town. The son of a joiner, he provided that very musical octave at Godmanchester (1794). After having dissolved his partnership with Arnold, Osborn created many rings of bells which are recognised for good tonal qualities. Prior to his death in 1804 he took into partnership his grandson, **William Dobson,** and the foundry continued in business until 1832 when, owing to difficulties, the latter disposed of his business to Messrs. Mears, of Whitechapel. Dobson cast six bells for Huntingdonshire churches, four at Southoe (1828) and one at Bluntisham (1832), but his finest handiwork is heard at St. Neots, where the tenor (29¼ cwt.)—the heaviest in the county—is his very last bell, and a very fine bell it is. His last complete ring was installed at Diss (Norfolk).

John Warner and Sons, of Cripplegate, are represented by the tenor at Abbots Ripton (1875), and **Messrs. Mears,** of Whitechapel, sent approximately 35 bells to the county, ranging from 1827 (Conington) to 1865 (Diddington).

Thus, as may be seen, Huntingdonshire possesses a wide and interesting range of bells—not all ringable, of course—and these span the years from the 14th century to present days. In conclusion it may be of interest to reproduce an account of the 18th century (taken from the late Rev. T. M. N. Owen's notes), made out by Joseph Earye on the completion of his work, involving the recasting and rehanging of the bells at Warboys:

	£	s.	d.
The old bells casting	43	1	0
New Mettle	12	2	8
The frame	25	0	0
Wheels, Yokes, etc.	20	0	0
Clock	10	0	0
Carpenter's work and wood	5	0	0
Brick 300		7	6
Lime	1	0	0
Do., work	1	15	0
Do., beer		3	0
	3	3	0
	121	12	2

A HALF-DAY IN BUCKS

A party of ringers from Watford and St. Albans spent an enjoyable afternoon, on October 15th, visiting five towers in Buckinghamshire. Edlesborough, the first tower, was an easy-going, ground floor ring (6, 13 cwt.), but Slapton (5, 14 cwt.) provided a contrast and the strong men were needed on the back end for Grandsire and Plain Bob to be well struck.

Although Cheddington bells (6, 12 cwt.) have a longish draught they were generally voted the best bells of the day, and certainly some of the best ringing took place here. After tea came Marsworth (5, 14 cwt.) with 50 feet of unguided rope and the ropes of the 2nd, 3rd and 4th falling within six inches of the wall. Despite these difficulties, a reasonable touch of Grandsire Doubles was successfully brought round. The local ringers told us that the bells were officially unringable owing to an unsafe frame, and it is a relief to know that they are to be rehung in an iron frame, and filled with guides.

At Ivinghoe (6, 15 cwt.) the tenor rope had to be repaired before ringing could start. Unfortunately, the bells did not seem to have been oiled since they were installed in 1875 and the ringers of the fifth and tenor were almost exhausted in a course of Cambridge. Thanks are accorded to Brian, the organiser, incumbents and tower keepers.

R. E. H.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

A well-attended meeting of the North-East District was held at Beccles, on October 22nd, with many friends from the Norwich Diocesan Association present, including their president, Mr. Nolan Golden. Essex was represented by Mr. Andrew Beckwith. Ringing was continued until almost 9 p.m., and included Cambridge Royal and Stedman Caters. The Vicar (the Rev. W. R. I. Hares) conducted the service and gave an inspiring address.

At the business meeting after tea Miss V. Jane Cooper was elected a ringing member and Messrs. M. J. Parker, R. C. L. Brown, M. Utton (Kessingland) and A. E. Crowe (Lowestoft) non-resident life members.

An appeal was made for a volunteer for the office of district secretary, which would become vacant at the end of the year, without success. Halesworth was selected for the next meeting on January 30th.

The district chairman (Mr. P. Bedford), proposed the vote of thanks—to the Vicar, the ladies for their marvellous tea, Mr. E. Goate for arranging the meeting and Mr. Nicholson, the organist.

THE LADIES' GUILD

The Bedfordshire and Northamptonshire Branch of the Ladies' Guild met at Silsoe on October 29th. The bells were ideal for a ladies' meeting, the tenor being only 9 cwt. This enabled several touches to be rung by the ladies only.

The bad weather may have been the reason for only Bedfordshire members being present but with the help of the gentlemen many methods were rung.

Local ringers kindly provided tea, which was followed by a short business meeting at which three new members were elected. Mrs. M. Mann was in the chair.

The Vicar of Silsoe, Rev. J. D. Benton, conducted Evensong, during which new shelves for the prayer books were dedicated.

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ENGAGEMENTS

LANEGAN—WOODWARD.—The engagement is announced between Geoffrey, only son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Lanegan, of Clanfield, Hants, and Christine, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. E. Woodward, of Marston, Oxford. 6993

ROBINSON—ESSEN.—The engagement is announced between Nigel David, only son of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Robinson, of Hillingdon, Middlesex, and Judith Katherine, eldest daughter of Dr. Louis Essen, F.R.S., and Mrs. Essen, of Hampton, Middlesex. 6959

DEATH

TIDY.—On November 5th, 1960, suddenly, Edward E. Tidy, of Limpsfield Chart, Oxted, Surrey. 6986

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

As from November 20th, 1960, Miss Diana J. Perrins will reside at 66, Shap Road, Kendal, Westmorland. 6966

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MEETINGS

BEAMINSTER, DORSET.—An open day will be held on Saturday, November 19th, in aid of 'Bell Rehanging Fund.' Tower open to the general public from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2-9 p.m. All ringers welcome to ring from 6.30-9 p.m. 6875

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Godmanchester, Saturday, November 19th. Bells (8) 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting.—M. J. Dyer, Dis Sec. 6955

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting, Kirby-le-Soken, Saturday, November 19th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea. 6925

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Nomination meeting, Banstead, Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea in Lady Neville Pavilion, 5 p.m., followed by business.—A. H. Smith. 6893

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting at Yorktown (8) and Hawley (8), on Saturday, November 19th. Ringing at Yorktown 2.30-4.30 p.m., followed by service, tea and business meeting. Ringing at Hawley 6-9 p.m. 6928

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Harpenden (8 bells). Saturday November 19th. 3 p.m. Service. Tea.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 6938

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting, Bethersden (6), Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. —C. T. H. 6892

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting at Swithland, on Saturday, November 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Village Hall at 5 p.m. 6976

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, November 19th. St. John's, South Hackney, E.9. 3-4.45 p.m. Tea, own arrangements. St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, 6-8 p.m. Everyone welcome. A good attendance, please. —Bullock, Sec. 6975

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—South and West District.—Meeting, Saturday, November 19th, at St. Martin's, Ruislip. Ringing 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Business meeting 6 o'clock in St. Martin's Vestry, followed by further ringing. Own arrangements for tea. —E. R. Gotham, Dis. Sec. 6952

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting, South Collingham (5), Saturday, Nov. 19th, 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Bring own tea—cups of tea available. North Collingham (6), 6 to 8 p.m.—W. L. Exton, Hon. Sec. 6883

SUFFOLK GUILD.—West Central District.—Practice meeting at Thrandeston (6), November 19th. Bells 6.30 p.m. Special methods: Ipswich, Oxford Bob and College Exercise.—H. Mitson, Dis. Sec. 6921

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Ditchling (8), Saturday, November 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. 6923

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Combined practice at Wolverton, on Saturday, November 19th. Bells (6) available at 6 p.m. —D. Cane. 6917

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Practice meeting, Havant, Saturday, November 19th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in Parish Hall. 6945

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Annual meeting, Earl's Croome, Saturday next, November 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Practice method: Single Oxford Minor.—F. Hyde, Branch Sec. 6968

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—Practice meeting, Brent Knoll, Saturday, November 26th. Bells (6) 5 p.m.—David H. White. 6958

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—The Branch annual meeting will be held at Grappenhall, on Saturday, November 26th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—C. Raddon. 6982

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Hyde, November 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. For tea please advise Mr. P. N. Sproson, 218, Dowson Road, Hyde, before November 22nd.—C. K. Lewis. 6988

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby and Ilkeston District.—Monthly meeting, Ockbrook, on Saturday, November 26th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—W. A. Morley, Dis. Sec. 6994

DONCASTER AND SELBY DISTRICTS SOCIETIES.—Joint monthly meeting, Barnby Don, Saturday, November 26th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (mod. charge). Names, please, on or before November 23rd, to Mr. R. Lunn, 24, High Street, Barnby Don, Doncaster. 6961

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Tydd St. Giles, Saturday, November 26th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by 24th. please.—J. Fox, Walpole Marsh, Wisbech. 6978

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting, Saturday, November 26th, Wethersfield. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. M. E. Moore, 244, Broad Road, Bocking, Braintree. 6925

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural.—Practice ringing, St. Werburgh (6), November 26th, 7 p.m. Visitors welcome. Annual social and dance, Saturday, January 28th, 1961. Tickets (4s.) from F. Hussey, 39, Gordon Avenue, Bristol 5. 6972

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Monthly meeting, Toddington (6), November 26th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by November 22nd. A.G.M., St. Mary's, Cheltenham (12), December 10th. Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Cheltenham. 6974

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton Branch.—Monthly meeting, Saturday, November 26th, Berkeley (10), 3 p.m. Service. Tea. Names without fail, please, to B. Cooper, Flat 2, Rangers House, Dursley. 6981

GUILD OF MEDICAL RINGERS.—London meeting, Saturday, November 26th. Ringing: Holy Trinity, West Hill, Wandsworth, 3-4 p.m.: St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, 4.45-6. Dinner—Redcliffe Hotel, Fulham Road, 6.45 for 7.15 p.m. Names to D. L. Gullick, Mount View, Stevenage. 6954

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Nomination meeting at Chobham, Saturday, November 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Tuesday, to Mr. R. Collins, The Mount Cottage, Mimbridge, Chobham, Surrey. 6948

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—Meeting, November 26th, at Tyberton and Madley. Ringing 3 p.m., at Tyberton (5). Service at Madley 4.30 p.m. Ringing at Madley (6) in the evening. Names for tea by November 22nd.—T. E. Wood, 75, Redhill Flats, Hereford. 6985

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Meeting at Ramsbottom, on Saturday, November 26th. Ringing at 3 p.m. Cups of tea at 5. Meeting in tower at 6 p.m. —J. Porter, Branch Sec. 6960

LEEDS & DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting, on Saturday, November 26th, at St. Chad's, Headingley (8). Bells available 3 p.m. Names for tea not later than Thursday, November 24th, to Mr. A. Johnson, 7, Weetwood Lane, Leeds 16. 6964

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Meeting, Hinckley, Saturday, November 26th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, followed by business meeting, at 5 p.m., in St. Mary's Parish Hall. For tea please notify by the Wednesday previous. Miss Christine Beasley, 15, St. George's Avenue, Hinckley, Leics.—M. Vernon, Dis. Sec. 6965

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Meeting at Watton, on Saturday, November 26th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by the business meeting. Names for tea by Thursday, 24th, to Miss Dorothy Wilton Jones, Watton. 6947

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—Quarterly meeting and rededication of 7th bell, Buckland, November 26th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, November 23rd, to R. F. J. Gilling, Branch Sec., Fernham, Faringdon, Berks. 6944

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Monthly meeting at Cookham, November 26th. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Business meeting 5.45 p.m. Names for tea by 22nd.—Miss Hague, 6, Stompits Road, Holyport, Maidenhead. 6936

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Business meeting, Saturday, November 26th, at Moulton. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea by Tuesday previous to E. Billings, 61, Melville Street, Northampton. 6957

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—November 26th, practice meeting, Broadchalke. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names by 22nd, please, to Miss Eloie, 8 Albany Road, Salisbury. 6915

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Annual meeting at Lyme Regis, on Saturday, November 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please. Barrett, 120, Gerrards Green, Beaminster. 6987

SOUTHEND & DISTRICT GUILD.—Next meeting at St. Clement's, Leigh (6), on Saturday, November 26th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Cups of tea 5 p.m. Special method: Double Oxford. 6992

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Nomination meeting, Saturday, November 26th. Immanuel, Streatham, bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting following in Church Hall. Names for tea by Wednesday previous, to Mrs. O. Collins, of 17, Hamilton Road, Thornton Heath. Ringing at St. John's, Croydon, 7-8 p.m., followed by a performance in the church, especially arranged for ringers, of 'Son et Lumière.' This is a portrayal of 1,000 years of Croydon's history in sound and light.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 6931

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Quarterly meeting at Christ Church, Blacklands, Hastings, on November 26th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss J. Downing, 128, Elphinstone Road, Hastings.—F. Beeney, Sec. 6984

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—Practice meeting, Saturday, November 26th: St. Michael, Wood Green, 1.30-2.30 p.m.; St. Andrew, Enfield, 3-4; All Saints', Edmonton, 4.30-5.30; St. Matthew, Upper Clapton, 7-8 p.m. 6962

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Northern District) and DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (Southern District).—Joint meeting, Richmond (8), Saturday November 26th. Special invitation to Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association members. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by November 23rd, to Miss D. M. Killingley, High Pottergate, Richmond.—Edward Hudson and Peter Rock, Hon. Secs. 6989

DEVON GUILD.—North Devon Branch.—Annual meeting, Chulmleigh (8), Saturday, December 3rd. 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—D. Jewell, Hon. Sec.

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Branch.—Annual meeting, Topsham, Saturday, December 3rd. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by December 1st, to R. T. Perry, Redcliff, Lympstone. 6963

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Annual meeting, Fairford, December 3rd, 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names essential by November 26th, to Mr. W. Godwin, 12, Fairford Road, Quenington, Cirencester. No name no tea. Service 6 p.m.—R. Wenban, Hon Sec. 6983

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stow Branch.—Annual meeting at Stow-on-Wold, on Saturday, December 3rd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by November 29th, to F. Newton, 44, Bishops Drive, Bishop's Cleeve, Cheltenham, Glos. All welcome. 6973

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Practice meeting at Royston on December 3rd, at 5.30 p.m.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 6970

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at **Stockbury** (Rodmersham not available), on Saturday, December 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to Mr. A. Dunk, Pett Farm Bungalow, Stockbury Valley, Sittingbourne. 6969

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Wrangle, Saturday, December 3rd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 3.45. Tea in Parish Hall at 4.30 p.m. Important: names for tea to me by Monday, November 28th.—W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. 6977

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Gorleston, December 3rd. Bells (8) 3.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, November 30th, certain please, to Miss B. Smedley, 9, Cliff Avenue, Gorleston-on-Sea, Great Yarmouth. Yarmouth bells will be available for one hour only, from 2.15 to 3.15 p.m.—P. G. Newstead, Branch Sec. 6980

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Monthly meeting, Bishops Cannings, Saturday, December 3rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to E. J. Hitchins, 136, Bradley Road, Trowbridge, Wilts. 6956

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting, Bulwell, Saturday, December 3rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea not later than December 1st, to S. Adams, 54, Wilford Road, Ruddington. 6990

SWANSEA & BRECON GUILD.—Southern District.—Annual District meeting at St. Paul's, Sketty, December 3rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. J. T. Williams, Dis. Sec. 6979

SOCIETY OF RAMBLING RINGERS.—Annual dinner and A.G.M. at the Imperial Hotel, Birmingham, on December 10th. Ringing at St. Chad's, St. Philip's and St. Martin's. Names by December 1st, please, to Miss C. Eustace, 28, Vicarage Road, Rugby. 6946

OUTING IN CORNWALL

In the early afternoon of October 22nd, the Dormobile belonging to the president of the Truro Diocesan Guild left Truro with nine ringers aboard, including a 'foreigner' from Somerset. A hearty welcome was given by a local ringer and a black cat at Menheniot (a nice six). Then came the recently restored six at Saltash, an inspection of the new Tamar bridge and a quick cup of tea at Launceston.

It was found that the bells at Laneast had not been rung for a long time; the ropes were deplorable. It was only after the substitution of a spare rope that a brief ring was possible. The new Vicar here is enthusiastic about ringing and hopes that a band of ringers will soon be operating. It had been hoped to have a ring at the combined parish of St. Clether (5), but the bells have been condemned. However, the bell founders have been to look at them, and possibly, with the Vicar's enthusiasm, they will be restored before too long.

Ringing for the day concluded with a good quarter at Advent, rung by candlelight. The writer has now rung on all 'ringables' in Cornwall. Truro was reached just after 11 p.m., 150 miles having been completed. Best thanks are due to Alan Carveth for arranging the trip and providing transport.

E. T. P. F.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

Tewkesbury Branch

The annual meeting of the Tewkesbury Branch, held on October 29th, was again most successful. We were especially pleased to welcome Mr. W. Truman, Acting Ringing Master, of the Association. The evening service was conducted by Canon B. Purefoy and Rev. T. Whereat. An excellent tea was provided by the ladies. Canon and Mrs. Purefoy and Mr. Whereat joined us for tea. Canon Purefoy stated that it was hoped the restoration of the Abbey bells would take place in the near future.

At the business meeting Mr. E. W. Penn was re-elected chairman and, later, was also elected Ringing Master, in place of Mr. E. T. Newbury, who did not seek re-election. Miss N. Price was re-elected secretary. The meeting discussed a variety of subjects, including the recognition of Minimus peals, which they were against, and the running of week-end courses, which they were for. Mr. Penn thanked Mr. Newbury for his valuable services to the Exercise.

The evening provided ringing in many methods and was brought to a happy conclusion by a course of Cambridge Surprise Major.

N. P.

QUARTER PEALS

ALVASTON, DERBYS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss L. P. Hydes 1, Miss B. A. Manning 2, D. F. Roberts 3, E. D. Thomas 4, B. R. Manning (cond.) 5, G. Lawrence 6. Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Hanstock.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Minor (Single Oxford and Plain Bob): C. Froggatt 1, S. Meredith 2, Ruth Blackshaw 3, M. W. Harrison 4, Alec Larkin 5, F. Bradley and D. Armstrong 6. Conducted by Frank Bradley and Doreen Armstrong. For Sunday evening service and All Saints' Day. Also on Nov. 6th, 1,440 Minor (Oxford Treble Bob and Single Oxford): C. Froggatt 1, Brian Mills and S. Meredith 2, D. Armstrong and R. Blackshaw 3, M. W. Harrison and D. Armstrong 4, A. Larkin 5, F. Bradley (cond.) 6. Rung for evening service and Choir Festival.

SOCIETY OF THE FRIENDS OF THE EXERCISE

THE autumn tour of the Society of Friends of the Exercise proved memorable for weather, if nothing else, for after torrential rain came the floods. In fact, two very early arrivals spent Friday morning bailing out at the King's Arms to ensure that the essential supply of beer was undamaged! A peal attempt in the evening at Clyst St. George had to be postponed and instead a quarter peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor was rung at East Budleigh, in honour of the 21st birthday of two of the ringers. There were fewer members this year and only one new face. Two founder members were unable to attend owing to the joys of parenthood, one other member was claimed yet again by Cupid, and a third had the weakest excuse of all; he was ringing a peal!

Saturday dawned dull and cloudy and the inevitable rain began as soon as we set off towards the Kingsbridge area, our chosen venue for this week-end. We seemed to choose the only roads around Exeter that were passable but further out, at Kingsteignton, the floods were at least axle-deep. Surprisingly enough, we arrived at our first tower, Churchstow (6, 16 cwt.), on time, a feat which we managed to repeat through the day. For the next tower, Thurlestone, another pleasant six, the weather brightened a little and we even saw the sun! Our party became complete at South Milton when George Ellett, a local ringer from East Budleigh, brought the last two of our members. Our Master, the Honourable Savage, was unfortunately not able to be with us for at the last moment he was called upon to clear up debris left after the floods in East Budleigh.

Next on the list was lunch and as usual a 'pub' was located where we could eat our sandwiches. Afterwards we visited Galmpton, in the heart of National Trust Area and the church itself was just as beautiful for it was decorated for the Harvest Festival. We did justice to the fine bells with a good raise and some very good ringing, more than we could say elsewhere! Our next tower was Malborough and here our annual photograph was taken. The walls of the ringing room in West Alvington were covered with certificates and in the church were shields, further proof of this local band's ringing capabilities. It was only a short distance to Kingsbridge, a very good eight, but, alas, time limited the quality and standard of our ringing.

Dodbrooke, a light six, was so close to Kingsbridge that two of our party nearly missed it. At East Allington we were unable to find the tower-door key. Instead we resorted to hymn-singing round the organ accompanied by Reg Hooper—the S.F.E. pianist. The timetable forced us to leave for our last tower, Halwell, a very nice six. Here we were joined by Bob Brain, who also provided help in the transport problem.

On arrival at the King's Arms the 21st birthdays were celebrated, not riotously, but with the discretion expected of that age. It was not until 3 a.m. or was it 2 a.m. (the extra hour certainly caused confusion) before we retired. No early morning quarter peal was attempted this year in deference to the local inhabitants, at least, that was our excuse! The party split up to ring at Colaton Raleigh, Withycombe Raleigh and East Budleigh for Matins.

After a hearty lunch the party took various routes to Stockland, where we enjoyed good ringing. London, Cambridge and Stedman included, on a good ring of six.

After tea at Yeovil we were joined by the local ringers and rang Stedman, Grandsire Caters and a half course of Cambridge Surprise Royal (brought round in the usual fashion) for Evensong.

Thanks go to incumbents and local captains and also to Frank Mack, John Gilbert and Cyril Savage for giving the Society another varied collection of new towers.

L. J. B.

WENTWORTH, YORKS.—On Oct. 20th, 1,440 Doubles (Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob and Plain Bob): K. West 1, A. King 2, M. A. Beaumont 3, M. King 4, M. R. Meadows (cond.) 5, A. Beaumont 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Vice-Admiral A. G. Talbot, who died at Bournemouth, on October 15th, 1960.

QUARTER PEALS

ASCOTT-UNDER-WYCHWOOD, OXON.—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. S. Walker 1, Miss C. Chapman 2, N. D. Deam 3, E. R. Venn 4, R. H. Jones (cond.) 5. For All Saints' Day.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFS.—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret Davies 1, C. Skidmore (cond.) 2, Michael Fellows 3, C. Peakman 4, J. Lloyd 5, F. Jukes 6, M. Fellows 7, R. Allport 8. First quarter and first attempt by treble. For Confirmation service.

CAMBRIDGE.—On Oct. 30th, at St. Andrew the Great Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Jennifer Stratford 1, H. Bishop 2, R. Hough 3, N. Waite 4, L. Smith 5, A. Griffin 6, Frances Secker (cond.) 7 H. Lewis 8.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.—On Oct. 30th, at St. Cuthbert's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Janet Warwick (first quarter) 1, F. Hodgson 2, Brenda Cooke 3, Rohilla Cooke 4, Ernest Pannell (first quarter) 5, T. Senior 6, T. M. Cox (cond.) 7, T. Cooke 8.

EWELL, SURREY.—On Oct. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sally Parrott (first quarter) 1, R. C. Spittle 2, Pauline Spittle (first in method 'inside') 3, J. E. Beams 4, W. Parrott 5, A. S. Besant 6, C W. Munday (cond.) 7, D. A. Carpenter 8. Rung half-muffled on the funeral day of the Bishop of Guildford.

INGATESTONE, ESSEX.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Minor (Kent and Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob): C. H. Rogers 1, M. McQuistan 2, J. Carrott 3, G. Camp 4, J. Sitch 5, F. V. Gant (cond.) 6. For Confirmation.

MALDON, ESSEX.—On Oct. 30th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: I. Foster (14, first quarter) 1, J. Clarke 2, G. M. Rouse 3, Ann Vowles (first of Minor) 4, Ann Edwards 5, J. Towler (first as cond.) 6. For Evensong and Patronal Festival.

NASEBY, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Barton 1, Miss L. Brown (first 'inside') 2, F. Lane 3, W. Cropley 4, D. Griffin (cond.) 5. For Harvest Festival.

SYSTON, LEICS.—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (5 callings): Margaret Kirk 1, H. M. Payne 2, Christine A. Smith (first as cond.) 3, H. Humphreys 4, E. F. Payne 5, J. Mitchell 6. For Evensong, and a birthday compliment to the conductor.

WIDFORD, ESSEX.—On Oct. 30th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: S. Penfold 1, M. Bland 2, J. Carrott 3, A. H. Worboys 4, J. Fowler 5, A. J. Salisbury 6, T. East 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8. For Matins.

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ANOTHER INTERVIEW WITH THE PROFESSOR

YESTERDAY I again visited the Professor. He was thoughtfully browsing over the current issue of the 'R.W.' (November 4th), so I asked him what he was thinking about and what it was (if anything) that had provoked his studious appearance. He did not reply immediately but began to load his pipe and grope for his matches. These operations successfully accomplished, he proceeded to fill the room with clouds of black, vile-smelling smoke. Having satisfied himself, apparently, that no human being apart from himself could survive such an atmosphere for more than half-an-hour, he began to speak.

'I have been reading the reports of the Snowdon dinner and find them most interesting, particularly the remarks in the Editorial on the front page with regard to university educated students. It is indeed true, and the official education programme makes it quite clear,' said the Professor, with the air of one who dines on alternate nights with the Minister of Education, 'that the number of university places will increase greatly during the next decade. Since the formation of the University Societies and the consequently increased interest taken by students, it follows that we shall have indirectly at the disposal of our beloved art the whole machinery of education. As was pointed out on the front page, the ultimate effect must be beneficial to bellringing as a whole.'

'Do you think that there is a danger that change-ringing may divide into two stratas?,' I asked; 'say ringers at an ordinary level and a so-called "intellectual" school?'

'I hope not, although as you point out it is a danger; but then it always was!'

'Mr. E. A. Barnett,' continued the Professor, 'observed at the Snowdon dinner that there is a snobbishness in certain ringing circles, where ringers incapable of ringing Cambridge Surprise were considered to be "outside the pale." Personally I don't think that this attitude is anything new. Conceit is, unfortunately, a latent characteristic of human nature, and is apt to reveal itself in unexpected places and in unexpected people. Snobbery wants decapitating whenever it rears its ugly head in the belfry, but I don't think it is more prevalent now than it was, say, 30 or 40 years ago.'

'True education,' pontificated Mr. Dodge, 'leads not to conceit but to humility, and what is sometimes forgotten by some people who are justifiably proud of their degree is that had they been born 20 or 30 years earlier there is a possibility that, owing to lack of opportunity, they would not have been able to obtain it. As a result it may well be that until time has ironed out the differences between the age groups there will still be many ringers who received only a primary education who, had they been given the opportunity, might have had the benefit of a university education. I say this in no spirit of disrespect to those who have had this privilege, for whom, by and large, I have the greatest admiration, but in support of many of the older ringers whom I have known and still know, whose brains and capabilities both in and out of ringing are not a whit inferior to these comparative youngsters.'

'But surely,' I objected, 'the universities have always been fairly well represented in change-ringing.'

'Indeed they have,' agreed the Professor. 'One has only to look through a list of names of officials of the C.C. since its inception to realise that. But in the main, up to a comparatively short time ago, universities were fed from the so-called middle- and upper-classes. There were notable exceptions of course, but I could quote examples of a mining village where there are people down almost every street whose sons and daughters have obtained a degree, or are now at a university. This, of course, is excellent, but 40 or 50 years ago it would have been only the parson's, the doctor's or the local squire's children. I have no reason to believe that the parents' potentialities are less than those of their children!'

'One has not to dig too deeply into the past,' explained Mr. Dodge, 'to discover great names of humble origin. I could quote many examples, but perhaps Mr. Arthur Knights, that genius of Treble Bob, will be sufficient. He received only a primary education, and even that must have been scanty and desultory for he had taken up a trade and was making boots and shoes "when he was between 10 and 11 years of age." It is useless to speculate what his achievements might have been had his education been extended, but it is impossible to imagine that they would have been greater. Who knows but what his genius might have found expression in some other form of activity. We must be thankful indeed that bellringing received the full benefit.'

'And so,' he went on, 'although it is obvious that the universities, and higher education in general, are going to play an ever-increasing part in our beloved art [which, I noticed, was the second time he had used this expression], all sorts and conditions of men (and women) may bring their offerings to her shrine. Joe Bloggs, who failed his 11-plus, may still aspire to ring Spliced Surprise Major, and Giles leave his plough or his tractor to compose peals of the same.'

Here I had to leave or succumb to suffocation; but I remember thinking as I went home that it was a long time since I had seen Mr. Dodge so serious. H. C.

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On Sat., Nov. 5, 1960, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH.
A PEAL OF 5020 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 21 cwt. 11 lb.

*RONALD MILLINGTON	Treble	†JOHN A. BROWN	6
CHARLES N. LEA	2	†THOMAS M. COX	7
†ROHILLA M. COOKE	3	THOMAS COOKE	8
DORIS M. KILLINGLEY	4	†BERT SUTTON	9
FRED W. ELLIS	5	FRED HODGSON	Tenor

Composed by F. HODGSON. Conducted by T. COOKE.
* First peal. † First of Bob Royal. First of Royal as conductor.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1960, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5040 TAMWORTH SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

ROBERT B. SMITH	Treble	*ALFRED BALLARD	6
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	2	†A. MAXWELL LINDSEY	7
W. ERNEST RAWSON	3	*WILLIAM J. ROOT	8
J. EDWARD CAWSER	4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS	9
*E. ALAN JACQUES	5	JOHN M. JELLEY	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.
* First peal in the method. † First in the method 'inside.' First in the method in the county, and for the Guild.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1960, in 3 Hours and 46 Minutes.
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 37 cwt. 73 lb. in D flat.

*EDMUND P. CROWDY	Treble	*FREDERICK ROSS	6
*MARION S. AINSWORTH	2	DENIS A. BAYLES	7
*JOHN E. ANDERSON	3	KENNETH ARTHUR	8
*GEORGE S. DEAS	4	*J. ALAN AINSWORTH	9
ROBIN G. TURNER	5	*ERIC N. HARRISON	Tenor

Arranged by FREDK. W. GROCOTT. Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.
* First peal of Little Bob Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

MORPETH, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Sept. 1, 1960, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE WATCH TOWER.
A PEAL OF 5152 BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

J. ALAN AINSWORTH	Treble	*GEORGE S. DEAS	5
*MARION S. AINSWORTH	2	FREDERICK WM. GROCOTT	6
*JOHN E. ANDERSON	3	ROBIN G. TURNER	7
ERIC N. HARRISON	4	DENIS A. BAYLES	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by FREDERICK W. GROCOTT.
* First peal in the method.

HEMSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 7¼ cwt.

DAVID LOCKWOOD	Treble	*GEOFFREY TOWNEND	5
*JOHN S. RANK	2	*TREVOR TARBATT	6
*PETER WOODWARD	3	*KENNETH PARK	7
HOWARD SCOTT	4	WILFRID F. MORETON	Tenor

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES.
Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* First peal in the method.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Oct. 31, 1960, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5056 WYE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

G. RONALD EDWARDS	Treble	ERNEST MORRIS	5
*RICHARD J. CLIFTON	2	JOHN M. JELLEY	6
RALPH ELKINGTON	3	RUSSELL S. MORRIS	7
*JOSEPH W. COTTON	4	A. JAMES POYNOR	Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.
* 100th peal together.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1960, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt.

*DEREK J. MARSHALL	Treble	SIDNEY HOUGH	5
TREVOR TAYLOR	2	RONALD J. JOHNSON	6
FREDERICK SHALLCROSS	3	A. PETER WHITEHEAD	7
F. JOHN NELSON	4	NEIL BENNETT	Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by FREDERICK SHALLCROSS.
* First peal of Major and Surprise. First as conductor.
Rung as a farewell to the Vicar, the Rev. Robin C. Barsley, who is shortly taking up the living of Hadlow, Kent.

COLE-ORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1960, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

J. EDWARD CAWSER	Treble	ROLAND BENISTON	5
*ANN BARR	2	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	6
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	3	JOSEPH W. COTTON	7
RICHARD J. WARRILOW	4	FRANCIS R. LOWE	Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.
* First peal in the method.

DERBY.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1960, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in E.

DAVID PARKIN	Treble	CHRISTOPHER HUGHES	5
MRS. S. H. JONES	2	JOHN F. MURFIN	6
DAVID K. WALKLATE	3	DEREK G. ASTRIDGE	7
MICHAEL KNIGHT	4	ALFRED MOULD	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.
Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. Michael R. Austin, B D.

DRIGHLINGTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1960, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5088 HEREFORD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

GEOFFREY TOWNEND	Treble	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	5
HOWARD SCOTT	2	J. HENRY FIELDEN	6
PETER SCHOLFIELD	3	GORDON BENFIELD	7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	4	IAN M. HOLLAND	Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
First peal in the method by all the band, and for the Association.

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EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1960, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Simon and Jude,
A PEAL OF 5152 VENTNOR SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb.

Paul Martin	*Treble*	Ralph Elkington	5
John M. Jelley	2	A. Maxwell Lindsey	6
Brian G. Warwick	3	A. James Poynor	7
Ernest Morris	4	Russell S. Morris	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by John M. Jelley.
First peal in the method by all the band, and for the Guild.

GREAT BENTLEY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1960, in 3 Hours and 45 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Original. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*Roy Duesbury	*Treble*	*George N. Orman	5
†George A. Button	2	*David E. Culham	6
Edward E. Davey	3	Alan R. Andrews	7
*Frank H. Pike	4	*Percy W. Mills	*Tenor*

Conducted by Roy Duesbury.
* First peal in the method. † First in the method 'inside.'
A compliment to Marion H. Mills (daughter of the tenor ringer) and Peter Wood on their engagement.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1960, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

William J. Button	*Treble*	Hubert A. Mitson	5
Robert E. Lester	2	*Raymond F. Taylor	6
Keith W. Whittell	3	Harry D. Lister	7
Leslie G. Foster	4	John L. Girt	*Tenor*

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by Harry D. Lister.
* First peal in the method. W. J. Button has now 'circled the tower' to peals. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb.

CROSS STONE, TODMORDEN, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Nov. 10, 1960, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Paul
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

Peter Scholfield	*Treble*	Michael D. Fishwick	5
Leslie W. G. Morris	2	John H. Fielden	6
Geoffrey Cheetham	3	Norman Smith	7
Philip J. H. Hudson	4	Vernon Bottomley	*Tenor*

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by Norman Smith.
Rung to mark the 50th anniversary of the first peal on the bells.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD
On Thurs., Nov. 10, 1960, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5280 VERWOOD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

Thomas J. Lock	*Treble*	Dennis Knox	5
Alick Cutler	2	G. William Critchley	6
Claudia A. Critchley	3	Alfred J. House	7
Joan Beresford	4	John R. Mayne	*Tenor*

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed. Conducted by John R. Mayne.
First peal in the method.

KNEBWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Mary-the-Virgin and Thomas-a-Becket,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-Part (sixth observation). Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*Patricia Collins	*Treble*	Bernard L. Marks	5
*Christine M. Rimmer	2	Stanley Huckle	6
Mikaela Erik	3	†Gerald Penney	7
Eric Edmondson	4	Martyn W. Harbott	*Tenor*

Conducted by Stanley Huckle.
* First peal of Triples. † First of Triples in the method. First of Triples as conductor.

NEW ROMNEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1960, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5056 BIDDENDEN SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in E.

*Violet I. E. Relf	*Treble*	*Ralph Bird	5
*Bernard F. L. Groves	2	*Ian H. Oram	6
*John R. Cooper	3	Thomas Cullingworth	7
*Andrew M. Macve	4	*A. Patrick Cannon	*Tenor*

Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by Ian H. Oram.
* First peal in the method.
Rung for the appointment of the Vicar (Rev. J. F. Stuart Martin) as Rural Dean of South Lympne: also a birthday compliment to Andrew M. Macve.

VERWOOD SURPRISE MAJOR
—58—4.58—12.36—14—5.14—16.3.
8ths place lead-end. 4ths place bob.

ROMSEY, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1960, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
At the Abbey Church of SS. Mary and Ethelfleda.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Pritchard's. Tenor 24 cwt. 8 lb. in D.

Reginald W. Rex	*Treble*	*H. Jack Page	5
*Audrey J. Knight	2	Reginald F. Crook	6
Christopher M. White	3	Arthur W. Sayers	7
Eric P. Woolgrove	4	Geoffrey K. Dodd	*Tenor*

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.
* First peal of Major.

ROTHWELL, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1960, in 3 Hours,
At the Church of The Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 21 cwt. 3 lb.

Vesta A. Headland	*Treble*	Murray A. Coleman	5
William J. Whitmore	2	Arthur Gibbs	6
*Shelagh R. Collins	3	Geoffrey E. Watson	7
†George Wright	4	Brian Austin	*Tenor*

Composed by Rev. E. Bankes James.
Conducted by Murray A. Coleman.
* 25th peal for the Guild. † First of Triples. First as conductor.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1960, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5184 ST. CLEMENT'S BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

*Valerie Lacey	*Treble*	†John Manners	5
C. William Hall	2	*David Swift	6
†Tom Harris	3	†Frank Chambers	7
†Celia Cowley	4	Roland Beniston	*Tenor*

Composed by Henry W. Wilde. Conducted by Roland Beniston.
* First peal of Major. † First in the method.
A Loughborough District peal.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Nov. 13, 1960, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Margaret,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 27 lb. in E flat.

Robert T. Lambert	*Treble*	Trevor A. Cross	5
Reginald E. Lambert	2	Ernest J. Ladd	6
*Olive D. Couchman	3	Bernard F. L. Groves	7
†Thomas E. Sone	4	Colin A. Tester	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Thomas E. Sone.
* First peal of Yorkshire 'inside.' † 650th peal.
Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day; also in memoriam Mrs. E. M. Elms, mother-in-law of the ringer of the sixth.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

FRENSHAM, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Oct. 14, 1960, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being three 240's and 24 six-scores of Grandsire and 12 six-scores of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

Charles W. Denyer	*Treble*	Dennis W. Shepheard	4
Edward J. Bragg	2	Clifford J. Beadle	5
Stanley G. Ponting	3	Arthur C. Beadle	*Tenor*

Conducted by Clifford J. Beadle.
First peal as conductor.
Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the late Mr. Leonard Heath.

ASHCOTT, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Oct. 31, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being one 720 and two 2,160's. Tenor 12 cwt. 21 lb

*Frederick W. Sweet	*Treble*	Victor G. Roberts	4
†F. A. Keith Prime	2	*Michael J. Stone	5
Howard Collins	3	Peter C. Wright	*Tenor*

Conducted by Peter C. Wright.
* First peal of Surprise. † First of Surprise 'inside.' First of Surprise as conductor. First of Surprise on the bells.
For All Saints' Day.

SWAFFHAM PRIOR, CAMBRIDGESHIRE
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Nov. 3, 1960, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Cyriac,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 11 cwt.

*O. Brenda Carter	*Treble*	Charles F. Sargeant	4
Anthony R. Mann	2	Richard J. W. Housden	5
Derek G. Taylor	3	Roger J. Palmer	*Tenor*

Conducted by Richard J. W. Housden.
* First peal at first attempt.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

BALDERTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1960, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 8 cwt. in G sharp.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Treble*	*PETER N. WHITE	4
JAMES W. RAITHBY	2	WILLIAM L. EXTON	5
*MRS. COLIN W. REED	3	COLIN W. REED	*Tenor*

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES.
Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal of Surprise. First of Surprise on the bells.

COLSTERWORTH, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1960, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob and five of Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt.

FREDERICK DERRY	*Treble*	ROGER ASHER	4
EDGAR A. COLE	2	J. EDWARD BROWN	5
DAPHNE P. BROWN	3	JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

LANGDALE, WESTMORLAND.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1960, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr.

NICHOLAS M. NEWBY	*Treble*	ALAN CAPSTICK	4
JAMES E. BURLES	2	ERIC W. BIRKETT	5
BRAITHWAITE RIGG	3	FRANK BIRKETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by NICHOLAS M. NEWBY.
First peal on the bells since rehanging in a new frame.
Rung for the 90th birthday of Mrs. Gaskell, of Skelwith Bridge, and the centenary of the casting of the first five bells.

LIMPSFIELD CHART, SURREY.
THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1960, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob and five of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in G.

GEORGE FRY	*Treble*	†JOHN E. WARNER	4
*ANN GEORGE	2	EDWARD J. JENNER	5
†BRIAN E. JEFFREY	3	STANLEY JENNER	*Tenor*

Conducted by STANLEY JENNER
* First peal in two methods 'inside.' † First in two Minor methods.
A 21st birthday compliment to John E. Warner.

PULVERBATCH, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1960, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDITH.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents, differently called. Tenor 5 cwt. 20 lb.

*BESSIE A. CARTER	*Treble*	†F. HECTOR BENNETT	4
DOROTHY M. COOPER	2	HARRY POYNER	5
RICHARD E. MORRIS	3	MARY C. POYNER	*Tenor*

Conducted by MARY C. POYNER.
* 50th peal. † 25th peal this year. First as conductor.

SWINDERBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1960, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 14 extents Grandsire and 28 Plain Bob. Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

*RUTH BLACKSHAW	*Treble*	BRIAN MILLS	3
F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER	2	*MAURICE W. HARRISON	4
		*JOHN HIGGS	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN MILLS.
* First peal of Doubles. First peal, first attempt, as conductor.
Rung as a 77th birthday compliment to Mrs. Drury; also as a welcome home to the conductor, he having completed his two years' National Service.

COMPTON BISHOP, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Nov. 6, 1960, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being eight extents of St. Simon's, ten of Grandsire and 12 each of Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

JOHN BRINSON	*Treble*	HAROLD HOOPER	4
ANN WHITE	2	GEORGE PRESCOTT	5
MARJORIE LEGG	3	JOHN HOOPER	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGER PRESCOTT.

DOWNHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Nov. 7, 1960, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being one extent each of Wells, London, Chester, Durham, York, Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 7 cwt.

HERMON J. OLIVER	*Treble*	COLIN M. TIFFIN	4
*GERALD K. GOLDWIN	2	ROY R. TIFFIN	5
*ROBERT J. ISGROVE	3	HARRY TURNER	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.
* First peal in seven methods.

NEWBURN, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Nov. 7, 1960, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 720 each of Beverley Surprise, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

J. ALAN AINSWORTH	*Treble*	WILLIAM TYSON	4
NORMAN ERRINGTON	2	*GEORGE S. DEAS	5
JOHN E. ANDERSON	3	ERIC N. HARRISON	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.
* 100th peal for the Association.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Nov. 8, 1960, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt. 21 lb. in F.

*PATRICIA LAYCOCK	*Treble*	ANN M. COX	4
WILLIAM T. BEESON	2	HAROLD A. MAY	5
STANLEY G. PONTING	3	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD A. MAY.
* First peal in seven methods.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Ernest R. Warner (60 years), a member of Holy Trinity, Guildford, band.

BURMARSH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 9, 1960, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

*THOMAS H. FAGG	*Treble*	JOHN R. COOPER	4
MAISIE VANTOM	2	CRAWFORD T. HILLIS	5
MRS. R. WRATTEN	3	†ROBERT SWIFT	*Tenor*

Conducted by CRAWFORD T. HILLIS.
* First peal. † 200th peal.

RAMPTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Nov. 10, 1960, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In five methods, being eight extents each of St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place Bob, St. Martin's and St. Simon's, and ten of Plain Bob.
Tenor 4½ cwt.

ALEC T. DENSON	*Treble*	GEORGE E. THODAY	3
DONALD F. MURFET	2	ARTHUR YARROW	4
		GEOFFREY A. LUCAS	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY A. LUCAS.

WIGTOFT, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD
On Fri., Nov. 11, 1960, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Childwall, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 7¼ cwt.

J. HENRY TAYLOR	*Treble*	ALBERT E. FLATTERS	4
JOSEPH W. BAILEY	2	HAROLD BARSLEY	5
JOHN P. MORRIS	3	J. MARTIN THORLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.
A Remembrance peal.

ASHLEY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1960, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 ST. MARTIN'S DOUBLES
Tenor 8 cwt.

RONALD RUSSELL	*Treble*	RICHARD J. DANBY	3
PERCY AMOS	2	TIMOTHY A. WOODING	4
		GEORGE F. ROOME	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE F. ROOME.
First peal in the method for all the band, and for the Guild. First peal on the bells in living memory.
Rung for the Festival of St. Martin.

CANTERBURY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALPHEGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Single Oxford and Oxford Treble Bob and five of Plain Bob (different callings). Tenor 7¼ cwt. in B.

PAUL CATTERMOLE	*Treble*	MARY S. TAYLOR	4
PAUL A. BATCHELOR	2	PHILIP E. DEVERILL	5
PAULINE FENNEL	3	NICHOLAS J. DAVIES	*Tenor*

Conducted by NICHOLAS J. DAVIES.
First peal as conductor. Average age of band 16½ years.

CHIPPENHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being an extent each of London, Wells, York, Netherseale, Ipswich, Norwich and Cambridge. Tenor 16 cwt.

GEOFFREY A. LUCAS	*Treble*	GEORGE E. THODAY	4
DONALD F. MURFET	2	ARTHUR YARROW	5
ROGER J. PALMER	3	MANSFIELD GINN	*Tenor*

Conducted by MANSFIELD GINN.

CRANFORD, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MIDDLESEX DELIGHT MINOR

Being seven different extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout. Tenor 7 cwt. in B.

CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	*Treble*	FRANK C. PRICE	4
KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	2	JOHN HILL	5
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	3	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
First peal in the method.
Rung as a farewell to the curate of Cranford, the Rev. D. A. G. Davies, who is leaving to take up an appointment at Shrewsbury.

KIPPAX, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 13¼ cwt.

*DAVID SHEPPARD	*Treble*	JOHN POTTS	4
MRS. J. R. RENDER	2	RONALD R. WARFORD	5
†ALAN SHEPPARD	3	†KENNETH B. SISSONS	*Tenor*

Conducted by KENNETH B. SISSONS.
* First peal at first attempt. † 25th peal together.
Rung to welcome the birth, and celebrate the christening, of Andrew Stephen, son of Mr. John Potts, who is grandson of the ringer of the second.

SADDLEWORTH, YORKSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in G.

PETER DALE	*Treble*	*EDWARD SHUTTLEWORTH	4
E. MICHAEL QUINN	2	JOHN ROBINSON	5
BRIAN SCHOFIELD	3	GORDON RUMNEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN ROBINSON.
* First peal in three methods. The conductor's 25th peal.

MIDDLESEX DELIGHT MINOR.
36—34.16—12—1236—34—5
2nds place lead-end.

STARSTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B., and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

PAULINE ADCOCK	*Treble*	ERNEST WHITING	4
E. AUSTIN HEAD	2	HARRY B. FULLER	5
LEONARD J. MINNS	3	WILLIAM J. FLATT	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.
Rung as a farewell to the Rev. J. F. Gratton Guinness, who is retiring at the end of the month.

TERLING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

MARY ROAST	*Treble*	JOE E. G. ROAST	3
ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON	2	PETER J. EVES	4
	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	*Tenor*	

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.
First peal of Stedman Doubles by all the band.

THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Syston District.)
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE LATIMER CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 30 extents of Grandsire and 12 of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 7 lb. in G.

*GEOFFREY K. HESTOR	*Treble*	J. RICHARD PERKINS	4
B. STEDMAN PAYNE	2	ROYSTON WILMORE	5
MALCOLM D. BARSBY	3	*ROBERT H. J. DAW	*Tenor*

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.
* First peal.
A 13th birthday compliment to Victoria Goddard, a ringer of this tower.

HANDBELL PEALS

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Nov. 10, 1960, *in* 1 *Hour and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT 66, MELTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor size 15 in C.

ERNEST MORRIS	1—2	B. STEDMAN PAYNE	3—4
	MALCOLM D. BARSBY	5—6	

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.
Rung to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. John B. Bennett on the birth of their second son.

LONDON.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Nov. 14, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE COUNTY HALL, S.E.,
A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor size 15.

JOAN BERESFORD	1—2	JOHN FREEMAN	5—6
*DENNIS BERESFORD	3—4	†WILFRID G. WILSON	7—8
	*THOMAS J. LOCK	9—10	

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.
* First peal of Stedman Caters 'in hand.' † First handbell peal of Stedman. 200th peal as conductor.

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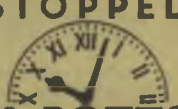

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ABERDARE, GLAM.—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Watts (first quarter) 1, F. Rowsell 2, G. Kerley 3, W. Harford 4, P. Jones (first 'inside') 5, J. Hopkinson 6, D. Kerley (first quarter as cond.) 7, M. Edwards 8. A compliment to the ringer of 6, on his engagement to Ann Griffiths, a former ringer at this tower.

ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—At St. Peter's Cathedral, on Oct. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. O. Goulter (first of Triples) 1, H. Greenhalgh 2, Enid Roberts (cond.) 3, C. H. Bagot 4, H. F. Cox (first of Triples 'inside') 5, W. B. Pitcher (first of Triples 6, B. R. Cox 7, H. C. Moule (first of Triples) 8. For C.E.B.S. annual service. Also on Nov. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. O. Goulter 1, F. N. Smeaton 2, Enid Roberts (cond.) 3, H. Greenhalgh 4, C. H. Bagot 5, W. B. Pitcher 6, B. R. Cox 7, H. F. Cox 8. For C.M.S. jubilee service.

ALDERSHOT, HANTS.—On Sept 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rosemary Edmunds (first quarter) 1, T. Page 2, Stella Tate-Mitchell 3, Rosemarie Chapman 4, W. Viggers 5, A. Butcher 6, E. Bragg (cond.) 7, F. Williamson (first quarter) 8. Also on Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sylvia Tate-Mitchell (first quarter) 1, T. Page 2, Stella Tate-Mitchell 3, Rosemarie Chapman 4, A. Butcher 5, E. Bragg 6, W. Viggers (cond.) 7, F. Wicks 8.

AMERSHAM, BUCKS.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Miss D. Payne (first quarter) 1, Miss R. Stacey 2, Mrs. E. G. Swift 3, E. G. Swift 4, J. E. Camp (cond.) 5, Miss R. Hicks 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day service.

ASTON INGHAM, HEREFORDS.—On Nov. 12th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: D. J. King 1, Miss A. M. Gladwell 2, A. T. Wingate 3, Mrs. D. J. King 4, D. F. Jaine 5, G. Davis (cond.) 6.

BARWELL, LEICS.—On Nov. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. J. Colver (first quarter) 1, Mrs. J. C. F. Williams 2, J. L. Hough 3, A. A. Lucas (cond.) 4, T. K. Deacon 5, C. Lucas (first quarter) 6, A. H. Hough 7, J. Needham 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Christopher Lucas, a member of the local band.

BIRMINGHAM.—At Bishop Latimer Church, on Oct. 30th, 1,280 London Surprise Major: B. D. A. Woolley 1, J. A. Anderson 2, Mrs. M. Woolley 3, Miss E. M. Yardley 4, R. J. Lees 5, D. J. Purnell 6, R. G. Edwards 7, G. E. Fearn (cond.) 8.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. W. Dunsden 1, A. R. T. Greenough 2, P. Corderoy 3, E. J. Grace 4, H. L. Bishop 5, R. B. Blond (cond.) 6, J. P. Blond 7, C. Corderoy 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance serviee.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTS.—At Christ Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Stillman (13) 1, R. Humphries 2, R. Lovelock 3, F. W. Box 4, R. Purnell (cond.) 5, D. Gaisford 6. First quarter 1 and 2. Also at Holy Trinity Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Stillman 1, P. Gaisford 2, G. Parsons 3, R. Purnell 4, F. Box (cond.) 5, T. Wicks 6. Rung for Harvest Festival by all local Sunday service ringers.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At the Church of St. Peter, on Nov. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Audrey M. Evans 1, Angela Grainger 2, A. W. Bond 3, L. Batting 4, G. North 5, S. E. Armstrong 6, H. W. Woolven (cond.) 7, C. W. T. Riddleston 8. Rung half-muffled on Remembrance Sunday.

BRISTOL.—On Oct. 23rd, at St. Michael-on-the-Mount Without Church, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: Judith Atkinson (first quarter) 1, D. Evans 2, R. Blackler (cond.) 3, I. C. Maycock 4, M. J. Austin 5, E. Mould (first quarter) 6. By the U.B.S.C.R. For Evensong. Also on Oct. 30th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Christine Collett (first quarter) 1, Dorothy Stafford 2, Jennifer Gambling 3, A. Kench 4, J. C. Baldwin 5, J. A. Bennett (cond.) 6. By the U.B.S.C.R. For Evensong. Also on Nov 6th, 1,272 Minor (Kent, Oxford and Cambridge): Bridget Heighton 1, J. C. Baldwin 2, L. Blackler 3, D. Heighton 4, I. C. Maycock 5, M. J. Austin (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

BURSTOW, SURREY.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Stedman, St. Simon's, Plain Bob and Canterbury): T. Padbury 1, W. F. Slaughter 2, L. W. Penfold 3, G. Charlton 4, A. J. Bull (cond.) 5, H. H. Padbury 6. First in five methods for 1, 4 and 6. For Remembrance service.

CHURCH GRESLEY, DERBYS.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): I. Measures (14) 1, J. W. Cotton 2, Joan Cotton 3, D. P. Jones (cond.) 4, D. Eames (15) 5. Rung half-muffled in grateful memory of Captain C. Collingwood, founder-member of the Boy Scout movement, through whose generosity these bells were restored.

QUARTER PEALS

CHURCH STANTON, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Stevens 1, Miss P. Stevens 2, R. Shire 3, C. Stevens 4, H. Churchill (cond.) 5, W. Moore 6. Rung for the tenth anniversary of the first peal on the augmented six.

COOMBE BISSETT, WILTS.—On Oct. 16th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: B. J. Lawes 1, E. Haines 2, D. Randall 3, R. Haines 4, A. Haines 5, R. N. Marlow (cond.) 6. Believed to be the first quarter on the bells.

CRAYFORD, KENT.—On Nov. 13th, 1,200 Grandsire Doubles: Jean F. Barnett 1, E. Barnett 2, W. J. Lemon 3, P. G. Richards 4, E. A. Barnett (cond.) 5, I. MacLean (first quarter) 6. For Remembrance Sunday. First quarter for over 20 years by a Sunday service band.

DAYBROOK, NOTTS.—On Oct. 29th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Miss H. B. Nevin 1, J. H. Pailing 2, Miss D. Hopkins 3, J. G. Underwood 4, R. Baldwin 5, K. W. Price 6, F. N. Pailing 7, D. W. Friend (cond.) 8.

EDMONTON, MIDDX.—On Nov. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: I. George 1, T. Newcombe 2, W. George 3, T. Hawkins 4, J. Weeks (cond.) 5, J. Rixon 6. A birthday compliment to Stephen, son of conductor, and Tony, son of 1 and 3. Also on Nov. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Bacon 1, T. Newcombe 2, D. Langdon 3, J. Weeks 4, W. George 5, T. Hawkins (cond.) 6. For patronal festival. Also on Nov. 13th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. I. George 1, D. Langdon 2, Miss T. Newcombe 3, W. George 4, W. Theobald (cond.) 5, D. Towers 6, J. Weeks 7, T. Hawkins 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Miss A. L. Knight (sister of Vicar), who passed away on November 10th, 1960.

EXNING, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Susan E. Cross (12, first quarter) 1-2, A. R. Mann (cond.) 3-4, Irene A. Cross (14) 5-6.

FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Bebb 1, R. H. Mills 2, G. S. Joyce 3, M. Cox 4, Miss M. Finch 5, W. W. Wright (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

FELMERSHAM, BEDS.—On Nov. 12th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: P. A. Wakeman 1, Miss K. Rivett 2, Mrs. Mary Mann 3, C. M. Payne 4, K. C. Fleming 5, R. Mitchell 6, C. D. Mann 7, R. R. Churchill (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled for the service of Remembrance.

FINEDON, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Foster 1, N. Pearson 2, C. Richardson 3, E. J. Chapman 4, D. Pearson 5, M. King (cond.) 6. For the Festival of All Saints.

HEAVITREE, DEVON.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Wills 1, F. Wreford 2, S. Skinner 3, C. Yates 4, E. E. Rettter 5, G. Skinner 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, S. Milton 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. C. G. Glass, wife of the Ringing Master at this tower.

HENSTRIDGE, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: P. Sparks 1, Mrs. M. M. Godley 2, T. Marks 3, R. Fox (cond.) 4, T. Setter 5, A. Sherrin 6.

HEREFORD.—At the Cathedral, on Nov. 13th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss R. Jarrett 1, A. T. Wingate 2, J. Eisel 3, Miss A. Gladwell 4, T. Wood 5, F. Reed (cond.) 6, G. Davis 7, W. F. Scudamore 8, G. T. Cousins 9, M. Munn 10. First of Caters for 3, 4, 5, 9 and 10. For Remembrance Sunday.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—On Aug. 13th, 1,472 Kent T.B. Major: Miss M. Tilbury 1, G. Harrison 2, R. Hazell 3, D. Cornwall 4, D. Francis 5, R. Biggs 6, S. M. Bailey 7, D. Knox (cond.) 8. Also on Nov. 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss P. Jervis 1, Miss M. Tilbury 2, D. Ward 3, D. Cornwall 4, J. Camp 5, D. Knox 6, S. M. Bailey (cond.) 7, R. Hazell 8.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Bronwen Learner (first quarter) 1, M. D. Trigg (first 'inside') 2, Margaret E. Preece 3, F. J. Plummer 4, C. M. Orme 5, A. R. Agg (cond.) 6, H. H. Starte (covering) 7.

HOLLOWAY, LONDON.—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. J. Lock 1, Miss D. A. Deverell 2, Miss M. A. Prockson 3, A. R. Ling 4, D. Beresford 5, B. Baker 6, T. H. Francis (cond.) 7, R. Newman 8. For Thanksgiving service for the 250th anniversary of the St. Mary Magdalene day schools.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDS.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Kathleen Rivett 1, K. C. Fleming 2, P. Wakeman 3, R. Mitchell (first of Major) 4, Mrs. C. Mann 5, C. Payne 6, C. Mann 7, R. Churchill (first of Major as cond.) 8. A compliment to P. Wakeman on obtaining a State scholarship to a London college, also a birthday compliment to Rev. E. C. F. Bache, Vicar.

IXWORTH, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 30th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob and 600 Plain Bob Minor: H. King 1, M. Rose 2, R. Rose 3, L. Sharpe 4, E. Bishop 5, K. G. Brown (cond.) 6.

KING'S NORTON, WORCS.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Margaret Turner 1, Linda M. Hughes 2, Susan Funnell 3, Ann E. Fellows (first of Caters 'inside') 4, R. W. Pipe (cond.) 5, Veronica M. Miles 6, Alma M. Greaves 7, J. K. Foot 8, J. McDonald 9, R. J. Gay 10. For Evensong.

KINGSTHORPE, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 30th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: B. Hambilton 1, Miss J. I. Frost 2, D. Benfield 3, D. M. Trueman 4, F. Benfield 5, B. E. Frost (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

KINGSTONE, HEREFORDS.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. H. Colcombe 1, C. Phillips 2, R. G. Powell (cond.) 3, M. V. Powell 4, I. G. Jones 5, F. Williams 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. R. Powell, mother of the conductor, who was interred this day. Also on Nov. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. H. Colcombe 1, T. J. Gundy 2, M. V. Powell 3, R. G. Powell (cond.) 4, I. G. Jones 5, F. Williams 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance service at 11 a.m. And for Evensong, 1,260 Doubles (New Grandsire, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire): I. G. Jones 1, T. J Gundy 2, R. G. Powell (cond.) 3, L. H. Colcombe 4, M. V. Powell 5, F. Williams 6.

KINGSWOOD, SURREY.—On Nov. 12th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Mrs. P. Wood 1, Ruth How 2, Jill Brierley 3, Rev. E. Wood 4, Rev. J. Homfray 5, R. B. Meadows (cond.) 6. Rung for the baptism of S. Alban Wood, at All Saints', Leatherhead, by his parents and four god-parents.

LACOCK, WILTS.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire): R. Humphries 1, P. Gaisford 2, Miss C. Langley 3, R. Lovelock 4, R. Purnell (cond.) 5, D. Stillman 6. First in three methods on the bells. Rung half-muffled on eve of Remembrance Sunday.

LLANBADARN FAWR, CARDS.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Harris 1, Gillian Graney 2, C. Lewis 3, E. Lloyd 4, P. Smith 5, G. Thomas (cond.) 6.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on Oct. 30th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: W. Rogers (cond.) 1, Mrs. H. G. Hart 2, Miss C. Pullin 3, Mrs. T. J. Lock 4, Miss R. M. Foreman 5, D. T. C. Smith (first of Caters) 6, D. C. Bowen 7, A. Cutler 8, T. J. Lock 9, H. G. Hart 10. For Evensong.

MILDENHALL, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 5th, 1,360 Kent Treble Bob Royal: Miss A. Greaves 1, J. Ivings 2, E. Nice 3, Miss D. M. Reeve 4, L. Nice 5, J. Stannard 6, R. Rose (cond.) 7, L. Sharpe 8, H. Fuller 9, J. Paul 10. First in the method by all the band.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYS.—On Nov. 4th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. Eames (15, first of Major) 1, D. P. Jones (cond.) 2, J. W. Cotton 3, W. F. Woodward 4, W. Carson 5, F. R. Lowe 6, J. Smith 7, M. Bore 8. In memory of Benjamin Barker, ringer at St. Peter's, Derby.

NORTH PERROTT, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: V. J. Farthing 1, S. W. White 2, R. P. Selway 3, W. H. Poole 4, W. E. Turner 5, R. White 6. First quarter, by all, non-conducted.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On Oct. 25th, 1,260 Minor (Kent T.B. and Plain Bob): H. King 1, Ann Hancock 2, Wendy Bowak 3, L. Cordell 4, N. King 5, W. Wedlock (cond.) 6. Also on Nov. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Ann Hancock 1, Wendy Bowak 2, S. King 3, R. Bridges 4, W. Wedlock 5, J. McPhail (cond.) 6. For family service.

PANGBOURNE, BERKS.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. F. Carter 1, G. M. Harvey 2, E. J. Munday 3, E. C. Carter (first quarter 'inside') 4, R. K. Russ (first in method as cond.) 5, A. J. Burt 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday and in memoriam J. Napper, of Goring-on-Thames.

PARRAMATTA, N.S.W.—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): G. A. J. Langshaw 1, Audrey E. Peters 2, W. D. Watson (cond.) 3, R. L. Clark 4, J. F. Hammond 5, R. E. Miller 6. For Confirmation service. Also on Nov. 1st, 1,260 All Saints' Doubles: L. R. A. Curran 1, W. D. Watson 2, R. W. Ferris 3, J. J. Cummins 4, T. W. Goodyer (cond.) 5, J. F. Hammond 6. First in the method for all the band and believed to be the first for the Association. Rung for All Saints' Day and to mark the centenary of the bells. Also on Nov. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Norfolk, April Day, Grandsire, Plain Bob and Old): G. A. J. Langshaw 1, Audrey E. Peters 2, W. D. Watson 3, R. L. Clark 4, R. W. Ferris (cond.) 5, W. Munday 6.

PITMINSTER, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Tubbs (cond.) 1, R. Shire 2, R. Lee 3, G. Salter 4, B. Burston 5, T. Langdon 6. Rung half-muffled for Armistice Day.

ASTBURY, CHESHIRE.—On Nov. 7th, 1,440 Surprise Minor (Newcastle, Alnwick, Wells, London, Durham, York): J. Riley 1, N. Sherratt (cond.) 2, W. Sherratt 3, R. A. Challinor 4, P. A. Mason 5, R. Worrall 6. A birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

BECKLEY, OXON.—On Nov. 13th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: Margaret Cozier 1, J. S. Walker 2, A. Dunkley (first 'inside') 3, R. H. Jones (cond.) 4, N. D. Deam 5. For Remembrance Day.

BISHOP'S CANNINGS, WILTS.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. G. Grant (cond.) 1, Miss B. Hacker 2, Miss R. Maundrell 3, J. Romain 4, F. Hale 5, W. Bevean 6, W. Mortimer 7, F. Osmond 8. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. W. W. Smith, the new Vicar.

BLOXHAM, OXON.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. E. Pearson 1, B. J. Davies (first in method) 2, R. A. Reeves 3, W. J. Cross 4, C. C. Clark 5, W. Ivings 6, W. N. Genna 7, E. S. Hitchcox 8. A birthday compliment to Betty, daughter of tenor ringer.

BOSTON, LINCS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Joan Gilbert (first in method) 1, A. Freeston 2, F. P. Harwood 3, F. Leggott 4, A. E. Flatters 5, J. Petch 6, W. E. Clarke (cond.) 7, T. Freeston 8. Rung for the visit of the Lord Bishop of Lincoln to a Lincolnshire mission service.

CAMBRIDGE.—At the Church of Great Saint Andrew, on Nov. 13th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. R. Hough 1, H. E. Bishop 2, Clare Webster 3, D. Richardson 4, D. Parker (first on eight) 5, Hilary Muirhead 6, A. J. Griffin 7, J. R. Taylor (cond.) 8. For the Cambridge University Guild.

EUSTON, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 6th, 1,320 St. Simon's Bob Doubles: Mrs. H. Ivings 1, W. Dodds (first quarter) 2, J. Yeo (first quarter) 3, H. Ivings 4, J. E. Ivings (cond.) 5. For morning service.

FAREHAM, HANTS.—On Nov. 13th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: J. Stevenson 1, Miss S. Smith (first of Major) 2, Mrs. B. M. Hunt 3, D. Jones 4, J. A. G. Ball, 5, G. Miles 6, A. H. Sturgess 7, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 8. Half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. Ruddick 1, C. G. Johnstone (first as cond.) 2, Mary Rolands 3, I. Wetherley 4, F. Bowden 5, J. McDermott 6, H. Gauntlett 7, A. V. Queen 8. For Remembrance service.

QUARTER PEALS

ISLEWORTH, MIDDX.—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Miss J. Creak 1, M. Gathercole 2, H. J. Eldred 3, J. Tomsett 4, Mrs. J. Anderson 5, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 6, F. Ranson 7, D. Theedom 8, W. G. Wilson 9, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 10. Rung in the octave of All Saints'.

LEICESTER.—On Oct. 23rd, at St. John-the-Divine Church, 1,260 Cambridge Surprise Major: D. J. Simpson 1, A. D. Grant 2, P. J. Chilton 3, I. J. Fraser 4, R. Eikington 5, K. B. Townsend 6, S. Harrison (first Cambridge 'inside') 7, J. M. Jelley (cond.) 8. First quarter of Cambridge for 1, 3, 4, 6. For Evensong.

LONDON.—On Nov. 6th, at St. Giles', Cripplegate, 1,323 Stedman Cinques: A. Thirst 1, Miss D. M. Lawless 2, A. Frost 3, J. Phillips 4, J. Chilcott (cond.) 5, G. Massey 6, R. J. Fox 7, D. Randall 8, T. Bailey 9, B. Baker 10, John Phillips 11, T. J. Setter 12.

MARCH BALDON, OXFORD.—On Oct. 29th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: Julia Chandler (first quarter) 1, Helen Williams 2, N. D. Deam 3, R. H. Jones (cond.) 4, J. S. Walker 5. For the Feast of SS. Simon and Jude. Also on Oct. 29th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: Margaret Cozier (first quarter) 1, Helen Williams 2, N. D. Deam 3, R. H. Jones (cond.) 4, J. S. Walker 5. For All Saints' Day.

OXFORD.—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Wardle 1, Hilary Mason 2, D. Bennett 3, P. Wycherley 4, A. Thompson 5, N. Martin (cond.) 6. Also at the Church of St. Cross, on Oct. 31st, 1,259 Grandsire Doubles: Catherine M. Chapman 1, J. S. Walker 2, D. A. H. Bennett 3, R. H. Jones 4, E. R. Venn (cond.) 5. Rung on the back five.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—On Nov. 13th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss R. J. Marks (first quarter) 1 Miss Y. C. Porter 2, B. W. Story 3, H. W. Milford 4, T. G. Myers (cond.) 5, D. F. Wheeler 6, F. E. Day 7, D. R. Bould 8, A. W. Myers 9, W. H. Marks 10. For Remembrance Day.

READING, BERKS.—At the Municipal Church of St. Laurence, on Nov. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. G. Burton 1, M. Thurmott 2, Jane Thurmott 3, D. Papworth 4, W. Hibbert (cond.) 5, H. Mitchell 6, J. Morley 7, V. Cherrill 8. In remembrance.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: F. R. Scott 1, J. K. Ward (first of Stedman) 2, A. D. Barker (cond.) 3, Linda J. Kew 4, Pamela M. Jervis 5, W. G. Wilson 6, H. J. Eldred 7, D. K. Walters 8, W. Birmingham 9, A. D. Rivers 10. For the Feast of All Saints.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 13th, at St. Alphege's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Leeson 1, C. Dale 2, V. W. Rigg 3, R. Cann 4, T. J. Warner (cond.) 5, P. Warren 6, C. Bragg 7, T. R. Hayward 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

STAINES, MIDDX.—At St. Peter's Church, on Nov. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Carol O'Kelly 1, D. Hawkins 2, R. Wiggins 3, E. Skipsey 4, C. Burgess 5, R. Shepherd (cond.) 6, M. Bartlett 7, B. Shepherd 8. For Evensong.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Heard 1, R. Bould 2, H. Trewin 3, E. Nunn 4, H. Stacey 5, C. Taylor (cond.) 6, J. W. Sangwin 7, W. H. Marks 8. A welcome to Capt. Joshua McLoughlin, and his assistant, Christopher Chapman, of the Church Army, who are on a mission in the parish.

TONBRIDGE, KENT.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Hilary Swallow (first quarter) 1, W. Rogers (cond.) 2, C. Hancock 3, Margaret Ladd 4, J. T. Medhurst 5, S. A. White 6, W. H. Dobbie 7, R. Luckhurst 8. For evening service.

WARBOROUGH, OXON.—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: D. Exon (first on treble) 1, G. McIlhone 2, Margaret Thewlis 3, Helen Butler 4, A. Howes 5, V. Fox 6, F. Absolom (cond.) 7, M. Welsh 8. An 18th birthday compliment to Victor Fox

WARMINSTER, WILTS.—On Nov. 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss A. J. Knight 1, D. C. M. Hill (first in the method) 2, M. D. G. Northway 3, D. Lee 4, A. W. Fry 5, C. M. White 6, L. F. Cobb (cond.) 7, N. Knee 8. A compliment to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales on his birthday.

WOLVERCOTE, OXFORD.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse St. Bartholomew, Grandsire and Plain Bob): Dorothy Smith 1, N. Chamberlain 2, J. Taylor (first 'inside') 3, W. Godwin 4, R. J. Trebilcock (cond.) 5, F. Chamberlain 6. Half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

A quarter peal of Cambridge Minor was rung at Kingswood, Surrey, on November 12th, for the baptism of Alban Wood, by a band consisting of his parents and four god-parents, who would like to know if a quarter peal has ever previously been rung by such a band. They would also like to thank the Vicar of Kingswood and his ringers for the use of the bells.

St. Andrew's, Plymouth, band have rung nine quarter peals this year, a record for the tower.

Mr. C. G. Glass, Ringing Master of Heavitree, Devon, has been bereaved by the death of his wife. Our sympathy.

In a quarter peal at Warwinster, three of the band came from Shepton Mallet, four from Romsey and Ringwood and the eighth member was Mr. Norman Knee, captain of Warminster tower.

The band who rang the quarter peal of Bob Major at Husborne Crawley, on October 22nd, would like to associate with it the name of Mr. Robert L. Piron, who was unable to take part owing to indisposition.

For a trial period St. Peter Mancroft Guild are changing their practice evening from Tuesdays to Mondays. At a meeting of the Guild on November 9th the Vicar (the Rev. F. Jarvis), was elected president of the Guild and Messrs. D. Cubitt and F. Davey members.

Exning, Suffolk, tower is proud of the Cross family: Irene, aged 14, has just gained her Girl Guides' bellringers' badge after ringing for one year and Susan, aged 12, although not big enough for tower bells, has scored her first quarter 'in hand.' She and Irene both rang Bob Major 'in hand.' All in the tower are members of the College of Campanology.

Regarded as unringable, a peal has been rung on the bells of Ashley, Northamptonshire. Thanks to the Rev. L. E. Brown, the new incumbent, a test was made and they proved to be quite ringable. The Vicar showed his appreciation to the ringers after the peal. Four of the bells are dated 1796 and the tenor 1848.

Barwell, Leics, ringers have a perfect example in ringing and striking qualities from Mr. Joseph Needham, who, now 85, has been ringing in this tower for 75 years and has been parish clerk for 50 years. His presence every Sunday is much appreciated by the band.

We regret to hear of the passing of Mr. Joseph Napper, of Goring-on-Thames, aged 45 years.

Among those who attended the College Youths' dinner was Mr. F. W. Budgen, of Brasted, Kent. He has not missed a dinner since 1937.

We regret to learn of the death of Mr. Fred Hurry, of Duxford, Cambs, on November 16th, aged 76. He learned to ring in 1904.

The Witney and Woodstock Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild is holding a special committee meeting, on December 3rd, to discuss the possibility of holding a course for learning more about ringing instruction.

Shrivenham belfry has an American recruit in Miss Cheryl P. Witherwell, of Attleborough, Mass. Her father, Col. Maynard Witherwell, while stationed at Shrivenham, with the U.S. forces, during World War II, did much towards augmenting the village bells from six to eight as a war memorial. At Shrivenham the Colonel learnt to ring, and was elected a member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, and his Guild certificate now hangs in his law office. Another of his personal interests in the tower is to keep the tenor well supplied with rope.

The peal of Plain Bob Minor, rung at Kippax, on November 12th, marked another 'rung of the ladder' being reached by 13-year-old David Sheppard. His performance was very creditable and the band wish to offer him their sincere congratulations. Also in the band was a 'ringing grandmother'—namely Mrs. J. R. Render. The conductor wonders how many more peals ringing grandmothers there are in the Yorkshire Association. Congratulations 'Cis'—keep going.

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THE PULLING MEMORIAL BELL

There was a good and representative attendance of members of the Guildford Diocesan Guild at an extraordinary general meeting held at Shalford, on November 12th, to discuss the proposed Pulling Memorial Bell in the New Cathedral.

Mr. C. W. Denyer, the Master, presided and explained that between £230 and £240 had been received towards the cost of the Alfred Pulling Memorial Bell, which was required for Guildford's New Cathedral. It was essential that a bell should be provided in time for the consecration of the Cathedral next Whitsun. Over 6,000 circulars had been sent out. Of the sum received, less than one-third had been from towers in the Guildford Diocese.

The Guild committee had recommended that the sum standing in the Cathedral Bell Fund, which was approximately £175, should be transferred to the fund, and also the Guild Benevolent Fund, which was £138.

The Master gave quotations received from John Taylor and Co. and the Whitechapel Bell Foundry for a bell of approximately 12 cwt., to form the seventh of a ring of ten, with electrical control for striking. Mr. Denyer added that at one time it was thought to incorporate the Goldsmith Memorial Bell in this bell but the committee desired that this should be used as a sacring bell.

Mr. G. L. Grover: It was originally thought that the Goldsmith memorial bell should be in the turret over the Lady Chapel.

It was then proposed that the Cathedral Bells Fund should be transferred to the Memorial Bell Fund and this was carried, with two dissentients.

BENEVOLENT FUND AND WINDING-UP

On the question of the transfer of all or part of the Benevolent Fund, Mr. Grover said personally, he had never been in favour of the Guild having a Benevolent Fund. He thought that the best course to adopt was to pass a resolution at the next annual meeting to wind up the Benevolent Fund. He moved and Mr. H. Pitstow seconded that the Executive Committee should have power to borrow from the Benevolent Fund, if necessary, for the Memorial Bell Fund. This was agreed to.

The Master suggested that it should be left to the sub-committee to consult with the architect as to the placing of an order for the bell.

Major E. J. Bragg asked what was the proposed weight of the tenor, as he would be against any bell of over 30 cwt.

Mr. A. C. Hazelden said some years back he contacted the architect, Sir Edward Maufe, about some remarks Mr. E. H. Lewis had made concerning the design of the Cathedral tower. As a result 17 feet was added to the height of the tower so that a ringing chamber of 14 or 15 feet in height would be possible. As first designed the ringing chamber would be only eight feet high and 40 feet square and it would be like ringing in a tunnel and having a 40 feet tenor, as suggested, above one's head. The chairman of the Cathedral Executive Committee was told that if that design was adopted it would be better to keep the money in their pockets because they bells would never be rung. As a result the height of the tower was increased by 17 feet.

The meeting approved in principle of a 30 cwt. tenor and agreed that a sub-committee, consisting of the four district Ringing Masters and four district secretaries with the Guild Master and general secretary, should consult the architect as to the placing of an order. Mr. E. W. Collins agreed to act with the sub-committee in an advisory capacity.

Mr. Peter Sherwood reminded the meeting that even with the resources in other funds, at least another £200 would be required. Mr. T. W. White also made an appeal to all towers to assess their contribution on a quota. There were about 400 members in the Guild and the sum had very largely to be provided by them.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to Mr. Leslie Hunter and Mr. Stanley A. Ponting for making arrangements for the meeting.

SERVANTS OF THE EXERCISE – No. 48



MRS. OLIVE D. BARNETT

Crayford

Mrs. Olive D. Barnett, the charming wife of the secretary of the Central Council, provides the Central Council and the Exercise generally with a unique service by helping her husband in his onerous duties, acting as his 'office boy' and chauffeur, and they have proved to be an ideal team.

When the Central Council is in session—it faces a rostrum containing what has been described in the past as a number of 'solemn and dignified personages.' Olive Barnett provides some relief by giving a touch of real glamour to the platform! Her efficiency has been duly noted by many, and she seems to have the happy knack of being able to produce at once any necessary data or documents that may be required.

Olive is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Hairs, and grand-daughter of the late Frank Bennett. She must have ringing in her blood! Born in Brighton in 1919, she first learnt to ring (on handbells) in 1940, being taught by Inst. Lt. R. Gordon Cross—brother of Marie Cross. Her first peal was rung in 1941, and her peals total is 22—all being rung on handbells. It is unique that she has not rung a peal on tower bells. This is because during formative years her health did not permit. She does, however, ring on tower bells, having learned to do so at Crayford. Her only attempt for a peal—Cambridge Major—came to grief after an hour's ringing.

Of her handbell peals, the one she most prizes is a peal of Minor rung at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Lewis, of Argyllshire, in honour of Mrs. Lewis' birthday. The other peals include Bob Minor, Major and Royal; Stedman Triples, Little Bob, Kent T.B. and Double Norwich Major; and Grandsire Caters.

Not only does she serve the Central Council in the ways described above, she also is a member of the Central Committee of the Ladies' Guild, and a representative of the Lewisham District, Kent County Association. Olive and her husband have one daughter, Jean, who, of course, has been taught to ring. Members of the Central Council will remember seeing this charming, young lady flitting about, making friends everywhere. It is fitting we should honour Olive Barnett in this series for she works hard and long, often behind the scenes, for the welfare of our art, and we are all grateful to her.

JAFUS.

The nomination meeting of the Guildford District followed when the following were nominated: Ringing Master, Mr. Harold A. May; Assistant Ringing Master, Mr. O. Warner; honorary secretary, Mr. S. A. Ponting; auditor, Mr. Hawthorne.

A discussion took place on the desirability of promoting a Guild striking competition and thus will be considered by the Executive.

Ringing took place at Shalford and St. Nicolas', Guildford, churches. The Rural Dean, the Rev. W. R. Horth, conducted the Guild service in Shalford Church, at which Mr. Hunter read the lesson.

A THRIVING LINCOLNSHIRE BAND

The annual meeting of the St. Wilfrid's, Alford, Lincs, Guild, was held in the ringing chamber on Saturday, October 29th, when the officers were elected as follows: President, the Rev. G. J. Lanham; vice-presidents, Mrs. Lanham and Mr. D. G. Willoughby; secretary and treasurer, Mr. L. Slack; Ringing Master, Mr. J. I. Smith; Deputy Ringing Master, captain, Mr. G. Willoughby.

The company was reported to be in a thriving and active state, all six bells being rung twice every Sunday and on Friday evenings, also of late on Monday evenings for beginners. The standard of striking is improving, as is the range of methods rung. Cambridge is to be learnt in the near future.

The active state of the company was well shown on October 30th, when two sixes were rung for morning service at the same time.

The neighbouring village of Willoughby has no ringers and, at the request of the Rector, a Doubles band, assisted by Mr. E. Brittain, of Firsby, was made up to ring there for a special service in connection with the unveiling of a commemorative plaque to Capt. John Smith, first Governor of Virginia, whose birthplace was Willoughby.

The usual Sunday morning ringing took place at Alford at the same time, all ringers who are also choir members making up a Minor band.

BARNSLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Fourteen towers were represented at the monthly meeting at St. Peter's, Horbury, near Wakefield, on November 12th. An excellent tea was served in a cafe and at the business meeting Mr. Noel F. Moxon was supported by the Vicar and his curate. Mr. Tom Strangeway proposed the vote of thanks. It was agreed to visit Kirkthorpe, near Wakefield, on December 10th.

J. B.

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX

A most enjoyable meeting of the Guild was held at Mytholmroyd on November 5th. Tea was provided by the Vicar and a lively business meeting followed. Ringing was quite good and was of Plain Bob and Surprise Minor and Major. The meeting was really well attended and we also had a number of visitors who were most welcome. The next meeting, the annual, will be at Mirfield (10), on January 7th.

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OBITUARY

MR. JOHN L. S. GLANVILL

The sudden and unexpected death of Mr. John L. S. Glanvill in Woodbury, Devon, belfry, at the practice on October 17th, was a great shock to all his many ringing friends.

He was, to all appearances, in excellent health for his just 56 years, full of energy and the joy of living. He came into the ringing chamber, his usual 15 minutes late, and assisted a learner with a few words, and fell back into the next world without a further remark.

At the funeral service, conducted by the Vicar of Woodbury, assisted by Preb. E. N. Cox, president of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, the ringing fraternity was well represented, with his many friends of the farming community. Floral tributes were not requested but a fund was opened for a memorial at Woodbury Church, the form of which is as yet undecided.

The bells were rung half-muffled after the service by the local ringers and the Exeter Cathedral band rang a half-muffled quarter peal later in the day.

John Lewis Steer Glanvill was born at Stogursey, Somerset, on March 8th, 1903, and subsequently moved to Woodbury, seven miles S.E. of Exeter, the home of his ancestors, where he learnt to ring with his father, the late J. F. Glanvill. He later became the tenant of a farm on the Clinton Estates at Withycombe Raleigh. He was appointed Ringing Master at this church, expanded his ringing knowledge under the late John R. Hayman and took an enthusiastic part in the activities of the Devon Guild.

He later moved back to farm at Woodbury and ultimately became Ringing Master at the Church of St. Swithun, where his efforts were successful in bringing this tower from call changes to a valuable asset of the Guild. It was thanks to his efforts too that these bells were recently restored at a cost of £2,000.

His peals total 82 (conducted 11). The highlights were: first of Oxford Treble Bob Major, first of Little Bob Major, and first of Surprise Major to be rung by members resident in the county, and the second only of Double Norwich Major. He also took part in the first officers' peal which was the Guild's 1,000th. His first peal was of Grandsire Triples, at Woodbury, on May 11th, 1925, and his last was one of four methods of Minor, at Brampford Speke, conducted by E. Maurice Atkins, in honour of the birth of two more of his grandchildren.

The offices he held in the Guild at the times of his death were: Branch Ringing Master, Aylesbeare Deanery; Central Council representative, and Deputy Ringing Master, Exeter Cathedral.

Such was his popularity in all that he did for ringing, and this was much! His excellent qualities of leadership were much in evidence in the Exeter Cathedral band, and his friendly influence felt through all its ringing and social activities. He was always there with his boundless energy permeating through to everyone and a kind and sometimes firm word at the right time and the right place did much to keep things going on the right road. We in the Cathedral band have yet to realise what his loss is going to mean to us.

He leaves bereaved his mother, widow and four children (all of whom are married), two being active ringers. The sympathy of all his ringing friends is most sincerely extended to them in their sad loss.

The memory of 'Jack' will live on, in the future success of Woodbury and the Cathedral bands, for which he sowed the seeds. F. W.

MR. FREDERICK DENTRY

By the death of Mr. Frederick Dentry the Oxford Diocesan Guild has lost its oldest member. He was born in Maidenhead in 1868. As a young man he joined the band at Boyne Hill, where he was also a chorister. He became a member of Oxford Diocesan Guild in 1888, seven years after its foundation, and rang his first peal (Grandsire Triples) in March, 1889, at Hughenden, conducted by W. Lawrence. J. W. Washbrook rang the second in this peal. At that time the band at Boyne Hill was building up its reputation as one of the leading bands in the Guild.

In 1902 he married and moved to Twyford, Berks, where he started business as a tailor. As the Parish Church at that time had neither tower nor bells he joined the band at Sonning. At the same time he began to take an active part in the affairs of the village and church at Twyford, where, under the leadership of the Rev. R. W. H. Acworth, plans were going ahead for the extension of the church, the erection of a tower and the installation of a ring of eight bells. This work came to fruition in 1913 and the first peal was rung on the bells on May 21st of that year. This was of Stedman Triples and was followed in 1914 by a peal of Kent T.B. Major.

During the 1914-1918 war the band at Twyford was sadly depleted by the fact that the majority of the men were on active service. So that the bells should not be silent Mr. Dentry recruited and trained a ladies' band. These continued to ring the bells until the men returned Although some found other duties to occupy their time several continued to ring with the Twyford band for a number of years and some did yeoman service during the 1939-1945 war. Throughout the years 1919-1927 Mr. Dentry was the secretary of the Sonning Deanery Branch, which he served faithfully. His last peal, rung in 1929, celebrated the 50th anniversary of his first peal.

This did not mean that he had lost interest in ringing but other duties made their demands on his time. He was, however, the ideal tower captain; punctual in his attendance, both at Sunday service ringing and at practice, a loyal and devout churchman, always willing to help and encourage the young; able to hold the balance between the old and the new, no easy task at any time. He remained a member of the tower until his death, at the age of 92, although he had relinquished the tower captaincy in 1946. No great peal ringer, yet he had a sound knowledge of conducting and composition and that knowledge he passed on to those who asked for it and were prepared to use it. To him the Oxford Guild at present owes much, probably more even than those who knew him well will ever fully realise.

M. R. C.

MR. BENJAMIN BARKER

The St. Peter's band, Derby, ringers have suffered a great loss by the sudden death of Mr. Benjamin Barker, at his home on November 1st.

He was a member of the Derbyshire Association, from its formation in 1946 and prior to that a member of the old Midland Counties Association, since 1939.

'Ben' learned to handle a bell at Ingoldsby in Lincolnshire, a three bell tower, and the elements of change ringing at Clay Cross, Derbyshire, a six bell tower. He moved to Derby between the two wars and had since been a regular, punctual and reliable Sunday service ringer at St. Peter's. His peal total was 37 and included Stedman Triples and Cambridge Surprise Major.

The funeral service, which was held in St. Augustine's Church, was followed by cremation. Many people attended the service, including Mr. and Mrs. A. Mould, representing the St. Peter's band, Mr. G. Halls, the Cathedral company, and Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Carlisle, the Derbyshire Association.

Mr. Barker leaves a widow and a daughter, Jean, who with her husband, Mr. M. Larkin, are ringers at St. Peter's Church, and have the same loyalty and enthusiasm as had Mr. Barker. A. M

MR. CHARLIE DIPLOCK

Sixty-eight years ago Mr. Charlie Diplock went from Guildford to the village of Hurstpierpoint, to take a job as blacksmith. He cycled all the 33 miles on his pennyfarthing, and remained the village blacksmith for 62 years, until his retirement at the age of 81.

His skill in shoeing horses was well known, and his craftsmanship in wrought iron is shown in the beauty of the workmanship which is to be seen about the village.

As a member of the Sussex County Association and Hurstpierpoint band he gave 62 years' faithful service, during which time he rang in a peal of Stedman Triples in the local tower.

Charlie twice appeared in television programmes. Firstly, when giving the story of his life as the village blacksmith, and secondly, for his service in Hurstpierpoint belfry, along with his old friends Harry Richardson and George Mansbridge.

After an illness of 12 days Charlie died peacefully in Cuckfield Hospital on October 30th, at the age of 86 years. The bells were half-muffled as a token of respect and rung for his funeral service on November 4th. A half-muffled quarter peal of Grandsire was rung by the local band in honour of this grand old man who set us an example we would do well to follow.

S. W. B.

Bedfordshire Association

The November meeting of the Biggleswade District was held at Silsoe, on November 12th. When ringing commenced only eight ringers were present but by tea time the number had doubled.

The Vicar joined the ringers for tea, which had been prepared by Miss A. Culpin. At the business meeting Arlesey was selected for the next meeting on December 9th. The Rev. J. D. Benton conducted a short service and then ringing continued with Mr. T. Harris as Ringing Master. During the evening more ringers arrived, which enabled a greater variety of methods to be rung.

S. P.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A FAMILY REMEMBRANCE

Dear Sir,—The new treble bell placed in the tower of Buckerell Church, during 1949, was the war memorial to the two lads who gave their lives for king and country in World War II. One of these was Gordon Broadhurst.

On Sunday, November 13th, for service Mr. Joseph Broadhurst, father of Gordon and an old ringer now of Buckerell tower, got together five of his surviving children—four sons and one daughter—and they rang the six bells for Evensong half-muffled, which is always done here on Remembrance Sunday. We have always hoped that one day this would be done.

I, myself, helped to teach Mr. Broadhurst and taught the five children to ring in Buckerell tower. The daughter, Marina (now Mrs. Piper), was, until last February, the only lady ringer to have rung a peal in our tower. This was eight years ago last week, when she rang with her father and brother, Raymond. Never in the history of Buckerell tower has one family rung the bells on their own and Mr. Broadhurst remarked afterwards, 'I'm the proudest man in Buckerell tonight.'—Yours faithfully,

F. H. PARR.

Buckerell, Devon.

SMOKING IN BELFRIES

Dear Sir,—Apropos the recent correspondence in 'The Ringing World' on smoking in belfries, perhaps the following anecdote may be of interest.

Many years ago, an old friend of mine, now long since dead, used to chime our six bells from the ground floor on Sundays, when there were insufficient ringers. There is a west door to this tower and a large pair of oaken doors leading into the nave.

My old friend was very fond of his pipe, a short clay, known irreverently as a 'nose-warmer,' and on fine days used to indulge in a few puffs in the churchyard between chimes.

One wet Sunday, however, he stood just inside the west door, pipe in mouth, when around the angle of the tower came the Rector. His pipe was swiftly transferred, from mouth to pocket, but the aroma could not be disposed of so easily.

Laying his hand on my old friend's shoulder the Rector said, 'Never mind, Henry, never mind. I don't consider this as strictly part of the Church. I call this the porch under the tower.'

Surely a Christianlike attitude.—Yours faithfully.

W. A. EDWARDS.

Everleigh, Wilts.

Dear Sir,—When living in Beccles, Suffolk, I remember the late Mr. Henry Hopson buying five pints of ale each practice night for the ten ringers of the Corporation Campanile of ten bells, in connection with St. Michael's Church, and plenty of smoking. Although I do not believe in either, I fail to see the difference between making smoke with incense and tobacco: both are the product of the good earth, both give forth a pleasant or unpleasant aroma.—Yours faithfully,

G. E. SYMONDS.

Ipswich.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Ballard 1, Sheila Proctor 2, E. W. Rawson 3, W. W. Bradbury (first quarter) 4, J. A. Acres 5, E. Sowman 6, M. C. Faulkes (first as cond.) 7, C. Clarke 8. A birthday compliment to Mrs. Seal, donor of these bells.

'BELLS UNRINGABLE'

In the Feckenham Deanery of Worcestershire are two rings of bells which had been considered unringable, for several years, until recently.

The six bells at Inkberrow had been unrung for 25 years until this summer, when members of the Wychbold band 'resurrected' them (see earlier issue of 'R.W.').

At Feckenham, it was rumoured that the bells were so bad-going that it was impossible to ring them. Previously, the incumbent here had given the impression that was not in favour of ringing, but on the institution of a new Vicar, permission to inspect the bells was sought, and readily given.

It was then found that the tenor wheel was somewhat decayed and that a chiming mechanism had been installed, which impeded the swing of two of the bells. Otherwise, the frame and fittings were in a reasonable condition.

The necessary attention was given by a member of the Wychbold band and on September 30th the villagers heard their bells ringing out for the first time for many years, to rounds on the octave, and Grandsire Doubles. The bells do not 'go' easily, but can be rung. One difficulty is the long draught of rope, but this did not deter some local residents from volunteering to learn to ring, and they are now learning under the instruction of Mr. A. D. Cook, of Wychbold. It is certain, at any rate, that when the learners have mastered these tricky bells, they should be able to ring nearly anywhere!

The bells have an interesting history, dating back to 1640, when the original ring of five was installed by Henry Bagley. It appears that the treble to this five was subsequently recast as the inscription 'Cantate Domino Canticum Novum, 1676' (O sing unto the Lord a new song) infers. A treble was added in 1776 by Matthew Bagley. In 1841, the fifth of the six was recast, and in 1860 Taylors, of Loughborough, added two trebles.

The tone of the tenor is particularly fine, but on the whole they are hardly tuneful bells, as they form a rather vague approximation to the scale of G major.

The last peal on the bells was Bob Major in 1930, the only peal of Major rung on these bells.

PAUL.

RINGING COMPETITIONS

Dear Sir,—I would support ringing competitions, arranged on the lines suggested in Mr. Donald Price's recent letter, for the following reasons:—

(1) I believe that a great many ringers fail to appreciate what good striking is and these competitions should enable such ringers to hear some reasonably good striking.

(2) They will help many others, like myself, to improve his or her striking.

(3) Provided a standard system of marking is adopted the competition result would be a means of measuring one's, or rather the band's, improvement. This would, I think, encourage bands to keep striving for a still higher standard.

(4) It seems to me that many ringers are more concerned with their personal progress rather than with that of their Sunday band. Competitions would, I think, encourage the progress of bands rather than that of individuals.

It should not be inferred from the last item that I advocate that one should only ring with his or her Sunday team, as a great deal can be learnt by mixing with other ringers.—Yours faithfully,

R. G. CORBY.

Bedford.

OUR VOCATION

Dear Sir,—Allow me to express my thanks and congratulations for the excellent and inspired leading article in the issue of November 11th. We cannot be reminded too often of our vocation as Church bell ringers in contrast to our hobby of church bell ringers.

As you so rightly point out, bells can be false gods. It is only too easy for ringers to be so carried away by their love for their art that it degenerates into a lust, to such a degree that they would find it extremely difficult to renounce it entirely as an act of spiritual discipline, for one year, say, as one would deny oneself something throughout Lent. Most of us, if we are honest, would acknowledge our guilt in this matter, and that we salve our consciences by offering our services in the belfry on Sundays. We might not be called to renounce ringing, as John Bunyan did, but should we find it easy if we were! The few ringers we have known who have taken this drastic step have usually been misunderstood by their colleagues.

It is wholly to our soul's good that you, sir, tell us '**we must see our ringing in a true perspective**' and that '**all peal ringing, even for pleasure, is an offering to the Almighty.**' Although I often participate in and enjoy a peal, I wonder, frequently, during its performance, whether something which is an undoubted imposition upon one's **neighbours** can be a proper offering to the Almighty. There is little genuine justification for a peal when the same desiderata can be attained by including young ringers in quarter peals.

A recent hostile letter in our local Press complained that 'often the bells are rung for an hour at a stretch'—so 'quarters are not appreciated either outside the tower.

There are, too, other things which prevent our ringing being a perfect offering, apart from the performance itself. Most of us, at some time or other, have been guilty of selfishness in the methods we ring, in the frequency with which we grab a rope, in possessiveness of our towers, in the ringers we invite into our peal bands—lame dogs unwanted here!—and we may be despotic and domineering, or given to displays of bad temper if things don't go exactly as we desire. We may resent being corrected when we make a mistake in our ringing. We may be jealous over another person's, or another tower's progress. We may 'hog' all the conducting. We may, by our unpunctuality or casual attendance, prevent our band from offering its best—or even from offering anything! By our obstinate refusal to study our art at home we may remain incompetent and impede our colleagues who are giving some of **their** time to make themselves worthier ringers, even if of elementary methods.

Most of us are either too indifferent or too shy to precede our ringing with a prayer for its acceptance by God, but such an oblation would undoubtedly make us more conscious of our real vocation and invoke a proper response in our ringing and belfry conduct, and assist our progress towards being **Church** bell ringers.—Yours faithfully,

Slough. W. BIRMINGHAM

GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGED BALANCE SHEET

Dear Sir,—Regarding the 'Gratefully Acknowledged' balance sheet this is interesting, but smacks, somewhat of the Pharisee in the Temple. Any prolific peal ringer takes on an expense equal to an additional wife and certainly more troublesome.

Were I Chancellor of the Exchequer I would grant to him a tax allowance for:—

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LETTERS—Continued

'THE RINGING WORLD'

Dear Sir,—All ringers will agree with the spirit of the letter from Mr. H. E. Taylor ('R.W.', 4/11/60), the paper must be maintained and the Exercise could just not do without it. But when he says he hopes to see the 'Gratefully Acknowledged' column go on for ever, and grow even longer, I could not disagree with him more.

Continuance of this column only means that 'The Ringing World' is not yet on a sound financial footing, where cost of production is covered by legitimate receipts. Readers are therefore getting their copies at slightly under cost price and are being subsidised by the generous few.

Let us look at facts. The average receipts from donations in the ten weeks analysed by Mr. Taylor amount to just under £3 7s. 6d. per week; the week November 4th produced much more, £8 1s. 8d. Now an increase of 1d. on the price of the paper would produce £4 3s. 4d. per week per thousand copies sold. I believe the circulation is more than five times this figure, so that 1d. increase would bring in more than all the money at present being donated, and would only cost each subscriber the paltry sum of 4s. 4d. per year. (Of course, the Post Office benefits: the poundage on the 44 postal orders acknowledged last week produced 11s.)

Would the committee please let us know what their future policy is to be? Do they intend the 'R.W.' eventually to pay for itself, or to rely on steadily increasing donations?

There is a case of paying for quarter peals. They are not of great news value in themselves, and in former times stood little chance of being published; and, as they are generally rung 'at home' they do not involve ringers in much travelling expense. But, to be fair, it should be all or none. And, if paid for, there should be a flat rate of say 3d. or 6d. per bell.

Peals are in a different category. Much, if not the whole, of the science of ringing has been evolved through peal ringing. They have a certain news value, have always been published free and should continue to be so. If peal ringers want to pay for their pleasure they should pay steepleage towards the cost of ropes, etc.; where no fund for this purpose exists, there is always the box labelled 'Church Expenses.' Many churches are finding it increasingly difficult to meet these. However, I do think that the 'R.W.' could economise by printing peal reports in much smaller type and more in the way that it prints quarters. The present style is at least 80 years old! It would also be a great help to those wanting to look up past performances in back numbers if they were published, like the quarters, in alphabetical order.

The paper could well be pruned without any loss of value or interest. Some correspondence of late has been allowed to degenerate into mere personal bickering; and some accounts of outings and tours might well be cut down—though while contributors remain potential 'generous benefactors' this may not be easy!

What we are really suffering from now is the aftermath of the inflationary years following the war. During that time money dropped to little more than one-fifth of its former value; our wages did not keep pace, so it became necessary to adopt all sorts of expedients to avoid losing the support of the less well-off and the less enthusiastic. This cushioning process can, and should, I think, now cease. 'The Ringing World' cost 3d. in the 1920's; it is now only 8d. Associations which formerly provided all services, including a free report, to members for an annual sub. of 2s., are now striving to make do on subs of from 3s. to 5s., instead of a more realistic 10s., and making up the difference by charging booking fees. So half the members get their reports at under cost at the expense of the others. All this leads to continual collection of very small sums of money, and a flow of very small postal orders. 'But,' they say, 'you must **pay** to have your peals printed.' When I get my report I do not want to see my own peals—I **know** all about those already. I want to see other people's.

Would 'The Ringing World' Committee—and those who run the finances of our associations—please do some rethinking?

C. W. WOOLLEY.

Bushey Heath.

'UNRINGABLE BELLS' WERE RINGABLE

Dear Sir,—A sensation was caused at Ashley, a village on the extreme northern borders of Northants, on November 8th, when the lie that had been current in the village for 29 years was nailed.

An influential resident of that time who disliked bells held sway over the then Rector, to stop the ringing. For some years the bells hung silent. Every application from any source to ring met with the excuses that 'the bells were unringable,' or the steeple 'wasn't safe,' despite it being rebuilt 112 years ago. The incumbent who yielded and the influential resident left; and all who succeeded him, through ignorance, believed the rumour, although told by one of the peal band on two occasions that they were believing something which was not true.

A new Rector has come, who is more favourable towards bells though himself not a ringer. Ropes were loaned from Market Harborough, to test the bells out, after cleaning bearings and other adjustments. A quarter peal was eventually rung, and now there has been a peal to dispel the rumour, to the joy of Ashley. One resident said it reminded her of old times.—Yours, etc.,

P. AMOS.

Weston Favell.

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By STEPHEN IVIN

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NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

The Nottingham University Society held the autumn term's outing on November 12th. A party of 14 left the university at 12.30 p.m. by coach ready for action at the five towers on the itinerary.

Arriving in good time at the Church of St. Mary and All Saints, Bingham, we were welcomed by the tower captain and later by the Rt. Rev. A. M. Gelsthorpe, Rector of the parish. For the hour we were there we found the eight rather difficult to strike but nevertheless a variety of methods were rung ranging from call changes to Cambridge Major.

East Bridgford was visited next and numerous Minor and Doubles methods were rung on the very pleasant six. These bells proved easier to ring at a relatively slow pace—as one of our lady members discovered after turning the tenor in to Cambridge Minor.

After tea in Newark-on-Trent, we made our way to the Parish Church of St. Mary Magdalene. The height of this church is greater than its length and of this we needed no reminding by the time we had climbed to the ringing chamber. Here we were made very welcome and it was unfortunate that our friends there had to tell us that the tenor's clapper had snapped during ringing for a wedding earlier in the afternoon. Nevertheless, the front eight were a joy to ring. Here we added Yorkshire and Double Norwich to our repertoire.

After heading north for some 20 minutes up the A.1, someone rather carelessly woke up the driver and it was then that we found we had passed Tuxford, some three or four miles back. As a result our stay was shortened by some ten minutes but the remaining time was used to good effect and Superlative was rung for the first time that day. Here one rings from the ground floor and with the long draught it is difficult to hear the bells clearly.

Our final tower was SS. Peter and Paul, Mansfield, a perfect Taylor eight. We were pleased to see some of our friends from St. Peter's, Nottingham, there and we kept the bells moving until 9 p.m., the methods including an unusual touch of Stedman Triples, conducted by the tower captain, and a near perfect course of Bristol.

We thank all incumbents and their ringers for their hospitality and also Martin Bishop, our secretary, for his splendid arrangements.

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TEACHING A BAND FROM SCRATCH TO FIRST PEAL

By E. L. HUMPHRISS

After 35 years of teaching ringing I set about teaching a band from scratch. This was my procedure.

Half a dozen pulls on the backstroke, followed by half a dozen on the handstroke. One is talking all the time: 'Keep your back straight—and your knees supple. Don't look up. Don't look at the handstroke sally—ringers who have to look, to catch the sally, are a menace all their lives. Hands together. Arms right up and right down—let go at your knees'—this gets the idea over, of a long pull. 'Don't anticipate the fall of the sally, rely on rhythm or sense of timing.'

The learner should be handling a bell—hand and back—within five minutes of first starting. It may be necessary to catch the tuft at handstroke a few times but not more than a few, half a dozen at the most. All learners **must** look round the tower when catching the sally.

After 10 minutes there is a 10 minute rest (or 20 minutes). The learner looks and listens for 10 minutes, then comes back on the full back and hand. To keep a learner on back- or handstroke only for more than half a dozen pulls is just waisting time.

It is found to be dangerous for a learner to bring the rope end out of the left hand anywhere but over the index finger, 2nd/1st knuckle joint. If it comes over the fleshy part at the base of the thumb it is only a matter of time before a learner gets the rope round the left elbow.

Learning to handle a bell, three learners to each instructor is a good number, one is no use at all, their rest period is wasted and there is so much for them to get into their system by intelligent watching and listening to the instructor who is giving a grounding in style. Feet correctly placed, hands together, etc. A learner who catches the sally too high must let it slide through his hands until the bell is on balance—then put the 'glue' on—'don't let it bump.'

ROUNDS TO QUEENS

Handling the bell should be mastered in four evenings. We do not practise call changes at all but the first open exercise consists of running from rounds to Queens and back to rounds.'

The learner is told who to follow and whether to make 'slow' or 'quick' pulls or check. We never say 'pull in,' always 'check in.' A learner who pulls in invariably goes over the top next stroke and cannot keep the beat.

This is a rhythm exercise. Any ringer who
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 breaks the beat is told exactly
1 3 2 5 4 7 6 8 what to do to put it right.
1 3 5 2 7 4 6 8 E.g., instruction to ringer of
1 3 5 7 2 4 6 8 2nd: 'In going up. No. 2, you are
R e m a i n in O.K., but in coming in again
Queens for a you are too far away from
time, then: the 3rd. When coming in,
1 3 5 7 2 4 6 8 No. 2, you must be much
1 3 5 2 7 4 6 8 nearer—or you must appear
1 3 2 5 4 7 6 8 to be much nearer—all bells,
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 than when going up.'

RINGING WITH EARS

This exercise is repeated until all ringers have the beat. **'Ring with your ears—not your eyes'** is introduced now. Also at this stage the instructor must 'place' the learner. A learner never just 'happens' on the bell he can best handle. Ringing at meetings is often poor because ringers are badly placed. E.g., instruction to the 5th: 'Go right in, No. 5, pull with 2 and 3.' On running from rounds to Queens.

E.g., instruction to No. 7. 'You are too far away from everybody, No. 7, when you run in, pull **with,** not behind, especially your backstroke over the 2nd.'

'No. 2, you must set your bell and wait for 3, 8, 5 and 2, and listen—listen all the time—don't break the beat—**ring with your ears 90 per cent and your eyes 10 per cent.'**

'If your bell "tumbles in" on you, bend your knees a bit and put some weight on at the end of your stroke.'

'Don't put the weight on the rope at shoulder height and then let go the sally.'

A learner becomes a ringer when, on his own, without any instruction from the instructor, a little holding up or a little checking in is done quite automatically to put the rhythm of the beat right.

An instructor needs to know from experience the speed at which the back end bells appear to go their best. The instructor must hurry them along or slow them up to the best advantage.

Some learners who are not very handy with a rope are given an exercise ringing one handed. First with one hand, then the other. Say a dozen hand and back pulls with the right hand, then change over, the bells ringing all the time, to the left hand. I do this sometimes during the ringing of the five minute bell. We encourage learners to come up on Sundays and ring the five minute bell.

Rhythm and maintaining a beat are mastered during the rounds to Queens to rounds exercise. I usually take the treble myself and so maintain the open hand, right from the start. A learner on the 2nd soon gets the right ideas about leading and moves on to the treble.

PLAIN HUNTING

Plain hunting is the next exercise. **All learn the bells to follow** and whether it is a slow run, setting each stroke, or running in and checking each stroke.

The treble ringer for example will learn: slow over 2, slow over 4, slow over 6 slow over 8, etc., etc.; then in coming in over the same bells, a quick check stroke for seven blows.

This develops into counting: 2 over 2, 3 over 4, 4 over 6, 5 over 8, etc., etc., and so on into 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.. etc., etc., representing the place the bell is in.

Counting out loud, in some cases, I insist on. The young ringer has by now learned to count up to eighths place and back to lead. Most learners don't take kindly to counting. The band by now are six months on.

GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

To Grandsire Doubles, 7, 6, 8 covering, and ringing this by **learning the bells to follow.** Ropesight is useless when you have a band all learning to ring their first method. Coursing order gets results quickly, and, most important, keeps the ringers happy.

Once the band can ring a plain course of Grandsire Doubles—by knowing who to follow—position counting in plain hunting has now made easy the next stage of position counting through the plain course while at the same time knowing full well who to wait for or check in over.

To Grandsire Triples is the next stage—plain course, then, keeping 5, 6, 7 in order the 3 bob touch, 3 in, 4 in, 2 in, comes quite easily.

Plain course of Bob Major is the next exercise, then back to Grandsire for a 350—5ths before touch.

Grandsire, 500 changes, or Stedman Doubles, or both, can well follow. The rest is easy.

To conduct Parker's Twelve Part, each part taking 15 minutes, the clock keeps the conductor right on the calling and watching the coursing order keeps everyone in line. By calling to the clock a conductor can give so much more attention to the ringing. Our peal started on the hour, at 4 p.m., each part taking 15 minutes.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

At the annual meeting of the N.W. Branch, held at Bridgerule, on November 5th, 16 new members were elected—13 from Shebbear College and three from Stratton. The Rev. John Scott presided and the president, Preb. E. V. Cox, who had travelled nearly 100 miles to the present, presented Guild certificates to E. Nunn, G. Alford, J. Hockridge and O. Gittins, all from Stratton. All the officers were re-elected.

The meeting was attended by 43 ringers, including visitors from Coombe Martin, Plymouth, Tavistock and Shebbear College. The service was conducted by the Vicar, and the sermon preached by Preb. E. V. Cox. The wives of local ringers provided tea. Ringing of this pleasant little eight (tenor 10¼ cwt.) included Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Kent T.B. and rounds. Thanks are accorded to all who helped to make the meeting a success and especially the president for travelling such a long distance to give us his encouragement. R. P.

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Will Staffs, North Staffs and Shropshire ringers please note: The talk to be given by Mr. Paul Taylor, in the Arts Centre, Stafford, will be on December 1st, at 7.45 p.m. **not** on December 8th, as previously announced. 7020

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MEETINGS

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Hyde, November 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m.—C. K. Lewis. 6988

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby and Ilkeston District.—Monthly meeting, Ockbrook, on Saturday, November 26th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—W. A. Morley, Dis. Sec. 6994

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Tydd St. Giles, Saturday, November 26th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 6978

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting, Saturday, November 26th, Wethersfield. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 6925

GUILD OF MEDICAL RINGERS.—London meeting, Saturday, November 26th. Ringing: Holy Trinity, West Hill, Wandsworth, 3-4 p.m.; St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, 4.45-6. Dinner—Redcliffe Hotel, Fulham Road, 6.45 for 7.15 p.m. 6954

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Nomination meeting at Chobham, Saturday, November 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 6948

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—Meeting, November 26th, at Tyberton and Madley. Ringing 3 p.m., at Tyberton (5). Service at Madley 4.30 p.m. Ringing at Madley (6) in the evening. 6985

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Westhoughton, Saturday, November 26th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business follows tea. Cups of tea only.—Thornley, Sec. 7024

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Monthly meeting at Cookham, November 26th. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Business meeting 5.45 p.m.—Miss Hague, 6, Stompits Road, Holyport, Maidenhead. 6936

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Annual meeting at Lyme Regis, on Saturday, November 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 6987

SOUTHEND & DISTRICT GUILD.—Next meeting at St. Clement's, Leigh (6), on Saturday, November 26th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Cups of tea 5 p.m. Special method: Double Oxford. 6992

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Quarterly meeting at Christ Church, Blacklands, Hastings, on November 26th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—F. Beeney, Sec. 6984

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—Practice meeting, Saturday, November 26th: St. Michael, Wood Green, 1.30-2.30 p.m.; St. Andrew, Enfield, 3-4; All Saints', Edmonton, 4.30-5.30; St. Matthew, Upper Clapton, 7-8 p.m. 6962

WATFORD GRAMMAR SCHOOL SOCIETY.—Meeting at Hemel Hempstead (8), Saturday, November 26th, 3.15 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. approximately.—A. J. Hickson, Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Northern District) and DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (Southern District).—Joint meeting, Richmond (8), Saturday November 26th. Special invitation to Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association members. Bells from 2.30 p.m.—Edward Hudson and Peter Rock, Hon. Secs. 6989

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Branch.—Annual meeting, Yeovil (10), Saturday, December 3rd. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, please.—R. J. Fox, 109, Middle Street, Yeovil. 7002

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Annual meeting, Wellington, Saturday, December 3rd. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea, Rockwell Green bells available 7.30 p.m.—A. H. Reed, George Street, Taunton. 7006

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Annual general meeting at Yatton (8), on Saturday, December 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea, please, by Thursday, December 1st.—D. G. Yeo, 'Estune,' Brockway, Nailsea. 6933

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Meeting at Willington, on Saturday, December 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by November 30th, to Corby, 26, Heathfield, Putnoe, Bedford. 6999

DEVON GUILD.—North Devon Branch.—Annual meeting, Chulmleigh (8), Saturday, December 3rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—D. Jewell, Hon. Sec.

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Branch.—Annual meeting, Topsham, Saturday, December 3rd. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by December 1st, to R. T. Perry, Redcliff, Lympstone. 6963

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at SS. James and Basil, Fenham, Newcastle, on Saturday, December 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.30. Service 5.30. Names for tea by November 30th, to J. Alan Ainsworth, 35, Derhill Park, Newcastle. 7030

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting at Swavesey and Over, on Saturday, December 3rd. Swavesey bells (6) 3 until 4.45 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., at Over. Over bells (8) available after tea.—D. F. Murfet, Dis. Sec. 7018

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Saturday, December 3rd. St. Mary Redcliffe, Corporate Communion 8 a.m. Bells (12) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., Community Centre, Guinea Street. Annual business meeting 6 p.m. Good attendance, please.—A. Bennett. 7025

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth District.—Practice at Much Wenlock, Saturday next, December 3rd, 6 till 8.30 p.m. Method: Double Norwich.—H. Edge, Dis. Sec. 7023

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Practice meeting at Royston on December 3rd, at 5.30 p.m.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 6970

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Practice meeting, Abbot's Langley (6), Saturday, December 3rd. Bells 6.30 p.m.—G. N. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 7017

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at **Stockbury** (Rodmersham not available), on Saturday, December 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to Mr. A. Dunk, Pett Farm Bungalow, Stockbury Valley, Sittingbourne. 6969

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting, December 3rd, at Burnley, St. Peter's. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m., meeting to follow. Proposed to donate £6 from Branch Fund towards cost of new ropes at Whalley, requires authorisation.—J. Pilkington. 7003

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Monthly meeting at Lancaster, St. Mary's, on Saturday, December 3rd. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. tea at 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Rosemary Harmsworth, 13, Cavendish Street, Lancaster.—P. Handley, Branch Sec. 7021

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Meeting at St. Wilfred's, Standish, on Saturday, December 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. T. Grounds, 10, Cross Street, Standish. Nominations for Ringing Master and secretary.—C. F. Low, 11, Park Crescent, Southport. 7029

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Wrangle, Saturday, December 3rd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 3.45. Tea in Parish Hall at 4.30 p.m. Important: names for tea to me by Monday, November 28th.—W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. 6977

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, December 3rd, at Stoke. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, November 30th, to J. G. Burton, 71, Bagnall Road, Milton, Stoke-on-Trent. 6998

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Gorleston, December 3rd. Bells (8) 3.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, November 30th, certain please, to Miss B. Smedley, 9, Cliff Avenue, Gorleston-on-Sea, Great Yarmouth. Yarmouth bells will be available for one hour only, from 2.15 to 3.15 p.m.—P. G. Newstead, Branch Sec. 6980

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Newton Longueville (8), Saturday, December 3rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea and quarterly meeting to follow. Names for tea by November 30th.—F. Vickers, 64, Bourtonville, Buckingham. 7022

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—Annual meeting at Gillingham, Saturday, December 3rd. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting following. Numbers for tea by November 30th, to Richard Longridge, Bourton Vicarage, Gillingham. Tel.: Bourton 316. All welcome 7001

SHEFFIELD & DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Thrybergh, 3 p.m. Saturday, December 3rd. Names for tea to Mr. F. Brunt, The Channings, Doncaster Road, Thrybergh, please.—J. Seager, Sec. 7027

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting, Bulwell, Saturday, December 3rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea not later than December 1st, to S. Adams, 54, Wilford Road, Ruddington. 6990

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Lindfield (8), Saturday, December 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Tea to those who notify, by Wednesday, November 30th. Mrs. Hairs, Norman Cottage, Park Corner, Groombridge. 7005

SWANSEA & BRECON GUILD.—Southern District.—Annual District meeting at St. Paul's, Sketty, December 3rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. J. T. Williams, Dis. Sec. 6979

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover and Basingstoke Districts.—Combined meeting, December 3rd, at the following towers: Hurstbourne Priors 1 to 2 p.m., Whitchurch 2 to 3, Laverstoke 3 to 4, Overton 3.45 to 4.30 and after tea. Service and tea, Overton, followed by meeting. Deane 6 to 7, Church Oakley 7 to 8, Wootton St. Lawrence 8 to 9 p.m. Tea **only** to those who notify, by previous Tuesday, Rev. F. Sanders, Overton Rectory.—G. K. Dodd, J. Chesterman, Hon. Secs. 6991

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Quarterly meeting at Bournemouth, on Saturday, December 3rd. St. Peter's bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at 5.50 p.m., in St. Peter's Hall. Ringing after tea at St. John's, Surrey Road. Names for tea by Thursday, December 1st, to Mr. Colin Conway, 121, Richmond Park Road, Bournemouth.—W. T. Godfrey, Dis. Sec. 7009

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—Annual meeting, Exeter, St. Thomas', December 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names to J. Andrews, 14, Attwyll Avenue, Exeter. 7016

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Forest Branch.—Annual general meeting, Lydney, Saturday, December 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Coombe, Oaklands Farm, Newnham, Glos. 7026

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at King's Langley, Saturday, December 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, December 6th, to Mr. B. Barker, 7, Watford Road, King's Langley. No name no tea.—J. Good, Dis. Sec. 6996

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting at Anstey, Saturday, December 10th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m., in Church Rooms. Names for tea by Wednesday, December 7th, please, to Mr. R. Elkington, 24, High Street, Anstey, Leicester. 7008

LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, December 10th, St. Bride's Major. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—R. E. Coles. 7004

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Practice meeting Saturday, December 10th, Rougham (6). Bells 6.30 to 9 p.m.—A. F. Ballam. 7010

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Section.—Nomination meeting at Betchworth, December 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea by December 8th, to Mr. A. Lucas, 145, Sanders Road, Reigate.—G. A. West, Hon. Sec. 7028

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting, Pocklington, on Saturday, December 10th. Bells (8) 2 to 8 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., in Church Hall. Names by December 8th, please, to Mr. C. Bairstow, 9, Victoria Road, Pocklington.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7007

TAYSOM'S TRAVELLERS IN DEVON

ON Friday, October 21st, a company of 12 assembled at Warmley for a ringing tour in Devonshire. They were Rita Webb, Jean Palmer, Gloria Newton, Ian Smith and Mr. and Mrs. H. Taysom (Warmley), Michael Hobbs (St. Ambrose, Bristol), Peter Hurcombe (Gloucester), Iver Goulter (Norton), Christopher Barrable, Terence Milsom and Alan Lee (Twerton, Bath). With Henry Taysom at the wheel of the mini-bus the party decided to label itself as 'Taysom's Travellers.' Lustleigh, near Bovey Tracey, which was the headquarters, was reached about 11 p.m.

Saturday dawned quite bright and dry, and at the first tower, Bovey Tracey, we found a restored Gillett and Johnston octave (tenor 14 cwt.), rung from the ground floor. The Rector, the Rev. G. Duxbury, welcomed us and wished us well on the rest of the tour. Highweek, the next tower, was also a restored Gillett octave, but a little lighter (11 cwt.). These bells go very well and Oxford Bob Triples was the highlight. The tower captain gave us directions for the next tower, East Ogwell, which lies amid the country lanes. The Rev. E. Dalby met us and said he was sorry that the bells are seldom rung, but despite this the little ring of five (6 cwt.) go very well. On to Denbury, where Mr. C. Ellis was waiting for us; these are another lovely little five (8 cwt.), seldom rung. Here the band had the experience of ringing with single back ropes. A break was made for refreshments.

By 1.30 p.m. we were at Ipplepen, a beautiful octave again restored by Gillett and Johnston although the tenor has since been rehung by Taylor's. A musical touch of Grandsire Triples went very well indeed.

We arrived late at Totnes, one of the county's heaviest octaves (28 cwt.), again restored by Gillett's. Here waiting for us was the tower captain and Mr. Aubrey Bennett. Bob Major went very well and the captain remarked he was surprised to see the bells rung by such a young band. Mr. Bennett accompanied us to Dartington, the first six of the day (17 cwt.). The bells are rung from the ground floor with rope guides and the back ones are a little tricky to handle, but Cambridge seemed to go along well.

POLICEMAN SURPRISED

At Staverton, the local policeman watched with open mouth as the mini-bus shot down a 'No through Road' to the church. The bells are one of the county's heaviest sixes (21¼ cwt.), and they took a bit of getting up. Little Bob was very successful, and we also tempted one or two of the locals to ring with us after assuring them we were not going to ring 'scientific.' Through the lanes to Broadhempston, where, to our surprise and his, stood the same policeman; this time we explained what we were doing. The bells go well but the treble is slightly off key.

Having reached Ashburton in the dark we made a mistake. We found a building that looked like a church so in we went equipped with torches, and after trying all the doors decided to look again at the outside of the building, where was found a plaque labelled 'Ashburton Maternity Clinic.' Eventually, we found the church where the Vicar, curate and captain were waiting. We explained our delay and the Vicar announced that we were not the first, as the building has a 14th century tower. Anyway the bells are a lovely octave (21¼ cwt.).

The last ring of the day was Ilsington, near Haytor, one of the highest points on Dartmoor. The bells were a perfect end to a perfect day, a restored Gillett six that were a joy to ring. Back to Lustleigh, where we spent a pleasant hour in the inn with the local ringers and villagers, who gave us an historical and interesting account of the district.

Sunday, 7.30 a.m., saw the company at Lustleigh Church, for Communion, where the Rector said he was deeply sorry we could not ring later in the morning as the custom is 'the bells shall not be rung while a villager is lying dead.' Anyway, by kind invitation of Mr. Bennett, we rang at Dean Prior (a slow turning, Taylor restored six, 11¼ cwt.). Here we rang a variety of methods on this lovely six after the morning service. Back to Lustleigh for lunch and then a start on the homeward journey. A stop was made at Sampford Arundel (Somerset), to ring for evening service; here the local ringers made us so welcome and let us ring what we wished. We did ring some call changes and Grandsire Doubles with the locals and it was good to think they are conquering method ringing.

Warmley was at last reached and 'Taysom's Travels' were nearly over for one year but it was the sort of thing one would like to do again. Our grateful thanks are due to Mr. and Mrs. Palmer and Miss Gay for looking after us at Lustleigh, to the incumbents and captains who made us so welcome in towers where method ringing is not very often heard, to Mr. Bennett for his kindness and to Henry Taysom for driving the mini-bus. The ringing had been a very high standard, 19 methods and call changes.

A. F. L.

QUARTER PEALS

EAST ILSLEY, BERKS.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Patricia E. Hibbert (first of Stedman) 1, J. W. T. Hibbert 2, Mrs. Marjorie C. Hibbert 3, A. W. G. Sayers 4, Eileen M. Wilson 5, J. W. Wilson 6, C. J. Hibbert (cond.) 7, H. R. Wells 8. For Remembrance service.

EDLESBOROUGH, BUCKS.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. W. Sinfield (cond.) 1, Mrs. June Sinfield 2, Ian Knox 3, M. D. Pearson 4, I. Pett 5, W. Sear 6. After Evensong for Harvest Thanksgiving.

HEAVITREE, DEVON.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (first quarter of Holt's Original): G. Skinner 1, Miss J. Wooders (first of Grandsire Triples) 2, A. T. Truman 3, B. H. Thompson 4, R. E. Truman 5, G. E. Retter (cond.) 6, F. Wreford 7, F. Wills 8. For Remembrance Day Evensong.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Double Oxford Bob Triples: E. Blower 1, R. Tomlin 2, D. Belcham 3, F. May 4, M. Hallett 5, G. Sandwell 6, A. House (cond.) 7, W. Ward 8. Rung for Evensong.

RIPON, YORKS.—On Oct. 1st, at the Cathedral, 1,800 Plain Bob Royal: D. Alderson (first quarter) 1, Shirley A. Mudd 2, E. Hudson 3, P. Dawson 4, J. A. Brown 5, T. M. Cox 6, J. W. Gibson 7, R. J. Lumley 8, G. Benfield (cond.) 9, F. K. Williamson 10. Rung in honour of the first visit of the Archbishop of York to the Cathedral.

STANTON ST. JOHN, OXON.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Julia Chandler (first in method) 1, R. H. Jones (cond.) 2, Helen Williams (first in method) 3, N. D. Deam 4, J. S. Walker 5. For the birthday of the Prince of Wales.

STALYBRIDGE, CHESHIRE.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. Cook 1, I. Hodgson 2, F. Howard 3, R. Edwards (cond.) 4, D. Beaumont 5, J. Beaumont 6. First quarter 1, 2, 5 and 6.

STANBRIDGE, BEDS.—On Aug. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Jose Hutchings 1, J. W. Sinfield 2, M. D. Pearson 3, W. Sear 4, F. K. Williamson (cond.) 5. Believed to be the first quarter on the bells.

TATTERSHALL, LINCS.—On Nov. 5th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Janet Burrell 1, L. K. Taylor (cond.) 2, J. W. Bailey 3, F. Ingall 4, J. P. Morriss 5, H. Burrell (first quarter) 6. A birthday compliment to Janet and Harry Burrell.

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION

Silkstone won the six bell contest at the quarterly meeting of the Association, held on October 22nd, at Kirkburton. Some very good striking was heard during the competition and an excellent tea was served by the local company. The judge was Mr. T. W. Hilton and his decisions and order of ringing were as follows: Cawthorne (ragged) 68, Meltham (good in parts) 61, Shelley (good, but for a trip) 39, Friezland (good throughout) 27, Silkstone (very good) 24.

Thanks were passed to the judge and marker, the Vicar and Mr. Burton for his excellent arrangements and hospitality. Next meeting Armitage Bridge, April 22nd.

5,024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

By NORMAN SMITH

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ASSERTIVE YOUNG MALES

ONE of the problems confronting most elderly people is 'bridging the gap' of years. In a family, like the ringing Exercise, this is constantly with us. It is no uncommon thing to find three generations ringing together in a belfry, and an age range of 50 years or more between the oldest and the youngest. The outlook of the youngster of today is very different from three generations ago. The average intelligence is higher; generally speaking there is more self-confidence and certainly more independence. The stern discipline of three generations ago does not prevail, and while some of the testy elderly at times try to install this and remark: 'When I was a boy you would sit in the corner and watch, and you would be lucky to have a pull,' there is a recognition that a new age requires different methods of approach.

Those in charge of towers today are not of the same sergeant-major type of 50 years ago. While there is a reasonable standard of discipline, the iron hand wears a velvet glove. It seems as if youth is placed on a pedestal; they are certainly allowed a greater measure of freedom when they show prospects of becoming a ringer. The elderly sit back and make sacrifices. They revel in the progress of their pupils, and to another old crony at a District meeting will say, with pride: 'Yes, he was one of my pupils. Look at the grace of his ringing and perfect bell control.'

Alas, there comes a time when the pupil outstrips his master; sometimes it is as short as three or four years. The youth or maiden has been on a ringing tour or two and comes back to the belfry with the glint of knowledge and experience in his or her eyes. A repertoire of methods, far exceeding those of the tower captain, is at their disposal. With this experience has come a sharpening of the ears; there has been the new knowledge that is some ringing the ear is a more important aid than the eye. The striking of individual members, particularly the elderly, is noted critically, and there are possibly asides, such as: 'Old Harry is striking wide—he must be getting deaf.'

With males there is a new assertiveness: it is not so noticeable among girls, whose nature is different. The period between 19 and 23 is often most difficult with young men. They become impatient with the elderly members who cannot advance as quickly as they can, and the atmosphere is apt to become strained. It cannot be denied that as one gets older there is a reluctance to embark into new fields. The preoccupation of other things in life lessens the will, and often the mental faculties make learning difficult.

How is the veteran captain to bridge the gap now that the pupil who was 'the apple of his eye' has reached a realm of proficiency beyond his own? To give up the captaincy of the tower—a position he has held for 10, 20 or 30 years—is very much against the grain. He has taken a pride in his bells and their regular ringing for Sunday services; he has also the respect of the vicar and the parishioners; he feels tolerably fit except for perhaps an occasional twinge of rheumatism. No, such a course is unthinkable.

With the constant moving about the country through changes of employment the crisis is frequently averted. But where the young man remains it is the responsibility of the captain to 'bridge the gap.' Failure to do this results in one of two things: Youth will either find another tower more congenial—and with modern transport such as the motor-cycle and small car this is a reasonable proposition—or he will be getting his ringing with one of the area peal bands and neglect the fold of his youth.

The wise captain will make use of his new-found knowledge by creating new responsibilities for him. If there is not a deputy conductor he will promote him to the position. He will ask him to accept certain responsibilities in the training of recruits; and it is a fact that young people often prefer to be taught by someone nearer their own age than the elderly. If possible, he will use his influence to secure for him an office in the District, such as assistant Ringing Master. This male assertiveness has to be channelled into responsibility, otherwise it will be a cause of friction and unpleasantness in the tower.

Without being unkind to anyone, this phase in life is a common experience, although sometimes its bluntness is softened by a feminine influence. Very often opportunities for service arise where the leadership of a tower is presented to him—not necessarily the belfry in which he was trained—and his knowledge and influence are used to the full extent to the advancement of the Exercise. Hard as it may sound, the wise old captain, if his tower is fully manned, will make the sacrifice for the benefit of ringing at large, even if it is to the detriment of the proficiency of his tower.

One of the secrets of the great advance in ringing in recent years has been the effective harnessing of enthusiastic youth, with the necessary 'know-how.' This information is very patent in our quarter peal columns. We have very many of these 'assertive young males' bringing along their young companies and taking as much pride in them as the veteran captains. And it is all to the good, although some of our old men will shake their heads and say: 'It was not done in my young days.'

TWELVE BELL PEAL

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 26 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

FRANK OSBALDISTON	*Treble*	BASIL JONES	7
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	EDWARD JENKINS	8
EILEEN FEARN	3	JOHN WORTH	9
CAROL FERNLEY	4	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	10
C. KENNETH LEWIS	5	PETER LAFLIN	11
HAROLD C. LONYON	6	BRIAN HARRIS	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

TEN BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 7, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes.*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.
A PEAL OF 5040 THRUSSINGTON SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Treble*	JOSEPH W. COTTON	6
A. JAMES POYNOR	2	GORDON A. HALLS	7
RICHARD J. CLIFTON	3	JOHN A. ACRES	8
ERNEST MORRIS	4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS	9
MRS. G. A. HALLS	5	JOHN M. JELLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by SHIRLEY BURTON. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
Witness: G. RONALD EDWARDS.
First peal in the method, and rung without previous practice.
Rung to celebrate the birth of a second son this day to Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Bennett, of Cosby, and the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. A. Morley, of Belper.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 18 cwt.

ARTHUR G. MASON	*Treble*	††‡COLIN A. S. HARWOOD	6
*†CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	2	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE	7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	3	JACK S. DEAR	8
ERIC EDMONDSON	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	9
*PATRICIA M. BOURN	5	FREDERICK E. COLLINS	*Tenor*

Arranged by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.
* 50th peal together. † 50th peal together. ‡ First of Yorkshire.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 24 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 25¼ cwt.

RITA M. JOWETT	*Treble*	MARTIN C. FAULKES	6
B. GILLIAN SCHOFIELD	2	NORMAN SMITH	7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	3	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	8
JOHN H. FIELDEN	4	VERNON BOTTOMLEY	9
PETER SCHOLFIELD	5	RICHARD E. PRICE	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

BURTON-UPON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5040 BELGRAVE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 28 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in D flat.

*EDMUND MALIN	*Treble*	*DAVID W. BRUNNING	6
*BRYAN J. WYLDE	2	*DAVID W. FRIEND	7
*ROBERT J. WARRILOW	3	†ARTHUR PRITCHARD	8
*F. HECTOR BENNETT	4	ROBERT B. SMITH	9
*RICHARD J. WARRILOW	5	*DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
* First peal in the method. † First of Royal in the method. First of Belgrave Surprise Royal for the Society, and on the bells.

SLOUGH, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 24 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E.

A. JAMES GLASS	*Treble*	DENNIS KNOX	6
J. KEITH WARD	2	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	7
FREDERICK R. SCOTT	3	D. KENVYN WALTERS	8
DENNIS C. BOWEN	4	WILFRID G. WILSON	9
WILLIAM BUTLER	5	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Guild.

THRUSSINGTON SURPRISE ROYAL
x 30 x 14 x 50 x 16 x 1270 x 38 x 34 x 1450.78.16.78.90
L.-e. 12. 1573. F.C.E.'s 32465, 43265.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK.
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 24 cwt. 7 lb. in D.

MARION ARCHER	*Treble*	RONALD J. JOHNSTON	6
RUTH M. BORDER	2	H. DAVID HOLLAND	7
CYRIL RUSBY	3	PETER BORDER	8
F. JOHN NELSON	4	JOHN A. ANDERSON	9
IAN M. HOLLAND	5	RALPH G. EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON. Conducted by IAN M. HOLLAND.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Oct. 13, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 48 lb. in G.

THOMAS R. SIMMONS	*Treble*	DAVID CUBITT	5
DR. DAVID HEIGHTON	2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	6
ARTHUR G. BASON	3	BERT GOGLE	7
GODFREY G. WALPOLE	4	F. CHARLES GOODMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by DR. DAVID HEIGHTON.
To commemorate the 50th anniversary of the first peal of Major on the bells (following augmentation from six to eight) by an all-local company, the same composition being used.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDGAR R. RAPLEY	*Treble*	GEOFFREY C. RIX	5
BRYAN C. BURROUGH	2	FRANK B. LUFKIN	6
HAROLD F. WOOD	3	W. LESLIE WELLER	7
EDWARD F. FOSBERRY	4	BERNARD E. MATTHEWS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. BARKER. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 9, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

*J. RICHARD WILSON	*Treble*	*HENRY C. WEAVER	5
*BASIL WHITE	2	†FRANK B. LUFKIN	6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	3	LEONARD STILWELL	7
RAYMOND WOOD	4	*W. LESLIE WELLER	*Tenor*

Composed by W. BARTON. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
* First peal in the method. † 50th peal for the Association.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Nov. 11, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

ARTHUR G. MASON	*Treble*	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	5
JOAN BLRESFORD	2	DORIS E. COLGATE	6
*PAUL J. DYE	3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	7
FREDERICK J. CULLUM	4	PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
* First peal in the method.
A first birthday compliment to Katrina Jane le Saux, grand-daughter of Mr. F. J. Cullum.

FOXEARTH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5056 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 17 lb. in A.

ALAN R. ANDREWS	*Treble*	SAMUEL J. TWITCHETT	5
EDWARD E. DAVEY	2	GEORGE N. ORMAN	6
EVELYN R. M. CANSDALE	3	RONALD G. BUGG	7
ROSEMARY J. SEABROOK	4	RONALD W. STEWARD	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES LOCKWOOD. Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

GRAVESEND, KENT.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT ST. GEORGE'S CHAPEL OF UNITY (Pocahontas Memorial).
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E.

PETER BERESFORD	*Treble*	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	5
JOAN BERESFORD	2	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	6
ARTHUR G. MASON	3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	7
THOMAS H. FRANCIS	4	DENNIS BERESFORD	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by DENNIS BERESFORD.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1960, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Thomas,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

Basil Jones	*Treble*	C. Kenneth Lewis	5
John Worth	2	Edward Jenkins	6
Peter Laflin	3	Leslie Boumphrey	7
Harold Lonyon	4	Brian Harris	*Tenor*

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by John Worth.
300th peal to be rung at this tower.

GREAT HOLLAND, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Nov. 14, 1960, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

Rachel J. R. Newstead	*Treble*	Urban W. Wildney	5
Edgar R. Rapley	2	Maurice E. Downs	6
Alan R. Andrews	3	Frank B. Lufkin	7
George N. Orman	4	Walter Arnold	*Tenor*

Composed by E. Barnett, sen. Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

WHITCHURCH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Nov. 18, 1960, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
At the Church of All Hallows,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Pritchard's. Tenor 16 cwt.

Frederick J. Sage	*Treble*	Eric P. Woolgrove	5
Brian A. B. Shingler	2	Ernest J. Munday	6
Reginald W. Rex	3	Geoffrey K. Dodd	7
John Manley	4	Reginald F. Crook	*Tenor*

Conducted by Reginald F. Crook.
Rung as a welcome to the new incumbent, the Rev. Hamilton Lloyd, who was inducted on July 27th.

ENDERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1960, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5056 ZELAH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.

Frederick E. Wilshaw	*Treble*	Ralph Elkington	5
W. Ernest Rawson	2	Paul Martin	6
John M. Jelley	3	A. James Poynor	7
A. Maxwell Lindsey	4	Russell S. Morris	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by John M. Jelley.
First peal in the method.

HARMSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1960, in 2 Housr and 51 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5088 WATFORD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. in A.

John Walden	*Treble*	*George H. Randles	5
*Claire Dillamore	2	*Geoffrey R. Parker	6
*Norah M. Randles	3	*Peter A. Sharp	7
*Margaret A. Swann	4	Jack L. Millhouse	*Tenor*

Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* First peal of Watford Surprise.

KINGSWINFORD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10½ cwt.

R. Arthur Peakman	*Treble*	Martin D. Fellows	5
Denis N. Layton	2	*Frederick E. Jukes	6
Clifford Skidmore	3	Thomas Hemming	7
Frederick G. Handley	4	C. Frederick Jukes	*Tenor*

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Denis N. Layton.
* First peal of Major. The ringers of the treble and tenor have now 'circled the tower.'

ZELAH SURPRISE MAJOR
—38—14—1258—36—34—1458—16—78. L.-e. 12. Group B.

LONDON.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1960, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Ann, Stamford Hill,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr.

William A. Theobald	*Treble*	Alick Cutler	5
J. Desmond Painter	2	William T. Cook	6
Giles C. Galley	3	Philip Mehew	7
Wilfred Williams	4	Thomas J. Southam	*Tenor*

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Wilfred Williams.
First peal in the method on the bells.

PENISTONE YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Barnsley and District Society.)
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1960, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
At the Church of St. John,
A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14½ cwt.

Arthur Champion	*Treble*	†David Lockwood	5
Eric Stainrod	2	†Trevor Tarbatt	6
*Raymond Crossland	3	†Noel F. Moxon	7
Geoffrey Townend	4	†Harry Mann	*Tenor*

Composer unknown. Conducted by Noel F. Moxon.
* First peal on eight bells. † First of Treble Bob. First as conductor on eight bells.
Rung to celebrate the dedication of the new Church of St. Aidan at Oxspring; also the birth of a son (Nigel) to Mr. and Mrs. I. Crossland.

THROWLEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1960, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 11 methods, comprising 768 each Bristol and London, 576 each Ealing and Rutland, 480 each Wembley and Watford, 288 each Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire, Lincolnshire and Pudsey, and 137 changes of method. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in F sharp.

Doris E. Colgate	*Treble*	Bernard F. L. Groves	5
Stanley Jenner	2	Ian H. Oram	6
Arthur S. Richards	3	John R. Cooper	7
Ralph Bird	4	Philip A. Corby	*Tenor*

Composed by E. A. Barnett. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.
First peal in 11 Surprise Major methods by all except the ringer of the fifth. First in the county, and for the Association.

WEST BRIDGFORD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1960, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Giles,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt.

*Robert W. Winstanley	*Treble*	Roger Baldwin	5
Jean M. Addicott	2	Denis R. Carlisle	6
*F. Neville Pailing	3	Gordon A. Halls	7
†Pat A. M. Halls	4	James H. Pailing	*Tenor*

Composed by Steven Ivin. Conducted by James H. Pailing.
* First peal in the method. † 175th peal. First on the bells.
The congratulations of the band go to Mr. and Mrs. W. Arnold Morley on the birth of their daughter.

WHITWORTH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Rochdale Branch.)
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1960, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Bartholomew,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15¾ cwt. in F.

*Graham B. Sleight (14)	*Treble*	†Gordon Rothwell	5
Mrs. P. J. H. Hudson	2	‡Ivan Kay	6
†Michael D. Fishwick	3	Geoffrey Cheetham	7
Keith Abbott	4	Philip J. H. Hudson	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by P. J. H. Hudson.
* First peal at first attempt. † 25th peal together. ‡ 150th peal for the Association.
Rung for the 50th anniversary of the dedication of the bells on October 23rd, 1910.

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FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

COLTISHALL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Oct. 23, 1960, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being four extents of Plain Bob, one each of Kent T.B., Oxford T.B. and St. Clement's. Tenor 10 cwt.

FREDERICK BOYCE	*Treble*	HORACE LUBBOCK	4
DAVID CUBITT	2	BEVAN W. WILLGRESS	5
TED HOWES	3	GEOFFREY R. DREW	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY R. DREW.

SCULTHORPE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Oct. 27, 1960, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

*J. F. TOWLER	*Treble*	BEVAN W. WILLGRESS	4
FREDA P. GREAVES	2	GEOFFREY R. DREW	5
DAVID CUBITT	3	IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS.

* First peal at first attempt.

Rung in honour of the 26th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Saunders.

HAPPISBURGH NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 2, 1960, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

*AMBROSE E. MASON	*Treble*	JOCELYN B. GARDINER	4
GILBERT E. LARTER	2	*ANDREW R. HARVEY	5
†ALLEN TWYMAN	3	GEOFFREY R. DREW	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY R. DREW.

* First peal. † 20th peal. 25th as conductor.

Rung to celebrate the birth of a son and heir to the Rev. and Mrs. H. R. Chisnell.

FINDON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Nov. 7, 1960, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Double Oxford Bob, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

HERBERT W. WOOLVEY	*Treble*	GEORGE FRANCIS	4
CECIL R. LONGHURST	2	FRANK B. LUFKIN	5
LEONARD STILWELL	3	EDGAR R. RAPLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

SAXTHORPE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Nov. 7, 1960, in 1 Hour and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor 2¼ cwt.

FREDA P. GREAVES	*Treble*	*BEVAN W. WILLGRESS	4
GILBERT E. LARTER	2	*GEOFFREY R. DREW	5
DAVID CUBITT	3	IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY R. DREW.

* 25th peal together. 25th peal as conductor for the Association. First of Plain Bob Doubles by all the band except the tenor ringer. Fastest peal at a church.

WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Nov. 8, 1960, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 of Cambridge Surprise and three 720's each of Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B. Tenor 8 cwt.

*CYNTHIA J. SHACKELL	*Treble*	†RICHARD F. VERRALL	4
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	2	CECIL R. LONGHURST	5
†SHEILA A. SHACKELL	3	FRANK B. LUFKIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* First peal. † First in more than one method.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the fourth ringer and a birthday compliment to Janet Tidey.

ACLE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Nov. 10, 1960, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being extents of Plain Bob, Double Court, St. Clement's, Double Plain Bob, Double Oxford, College Bob and Reverse Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 47 lb. in G.

DORIS E. LIDBETTER	*Treble*	NOLAN GOLDEN	4
BEVAN W. WILLGRESS	2	BERT GOGLE	5
ARTHUR G. BASON	3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

A compliment to Mr Herbert W. Lidbetter on his 88th birthday. The traditional party took place at Hollycroft after the peal.

WHITSTABLE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Nov. 11, 1960, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 of Oxford T.B., two 720's Kent T.B. and four 720's Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

DEREK M. HOLNESS	*Treble*	STANLEY A. WOODING	4
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	2	FRANK B. LUFKIN	5
KEITH J. TRIPLOW	3	DENNIS A. CHAPMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

Rung in memory of Michael J. Holness.

BRANT BROUGHTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1960, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (ten different callings).
Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in E flat.

FREDERICK G. HOOPER	*Treble*	PHILIP C. PITCHFORD	4
J. EDWARD BROWN	2	FREDERICK DERRY	5
CLARENCE F. BRIGGS	3	HAROLD STEVENSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK G. HOOPER.

Rung half-muffled on the eve of Remembrance Sunday.

WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Barnsley and District Society.)
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 11 cwt.

G. DALE	*Treble*	K. PARK	4
*P. LOCKWOOD	2	G. TOWNEND	5
D. LOCKWOOD	3	T. TARBATT	*Tenor*

Conducted by T. TARBATT.

* First peal. First as conductor.

WELFORD-ON-AVON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1960, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, consisting of extents of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's College Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Single Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt., approx.

JOSEPH E. NEWMAN	*Treble*	ROBERT W. COLE	4
*COLIN B. LONGMORE	2	*ERNEST W. PENN	5
MARTYN HAWKES	3	HAROLD E. RAXTER	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD E. RAXTER.

* First peal in seven methods. First on the bells.

HARSTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 14, 1960, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

ALAN GRIFFIN (Trinity)	*Treble*	NOEL WAITE (St. Cath.'s)	4
*LAWRENCE SMITH (Queens')	2	†HENRY LEWIS (Fitz.)	5
*RICHARD HOUGH (Jesus)	3	JAMES TAYLOR (St. Cath.'s)	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES TAYLOR.

* First peal. † First 'inside.'

Rung for the 12th birthday of H.R.H. Charles, Prince of Wales.

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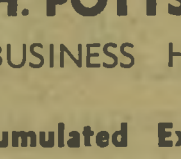

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LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 16, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 BLUNSDON SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

JOHN HILL	*Treble*	FRANK C. PRICE..	4
JOHN R. MAYNE	2	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN ..	5
RAYMOND G. SMITH.. ..	3	GERALD PENNEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

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

BRISTOL.
THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-ON-THE-MOUNT WITHOUT,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Double Bob, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's College Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

DAVID HEIGHTON	*Treble*	*IAN C. MAYCOCK	4
DOROTHY M. STAFFORD..	2	*ROYSTON BLACKLER ..	5
*MICHAEL J. AUSTIN ..	3	*JOHN C. BALDWIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID HEIGHTON.

* First peal in seven methods. The conductor has now 'completed the circle' in that capacity.

ORLINGBURY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each of St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Plain Bob, April Day, Old, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Grandsire.
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in F.

PERCY AMOS	*Treble*	*RICHARD J. DANBY	3
*†TIMOTHY A. WOODING..	2	‡MICHAEL R. HARVEY ..	4
GEORGE F. ROOME	*Tenor*		

Conducted by GEORGE F. ROOME.

* First peal in seven methods. † 25th peal. ‡ First peal.

In memoriam Rev. W. R. Flex (Doddington), J. R. Sharman (Cogenhoe), Mrs. M. E. Allebone (Easton Maudit) and W. Whitney (Yardley Hastings).

TOLLESHUNT D'ARCY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 TOLLESBURY DELIGHT MINOR

Being seven extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout.
Tenor 5¼ cwt. in B.

MARY ROAST	*Treble*	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS ..	4
ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON ..	2	JOE E. G. ROAST	5
ANDREW S. HUDSON.. ..	3	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE..	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

First peal in the method.

WYCHBOLD, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Nov. 20, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-DE-WYCHE,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 13 methods, being three extents each of Seighford, Little Aston, Dedworth, Wychbold Pleasure, Honeybourne, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Clifford's Pleasure, April Day, Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, Kennington and Plain Bob, and six of Grandsire.
Tenor 10¼ cwt. in G sharp.

*LYNDA M. POWELL (13)	*Treble*	ARTHUR D. COOK	4
MICHAEL J. FELLOWS (12)	2	PAUL CATTERMOLE	5
JAMES E. PULLON (13) ..	3	*HUGH B. MAKINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by PAUL CATTERMOLE.

* First peal. Most methods by all, and on the bells.

Rung before choral evening Communion. Also birthday compliments to Valerie Powell and Paul Cook (local ringers) and Nicholas J. Davies (Ashford, Kent).

TOLLESBURY DELIGHT MINOR
36 x 34, 16 x 12 x 1236 x 12 x 56

HANDBELL PEAL

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT 12, DOROTHY AVENUE, GLEN HILLS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 12 in F.

*BRIAN G. WARWICK ..	1—2	JOHN A. ACRES..	5—6
ERNEST MORRIS	3—4	MRS. B. G. WARWICK ..	7—8

Composed by E. MAURICE ATKINS. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* 550th peal for the Guild.

ASHFORD, KENT.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rita E. Gould (first of Triples) 1, Mrs. T. Cullingworth 2, Margaret M. Jones 3, J. R. Cooper 4, T. Cullingworth 5, P. Cattermole 6, N. J. Davies (first of Triples as cond.) 7, H. S. Wickins 8. For Evensong.

ASTON, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 13th, 1,120 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: P. Casson 1, B. Downie 2, A. Short 3, D. T. Finnemore 4, A. S. Burbidge (cond., age 12) 5, E. Franklin 6. For Evensong.

AYLESTONE, LEICS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Christine Sedgley 1, P. Martin 2, Marie Davenport 3, Sandra Chesterton 4, Patricia Wardle 5, T. Roper 6, R. Morris (cond.) 7, J. Poynor 8. For Evensong, and to welcome the Rev. J. R. McManus, assistant curate.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: A. Buck (first quarter) 1, M. Hopkins 2, J. I. Dear 3, L. Hughes 4, D. Sutcliffe 5, P. Flack 6, R. Castledine (cond.) 7, C. Harwood 8. Also on Nov. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: Miss C. Dear (first quarter) 1, C. Harwood 2, L. Scoot 3, M. Hopkins 4, J. S. Dear 5, P. Flack 6, E. Buck (cond.) 7, R. Castledine 8. Both rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday. Also on Nov. 16th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: D. Sutcliffe 1, Miss C. Wills (first of Major 'inside') 2, L. Scoot 3, M. Hopkins 4, L. Hughes 5, P. Flack 6, E. Buck 7, R. Castledine (cond.) 8. For Confirmation service.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 12th, 1,440 Double Court Bob Minor: G. E. Symonds (cond.) 1, H. A. Mitson 2, R. E. Lester 3, H. D. Lister 4, J. Ivings 5, W. J. Button 6. Half-muffled for Armistice.

BOCKING, ESSEX.—On Nov. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (5 and 7 covering): Mrs. H. Moore 1, P. Laurence (first quarter) 2, H. Moore 3, Rev. J. Burslem 4, K. Lewsey 5, R. Suckling (cond.) 6, J. Henshaw 7. Rung half-muffled after Evensong.

BOLDMERE, WARWICKS.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Miss B. J. Lymn (first quarter) 1, D. Reeves 2, M. N. Lawrence (cond.) 3, J. N. Laud 4, J. E. Neale 5, P. G. Laud 6. For Harvest Festival.

CAMBRIDGE.—On Nov. 6th, at St. Andrew the Great, 1,280 London Surprise Major: R. Hough 1, C. Webster 2, J. Secker 3, J. Davies 4, H. Muirhead 5, F. Secker 6, H. Neill (cond.) 7, J. Taylor 8. Also at St. Mary the Great, on Nov. 14th, 1,242 Grandsire Caters: K. J. Futter 1, P. H. Pigg 2, J. Wilkin (first of Grandsire Caters) 3, A. J. Griffin 4, H. E. Bishop 5, E. G. Hibbins (cond.) 6, T. R. Dennis 7, H. C. Foster 8, H. F. Brown 9, H. Muncey 10. First on ten for 1 and 8. In honour of the Prince of Wales' birthday.

CHELSFIELD, KENT.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. Smith 1, Hillary Martin (first 'inside') 2, Jillian Outhwaite 3, M. Legg 4, D. Manger (cond.) 5, C. Rowe 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Edwards 1, Rosaline A. Farlow 2, W. S. Crawford 3, J. Hanley 4, A. A. Elsmore 5, B. L. Jones 6, A. S. Bayley (cond.) 7, A. Lloyd 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday Evensong.

CONSETT, CO. DURHAM.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Armstrong 1, G. Wall 2, R. Oliver 3, N. Errington 4, R. B. Skelton 5, W. Tyson (cond.) 6. For Remembrance Service.

DAVENTRY, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 30th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: G. Bonsor 1, J. F. Johnson 2, Elisabeth A. Negus 3, Gillian Tavener 4, Hilary M. Johnson 5, H. M. Johnson 6, P. I. Chapman 7, D. J. Marshall (cond., aged 15) 8. For Evensong.

EAST BRIDGFORD, NOTTS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Susan Meredith 1, June Thomas 2, H. Hill 3, N. Wilde 4, J. Meredith (cond.) 5, J. Higgs 6.

EPSOM, SURREY.—On Nov. 13th, at St. Martin's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Diana W. Hand 1, Patricia A. Gibson (first quarter) 2, F. Oakshott (cond.) 3, Barbara M. Spencer (first of Triples) 4, Janet M. Besant 5, L. D. Kingswood 6, J. C. Davidge 7, J. E. Chapman (first quarter) 8. Rung muffled in memoriam John Nightingall, 30 years' churchwarden.

FAREHAM, HANTS.—On Nov. 18th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Stevenson 1, Miss S. Smith 2, Mrs. B. M. Hunt 3, D. Jones 4, J. A. G. Ball 5, C. Miles 6, A. H. Sturgess 7, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 8. Rung to welcome the birth of a son to Renee and Alan Sturgess, both members of the local band.

QUARTER PEALS

FARNINGHAM, KENT.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Rita E. M. Gasson (U.C.) 1, Mary Atkinson (Westfield) 2, Enid Town (Westfield) 3, N. J. Davies (London Hospital) 4, P. Cattermole (King's, cond.) 5, Diana M. Lawless (Westfield) 6. Rung by members of London University Society.

HITCHAM, BUCKS.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury and Grandsire): Heather Barrett (first quarter) 1, Jennifer Sceeny 2, Mary F. Carr 3, T. Evans 4, H. O. Glesby (cond.) 5. Half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

LONDON.—On Nov. 13th, at St. Clement Danes', 1,277 Grandsire Caters: J. Tomsett 1, A. Fulwell 2, Hilda Oatway 3, H. Eldred 4, S. Croft 5, A. M. Stacey 6, W. G. Wilson 7, D. Theedom 8, W. F. Oatway (cond.) 9, M. Gathercote 10. Rung half-muffled for Armistice Sunday.

MANCHESTER.—At 52, Woodland Road, Gorton, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Robinson 1-2, R. M. Edwards 3-4, G. Rumney (first 'in hand' as cond.) 5-6.

MODBURY, DEVON.—On Nov. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. G. Myers 1, F. E. Day 2, H. C. Spencer 3, D. R. Bould 4, W. J. Harvey 5, W. G. Lavers (cond.) 6.

OXFORD.—On Nov. 13th, at St. Aldate's, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor (all calls being singles): Catherine M. Chapman 1, J. H. Gardner 2, J. Venn 3, R. H. Allsworth 4, R. M. Jones 5, E. R. Venn (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday Evensong.

READING, BERKS.—On Nov. 13th, 1,280 London Surprise Major: Jennifer M. Davies 1, Patricia Heather 2, J. Manley 3, P. Wilkinson 4, E. J. Munday 5, J. N. Diserens 6, C. E. Lewington 7, N. J. Diserens (cond.) 8. For Remembrance Sunday.

ST. CRANTOCK, CORNWALL.—On Nov. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Rev. A. J. Vincent 1, Rev. G. W. Ruming 2, Rev. A. S. Roberts (cond.) 3, Rev. W. E. Minors 4, Rev. W. H. R. Trewhella 5, Rev. J. R. Jose 6. A compliment to the Rev. W. H. R. Trewhella for 31 years' secretary of the Truro Diocesan Guild.

WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. A. Thatcher (first quarter) 1, C. H. Webber 2, Miss G. M. Stevens (first of Triples) 3, W. Stevens 4, I. G. Hughes 5, G. J. Gammon 6, D. T. North (cond.) 7, C. E. Baker 8. For morning service.

QUARTER PEALS

BRATTON, WILTS.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Humphries 1, R. Purnell 2, Miss C. Lansley (first as cond.) 3, A. Bartlett 4, R. Lovelock 5, P. Gaisford 6. Rung for the wedding anniversaries of Mr. and Mrs. Humphries, Mr. and Mrs. Purnell and Mr. and Mrs. Gaisford, all being in the previous week.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Neal (first quarter) 1, L. North 2, T. Clark 3, E. Ashby 4, C. Cook 5, N. Jenkins 6, T. Norris 7, D. Cobb 8.

CASTLE CARY, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 14th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: H. F. Creed 1, W. G. Hodges 2, S. W. White 3, W. J. Tiley (first of Minor) 4, A. Callow 5, W. E. Turner (cond.) 6. A compliment to Prince Charles on his birthday.

CHURCH GRESLEY, DERBYS.—On Nov. 20th, 1,259 Grandsire Doubles: A. Baxter (14) 1, Mrs. S. H. Jones 2, D. P. Jones (cond.) 3, S. H. Jones 4, D. Eames (15) 5. Rung half-muffled in memory of John Baxter (17), brother of the treble ringer, who died November 12th, after a long illness.

CLAPHAM PARK, LONDON.—At the Church of St. Stephen, on Nov. 20th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss S. Hughes 1, Miss E. J. Langton 2, G. Pratt 3, V. Green 4, J. Perrett 5, N. Davies 6, D. E. Sibson (cond.) 7, J. Euston 8. For Matins.

DOWNE, KENT.—On Nov. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, Grandsire and Plain Bob): J. C. Bowers 1, A. S. Richards 2, R. E. Finch 3, D. Holland 4, J. Faircloth (first of Doubles as cond.) 5, T. C. Prentice 6. First quarter for 1 and 6. Rung as a compliment to John Louis George, son of the Vicar, Rev. L. G. Vedy and Mrs. Vedy, who was baptised this day. Ringers of 1 and 6 are believed to be the first members of Downe Church to take part in a quarter peal.

DUNHOLME, LINCS.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. M. Smith 1, P. Coddington 2, P. Burton 3, B. W. Smith 4, T. R. Smith (cond.) 5, B. Clark 6. For Remembrance Day service.

EARL'S CROOME, WORCS.—On Nov. 4th, 1,260 Single Oxford Bob Minor: I. Davis 1, M. Hawkes (cond.) 2, D. Price 3, C. Haylings 4, J. Lawrence 5, F. Lawrence 6.

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Nov. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Reeves 1, B. M. W. Dobbie 2, J. N. Lindon (cond.) 3, A. Timmins 4, T. R. Russell 5, S. Waterhouse 6. First quarter 1 and 6.

EDMONTON, MIDDX.—On Nov. 20th, 1,344 Little Bob Major: Iris George 1, Trudy Newcombe 2, W. Theobald 3, W. George 4, J. Towers 5, J. Weeks 6, D. Langdon 7, T. Hawkins (cond.) 8. First for 1, 2, 4 and 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Terry Anderson, former ringer of this tower, who died on November 19th.

GOLDHANGER, ESSEX.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Minor (Plain Bob, Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B.): T. White (first quarter) 1, J. Owers 2, B. C. Mann (cond.) 3, A. Appleton 4, W. White 5, H. Appleton 6. Rung to mark the 50th anniversary of the first peal of Minor on the bells by a local band.

GOLDINGTON, BEDS.—On Nov. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas', Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Reverse St. Bartholomew and Grandsire): L. E. Duffild 1, Mrs. R. G. Corby 2, J. H. Edwards 3, R. French 4, R. G. Corby (cond.) 5, A. Lumbis 6. Rung for the combined Confirmation and Parish Eucharist service.

GREAT ROLLRIGHT, OXON.—On Nov. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Francis 1, J. Benfield 2, R. Jarvis 3, S. Pulker 4, I. Harris (cond.) 5, C. Tompkins 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. Walker, who celebrated their silver wedding on this day.

HINTON WALDRIST, BERKS.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Moland 1, Miss P. Rooney 2, F. Moland 3, N. Leslie (cond.) 4, D. Leslie 5, A. O'Shaugnessy 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss C. Haynes (first quarter) 1, Miss W. Hussey (first 'inside') 2, Miss B. Smith 3, R. Biggs 4, Miss J. Barton 5, A. Newton 6, R. Hazell (first of Triples as cond.) 7, Miss B. Newton 8.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Doubles: Pauline Hood 1, S. W. Brown 2, J. R. Norris 3, M. Wooldridge 4, H. W. Brown 5, N. Wright (first quarter) 6, Penelope Clark 7, B. Oxenham 8. A compliment to David Robinson and Joyce Walsh, both members of the local band, on their engagement of marriage. Also on Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Penelope Clark 1, Joyce Walsh 2, M. Wooldridge 3, S. W. Brown 4, H. W. Brown 5, Pauline Hood 6, D. Robinson 7, A. Walsh 8. Rung half-muffled by members of the local band in memory of Charles Diplock, a ringer in this tower for 62 years, who died on October 30th. Also on Nov. 13th, 1,260 Doubles (540 Plain Bob, 720 Grandsire): N. Wright (first on a working bell) 1, Joyce Walsh 2, J. R. Norris 3, S. W. Brown 4, H. W. Brown 5, Pauline Hood 6, A. Walsh 7, D. Robinson 8. First in two methods by all except 4 and 5. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday Evensong.

HUTTON CRANSWICK, YORKS.—On Nov. 16th, 1,296 Cambridge Minor: J. Porter (first of Cambridge as cond.) 1, B. Fisher 2, R. Gibson 3, C. Brown 4, D. Johnson 5, R. Ducker 6.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDX.—On Nov. 19th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Royal: L. C. Way 1, Miss P. Holborn 2, W. G. Wilson 3, J. Perrett 4, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 5, Miss J. Creak 6, J. E. L. Cockey 7, C. H. Rogers 8, M. Gathercole 9, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 10. First in method for 1, 2, 4, 6, 8 and 9. Rung for Evensong, and the anniversary of the marriage of H.M. the Queen to H.R.H. Prince Philip.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Fox (first quarter) 1, L. Fox 2, C. Hughes 3, L. Batley 4, Miss V. Hester 5, F. Mills 6, J. Crampion (cond.) 7, C. Willmington 8.

LONDON.—At Westminster Abbey, on Nov. 17th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: M. P. Moreton 1, C. W. Cecil 2, W. Rawlings 3, H. N. Pitstow (cond.) 4, J. D. Rock 5, J. A. Waugh 6, J. Phillips 7, J. H. Crampion 8. Rung on Foundation Day.

MARKET BOSWORTH, LEICS.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Newton 1, J. Lawrance 2, J. Hodgetts 3, H. Hollis 4, J. W. Rawson (cond.) 5, L. Hodgetts 6, N. Statham 7, R. W. Proudman 8. Rung half-muffled to commemorate Armistice Day.

MILLOM, CUMBERLAND.—On Nov. 19th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: A. Metters (first quarter) 1, V. Forshaw 2, J. Bagnall 3, J. E. Burles 4, D. Lawson (cond.) 5. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss K. A. Houlden (Leyland), Mr. F. T. Tyson (Millom), Mr. J. C. Lawson (Preston).

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jennifer Brake (first of Minor) 1, P. Blake 2, Mary Powell 3, L. Derrick 4, T. Phillips 5, C. Kortright (cond.) 6. To welcome Jacqueline, granddaughter of the ringer of fifth.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On Nov. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Horton 1, Ann Hancock 2, Wendy Bowak 3, L. Cordell 4, J. McPhail 5, W. Wedlock (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to G. Horton.

PARRAMATTA, N.S.W.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob and Old): L. Bruce (first quarter) 1, R. W. Ferris (cond.) 2, G. A. J. Langshaw 3, R. L. Clark 4, J. I. Hammond 5, R. E. Miller 6.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—On Nov. 20th, at St. Andrew's Church, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss R. J. Marks 1, Miss Y. C. Porter 2, T. G. Myers (cond.) 3, J. Perkins 4, D. F. Wheeler 5, H. W. Milford 6, F. E. Day 7, H. F. Myers 8, D. R. Bould 9, W. H. Marks 10. For Evensong, and birthday compliment to Miss R. J. Marks.

POULTON-LE-FYLDE, LANCS.—On Nov. 8th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. Nevin 1, Miss D. M. Barrett 2, Miss O. W. Barrett 3, B. Atkinson 4, B. H. Hall 5, P. Crook (sen.) 6, P. Crook 7.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On Nov. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Bull 1, M. Lewis 2, L. Allen 3, B. Coatsworth 4, C. Mew (cond.) 5, A. Clayton 6. For Evensong.

QUEDGELEY, GLOS.—On Nov. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss S. Hall 1, J. Parker 2, S. J. Pugh 3, P. T. Hurcombe (cond.) 4, C. F. Wixey 5, Miss A. Cox 6. First quarters for 1 and 2. For morning service.

QUEENBOROUGH, KENT.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss P. Wallace (first quarter) 1, P. Negus (first 'inside') 2, W. A. Wood (cond.) 3, S. Rayfield 4, G. Hawkes 5, Mrs. Groall 6. Birthday compliments to three local ringers.

RIPPLE, WORCS.—On Nov. 11th, 1,320 Besthorpe Bob Doubles: Anne Broxton 1, Nadine Price 2, C. Haylings 3, A. Halling 4, M. Hawkes (cond.) 5, L. Woolley (firs: quarter) 6. First quarter peal in this variation by all the band.

ROTHERSTHORPE, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 13th, 1,320 Reverse Canterbury Doubles: Jennifer Gittins (firs: quarter) 1, Elizabeth M. Paul 2, M. R. Harvey 3, G. C. Paul 4, K. D. Perkins (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled for Evensong.

RUARDEAN, GLOS.—On Nov. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6 and 8 covering): W. T. Penn 1, A. G. Hailing 2, A. Halling 3, W. J. Harper 4, E. W. Penn 5, T. Wilce 6, J. J. Webb (cond.) 7, H. Meek 8. Rung on the occasion of a visit by the Bishop of Gloucester.

ST. BREOCKE, CORNWALL.—On Nov. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Moss (first away from tenor) 1, D. Docking 2, J. Roberts 3, C. Stephens 4, A. H. Eplett (cond.) 5, J. Northey 6. Rung to mark the birth this day of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. N. Saunders, of Wadebridge.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jane Shaw 1, R. Henebury 2, C. D. Baugh 3, Judy Robinson 4, V. A. Hemming (cond.) 5, E. T. Lloyd 6, J. T. Clark 7, N. Smith 8. First on eight 1 and 8. First 'inside' on eight 3 and 7. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

SOUTH CERNEY, GLOS.—On Nov. 17th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Plain 1, M. J. Cook 2, Miss A. Stevens 3, R. Wakefield 4, R. J. Smith 5, W. Godwin (cond.) 6. First of Minor by all the band except the conductor.

SPRINGFIELD, ESSEX.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. R. Doy (first quarter) 1, B. G. Brinkley 2, I. R. Panton 3, J. O. Kerley (first quarter) 4, M. S. Golding (first 'inside') 5, B. R. J. Bover (first as cond.) 6.

STOWTING, KENT.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Josephine D. Hardy (first of Minor) 1, Rita E. Gould (first 'inside') 2, C. T. Hillis 3, N. J. Davies 4, T. Cullingworth 5, P. Cattermole (cond.) 6. Rung for Evensong, and as a welcome to Rev. P. M. Jaquet, newly inducted Vicar.

SUTTON, CAMBS.—On Nov. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: S. Shipp 1, G. Markwell 2, G. Walker 3, D. Murfet 4, C. Gimbert (cond.) 5, A. Yarrow 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam F. G. Howard, for many years a ringer at this church.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 13th, at St. James' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Jeanes 1, R. Beale 2, F. Chidgey 3, J. Brewer 4, F. Matravers 5, F. Morris 6, W. G. Gigg (cond.) 7, B. Hooper (first quarter) 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

THURLOXTON, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Grandsire and Plain Bob): E. H. Langley 1, J. Brewer 2, W. Gigg 3, A. H. Reed (cond.) 4, P. N. Tubb 5. Rung in honour of Thurloxton being made a separate parish, having been a united benefice with Durston for the past 64 years.

TWYNING, GLOS.—On Nov. 18th, 1,260 Chase Bob Doubles: Christine Halling 1, M. Hawkes 2, W. Williams 3, A. Halling 4, E. W. Penn (cond.) 5, D. Williams 6.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. Secker (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Whitcher 2, D. Hawkins 3, M. C. Austin 4, K. R. Scrimshaw 5, H. Duncan 6, R. J. Chapman (cond.) 7, T. Pearson 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday and to the memory of Fred Digby, a true friend to this tower.

WARMINSTER, WILTS.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 1, 2 covering): L. Hawkins 1, Susan Porter (11, first quarter) 2, V. Bull 3, E. Norris 4, A. Bull 5, P. Roynon 6, E. Knee (cond.) 7, T. Mallard 8.

WEST BRIDGFORD, NOTTS.—On Nov. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Christine Froggatt 1, R. W. Winstanley 2, Rosemary Whitehouse (first quarter) 3, W. L. Ratcliffe 4, J. Woolley (first as cond.) 5, K. C. Vokes (first quarter) 6. First quarter by members of the Sunday service band.

WEST HAM, LONDON.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: A. H. Worboys 1, F. J. Richardson 2, S. Penfold 3, J. Carrot 4, J. Fowler 5, A. J. Salisbury 6, J. McPhail 7, A. D. Gargrave 8, T. East 9, F. V. Gant (cond.) 10. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

WESTMINSTER, LONDON.—At St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, on Nov. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss D. Lawless 1, I. Hughes (first of Minor) 2, R. F. Overington 3, A. J. Frost 4, M. P. Moreton (cond.) 5, J. H. Crampion 6.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Nov. 13th, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (720 each Oxford and Kent): A. S. Richards 1, W. A. Hughes 2, L. W. G. Skinner 3, R. E. Finch 4, J. Faircloth (first of T.B. as cond.) 5, D. Holland 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day service.

WHITBY, YORKS.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Lamerton 1, A. V. Coates 2, J. Hodgson 3, G. White 4, J. Waller 5, A. Waters 6, S. R. Elwick (cond.) 7, F. Lamerton 8. For Remembrance serivce.

WILBURTON, CAMBS.—On Nov. 9th, 720 Cambridge Surprise, 600 Woodbine: G. Markwell 1, H. Sharp (86) 2, S. Shipp (cond.) 3, D. Murfet 4, G. Walker 5, A. Yarrow 6. Rung to celebrate the 64th anniversary of the first peal on the bells.

"A BIT O' ZATURDAY RINGIN"

'Ere did I tell 'ee 'bout the little trip us 'ad down 'ere in Cornwall a week or so ago? 'Twas on October 15th, I think, 'ees thats it was I know, 'twas the Zaturday before the eighteenth Sunday arter Trinity, an' the missus always 'as 'er hair done the Vriday before that.

Well us put this yer trip on for some chap called Paul Field, and 'is dog, from Zummerzet way; 'tis only Paul that rings, of course, 'is dog just listens an' barks a bit. 'Twas said that this yer chap only wanted a couple of towers to 'clean up' Cornwall; 'tis amazin' 'ow you can get about these days, ain't it, with these new fangled 'orseless carridges.

Well to get on with the story, as the parsen said after 'ee'd bin preachin' for 'alf an hour, us went up to Menheniot first, an 'ansome little six, tenor 'bout leb'm 'underd, where us' aived 'em up and rang a bit of Grandsher and Bob Miners (oh, yes, us be getting on with 'alf pull stuff now), before us went on to Saltash, which is nearly in Deb'm This is where they'm buildin' a new road bridge acress river; our gaffer, Alan Carveth, was daft enough to want to walk across the catwalk the workmen be usin' to get from one end to 'tother without gettin' their veet wet, but us managed to drag 'on off it and into the tower. These bells be lovely to ring on after rehanging followin' fourteen years' silence, they'm a ring of six with an 'eavy tenor, 'bout fifteen 'underd.

Us was all peckish by this time, an' seein' as 'ow the pubs weren't open us decided to make do with a drop of tay. Us 'ad this at Launceston (pronounced Lans'on) with a bit of zummat to ait before goin' on to Laneast, another ring of six, 'bout nine 'underd. 'Tis a pity these bells be never rung as they'm very pretty sounding. The ropes was all drawn through a rack close together so they could be chimed an' us 'ad to go up over an' thread 'em all down through the guides before us could ring. Well everything was ready agin to start. This time the ol' rope up. Muscle man Paul got 'old of tenor rope and with one 'aive 'ee broke it, so up us went ag'in an' tied a nice big knot in it, just like us would do at 'ome, an' then got ready ag'in to start. This time the ol' rope lasted two pulls from Paul before it broke ag'in. Us realised by this time that 'twould be better to stick another rope up, so us went up ag'in an' put one of our old ones on. This time us actually managed to get bells up an' ring a few changes before the second and third ropes broke within 'alf a minute of each other. Us decided to finish it there an' tidied the mess up a bit before goin' on to the last place at Advent to ring a quarter peal at the little church in the middle of a field.

These are five 'boys' bells, tenor 'bout three 'underd, an' us 'ad to scrounge around for a couple of candles to see to ring. Us never realised before 'ow evil lookin' Alan Carveth is by candlelight, but us managed to get over our nerves and ring a quarter of Grandsher.

Well, 'twas time to start for 'ome, stoppin' on the way at St. Columb for a bite to ait an' a drop of wallop. I never realised before but the only time our ringers is quiet is when they'm aitin'. Us 'ad a good trip an' be very grateful to all the parsens 'oo let us ring on their bells, and be 'appy to know that one Paul Field and dog returned 'ome victorious after 'cleaning up' Cornwall.

GARGE.

ROCKWELL GREEN, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss R. Chick 1, W. Stevens 2, G. Stevens 3, G. Hutching 4, W. R. Trickey (cond.) 5, T. C. Taylor 6. For Evensong, and the conductor's birthday. Also on Nov. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss R. Chick 1, C. Webber 2, A. Cooke 3, G. Hutching 4, W. R. Trickey (cond.) 5, T. C. Taylor 6. For All Saints' Day. Also on Nov. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss R. Chick 1, A. Chapman 2, A. Cooke 3, G. Hutching 4, T. C. Taylor 5, K. Thorne 6. Conducted by W. R. Trickey. A farewell to ring of 2.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Central Bucks Branch

The second Central Bucks Branch supper was held at the King's Head Hotel, Aylesbury, on October 29th, when 68 members and friends attended. The branch chairman (the Rev. G. H. Isaacson) presided, and was supported by the Master (the Rev. C. E. Wigg), the branch president (the Rev. Canon G. Dixon), the honorary general secretary (Miss M. R. Cross), the librarian (Mr. H. L. Roper) and Mrs. Roper, and the branch secretary (Mr. D. G. Wheeler).

Apologies were received from the Bishop of Buckingham (the Rt. Rev. G. D. Savage), the Deputy Master (Mr. F. Sharpe), the Vicar of Winslow (the Rev. A. P. A. Barnes), Quainton ringers, Wotton Underwood ringers and Mr. W. E. Jones, of Waddesdon.

The chairman, in his stories, told of how an attempt to play a carol by means of a chiming apparatus was frustrated and parishioners of his former London parish were surprised to hear the strains of 'Now the day is over' proceeding from the belfry, prior to the eight o'clock celebration on Christmas morning.

Miss Cross spoke on the early days of the Oxford Diocesan Guild and of its former Masters, while Mr. Roper compared ringing to playing cricket.

The chairman thanked all those who had helped with the evening's arrangements and also 'in advance' those who had come to entertain.

The winner of the identity competition was Miss J. Bates. Contributing to the entertainment were Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Jamieson, with tunes on their handbells and Mr. Andrew Douglas, songs and stories. Mr. C. Walton led community singing accompanied by Mr. A. Kemsley on the piano.

A four-a-side darts tournament was held under the superintendence of Mr. J. W. Hall, after which the Rev. G. T. Barker made the presentation of prizes to the winning team, consisting of Messrs. E. Reece, L. J. Gregory, J. E. Tompkins and C. Griffin. D.G.W.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The quarter peal at Downe is another progressive step in Kent ringing. Change ringing is being practised in the tower and this was the first quarter in which local ringers had taken part. The quarter of Doubles in three methods was rung by four ringers from West Wickham and two of the local band. It was a happy occasion, to mark the baptism of the Vicar's son. The band, after the service, attended, with the congregation, a reception in the village hall.

Messrs. Frank B. Lufkin and E. Rapley have had a week's peal ringing in Sussex and Kent, during which five peals were scored.

The 50th anniversary of the first peal of Minor, at Goldhanger, Essex, was marked by a quarter peal on November 12th. In the band were Messrs. J. Owers and A. Appleton, who took part in the first peal.

Another similar anniversary to Goldhanger comes from Wilburton, Cambs. Here the 64th anniversary of the first peal on the bells was celebrated by a quarter and in this Mr. H. Sharp, now 86, rang the second. This is an encouragement to all our octogenarian ringers.

Six priests rang in a quarter peal at St. Crantock, Cornwall, as a compliment to the Rev. W. H. R. Trewhella, who for 31 years has been secretary of the Truro Diocesan Guild. This was the first quarter in Cornwall by six priests

The peal at Penistone, on November 19th, was the first on eight bells by the Barnsley and District Society for over ten years. The composition, from 'The Clavis,' was rung threadbare in Yorkshire during the 18th century.

The light, anti-clockwise octave at Foxearth, in North Essex, has been silent for several years, but with the permission of the Rector, the Rev. L. G. Folkard, was rung to a peal of Treble Bob on November 12th. These bells go quite well and it is to be hoped that they will be heard more often in the future.

The quarter peal rung at Thurloxton, Somerset, on November 17th, in three methods, was quite an event in a very strong call change district and was much appreciated and admired. Mr. E. H. Langley, who came from Wokingham to Somerset, 18 months ago, would like to thank Taunton ringers for their assistance and help in improving his ringing.

The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association are holding a course of instruction in Cheltenham, in the New Year at Monkscroft County Secondary Modern School evening institute, running for eleven weeks, covering a wide field of ringing subjects.

The Southern section of the Surrey Association held an extremely successful practice at St. Mary's Church, Reigate, on Tuesday, November 15th, which was attended by 43 ringers. The officers extend their thanks to all who attended and also their hosts, the local ringers.

An unexpected opportunity to ring his first peal came to Graham B. Sleigh (14) at Whitworth, Lancs, on November 19th. Five minutes before the start the band was one short and Graham was roped in although he had not previously rung more than 200 changes. He rang very well, reports the conductor.

As no other name could be found in old 'Ringing Worlds,' the variation included in the peal of Doubles at Wychbold on November 20th was named Honeybourne (consists of Reverse Canterbury leads for the bobs in Reverse St. Bartholomew). It was so named in deference to Worcestershire's heaviest (and roughest?) five (tenor 19¼ cwt. in F), a ring of superb tone, as yet unpealed.

The open day held at Beaminster, Dorset, on November 19th, in aid of the restoration fund for the bells was quite a success and created much interest among the townsfolk, who inspected the records, the bell frame and the deplorable state of the frame. Unfortunately the ringing fraternity did not support the effort, there being only four visitors. A sum of £11 6s. was received in contributions.

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ALPHABET FOR BEGINNERS

By T. J. LOCK

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UNPEALABLE METHOD.—An unpealable method is one which cannot be rung to a peal of five thousand or more changes without repetition of any one change. When some of the regular methods defy a true composition of five thousand odd changes on the accepted principles of composing the problem is sometimes solved by parting the tenors at least once and perhaps only for a lead or two. The alternative treatment of these such methods is to determine the least number of changes that ring true, thus producing a composition of, say, 5,728 changes. Some of our modern composers have worked out compositions for methods previously thought to be unpealable.

UNUSUAL TOWERS.—A short list of towers or structures which contain a ring of bells is given below, and as you will notice they are situated in widely placed parts of the country. They have been chosen because there are none others, or at the most very few, quite like them.

Accrington.—Access gained by a circular staircase which rises above the floor in the centre of the rope circle.

Brookland.—The bells are contained in a detached wooden structure having an outline similar to a pyramid.

Dublin, St. John's R.C.— An oblong ringing chamber with the ten ropes falling in two straight lines.

East Bergholt.—A detached structure in which the bells are rung by wooden handles or levers instead of ropes, the ringers standing level with the bells which are hung a few feet above the ground.

Kingsclere.—A ringing chamber with no windows or natural lighting.

Liverpool Cathedral.—Possibly the most spacious ringing chamber there is. The ringers stand on a raised circular platform and the ropes fall into the 'well.' Access is gained by two lifts.

Loughborough Bell Foundry.—Unsuspectingly situated on a street corner. Even whilst ringing eating and drinking is permitted!

Manchester Town Hall.—Bells in a civic building, and access to ringing chamber by lift.

Melbourne.—Choir stalls have to be hinged back before ringing commences.

Morpeth Watch Tower.—Similar to a church tower but detached and isolated in the centre of a street.

Pershore Abbey.—An open iron spiral stairway leads to the ringing chamber, the floor of which is supported on two great wooden beams, and the sides of which are of open wire mesh.

Quex Park.—The bells are in the isolated Waterloo tower, which is surrounded by trees in the middle of a field.

Southwell Minster.—The ringers stand in a gallery against the inside of the four walls of the central tower

Windsor Castle.—A keeper's flat is 'next door.'

UP RIGHT, UP WRONG.—As stated previously, there are two ways of raising a bell, one being the wrong way. The other (and more usual) way is, more often than not, quite easily done. The points to remember in order to raise a bell properly are—pull at the rope to start the bell swinging as in chiming, when the clapper will be hitting the backward or following 'edge' of the bell; continue to pull the rope downwards so that the bell is swinging higher and higher making sure you check the bell movement enough to enable the clapper to strike on the backward edge every time: when the clapper commences to strike on both the backward and forward edges pull at the sally and at the end of the rope which you are holding coiled in your hand. You will gradually release the coil as the bell swings higher. When a bell is 'up right' the clapper is lying at the forward edge of the swing just completed, and when the bell is 'up wrong' the clapper is lying at the backward edge of the swing just completed. It is important to have all the bells 'up right,' otherwise the striking will be be adversely affected.

SERVANTS OF THE EXERCISE – No. 49



MR. WILFRID G. WILSON,
London County Association.

Mr. Wilfrid Wilson's record of service to the Exercise is one that should inspire all who are concerned with the training and instruction of beginners in our art. We should all be grateful to him for producing his booklet 'Notes for Beginners,' which ran into six editions totalling 3,500 copies. These were all hand produced, entirely at his own expense and risk. The value of this work has found suitable recognition by its incorporation in the Central Council's 'Handbook for Beginners.' Mr. Wilson has also written a book 'On Conducting,' which in its second edition has just been printed, and numerous articles which have appeared in this paper, including 'Stedman' and 'Double Norwich for Beginners.'

He was associated with the late J. A. Trollope in the preparation of various publications by the Methods Committee of the Central Council; reprints of the Snowdon series; and he helped E. C. S. Turner to complete the book on 'Grandsire,' which had been commenced by Trollope. In addition to all this, he has lectured at the week-end courses of instruction sponsored by the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

Born in 1910, at St. Pancras, London, and moving to Ealing in 1915, he was educated at Ealing County Grammar School. He was taught to ring, along with Ernest Turner, by J. A. Trollope, at Christ Church, Ealing, where he is now tower captain, and rang his first peal in 1927. His peals total is 189, of which he has conducted 40. The total includes 30 on handbells, of which he has conducted 7.

His interests are more in Sunday service ringing and teaching than in peal ringing—but he is particularly proud of two peals in which he has taken part. One was a peal of Grandsire Triples he called in 1954, with two first pealers in it, one aged 13 and the other 64; and the second was a peal of Spliced Surprise Major, in four methods, which he conducted without having called a bob in any Surprise method, or indeed having rung three of the methods.

Mr. Wilson is by profession a local government officer, having entered the service of the London County Council in 1928, in the department of the Clerk of the Council. He has been concerned with the work of many of the Council's committees, and with staff management. At present he is clerk of the Town Planning Committee, dealing with road improvements and the development plan for London. His army service (1940-46) saw him in North Africa, Italy and Greece.

He was, at one time, an assistant secretary of the Middlesex Association, 1930-48, and represented that Association on the Central Council, 1936-48. He is now treasurer of the London County Association, and has represented this organisation on the Council since 1952. He took an active part in the preparation of the 'Beginners' Handbook,' and at the last Council meeting was elected to serve on 'The Ringing World' Committee. It is always the busiest man who can find time to undertake the 'tricky' jobs, and we have no doubt that Wilfrid will make his contribution to one of the most difficult jobs the Council has to offer! JAFUS.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Marlborough Branch

A most enjoyable time was spent by the 24 ringers who attended the annual meeting of the Marlborough Branch held at Marlborough on November 19th. The visitors included Mr and Mrs. Brian Bladon, of Swindon, the former stating that an attempt for a long peal would shortly take place at Mildenhall.

The afternoon's ringing on the lovely six was followed by the service conducted by Canon F. B. R. Brown, A.D., Rector, who in his address spoke of the place of ringers in the service of God.

After tea, Mr. George Newman presided over the business meeting. The secretary (Mr. Arthur Palmer) in his annual report stated that nine meetings had been held during the year, and a most successful outing to Ross-on-Wye. Both Aldbourne and Overton towers had been televised with short shots of the ringing.

The chairman welcomed those who were seeking election, and recruits from Chisledon, Overton, Marlborough St. Mary and Collingbourne-Kingston were duly enrolled. With the thanks of the meeting for the past services the officers were re-elected as follows: Chairman, Mr. G. Newman; honorary secretary, Mr. A. Palmer; vice-chairman, Mr. J. Fuller.

Ringing in the evening included Grandsire and Bob Doubles, Bob Minor, St. Simon's and Kent T.B., with rounds for beginners.

JOINT MEETING AT WHICKHAM, CO. DURHAM

The Western District of the Durham and Newcastle Association were joined by the North Eastern Branch of the Ladies' Guild, at Whickham, on November 19th. The weather could not have been worse and dense fog made travelling most difficult. In spite of this, ringers came from as far as Richmond (Yorks), as well as a contingent from Darlington. These included Mr. T. Cooke, president of the Durham and Newcastle Association, and Miss D. M. Killingley, vice-president of the Ladies' Guild.

Good use was made of the bells before tea: rounds for the learners (and there were many of them) and various Minor methods for the more advanced. Canon Lamb conducted a short service before going into the Church Hall for tea. Miss Killingley presided at the meeting and called upon Norman Errington to propose a vote of thanks to the Rector and churchwardens. Mr. W. Tyson thanked Miss Thompson and her helpers for a most excellent tea and also mentioned the good work of Stephen, in his efforts to make the meeting a success and in training a young band. After months of toil the bells of Whickham now ring out with a band composed of youths whose ages, combined, do not come up to Stephen Thompson's (70).

The ladies held their meeting later when a gate-crasher (a male) attempted to attend, but he was politely (?) told to get out.

R. W. L.

THE STORY OF A DORSET TOWER

ST. MARY'S, BEAMINSTER

By EDNA PANNELL

THE bells in the tower of Beaminster Church were recast from the five bells into a ring of eight in 1764 by Thomas Bilbie, in a shed adjoining the churchyard. The tenor weighs 26 cwt. in D, and bears the inscription, 'I to the church the living call, and to the grave do summon all.' It was the custom to toll this bell, called the Passing Bell, on the death of a resident; this practice has, alas, been dropped, the last time it was heard was January 4th, 1957.

The present chimes were remade in 1765, and the hymn tune 'Hanover' has been played every three hours, day and night, almost without fail, since 1780. Previous to this there were two tunes played 'as chosen by the parish' on the five bells. The church clock dates from 1739, and was remade in 1929, and has no dial. Both the chimes and the clock have to be wound manually, the clock daily and chimes every other day.

RULES FOR RINGERS

The earliest record of the forming of a Guild of ringers is in 1874, and then there were nine honorary members and eight ordinary members. An ordinary ringer who was unable to attend a 'paid' occasion, had to supply an honorary ringer in his place, or pay a forfeit, and was fined 6d. For leaving the belfry before the ringing was finished, or without the captain's consent, a ringer was fined 2s. 6d. The fines were many, and rules strict, and were observed firmly.

The funds were divided amongst the ringers at the annual meeting held in January. Honorary members were paid a ninth share of the sum of subscriptions and fines. Ordinary members paid all money earned during the year, less fines, divided into nine equal shares, eight for the ordinary ringers, and one share into the honorary funds. Admission to the Guild was 1s., and the annual subscription 1s. 6d. To be admitted to the Guild a man had to be approved of by the Vicar and churchwardens as being a suitable person for the belfry. Then his name was put before the members of the Guild who used a balloting box (still in the belfry today) to show their approval.

The earliest accounts held by the Guild are 1884, when eight ordinary members received £2 2s. 8d. as their share for the year's ringing. The honorary members received nothing. Obviously the ordinary members had attended well!

THE PASSING YEAR

From time immemorial it has been the custom to ring out the old year with muffled bells. A short service in the belfry, then the tens and units of the year are tolled on the tenor just before midnight. The New Year is greeted merrily.

Attendance registers have been kept regularly, but the earliest records of these are 1900. It was the practice in the paid days to mark the register at the end of the first touch, thus: a, absent; x, present; l, late.

The set of 19 handbells, used by the Guild today, were purchased in 1878, at the cost of £8 15s. Two of the ringers canvassed the town for contributions towards these bells, the records state how much was collected, and also that 'each ringer who canvassed the town be paid 4s. to compensate him for the loss of time during collecting.' The whole of the 'Reserve Fund' was also used to pay for these bells, which were inscribed in 1880, 'St. Mary's, Beaminster'—after inquiries as to whether the tone would be altered if an inscription was added! Up until the bells were rehung in 1887 it took two



ST. MARY'S, BEAMINSTER.

[Photo: Dearden and Wade, Bournemouth.

men to ring the tenor. The bells were quarter turned then and tuned.

The Guild joined the Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers in 1888, and we read, 'The Diocesan Guild paid a visit to Beaminster in 1887, for this occasion the Guild spent £4 in improving the furnishings in their belfry.'

DUMB BELL PRACTICE

In 1894 the Seages dumb bell practising apparatus was installed at a cost of £16 12s. from Guild funds—it seems to have been in need of constant repair. It was used during the 1939-45 war when the bells were silenced, to keep alive the ringing enthusiasm of the Guild, but it is unusable again now.

In 1900 the Guild first made a start on scientific ringing; and some books were purchased. But the first record of actual ringing half pull changes was in 1910, when Mr. T. Hervey Beams, the headmaster of Bradpole School, walked a distance of five mile each way, weekly, to instruct the Guild in Grandsire Doubles. He offered his services free, but received a gratuity of £1. The end of the first world war saw Mr. Beams again journeying to Beaminster, this time to ring Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob Triples.

In 1912 the present Guild was formed and the latest rules drawn up in 1950. In 1914 the number of ringers had to be limited to 20, there was such enthusiasm then. Members of the Guild rang a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles on Christmas Eve, 1915.

The bells were rehung on ball bearings in 1938 and to raise the necessary funds members canvassed the town.

LONG SERVICE

Long years of service to the tower have been a feature of the Guild. Mr. J. B. Dunn was a ringer for 30 years, of which for 20 years he was captain. He was presented with an illuminated address in 1903; this was returned to the belfry upon his death, as was a clock, still in the tower, which was presented to Mr. George Pomery in 1904, bearing the inscription, 'A token of respect, 1873-1902.' Quite a number of the ringers of today are descendants of the ringers of the last century, and three members now have 52, 49 and 48 years' service behind them.

Only 12 peals have been rung on the bells. The first was 5,040 Grandsire Triples in 1907. Next 5,040 Stedman Triples in 1909, followed by 5,056 Bristol Surprise Major (the first peal of Major on the bells and first of Bristol in the county). 1924 saw another peal of Grandsire Triples, 1932 another of Stedman Triples. A peal of Cambridge Surprise Major was rung in August, 1939, and May, 1947, saw the 'Barrabool Peal' of Bob Major. 1949 a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, and Double Norwich Court Bob Major. The last three peals—in 1950, 1951 and 1957—are all of Stedman Triples.

MEN HANGED FROM TOWER

The tower itself is over 100 feet high. The ascent is made by a central external staircase which goes right up to the battlements. It is adorned with sculptures of Virgin and Child (the former is crowned and sceptred). Crucifixion, Resurrection and the Ascension. From this tower in 1685 men were hanged to teach the people what they might expect from King James II! A great deal of money was spent in 1958 in replacing the pinnacles, repairing the sculptures and stonework. The whole tower was encased in scaffolding for several months.

Now the framework of the bells is becoming weak: it is eaten with woodbeetle and rotting. It is the same age as the bells—almost 200 years. The bells are in the weakest part of the tower. When they are rehung they will be put at a lower and safer level, in a cast iron frame, on a concrete reinforced ledge. The bells themselves will be sent to the foundry to be ¼th turned and tuned. The clock and chimes will be wound mechanically.

Why are we so anxious to rehang our bells? In eight years or so they may be considered unringable, and the voices of this church will be silenced. We feel that whilst the bells are able to send their message through the streets, lanes and fields of the neighbourhood they are reminding those who are preparing themselves for service it is nearly time—and those who do not intend attending church—that there is a church, and Sunday is a day set apart from other days.

Contributions towards the restoration fund may be sent at Mrs. E. Pannell, honorary secretary and treasurer, Beaminster St. Mary's Honorary Ringing Guild, 214, Gerrards Green, Beaminster, Dorset.

PEALS OF MINIMUS AND FOUR BELL TOWERS

Dear Sir.—Mr. P. A. Whitaker's arguments (page 755) might be better understood if a precedent had not already been created by the recognition of four bell peals. That a majority at the last Central Council meeting decided in favour only goes to make the opposition look bad sportsmen, and the Central Council ridiculous, in trying to reverse the position now that a precedent has been created.

What are we going to do with ringers in four bell towers, like Ridlington, Rutland, where more than four bells is not possible—snub them and act with uncharitableness? After all these four bell church ringers are our brothers: they need our help, our sympathy and our charity—not to be looked down on.—Yours faithfully,

Weston Favell. P. AMOS.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

MORE FALSE PEALS

Dear Sir,—After finding that the 50 method peals were false. Robin Heppenstall has been checking the figures and finds there is another repetition of changes between leads of Crayford College and Kidlington College. Since my Spliced arrangements are all based on the same plan. this falseness occurs in '10 more peals that have been rung. as below.

I am therefore in the unfortunate position in having to withdraw another 10 Spliced peals. which I give below.

I believe I am correct in stating that the figures of each Spliced peal were published as they were first rung. Should anyone have these peals I will give the corrections so that they will be true.

All the leads of Kidlington College must be changed to Crayford College and vice versa.

Again my sincere apologies to all the ringers who took part in the false peals.—Yours sincerely,

G. E. FEIRN.

Gainsborough. Lincs.

P.S.—The arrangement of 84 Spliced Plain and Little methods that was published in 'The Ringing World.' about 1942. is false as it stands.—G. E. F.

31 methods	Burton-on-Stather.	July 7. 1950
36 methods	Burton-on-Stather.	Nov. 11. 1950
12 methods	Cleatham.	Dec. 18. 1950
12 methods	Burton-on-Stather.	Dec. 29. 1950
42 methods	Cleatham.	Feb. 6. 1951
46 methods	Burton-on-Stather.	Feb. 19. 1951
12 methods	Burton-on-Stather.	Feb. 4. 1952
31 methods	Burton-on-Stather.	June 14. 1952
36 methods	Gainsborough.	April 1. 1960
42 methods	Cleatham.	May 11. 1960

COLLEGE YOUTHS' FIRST PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Dear Sir,—I beg to point out an error in the speech of Mr. John E. Chilcott. honorary secretary of the Ancient Society of College Youths, at the annual dinner on November 5th. as reported in your issue of November 18th. when he said that during the current year the first peal of Superlative Surprise Maximus for the Society had been rung.

Twenty-nine years ago a peal of Maximus in this method was rung for the A.S.C.Y., at St. Mary-le-Tower. Ipswich. on December 12th. 1931. in 3 hours and 51 minutes, conducted by—Yours truly,

GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

Ipswich. Honorary Secretary.

P.S.—The passage of time may account for this slip.—G. E. S.

'RAINED OFF'

Dear Sir,—I am sorry that I seem to have offended T. R. W. W. T. F., by my reference to his footnote to the quarter peal at Wentworth. and it certainly made me wonder why he thought I had doubted that it was too wet for Wortley. and as to his assertion of making fun—no. sir!

After reading about 400 footnotes. the Wentworth one was the most unusual and certainly worth mention; after all. is it not the unusual item that makes the interest? I suppose this had been missed by many readers.

As for his challenge to ride five miles on a pushbike in a thunderstorm. I bow to defeat. **never again.** I have probably cycled to more ringing occasions in such. or near conditions. than the total number of thunderstorms he has ever witnessed!

The reference to your other efforts. T. R. W. W. T. F., is irrelevant. However. I offer my congratulations. Keep it up Wentworth.—Yours faithfully.

H. E. TAYLOR.

Darley Dale.

NEWS FROM VANCOUVER

Dear Sir.—Having placed a notice in the 'R.W.' that we would be glad to welcome any out of town ringers. we have been stimulated and encouraged by the visitors to our tower.

At our regular service ringing. on August 14th we welcomed Mr. Peter Crook. of Bolton. Lancs. and Mr. and Mrs. Harold McDonald. of Edmonton. Alberta. formerly of Ireland. We had met Mr. Crook at Christ Church Cathedral. in Victoria. B.C.. and at the Benedictine monastery at Mission City. B.C.. and found all his advice most helpful. The following Tuesday. a practice night. Harold and Valerie McDonald returned to ring with us again. We enjoyed them very much and plan to meet them one week-end next spring when some of our ringers hope to ring in Calgary. Alberta.

On September 20th. we were pleased to meet and ring with Wing. Comdr. J. S. Mason. R.A.F.. from London and Birmingham. At present he is stationed in Los Angeles. California. Unfortunately we had a poor turn out for practice that evening and so the ringing was limited. Wing Comdr. Mason thinks it possible he may be up our way again. We hope so.

Mr. William B. Cartwright. of Selly Oak. Birmingham. on tour through our city. rang with us on September 30th. We had a good ring and enjoyed Mr. Cartwright's company. both in the tower and afterwards.

Mr. Peter Crook joined us again on October 25th. on his homeward trip to England. He called a touch of Bob Minor and made our practice night most enjoyable. After ringing in the tower we moved to the home of one of our ringers for tea and handbells.

It is with great pleasure that we remember our visitors of these past few months. and we. here in the West. cut off by distance from the majority of the ringing in the world. feel honoured that these distinguished ringers have paused in their travels to ring with us and give us the benefit of their experience.—Yours truly.

J. FRANCIS BODIE.

Vancouver Society of Change Ringers.

Vancouver. B.C.. Canada.

DERBY CATHEDRAL PEAL

Dear Sir,—With reference to the peal at Derby Cathedral. rung for the Ancient Society of College Youths. I am sorry that it has caused a series of controversial letters in 'The Ringing World.'

Mr. Hall's letter is based on his own personal views and (as yet) no protest has been registered by the Derbyshire Association.

Personally. I regard the Ancient Society of College Youths as non-territorial. and therefore they have a perfect right to ring peals wherever they please.

The very fact of the suggestion that the two societies should be used to exploit differences between two personalities is even more regrettable.

References to the South Derbyshire and North Leicestershire Association by Messrs. Carlisle and Marshall. in the issue of November 4th. were quite uncalled for. While one may feel that the formation of this Association has brought about divided loyalties—which I for one deplore—no good will be gained by hurling insults which have brought no credit to the Derbyshire Association—in fact the very reverse.

I hope that this letter will close this issue. I am sure you can make better use of the limited space available.—Yours sincerely.

B. P. MORRIS

Honorary Secretary.

The Derbyshire Association.

Ashbourne. Derbyshire.

MORE LOWERING OF STANDARDS?

Dear Sir,—I don't know whether it is because I am getting older and losing my sense of humour. but two items in the peal columns of your issue of November 18th caused me some misgivings.

I understood that when a hitherto unnamed method is pealed. the band have the option of naming it. but the Exercise expects them to show some discretion in their choice. An example of the normal procedure is seen on page 764 (at Watlington). On the previous page however. at Heptonstall, a multi-method peal of Plain Major is recorded, involving some fantastic method nomenclature! It would appear that (assuming. of course, that this is a genuine report) several methods were used which were hitherto unnamed: in some cases they had actually given their own surnames to these methods. a distinct departure from normal taste. (Bob Smith tells me he hopes to arrange a peal of Smith Bob Major. soon!)

And where on earth is Lesser Wopping and what merits does it claim to entitle it to give its name to a method that never meant to do anybody any harm? Surely it would have been better. and more helpful. to have given the C.C.C. numbers of these methods in the report. leaving the actual naming till such time as the methods concerned are rung to an entire peal. I think there is a precedent for this.

Secondly on page 766. I find that the Universities Association. which must have as one of its chief aims. more so perhaps than any other association. the proper advancement of change ringing. has become the unwilling recipient of yet another handbell Minimus stunt! Whatever can be said for ringing Minimus in a four-bell tower. it seems quite clear to me that. competition for University Entrance being what it is. the three young men concerned would have been far more wise in devoting this ill-spent time to their studies!—Yours faithfully.

DEREK P. JONES.

SIX BELL TECHNIQUE

Dear Sir,—I disagree with the views of Mr. Harry Poyner on peals of Plain Bob Minor and as I have previously given my opinion on such performances I will pass over the subject but I must question the last sentence in his letter: 'There is no better foundation than Plain Bob on which to build up six bell ringing.'

Surely Oxford or Kent Treble Bob is the correct ground method from which a learner can graduate to scores of T.B.. Delight and Surprise methods. Plain Bob can lead to a few plain methods and according to the Minor peal columns only about ten are in regular use. these being used by eight-bell ringers when they wish to ring a peal in seven Minor methods.

Furthermore. the task of weaning a learner from Bob Minor to Oxford is often a long and painful business. as we have found to our sorrow.

The best way to develop six bell technique is to learn the various front works of Oxford, Kent, Woodbine. New London. etc.. then certain back works and from the four-way table many interesting methods can be produced. 'A Collection of Minor Methods' is really essential but this book is out of print and a strong rumour is being circulated that the new edition has been banned. something about certain words being used for the names of the new Alliance Methods! However. I still have my tattered copy and the youngsters can always learn Plain Bob from 'The Beginners' Handbook.'—Yours faithfully,

M. F. MOXON.

Cawthorne. Barnsley.

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RAMBLING RINGERS' 1960 TOUR

THIS year's tour of the Rambling Ringers, from July 23rd to August 13th, was the most successful in the history of the Society, being attended by over 60. Ringing started on the ten at Beddington, where a bride arrived to the sound of Cambridge Royal. Later in the day there was ringing at Banstead and on the six at Kingswood.

Sunday's programme opened with ringing on the ten at Reigate. After a meal of cheese and beer two of the towers of the Tillingbourne valley were visited—Shere and Albury. The latter's bells go well but we probably rang them too quickly. We rang at St. Nicolas', Guildford, for Evensong, but some of the members 'took time off' to grab Holy Trinity Cathedral. The youth hostel at Milford was reached in time for supper.

The route on Monday was from Frensham, in Surrey, into Hampshire, at Binsted, and then the reasonable eights at Alton and New Alresford. As permission could not be obtained to ring at Winchester Cathedral, the light six at Tichborne were substituted—and nice bells they proved to be.

TRIBUTE TO GEORGE WILLIAMS

Tuesday was a splendid day with Bristol at Twyford and Grandsire, Stedman and Cambridge Royal at North Stoneham, and an inspection of the grave of that giant among ringers—George Williams. But the best was to come with the restored ring at St. Mary's, Southampton, followed by St. Michael's, Southampton, where we were greeted by the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead. Later, some of the party inspected Mr. Felstead's filing system of peals. After a 15 mile cycle ride we arrived at Brockenhurst and enjoyed our night at the Norleywood Youth Hostel with its grand warden.

Bournemouth was in the next day's programme with ringing previously on the 12 at Christchurch and then St. Peter's and St. John's, Surrey Road. A chapter of misfortunes followed. There was difficulty in finding the ferry, then there were three cycle mishaps and heavy rain. A 'drowned' party reached the youth hostel, but not too dispirited to visit the fine eight at Swanage that night.

IN DORSET

Friday was spent amid Dorset towers—Winterbourne, Whitchurch, Blandford, Gussage St. Michael (and although it was sweltering hot six of the party rang a quarter peal here), Gussage All Saints and Wimborne St. Giles, where Superlative was rung.

Saturday's ringing started with the glorious eight at Cranborne and at Ringwood we were greeted by the newly-arrived party from Leicester, including the first officers to join the tour. Later, at Milford-on-Sea we were joined by our president, Mr. Patrick I. Chapman, and Spliced London, Bristol and Cambridge was rung. The ferry was caught to take us to the Isle of Wight, the youth hostel being reached in time for dinner.

ON THE ISLAND

Sunday and Monday were both spent on the island. There was service ringing at Carisbrooke and Freshwater. In the gyrating tower at Newport the worst ringing of the tour was recorded by a local gentleman. Other towers visited were Godshill, Arreton, Brading and Ryde and then by ferry to the mainland for a night at Gosport Youth Hostel.

Monday's ringing commenced with four Spliced and Bristol at Alverstoke. At Portsmouth Cathedral Yorkshire Royal would not go and the ringing in general was poor. The nightmare of Portsmouth was forgotten as changes were tapped with clocklike precision at Havant. On the way to Westbourne we were struck by a violent thunderstorm, the road being covered with large chunks of ice in a matter of seconds.

At Westbourne the good work was carried on. What a pity, in view of the subsequent striking, a band not trained by the College of Campanology could not have acquitted itself better at its very stronghold. The night was spent at East Marden Youth Hostel.

The next morning at South Harting the London Scholars' group was rung and the Vicar expressed his pleasure at the standard of the ringing. Six Spliced was rung at Pulborough (8) and four Spliced by the second team and at Arundel the rise in peal was excellent and the subsequent ringing of high standard. It was here we rang a course of Wembley Surprise Major.

Thursday saw us ringing on three sixes—Lyminster, Angmering and Goring—and during this the College Exercise group was rung. The following day was spent at Shoreham and at the two Brighton tens, St. Nicholas' and St. Peter's.

Our first progress course of London Royal, followed by Yorkshire and Cambridge Royal, was rung on Friday at Lewes. Progress was noted at Ringmer by eight Spliced and the second team five Spliced. At Alfriston, 'the Cathedral of the South Downs,' a hotch potch of Minor methods was rung. Saturday's ringing included St. Mary's, Eastbourne, Pevensey, Bexhill and St. Leonards.

After ringing for Matins at Battle on Sunday we went to Salehurst. Here we were approached by some of the locals who asked us if they could record some of our ringing for an old ringer who would like to hear the bells again. This we did with Stedman, Spliced eight and Double Norwich. We should like his opinion. Evensong ringing was on the lumbering old eight at Goudhurst and a merry evening was spent at the youth hostel where the Ringing Master entertained the company.

SPLICED 10 REACHED

It was not such a merry Master the following morning when he came to the youth hostel vowing everlasting destruction on wasps—he had been stung several times while hay making! To be recorded this day was the first touch of Spliced 10 at Biddenden, a press interview at Ashford and Wye Surprise at Wye. A dark and menacing sky caused some of the feebler brethren to take the train. The night was spent at Chartham.

The road to Dover was taken the following day via Folkestone with ringing en route. More rain was encountered on Wednesday and at Quex Park a near perfect course of Yorkshire Maximus was rung. Later came Yorkshire Maximus at Canterbury Cathedral (well rung) and Cambridge Maximus (awful).

The rain persisted the next day which was too much for two of the party who headed for home. Ten Spliced was again rung—at Chilham. At Eastling (6) we found the Vicar and some of his congregation waiting for us. These bells can only be chimed, but the welcome that was received will ever live in our memory. Doddington Y.H. is probably the best in the country and more like an hotel.

The next morning London, Yorkshire and Cambridge Royal were rung in the huge tower at Leeds and at Maidstone we said goodbye to the Honorary Master, Mr. Denis Mottershead. The day ended with ringing on the fine eight at Wrotham, which brought out the best in the bells.

The concluding day of the tour saw us in London. At Bromley we left a lasting impression, as the ringing from start to finish was first class. At St. Giles', Camberwell, we were unable to bring out the music of the bells.

We hope to visit Somerset for the next tour.

J. E. C.

(Abridged.)

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LETTERS—Continued

FIRST PEAL IN MONMOUTHSHIRE

Dear Sir,—Replying to Mr. Hannington's letter, evidence that the peal of Grandsire Triples at Chepstow, in 1837, was false is largely circumstantial but fairly convincing.

Nearly sixty years ago while I was on the way to a meeting in Gloucestershire with the Rev. C. D. P. Davies the conversation turned on old composers, and with the Chepstow peal in mind I asked if he knew anything of its composer. He did not, but said that if he had been a person capable of composing a peal of Grandsire Triples at that time, more would have been heard of him.

Some forty or so years later the late Mr. R. T. Hibbert's obituary credited him with calling the first peal in the country some time around 1890, and the next time I saw the late J. A. Trollope I asked him if he knew anything of the Chepstow peal and its author. He had evidently come across it in his investigations into ringing history, as without any hesitation he replied that the peal was a transposition of a 2,520 in an old book on ringing, which, while true as a half peal, became false when doubled by singles.

In view of Mr. Trollope's great knowledge in such matters, I felt it quite safe to say the 1886 peal at Monmouth was the first **true** peal in the county.—Yours sincerely,

E. BARNETT.

10, King Close, Crayford.

PURELY PERSONAL VIEWS

Dear Sir,—I was alarmed to read the statements recently made by Mr. E. H. Willows. He incorrectly refers to a dispute between the Derbyshire Association and the College Youths.

The dispute, if indeed it is a dispute, is solely between myself and Mr. D. G. Clift, the writer of the tour report in question. For my part the views I expressed were my own and must not be assumed to be those of the Derbyshire Association. The same can be said about the humorous remarks of Carlisle and Marshall.

Whilst on the subject of the North Derbyshire and South Leicestershire Association I have noticed that they take care not to advertise their activities in 'The Ringing World.' Thus Mr. Willows' remark about Mr. Marshall not having attended one of their meetings is a bit pointless. If their standards of striking are so exemplary let them advertise their meetings in advance: other ringers' would like to come along.—Yours sincerely.

G. A. HALLS.

Derby.

Ancient Society Of College Youths

At the business meeting of the Ancient Society of College Youths, held on November 12th, at the 'Rising Sun,' Carter Lane, E.C., the following were elected officers for 1960-1961:—

Master, Michael P. Moreton; secretary, John Chilcott; treasurer, Cyril G. J. Watts; senior steward, William T. Cook; junior steward, Michael V. Chilcott; trustees, Ernest G. Fenn and J. Frank Smallwood.

OBITUARY

MR. JOHN R. SHARMAN

In the account of the College Youths dinner (November 18th), among those mentioned who had passed away during the year was Mr. John R. Sharman, who had been a member for 63 years.

Mr. Sharman was probably unknown to the present generation, but for many years he was very prominent in ringing circles, especially in London, first with the College Youths and later with William Pye and the Middlesex Association.

Mr. Sharman was born in Northamptonshire and educated at Northampton Grammar School, 'where my headmaster said I was the finest handwriter in the school,' and no doubt it was at Northampton he learned to ring. He left there about 1895 for Crawley, where he was one of James Parker's band.

Leaving Crawley in 1897 he went to Bexley to work on the building of a large mental hospital, and for nearly a year he was a frequent visitor to Crayford.

For the next 20 years he lived in London until he left to take over (I believe) the family business at Cogenhoe, where he spent the remainder of his life.

With his departure from London his peal ringing activities appeared to cease, but I have no doubt whatever he continued as a Sunday service ringer as long as he was able.

He was a personal friend of Mr. A. T. King, who founded the Middlesex Association and he was probably this Association's oldest member.

Mr. Sharman was a safe ringer, a perfect striker, a good conductor, and a very useful man on a heavy bell. Among his many peals are a 'John' peal of London at St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, and a 'John' peal of Stedman Cinques, at St. Giles', Cripplegate.

In the early years of the present century he 'circled' the Waterloo Tower, Quex Park, Birchington, with twelve successive peals. These were week-end visits when one peal would be rung on Saturday evening, and two peals on Sunday.

Respecting the wishes of Mr. J. P. Powell (who built the tower and installed the bells) that the bells should never be rung during service times at Birchington Church, Sunday peals always finished before 11 a.m. or 6.30 p.m., but Mr. Sharman would insist that the first peal had to finish by 10.30 a.m. to enable him to attend service at Birchington Church, and most of the band would go with him. Like the late Mr. Challis Winney and John Flint, of Bolsover, Mr. Sharman was a good living man. In recent years he had attended the College Youths' dinner, and the veterans' gathering at Bishopsgate, his last visit being in 1959.

In my long ringing life there are many ringers I count it a privilege to have known and of these none ranks higher than John R. Sharman. E. B.

MR. C. H. EXON

With regret we record the passing of Mr. Charles Herbert Exon on November 11th at Dorchester, Oxon. Mr. Exon was the last surviving member of the band which rang the then record peal of 11.096 London Surprise Major, in 1896.

After moving to Dorchester from Oxford in 1906 he found his business as a baker gave him little time for serious ringing, although he had rung about 89 peals by the time he was 30 years of age.

A keen churchman, he was a member of the Parochial Church Council, people's warden for many years and a member of the Parish Council for over 50 years. He was also a governor of the local school.

After the funeral service a muffled quarter peal of Plain Bob Doubles, with 1 and 2 leading, was rung on the Abbey bells. This was his granddaughter's first quarter. The ringers were: B. Butler 1, P. Selwood 2, Peggi Exon (first quarter) 3, Jean Mary Exon 4, H. Butler 5, Margaret Thewlis 6, F. Absolom (conductor) 7, D. Exon 8.

MR. F. HURRY

We regret to record the passing of Mr. Fred Hurry, of Duxford, Cambs, on November 16th, aged 76 years. He had been ill for some months, but his death occurred suddenly. It came as a particular shock to members of the Ely Association, who had visited him during their meeting at Duxford on the previous Saturday, as he seemed to be recovering and was his usual cheerful self.

Living in the neighbouring village of Sawston all his life, Fred learned to ring in 1904. He had been a member of the Ely Association since before the First World War and was also a member of the Cambridge Youths. Never a great peal ringer (he had rung four or five at Sawston), he was well known at district meetings, both of the Ely and neighbouring Associations.

The funeral was held at the Cambridge Crematorium on November 19th, where the Cambridge Youths were represented by Mr. J. W. R. Quinney (Master) and Mr. T. Chinery.

In the evening 1,260 Plain Bob Minor was rung to his memory on the half-muffled bells of Duxford, by the following: J. Halls (first quarter of Minor) 1, I. G. Stracey 2, C. W. Cook (cond.) 3, E. G. Hibbens 4, H. F. Churchman 5, J. W. R. Quinney 6.

C. W. C.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Ashford District

A good cross-section of the ringing fraternity, ranging from budding conductors and potential tenor kings to 'giants' relaxing after 11 Spliced at Throwley, put the fine ring at Bethesden to good use on November 19th, for the Ashford District meeting. Ringing was mainly under the direction of Mr. L. T. Pope.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. H. O. Albin, who gave a thoughtful address. Dr. D. P. Gray was at the organ, and Mr. C. T. Hillis read the lesson. An excellent tea was enjoyed at Low Wood Guest House.

At the business meeting four new members joined the Association. Miss K. Yeo reported on the work to be undertaken at Tenterden. It is hoped this famous tower will be in action again in eight or nine months. Mr. S. G. Waters undertook to arrange the next meeting, at Biddenden, on January 7th. Thanks were expressed to the Vicar and Dr. Gray for their kindness, and to Messrs. Harry and Peter Jarvis for making all the arrangements. C. T. H.

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A Compliment To A Clerical Secretary

The Truro Diocesan Guild has had four secretaries during its 63 years of life. All have been clergymen: Canon A. J. Kempe, Canon H. H. Mills, Canon H. R. Jennings, and for only one year short of half its life—since 1929—the Rev. W. H. R. Trewhella.

Father Trewhella, as he is affectionately known to many, has truly welded the Guild in many ways because of his attendance at meetings and general care of many towers whenever this has been needed. At all three churches, where he has been Vicar, something has been done to the bells. At Zennor three old bells were augmented to six, at St. Crantock a 'dead' five with a ringing tenor were completely restored. Previously at St. Paul's, Truro, a ringing bell of 12 cwt. was hung.

Cornwall is a county where much remains to be done in various spheres of ringing. On November 15th just one more thing was accomplished in that six priests rang a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles, at St. Crantock, with their Diocesan Guild secretary, and in his honour. The occasion meant travelling a good many miles for some, but it was a unique one, and the quarter went with such ease that it was suggested at the end it should have been a peal. Five of the band were true Cornishmen, the sixth, the Rev. G. W. Ruming, curate of St. Mary's, Penzance, was born in Norfolk. All the five Cornish incumbents have bells in their care at Kenwyn (8), Carbis Bay (10), St. Breward (6), St Crantock (6) and the Rev. J. R. Jose two rings of six at Perranarworthal and Stithians.

Father Trewhella entertained the band to a bountiful tea, and there was much talk of bells. The majority of the band had rung at most towers in Cornwall. One ring of five, now lowered to the ground, had been visited by some many years ago, and the secretary has three left, one of which he travelled many miles to ring at recently, having arranged with the incumbent to leave the key accessible, but he failed to do so! The ranks of ringing clergy still grows, and even Cornwall can put up a show with an effort. May this not be the first and last.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On November 19th, members of the Luton District met at Westoning for their third ringing contest.

Competition was keen, with eight bands taking part. The standard of striking was very good, and youth was much to the fore. These contests are held to promote better ringing for Sunday services. As 4 p.m. drew near, lots were drawn to decide the competing order of the bands, while the judges retired to the Vicar's study to listen to the competitors.

After the contest 42 people adjourned to the Village Hall, where a sumptuous tea had been prepared by the Vicar's wife and ladies of the village. When tea was over excitement ran high as everyone wondered who could be the winner of the beautiful silver cup, which had been given to the Association for this contest by Mr. Peter Newing, a ringer and lay-reader, who has been living at Woburn and is now at Durham University.

The judges were: Mr. F. Plummer, of Hitchin, Mr. A. E. Rushton, president of the Bedfordshire Association, and Mr. R. Sharp, of Maulden. Their remarks and criticisms were both helpful and revealing. Although two teams chose to ring changes instead of rounds, they were judged on striking only. Westoning was the winning band with 112 faults, and Woburn second with 134 faults. The Vicar of Westoning, Rev. S. Wright, had the very great pleasure of presenting the trophy to his own ringers, the majority of whom were youngsters, who had been ringing about a year. There was great applause as these youngsters went off with their prize. It was agreed that the contest should be an annual event, and be held each May.

After the presentation the ringers returned to the belfry for more ringing, which ranged from rounds to Spliced Surprise.

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DEATH

LONGFOOT.—On November 18th, 1960, at his residence, Home Farm, Castor, Peterborough, Walter William Longfoot, for many years churchwarden and ringer at St. Kyneburgha's Church, Castor, aged 60. 7050

IN MEMORIAM

JELLEY—We remember with deep affection our loyal and faithful friend, Ernest, passed away December 2nd, 1959.—The ringers of St. John-the-Divine Church, Leicester, and friends. 7034

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Annual meeting, Wellington, Saturday, December 3rd. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea. Rockwell Green bells available 7.30 p.m.—A. H. Reed, George Street, Taunton. 7006

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting at Swavesey and Over, on Saturday, December 3rd. Swavesey bells (6) 3 until 4.45 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., at Over. Over bells (8) available after tea.—D. F. Murfet, Dis. Sec. 7018

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Practice meeting on Saturday, December 3rd. at Stoke. Ringing 6-9 p.m. 7052

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Practice meeting, Abbot's Langley (6), Saturday, December 3rd. Bells 6.30 p.m.—G. N. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 7017

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at **Stockbury** (Rodmersham not available), on Saturday, December 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. A. Dunk, Pett Farm Bungalow, Stockbury Valley, Sittingbourne. 6969

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Newton Longueville (8), Saturday, December 3rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea and quarterly meeting to follow.—F. Vickers, 64, Bourtonville, Buckingham. 7022

SHEFFIELD & DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Thrybergh, 3 p.m. Saturday, December 3rd. Names for tea to Mr. F. Brunt, The Channings, Doncaster Road, Thrybergh, please.—J. Seager, Sec. 7027

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Lindfield (8), Saturday, December 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Tea to those who notify Mrs. Hairs, Norman Cottage, Park Corner, Groombridge. 7005

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover and Basingstoke Districts.—Combined meeting, December 3rd, at the following towers: Hurstbourne Priors 1 to 2 p.m., Whitchurch 2 to 3, Laverstoke 3 to 4, Overton 3.45 to 4.30 and after tea. Service and tea, Overton, followed by meeting, Deane 6 to 7, Church Oakley 7 to 8, Wootton St. Lawrence 8 to 9 p.m. Tea **only** to those who notify Rev. F. Sanders, Overton Rectory.—G. K. Dodd, J. Chesterman, Hon. Secs. 6991

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station), on Monday December 5th, at 7 p.m. 7041

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—St. Nicholas', Kenilworth. Tuesday December 6th, 7.30 p.m. Service of Rededication of the bells by the Ven. Archdeacon of Coventry. The Rev. J. Thompson, of St. Nicholas', and the ringers extend an invitation to attend the service and a short period of ringing after the service until 9 o'clock. 7043

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Monthly practice at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, on Wednesday, December 7th, 6.30 p.m. 7054

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Branch.—Annual meeting, Ilminster, Saturday, December 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Please notify for tea to J. T. Locke. 7066

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—Practice meeting, Weston-super-Mare, Saturday, December 10th. Bells (8) 5 p.m.—David H. White. 7044

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Kirkthorpe, near Wakefield, on Saturday, December 10th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea. Please notify, not later than December 7th, Mr. John E. Kirby, 53, Pinderfield Road, near Wakefield.—J. W. Buxton, Hon. Sec. 7051

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Meeting, Wellesbourne, Saturday, December 10th. Usual arrangements. Possibly the last Guild meeting service taken by the Rev. C. G. Evans, before his retirement this year. Your support, please. Names to R. A. Oram, 15, Henley Road, Leamington Spa. 7042

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—Annual meeting, Exeter, St. Thomas', December 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names to J. Andrews, 14, Attwyll Avenue, Exeter. 7016

EAST DERBYSHIRE & NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Next meeting to be joint with Chester District of the DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION, at North Wingfield, on Saturday, December 10th. Bells 3 p.m.—B. A. Sollis, A. B. Cooper, Hon. Secs. 7059

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Meeting at Wadhurst, Saturday, December 10th. Tea at 'The Willow Plate,' Durgates. Names to me by 8th.—C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst, Sussex. 7047

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting on Saturday, December 10th, at St. Andrew's, Chesterton. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—E. W. Bullman. 7070

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Walpole St. Peter, Saturday, December 10th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 7060

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—A.G.M., St. Mary's, Cheltenham (12), December 10th. 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30, followed by very important business meeting. Names for tea by December 6th.—Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Cheltenham. 7064

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Annual meeting at Stroud, December 10th. Bells (10) at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea after service. Names for tea by December 7th, to Mr. S. T. Price, 12, Regent Street, Stonehouse, Glos. 7068

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Annual meeting, Christ Church, Swindon (10), Saturday, December 10th. Names for tea to R. Luton, 169, Cheney Manor Road, Swindon. 7038

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Nomination meeting at Aldershot (8), Saturday, December 10th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, December 7th, to Miss N. Bragg, 20, Church Hill, Aldershot. 7063

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at King's Langley, Saturday, December 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, December 6th, to Mr. B. Barker, 7, Watford Road, King's Langley. No name no tea.—J. Good, Dis. Sec. 6996

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midland District.—Quarterly meeting, St. Nicolas', King's Norton, Birmingham, Saturday, December 10th. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Tea 5, followed by meeting. Ringing 6-8 p.m. Notifications for tea not later than Wednesday, December 7th, to Miss J. M. Funnell, 7, Lanchester Road, King's Norton, Birmingham, 30. 7067

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Meeting Warmley, Bristol, Saturday, December 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., meeting to follow. Names for tea by December 8th, to Miss B. Johnson, 10, Lancashire Road, Bristol, 7. 7049

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—Meeting at Holy Trinity, South Shore, Blackpool, on Saturday, December 10th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—John F. Turner. 7055

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting, Bowness-on-Windermere, Saturday, December 10th, 2.30 p.m. Names to F. Wilson, Woodside, Bank Road, Windermere.—N. M. Newby. 7072

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Branch meeting at St. Michael's, Garston, Saturday, December 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, December 7th, to Mr. A. H. Mason, 17, Lovelace Road, Garston, Liverpool, 19.—T. E. Radcliffe. 7062

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Whittle-le-Woods, Saturday, December 10th. Bring own food.—L. Walmsley. 7071

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. — Meeting, Moorside (Oldham), December 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Business 6 p.m. Cups of tea. Nominations required for new Ringing Master. The annual party and A.G.M. will be held at Heywood (note change), on January 14th, 1961. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service (St. Luke's) 4.30. Tea 5. Business 6 p.m. After this the bells will be open till 7.30. Dance and whist drive in Queens Park Road School 7.30 till 11 p.m. Tickets now available from Mr. J. P. Partington, 23, York Street, Heywood. It is essential that Mr. Partington has names for tea by the previous Wednesday, to enable him make adequate arrangements.—Hudson, Sec.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting at Anstey, Saturday, December 10th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m., in Church Rooms. Names for tea by Wednesday, December 7th, please, to Mr. R. Elkington, 24, High Street, Anstey, Leicester. 7008

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Evening meeting, Kibworth, Saturday, December 10th. Bells 5 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m., in the church.—L. W. Allen.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Hinckley District.—Meeting, Stoney Stanton, Saturday, December 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, followed by business meeting, at the Star Inn, at 5 p.m. Names, please, by Wednesday, the 7th, to Michael Vernon, Long Street, Stoney Stanton, Leics. 7048

LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, December 10th, St. Bride's Major. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—R. E. Coles. 7004

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Meeting, Saturday, December 10th St. John's, Deptford. Bells 3.30 p.m. Business 5 p.m. Tea, own arrangements. Evening ringing, St Mary's, Lewisham, 6.30-8 p.m. All welcome. 7061

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Waddesdon (6), Saturday, December 10th. Bells available 2.45 p.m. Guild service 4 p.m. Preacher: the Bishop of Buckingham. Names for tea by Wednesday previous.—D. G. Wheeler, 47, Whaddon Chase, Aylesbury, Bucks. 7039

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — City Branch.—Annual meeting, December 10th, at Iffley. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, 7th, to Mr. A. J. Adams, 35, Church Hill Road, Cowley, Oxford. 7045

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Kislingbury, Saturday, December 10th. Tea for those who let me know by Tuesday previous.—F. W. Hancock, Church View, Willoughby, Rugby. 7056

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Malins Lee (6), Saturday, December 10th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, to Mr. H. Poyner, 16, Hawthorn Road, Shrewsbury. 7076

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS and MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting at St. Augustine's, Kilburn (near Kilburn Park tube station), on Saturday, December 10th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea to follow. Ringing also at St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway Road, 2.30-4 p.m. 7040

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District. —Practice meeting Saturday, December 10th, Rougham (6). Bells 6.30 to 9 p.m.—A. F. Ballam. 7010

SUFFOLK GUILD. — S.W. District — Annual general meeting at Bures (8), Saturday, December 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. L. D. Mills, Colchester Road, Bures. 7057

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Section.—Nomination meeting at Betchworth, December 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea by December 8th, to Mr. A. Lucas, 145, Sandcroft Lane, Reigate.—G. A. West, Hon. Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—Practice meeting at Findon (6), on Saturday, December 10th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to E. W. Keys, 'Greystones,' Salthill Road, Fishbourne, Chichester. 7058

RAISING THE STANDARD

Compositions Of Stedman Caters And Cinques

By D. E. PARSONS

The great disadvantage of composing peals of Triples is that, no matter how one arranges the calls, all 5,040 possible changes have to be used. There can be no question of musical composition, but only of ease or difficulty of calling.

When dealing with Caters and Cinques, however, it is the composer's job to select the most musical changes out of those available. The ease of calling should only be a secondary consideration.

MUSICAL CONSIDERATIONS

The first point to establish is what, in the general opinion, comprises musical changes. Judging by the compositions rung now, and for many years past, there is no doubt that the Tittums course ends .....78E90 or .....978 and the handstroke course ends .....8709E or .....879, followed by a slow six, are the most popular. Apart from the undoubted music and rhythm around the course ends, the combinations of bells in the middle of the course are generally pleasant, although this is more a rule in Cinques than Caters.

There are several other course ends which should have some consideration, namely:—

Tittums and handstrokes followed by a quick six.

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Several peals are available using these positions but they do not seem to have found general favour.

Once the positions of the back bells at the course ends have been decided, it remains to find the best arrangements of the front six. It is almost invariable to have the 5th or 6th in 5ths place. The most musical position for the other bell (6th or 5th as the case may be) is generally accepted to be in 6ths place. If this is not possible then the aim is to keep it in 4ths, except for the special case of the 6th in 2nds place in Caters, which gives excellent music in the middle of the course although a rather poor course end.

Now, in most of the compositions rung today, this musical quality is partly sacrificed in order to have a bell, usually the treble fixed in seconds place. By doing this only six ....56 course ends are available for one arrangement of back bells, instead of the possible eight, and the extra padding courses to make up the number necessitate the use of the 6th in 3rds or even treble's place.

It is often claimed in defence of this practice, that there are musical advantages in having the treble fixed in 2nds place, in that in Caters in the middle of every course, 18 and 91 dodge together behind. In the eight ....56 blocks, the extra two ....56 course ends, plus the associated music of the sixes preceding and following these course ends, more than compensate for the part loss of these regular 18s and 91s. It is also just as pleasant, to my mind, to have the 2nd and 3rd in 2nds place, as they are octaves above the 9th and 10th. One could argue that the 4th in 2nds place theoretically mars the music as it is a 7th interval above the 10th, but in practice, it only sounds bad if the 4th and 10th strike together.

There is no case at all in Cinques, as the 2nds place bell dodges only with 7, 8 and 9 of the back bells.

FIXED 2nds PLACE BELL'S POPULARITY

The fact is that having a bell fixed in 2nds place makes life much easier for the composer and conductor. For the former, proof can be checked just by the natural course ends and anyway there are only about four different blocks of courses that can be used. Composition is therefore limited to the going off and turning courses. The conductor is also helped by the lack of variety in blocks, and usually only has to learn the going off and turning courses and the treble's place bells. The 2nds place bell, besides being an extra guide to the calling positions, is a useful bell to ring as it is always around at the usual call positions and mistakes can quickly be spotted. It is also helpful to have one less variable.

Now the idea of the eight ....56 block is by no means new. When I showed my first Stedman composition to one famous ringer, I was informed that it was impossible to compose anything original in Stedman Caters and Cinques as John Carter had done it all. While that statement is rather open to doubt, Carter certainly produced this peal of Cinques, in which he used some of the variations of the back bells mentioned earlier.

5,237 STEDMAN CINQUES

By JOHN CARTER

1234567890E	6	7	18	19	
12345678E90			A		
3412	—		—	—	
4312		S			
1243	—		—	—	
2143		S			G
4321	—		—	—	
3421		S			
2134	—		—	—	
14326578E90			B		
4132			F		
12346587E90			C		
2134			F		
4132568709E			D		
1432			F		
4132658709E			E		
2341			G		
3241		S			

A=1s, 2, 4s, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11.
B=7, 8, 9, 10, 13s, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18.
C=7, 8, 9, 10, 12s, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18.
D=2s, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12s, 15, 16, 21s.
E=7, 8, 10s, 13s, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18,

(To be continued.)

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting, Pocklington, on Saturday, December 10th. Bells (8) 2 to 8 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., in Church Hall. Names by December 8th, please, to Mr. C. Bairstow, 9, Victoria Road, Pocklington.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7007

ASH, SURREY.—Surprise Minor practice, Monday, December 12th. Methods: Bourne, Canterbury, Cunecastre, Durham, Ipswich, Netherseale, Norwich and Wells. 7053

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Evening practice meeting at Geddington (5), on Monday, December 12th. Bells from 7-8.30 p.m. All welcome.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The Charles W. Blakey Memorial Table and Visitors Book will be dedicated on Saturday, December 17th, at Rishton Parish Church. A cordial invitation is extended to all who wish to attend. The arrangements will be as follows: 3 p.m., bells available for ringing; 4, service, conducted by Rev. W. Brandwood, Vicar of Rishton; preacher, Rev. R. D. St. John Smith, president of the L.A.C.R.; 5 p.m.(approx.), tea will be provided at a small charge; please send names for tea to Mr. A. Yates, 15, Norfolk Street, Rishton, Blackburn, Lancs, at least one week in advance. There will be further ringing after tea.—John Pilkington, Branch Sec. 7036

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AND NORTH LEICESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, January 14th, Legion Hall, Shardlow, at 5 p.m. Ringing 3 p.m. Nominations for officers and committee for 1961, to secretary, Mr. R. S. Barker, 3, West End Drive, Shardlow, Derby, before December 20th. Nomination forms available from secretary. 7065

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY — The annual dinner will be held on January 28th and a meeting for all past and present members will be held earlier that day. All details to be announced later. 7032

5,152 LITTLE BOB ROYAL

By DAVID HEIGHTON

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FAILURES

By ERNEST MORRIS

SOME years ago, when I had passed the 1,000 peal total, a Norwich friend said: 'You can tell us how many peals you have rung—can you tell us how many failures?'. That was quite impossible, but it must be over 5,000! Like all peal ringers, I have had failures through ropes breaking, clappers falling out, clappers breaking, conductors putting in or leaving out calls, being stopped by outsiders, lights failing, meeting short, and many other unforeseen happenings. Three of the most disappointing of these happened far away from Leicestershire.

I had been invited to take part in two peals—one in Durham and one in Northumberland. After travelling all that way we met at Gateshead-on-Tyne, and the late Wm. H. Barber actually called an excellently-struck peal of Stedman Triples when, within a few changes of the end—the seventh was in 4–5 up — before going to rounds his rope broke! So I did not get a peal in Durham, but we did, however, score a very fine one at Newcastle Cathedral. Another disappointment far from home was at Ashton-under-Lyme, when Gabriel Lindoff came over from Ireland specially to call Kent T.B. Maximus. After two hours the tenor clapper broke!

At St. Margaret's, Leicester, a similar thing happened in an attempt for Grandsire Cinques with the late Joe E. Sykes. The tenor clapper ball broke off. Quite recently in London, after three hours of excellent ringing the conductor missed a bob! and so—to quote an old Leicester record—'ye peal was lost.' Once at Gilmorton and again at Overseale, one of the clappers came out entirely!

At St. Mark's, Leicester, we had practically rung a peal of Stedman Triples, and in the last block out went the lights. We were naturally startled, but kept going as they came on again; but not for long: they were switched off and on and it was hopeless. The sergeant-major (Fred H. Dexter) set his bell, rushed across the belfry and down the spiral stairway at breakneck speed. Woe betide anyone he caught! But alas, when he got to the bottom of the stairs he could not get out as we had wedged the door. By the time the others got down and out he had calmed down somewhat, and found it was the curate who wanted us to stop because he had a service! Almost the same thing happened at Quorn, only instead of the lights a small bell in the belfry was jangled in the last course of Kent Major.

In 1907 I went to Loughborough to listen to a peal of Kent Royal, but the band met short and roped me in! After three hours Wm. Willson, jun., shouted to his uncle who was calling it: 'I can't go on.' He replied: 'Stick it—not far to go!'. However, young William set his bell and fell down in a dead faint, to the consternation of us all. He soon recovered, fortunately, and was able to proceed home.

The only peal my father—the late Josiah Morris, whom Harold Poole dubbed 'the Rhythm King'—ever gave up was at Swithland when he was on the tenor. At the end of the fifth 720 he set his bell, too exhausted to go on. A month or so later I tackled this bell myself, and we succeeded. They said later that I drank 13 cups of tea!

At King's Lynn, on one occasion in an attempt for Kent Royal with 'Uncle' Joe Sykes on the tenor, we lost it after 3 hours 10 minutes owing to the sun streaming down on Joe's head and back and the bell not going too well. George Cross—who was calling one of my compositions from treble—tried to swap bells with the tenor when in Slow for last course, but he being short and Joe being well over 6 feet tall could not reach the back-stroke. In the confusion so caused the peal was lost.

These are but a few of my experiences of lost peals—I could quote many more, some amusing, some annoying, but all disappointing.

CAUSE AND EFFECT

What strange coincidences may befall
The ringers in a peal at Heptonstall!
Two days before the feast of Hallowe'en
As many methods to a peal were seen!
But stranger facts emerge from closer glance—
That stretch much more uncertainties of chance—
Each ringer had a method to his name.
A novel way to find eternal fame!
Should 'Fishwick' be reserved for Friday peals?
Or 'Lesser Wopping' raise more painful weals?
'Reverse Half Nelson' spliced with 'Double Blackley'
Produce a bruise that rises quite opaquely?
While splicing 'Smith' with highbrow 'Tolleshunt D'Arcy'
We should a clash of places singular see.
Poor Ogden in his Wellington Little Court—
What names to give the would-be poet sport!
But to be serious, the truth seems plain,
They did it tongue-in-cheek to entertain.
(Or did their ancestors far back begotten
Take names from methods hitherto forgotten?)

ANONYMOUS.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Nov. 17, 1960, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5042 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

MURIEL REAY	*Treble*	DAVID J. PURNELL	7
RUTH M. BORDER	2	GEORGE E. FEARN	8
R. GEORGE MORRIS	3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	9
RODERICK W. PIPE	4	BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	10
RODERICK J. LEES	5	JOHN A. ANDERSON	11
JOHN PINFOLD	6	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1960, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL AND ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN,
A PEAL OF 5015 GRANDSIRE CINQUES
Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in D.

CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	*Treble*	*GERALD PENNEY	7
*J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE	2	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM	8
ARTHUR DAY	3	*MICHAEL D. FROST	9
*G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	4	THOMAS J. LOCK	10
HAROLD V. FROST	5	*GEORGE W. DEBENHAM	11
*A. ROWLAND TYSOE	6	WILLIAM J. ARNOLD	*Tenor*

Composed by RICHARD F. DEAL. Conducted by GEORGE W. DEBENHAM.
* First peal of Grandsire Cinques.

TEN BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Nov. 10, 1960, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3 version. Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

NORMAN J. GOODMAN	*Treble*	BARRIE HENDRY	6
RODERICK W. PIPE	2	PETER BORDER	7
BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	3	JOHN MCDONALD	8
JOHN PINFOLD	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	9
DAVID J. PURNELL	5	JOHN A. ANDERSON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

BATH, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1960, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 33 cwt. 25 lb. in C.

MRS. D. EVANS	*Treble*	JOHN W. OWEN	6
S. ARTHUR READ	2	GWILYM SALMON	7
GEORGE J. HAWKINS	3	*EDWARD J. CHIVERS	8
WILLIAM H. HURFORD	4	ERIC NAYLOR	9
HORACE D. TAYLOR	5	†JOHN TYLEE	*Tenor*

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by ERIC NAYLOR.
* 100th peal for the Association. † First on ten.
Rung as a welcome to the Rev. Geoffrey Lester, M.A., on the occasion of his induction and institution as Rector of Bath Abbey.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 21, 1960, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5040 VERDON SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Treble*	JOSEPH W. COTTON	6
A. JAMES POYNOR	2	GORDON A. HALLS	7
RALPH ELKINGTON	3	JOHN A. ACRES	8
ERNEST MORRIS	4	RUSSELL S. MORRIS	9
MRS. G. A. HALLS	5	JOHN M. JELLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by SHIRLEY BURTON. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
Witness: G. RONALD EDWARDS.
First peal in the method: rung without previous practice.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Nov. 24, 1960, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3 version. Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

MURIEL REAY	*Treble*	BARRIE HENDRY	6
*RODERICK J. LEES	2	JOHN MCDONALD	7
RODERICK W. PIPE	3	PETER BORDER	8
BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	4	JOHN A. ANDERSON	9
DAVID J. PURNELL	5	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by JOHN MCDONALD.
* First peal of London Royal.

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BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1960, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 25¼ cwt.

MRS. D. R. MITCHELL	*Treble*	‡BERNARD E. MATTHEWS	6
*ANGELA GRAINGER	2	HERBERT W. WOOLVEN	7
*J. RICHARD WILSON	3	GEORGE F. FRANCIS	8
†E. WINIFRED KEYS	4	FRANK H. HICKS	9
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	5	RAYMOND P. WOOD	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by HERBERT W. WOOLVEN.
* First peal of Royal. † First of Bob Royal. ‡ First on ten. First as conductor on ten.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1960, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. WOOLOS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in E flat.

THOMAS YEOMANS	*Treble*	*DAVID J. LLEWELLYN	6
ELIZABETH BROWN	2	*CLIVE G. BRYANT	7
JACQUELINE S. KING	3	SELWYN H. DEARDEN	8
MARGARET E. RIDYARD	4	ROBERT E. COLES	9
*BRYNLEY TAYLOR	5	DAVID J. KING	*Tenor*

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by DAVID J. KING.
* First peal of Royal. First of Royal as conductor.

SOUTHAMPTON.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1960, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 COMBINED OXFORD AND KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Worcester variation, with 96 changes of method.
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb.

R. ROGER SAVORY	*Treble*	DAVID E. HOUSE	6
JOHN R. FAITHFULL	2	FREDERICK W. ROGERS	7
*JESSIE M. KIPPIIN	3	MAURICE J. BUTLER	8
NORMAN HAYES	4	REGINALD T. JONES	9
†M. ELIZABETH CHAPMAN	5	TOM CHAPMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY W. WILDE. Conducted by R. ROGER SAVORY.
* 150th peal. † First in the Worcester variation. First of combined Oxford and Kent T.B. in the county, for the Guild, and by all except the ringer of the fifth.
Rung as a compliment to the Rev. Roy Chamberlain, Vicar of St. Mary's, Southampton, on the second anniversary of his induction to this living.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

CHEWTON MENDIP, SOMERSET.
THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1960, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in D.

*BERYL W. ABBOTT	*Treble*	§JOHN C. BALDWIN	5
PATRICIA M. BOURN	2	BRIAN J. WYLDE	6
†JANE K. A. COOK	3	PATRICK J. BIRD	7
‡ROYSTON BLACKLER	4	TUDOR P. EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by PATRICK J. BIRD.
* First peal of Surprise. † First of Yorkshire. ‡ First of Surprise 'inside.' § First of Major. First of Major as conductor.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1960, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.

*ALAN KIRK	*Treble*	EILEEN M. FEARN	5
GLADYS RICHARDSON	2	CAROL FERNLEY	6
TESSA P. KEMP	3	ALEX. RICHARDSON	7
†J. DAVID ADAMS	4	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.
* First peal of Major. † First of Major 'inside.'

YARDLEY, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1960, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDBURGHA,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in F sharp.

ALBERT H. FITTER	*Treble*	A. REX AGG	5
ELIZABETH M. YARDLEY	2	JOHN MCDONALD	6
BRIAN DOWNIE	3	JOHN A. ANDERSON	7
PETER BORDER	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Wed., Nov. 16, 1960, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes.
At the Church of St. James-the-Great,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in B flat.

Edwards T. Lloyd	*Treble*	John A. Anderson	5
Elizabeth M. Yardley	2	David J. Purnell	6
Charles A. S. Webb	3	John McDonald	7
Geoffrey Davies	4	George E. Fearn	*Tenor*

Composed by H. Law James. Conducted by George E. Fearn.

WOODFORD, ESSEX.
UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1960, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5184 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in F sharp.

John V. Temple	*Treble*	*Geoffrey Pratt	5
J. Michael Lakin	2	Michael R. Rose	6
*E. Jane Langton	3	*†Anthony V. Queen	7
*Mikaela Erik	4	Derek E. Sibson	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Parker. Conducted by J. Michael Lakin.
* First peal in the method. † 25th peal.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Nov. 20, 1960, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.
At the Abbey Church of SS. Mary and Thomas of Canterbury.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

Nolan Golden	*Treble*	William Clover	5
Peter Adcock	2	Henry Tooke	6
David Cubitt	3	Bevan W. Willgress	7
Thomas E. Spight	4	Geoffrey R. Drew	*Tenor*

Composed by Thomas B. Worsley. Conducted by Nolan Golden.
Rung for Evensong on Thanksgiving Sunday.

DORCHESTER, OXON.
THE OXFORD SOCIETY.
On Mon., Nov. 21, 1960, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.
At the Abbey Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Pitstow's. Tenor 16 cwt.

*Christine B. Clayton	*Treble*	John G. Pusey	5
David T. Darby	2	Nicholas J. Martin	6
Andrew N. Stubbs	3	‡Robin J. Elliott	7
†Peter J. Wycherley	4	Neil I. Allnatt	*Tenor*

Conducted by Robin J. Elliott.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First of Major. ‡ First of Yorkshire 'inside.'
In memoriam C. Exon.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Nov. 21, 1960, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Barnabas.
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F.

Ruth M. Border	*Treble*	John A. Anderson	5
Peter Border	2	David J. Purnell	6
*Charles A. S. Webb	3	John McDonald	7
*Geoffrey Davies	4	George E. Fearn	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Peter Border.
* First peal of London.

ALDERMASTON, BERKSHIRE
THE READING UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Wed., Nov. 23, 1960, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

*Frederick J. Sage	*Treble*	‡John Manley	5
Jennifer M. Davies	2	*Peter M. Wilkinson	6
Patricia Heather	3	†James P. Blond	7
†Janet K. Secker	4	Donald H. Niblett	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Donald H. Niblett.
* First peal of Surprise. † First in the method. ‡ First of Surprise 'inside.' First of Surprise for the Society.

CLEVEDON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 23, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5008 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in F.

Elisabeth A. G. Bowden	*Treble*	*Patrick J. Bird	5
*Doreen Cox	2	*Anthony E. Cox	6
*John Baldwin	3	Reginald G. Hooper	7
*Brynley A. Shackleton	4	John R. Ketteringham	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by John R. Ketteringham.
* First peal of Little Bob Major.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Nov. 24, 1960, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Helen,
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15¼ cwt. in F.

Francis R. Lowe	*Treble*	Gordon A. Halls	5
*George H. Paulson	2	Ronald H. Bullen	6
Mrs. Pat A. M. Halls	3	Harold Taylor	7
J. Frank Smallwood	4	Burley P. Morris	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Gordon A. Halls.
* First peal in the method. The treble ringer has now 'circled the tower' to peals.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
On Thurs., Nov. 24, 1960, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Ebbe.
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

Ernest G. Jones	*Treble*	Brian R. White	5
Christine M. Woodward	2	Ernest J. Munday	6
Edgar J. Smith	3	Charles Coles	7
Alan R. Pink	4	Donald H. Niblett	*Tenor*

Composed by Ian M. Holland. Conducted by Donald H. Niblett.
50th peal as conductor.
A compliment to Christine Woodward and Geoffrey Lanegan on their engagement.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Nov. 25, 1960, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes.
At the Cathedral Church of The Holy and Undivided Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5088 ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 lb. in E flat.

D. John Hunt	*Treble*	Peter E. Parry	5
Richard J. Bowden	2	Elisabeth A. G. Bowden	6
Donald E. Cobb	3	Cliff Richards	7
Don C. Exell	4	Patrick J. Bird	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. Wilde. Conducted by D. John Hunt.
First peal in the method by all. The conductor has now 'circled the tower.'

BARKWAY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1960, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's transposition. Tenor 16 cwt.

Claudia A. Critchley	*Treble*	*Charles A. Bysouth	5
George A. Spencer	2	*J. Richard Castledine	6
Peter J. Coles	3	G. William Critchley	7
*†Edwin G. Buck	4	Jack S. Dear	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. William Critchley.
* First peal of Stedman Triples. † 100th peal. First of Stedman Triples as conductor.

BUCKLEY, FLINTSHIRE.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1960, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Matthew.
A PEAL OF 5152 PERSHORE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

Denise Shallcross	*Treble*	Edward V. Rodenhurst	5
John W. Griffiths	2	Dennis H. B. Millward	6
John S. Dean	3	Robin J. Lee	7
F. Hector Bennett	4	Percy Swindley	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by John W. Griffiths.
First peal in the method by all.
Rung half-muffled to the memory of Samuel Birks, ringer at this church since 1904.

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CONGLETON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1960, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

*JACK RILEY	*Treble*	†REGINALD A. CHALLINOR	5
DENNIS HEAPY	2	ROY WORRALL	6
NORMAN SHERRATT	3	BARRY CORBISHLEY	7
WALTER SHERRATT	4	‡JOHN E. BROUGH	*Tenor*

Composed by E. J. LINDLEY. Conducted by JOHN E. BROUGH.
* First peal of Major. † First of Major 'inside.' ‡ 100th peal for the Guild. First of Plain Bob Major on the bells.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1960, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS AND ST. LAURENCE.
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 35 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in C sharp.

ARTHUR SAYERS	*Treble*	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	5
RONALD F. DISERENS	2	ARTHUR D. COOK	6
REGINALD W. REX	3	GERALD C. HEMMING	7
GEOFFREY K. DODD	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by RONALD F. DISERENS.
Witness: RALPH G. EDWARDS.
First peal of Superlative on the bells.

GORING-ON-THAMES, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1960, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-OF-CANTERBURY.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

ERNEST G. GARRARD	*Treble*	FRANK GODDEN	5
JAMES GODMAN	2	*ERIC O. DAVIES	6
*WILLIAM IRVING	3	JACK O. BERRY	7
†ALFRED GREENOUGH	4	ROBERT B. BLOND	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by ROBERT B. BLOND.
* First peal of Double Norwich. † First in the method away from treble.

LONGNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1960, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt.

*RITA M. WEBB	*Treble*	IVOR GOULTER	5
†GILLIAN M. HUSSEY	2	HENRY TAYSOM	6
†PETER CLARKSON	3	CYRIL A. WRATTEN	7
ALAN F. LEE	4	*PETER T. HURCOMBE	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CYRIL A. WRATTEN.
* First peal in the method. † First of Major in the method.
Rung on the eve of Advent Sunday.

LONGSTANTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1960, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7¼ cwt.

*GEORGE E. THODAY	*Treble*	†ROGER J. PALMER	5
ROSEMARY SEABROOK	2	COLIN A. S. HARWOOD	6
DONALD F. MURFET	3	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS	7
GEORGE E. CRISP	4	MANSFIELD GINN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by MANSFIELD GINN.
* 25th peal of Major. † First in the method.

MALVERN LINK, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1960, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHIAS.
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16¼ cwt.

JOHN McDONALD	*Treble*	DAVID J. PURNELL	5
R. GEORGE MORRIS	2	BARRIE HENDRY	6
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	3	JOHN A. ANDERSON	7
GEORGE E. FEARN	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

MANSFIELD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1960, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 11 lb.

FREDK. A. SALTER	*Treble*	ROBERT E. DAY	5
MRS. M. I. PAILING	2	PETER NIX	6
MRS. P. NIX	3	F. NEVILLE PAILING	7
*DAVID J. ORLEDGE	4	SIDNEY W. FOSSEY	*Tenor*

Composed by W. E. BASON. Conducted by FREDK. A. SALTER.
* First peal.
Rung on the eve of Advent. Birthday compliments to Mrs. M. I. Pailing and Mr. F. Adcock.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Nov. 7, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's College Bob, Oxford Bob, Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt. in F.

REGINALD G. HOOPER	*Treble*	CLIFFORD RICHARDS	4
MICHALE HOBBS	2	F. CECIL MOGFORD	5
BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON	3	JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Savage, of East Budleigh, Devon, upon the birth of a second son.

NORTH CREAKE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1960, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 720 each of Kent T.B., Oxford T.B. and St. Clement's, and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

NORMAN V. HARDING	*Treble*	EDWARD HOWES	4
ROBIN SHIPP (14)	2	LESLIE W. HOUGHTON	5
TONY OWEN	3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by H. WILLIAM BARRETT.

STAVERTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Nov. 17, 1960, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in G.

JACQUELINE A. DOWNING	*Treble*	TIMOTHY A. WOODING	4
*RONALD RUSSELL	2	*ROBIN V. BAKER	5
PERCY AMOS	3	GEORGE F. ROOME	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE F. ROOME.
* First peal in the method.

BEENHAM, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1960, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Double Oxford, two of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

ERIC P. WOOLGROVE	*Treble*	REGINALD F. CROOK	4
REGINALD W. REX	2	ARTHUR W. SAYERS	5
HOWARD OGLESBY	3	GEOFFREY K. DODD	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.

DEENE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1960, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Double Court, Single Court, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Single Oxford and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in G.

FREDERICK DERRY	*Treble*	*RICHARD A. WEBSTER	4
RONALD RUSSELL	2	ROY W. SPENCER	5
*PHILIP C. PITCHFORD	3	JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.
* First peal in seven methods.
A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Philip C. Pitchford on their 19th wedding anniversary.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1960, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Being 42 extents. Tenor 13¾ cwt. in F sharp.

ANDREW E. CROWE	*Treble*	NORMAN P. J. COSSEY	3
*BERNARD V. HINDES	2	MICHAEL UTTON	4
MICHAEL J. PARKER	*Tenor*		

Conducted by MICHAEL J. PARKER.
* First peal. first attempt. First as conductor.

BARMING, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Nov. 21, 1960, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise and two each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

JOHN MANNERING	*Treble*	†MARTIN HOWE	4
OLIVE COUCHMAN	2	BERNARD GROVES	5
*MONTY GILBERT	3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Conducted by BERNARD GROVES.
* First peal of Minor 'inside.' † First in four methods.
Rung in memory of Mr. Pope, sometime ringer at Headcorn and chorister at Wateringbury.

SELLINDGE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 23, 1960, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

*JOHN BASHFORD	*Treble*	JOHN R. COOPER	4
VIOLET I. E. RELF	2	ROBERT SWIFT	5
MAISIE VANTOM	3	CRAWFORD T. HILLIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by CRAWFORD T. HILLIS.

* First peal.

Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. P. M. Jaquet.

WHETSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Nov. 23, 1960, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in A.

*BRIAN C. LAW	*Treble*	*J. HEDLEY WALE	4
†ERNEST MORRIS	2	†BRIAN M. SMITH	5
‡BRIAN G. WARWICK	3	*BRIAN R. CULLIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal. † First of Plain Bob Doubles. ‡ First of Plain Bob Doubles on tower bells.

Rung as a farewell to Brian R. Cullin who has moved to Great Glen.

ALGARKIRK, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Nov. 25, 1960, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in eight methods: (1) Thelwall and Childwall, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Oxford T.B., (4) Kent T.B., (5) Double Oxford, (6) St. Clement's and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN P. MORRIS	*Treble*	ALBERT E. FLATTERS	4
JOSEPH W. BAILEY	2	J. MARTIN THORLEY	5
WILLIAM E. CLARKE	3	HAROLD BARSLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

A fifth wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Philip H. Reynolds.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1960, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

In 14 methods: (1) Alnwick and Newcastle, (2) Lightfoot and Wearmouth, (3) London and Wells, (4) Chester and Munden, (5) York and Durham, (6) Beverley and Surfleet, (7) Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	*Treble*	*LESLIE N. MELTON	4
*JAMES B. MORLEY	2	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	5
*ROGER L. K. WHITTELL	3	JOE E. G. ROAST	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

* First peal in 14 Surprise method. The most Surprise Minor methods yet rung to a peal for the Guild.

BABWORTH, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Nov. 25, 1960, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being 720 each of Killamarsh, Kent, Capel, Sandal, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure and Oxford. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

JOHN COATES	*Treble*	*KATHERINE BURCHNALL	4
*HAROLD DENMAN	2	GEORGE CHALLANS	5
*GRACE BURCHNALL	3	ERNEST PRESTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST PRESTON.

* 150th peal together. First in seven methods as conductor.

Rung for the birthday of George Challans.

ELSTREE, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1960, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In four methods, being (1) and (2) Beverley, (3) and (4) Surfleet, (5) and (6) Cambridge, (7) Norwich. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

*ROBERT HARDY	*Treble*	H. GEORGE HART	4
KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	2	ALICK CUTLER	5
ELSIE K. HART	3	WALTER AYRE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

MOULTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1960, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 15¼ cwt.

FRANK TAYLOR	*Treble*	JOHN G. AMES	4
*FREDA P. GREAVES	2	BEVAN W. WILLGRESS	5
*ALAN G. PAYNE	3	J. MARTIN THORLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

* First peal of Surprise 'inside.'

SEEND, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1960, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

L. MICHAEL NOAD	*Treble*	HERBERT M. HEATON	4
NORMAN G. KNEE	2	ERIC J. HITCHINS	5
WILLIAM C. WEST	3	CHARLES F. ANDREWS	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES F. ANDREWS.

HANDBELL PEALS

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Oct. 30, 1960, in 1 Hour and 28 Minutes.
AT 22, YORK STREET, REDFIELD.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINIMUS
Being 210 extents.

REGINALD G. HOOPER	1—2	*BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON	3—4

Conducted by REGINALD G. HOOPER.

* First peal 'in hand.' First of Minimus by both.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Nov. 18, 1960, in 1 Hour and 43 Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 42 extents in two methods: Grandsire 22, Plain Bob 22.
Tenor size 11 in G.

BRIAN G. WARWICK	1—2	ERNEST MORRIS	3—4
		†BRIAN M. SMITH	5—6

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First handbell peal.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Nov. 20, 1960, in 2 Hours and 3 Minutes,
IN ST. MARGARET'S SELECT VESTRY HALL.
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 12 in F.

ERNEST MORRIS	1—2	JOHN A. ACRES	5—6
JOHN M. JELLEY	3—4	BRIAN G. WARWICK	7—8

Composed by EDWIN J. LINDLEY. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

EXNING, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1960, in 1 Hour and 41 Minutes,
IN THE CHURCH HALL OF ST. MARTIN.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor size 14 in D.

ROGER J. PALMER	1—2	ANTHONY R. MANN	3—4
		*IRENE A. CROSS	5—6

Conducted by ANTHONY R. MANN.

* First peal, first attempt (age 14); youngest lady to ring a handbell peal for the Guild.

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HALF PEAL

WARBOROUGH, OXON.—On Nov. 24th, 2,520 Plain Bob Triples: Susan Howes 1, Helen Butler 2, G. McAlonc 3, V. Fox 4, Margaret Thulis 5, A. Howes 6, F. Absolom (cond.) 7, M. Welsh 8. First half peal for all except the conductor.

ASTON, HERTS.—On November 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. J. Carrod 1, C. Geeves 2, Mrs. B. Banks 3, H. Shire 4, A. Day (cond.) 5, J. Pallett 6. Rung for Advent Sunday and conductor's birthday.

BALDERTON, NOTTS.—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. E. White 1, Mrs. C. Pritchett 2, Miss T. Williams 3, Mrs. C. W. Reed 4, C. W. Reed (cond.) 5, C. Pritchett 6. First quarter 2 and 6. For Evensong.

BEAMINSTER, DORSET.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. S. Morris (cond.) 1, R. P. Selway 2, C. W. Powell 3, C. R. Poole (first in method) 4, H. G. Keeley 5, J. T. Barrett 6, W. E. Turner 7, S. W. White 8. In memoriam James Barrett, father of the ringer of sixth, after the funeral.

BOYNE HILL, MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Livingston 1, G. Gibbs 2, Kathleen North 3, D. Farthing 4, Mrs. D. Livingston 5, J. Blackwood 6, E. E. Gosling (cond.) 7, D. Young 8. For Advent Sunday, also a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of 6th.

BREDON'S NORTON, WORCS.—On Nov. 20th, 1,260 Single Oxford Minor: G. Stallwood 1, R. Perks 2, J. Firkins 3, E. Cooke 4, J. Attwood 5, F. E. Wood (cond.) 6. For evening service.

BURMARSH, KENT.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, All Saints', Southrepps, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss A. Rayner 1, Mrs. M. Watts 2, F. Watts 3, B. Watts 4, R. Wratten (cond.) 5, T. Fagg 6. First in six methods for all the band. A birthday compliment for Mrs. B. Watts.

CASTOR, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Sumner 1, Mrs. M. Parker 2, L. Sharpe 3, M. Parker 4, F. Sismey (cond.) 5, J. Coulson 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Walter William Longfoot, for many years ringer and churchwarden at this church.

CHELTENHAM, GLOS.—On Nov. 27th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: E. T. Newbury 1, Miss V. Willard 2, W. A. Farmer 3, C. T. Burridge 4, W. Dyer 5, I. Goulter 6, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 7, P. Baker 8, T. Borcham 9, W. Newman 10. For morning prayer.

CROSS STONE, TODMORDEN, W. YORKS.—On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Noble (first quarter) 1, G. Cheetham 2, C. R. Milthorp 3, J. C. Ashworth 4, J. H. Fielden 5, P. Scholfield (cond.) 6.

GREENWICH, LONDON.—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Culver 1, P. Cave 2, J. Dafters 3, T. Easterby 4, Miss F. Cannon (first as cond.) 5, F. Mead 6, J. Jefferies 7, P. Ebsworth (first quarter) 8. For Evensong.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Miss M. Thomas 1, G. W. Bishop 2, H. K. White 3, J. H. Napper 4, C. J. Garlick 5, M. Bishop 6, A. H. Webb (cond.) 7, L. F. Cox 8. First quarter in the method for all the band. Rung on the 70th birthday of the Vicar, Rev. H. A. Smith-Masters.

HAVANT, HANTS.—On Nov. 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. Marshall 1, Mrs. B. M. Hunt 2, Shirley M. Parsons 3, D. S. Jones 4, E. Treagus 5, J. R. Hasted 6, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 7, C. Parsons 8. For evening service, and as a welcome to the baby son of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Sturgess, of Fareham, born November 16th.

HEREFORD.—On Nov. 27th, at All Saints' Church, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: M. Munn 1, Miss R. Jarrett 2, F. Reed (cond.) 3, Miss A. M. Gladwell 4, J. Eisel 5, T. Wood 6, A. W. Davis 7, A. T. Wingate 8. First of Major 4 and 5.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Genebeth Mooring (first quarter) 1, Gwen May 2, Pamela Bird 3, H. Colcombe 4, J. King (cond.) 5, C. N. Chinnery 6. For Evensong.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On Nov. 20th, 1,260 Minor (Plain Bob and Single Oxford): C. Froggatt 1, S. Meredith 2, R. Blackshaw 3, M. W. Harrison and F. Bradley 4, B. Mills 5, F. Bradley and D. Armstrong 6. Conducted by F. Bradley and B. Mills. Rung for adult Confirmation service. Also 1,440 Minor (Oxford Treble Bob and Single Oxford): S. Meredith 1, D. Armstrong and C. Froggatt 2, R. Blackshaw and B. Mills 3, M. W. Harrison 4, A. Larkin 5, F. Bradley 6. Conducted by D. Armstrong and F. Bradley. Rung for St. Edmund's Day evening service, Patron Saint of Holme Pierrepont.

QUARTER PEALS

HOUNSLOW, MIDDX.—At the Church of St. Paul, Hounslow Heath, on Nov. 20th, 1,380 Grandsire Doubles: R. O'Shea (first quarter) 1, D. Shaw 2, D. Howell 3, C. Stevenson 4, D. C. Morgan (cond.) 5, D. Winterson (first quarter) 6. First on bells for about seven years. For Evensong.

LLANDAFF, GLAM.—At the Cathedral, on Nov. 27th, 1,280 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Hazel Everett (first of Doubles) 1, Penelope J. Welch 2, N. A. James 3, A. W. Smith 4, N. W. H. Simon (14, first as cond. and of Doubles) 5, H. C. Evans (first quarter) 6. First quarter in two methods for all except the ringer of the 4th. Rung on the front six for Advent.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on Nov. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Caters: A. F. Warren 1, M. L. Lewis 2, Doreen Deverell 3, Angela Martin 4, J. M. Payton 5, A. W. J. Butler (cond.) 6, B. J. Willes 7, I. H. Oram 8, P. L. Smart (first of Caters) 9, P. M. Herring 10. First on 10 bells by 2, 4 and 10. Rung on the wedding anniversary of H.M. Elizabeth II and H.R.H. Duke of Edinburgh.

MELBOURNE.—At St. Paul's Cathedral, on Nov. 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: K. Minchinton 1, Mrs. D. M. Pipe 2, Miss E. Lloyd Roberts 3, G. W. Pipe (cond.) 4, A. H. Fisher 5, W. B. Pitcher 6, B. R. Cox 7, J. J. Roper 8. First in the method for 2, 6 and 7.

MELKSHAM, WILTS.—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Cockell 1, S. R. Cockell 2, Mrs. W. C. West 3, L. M. Noad 4, W. C. West (cond.) 5, Dr. H. Heaton 6, C. F. Andrews 7, C. G. Gibbons 8. Rung for Confirmation.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—At the Church of St. James, Benwell, on Nov. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. Harle 1, Mrs. K. Wyndham 2, Miss I. Thomson 3, C. S. Dixon 4, F. Ross (cond.) 5, R. Barrow 6. Rung for Confirmation service.

NUTFIELD, SURREY.—On Nov. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. J. Russell 1, W. Dunn 2, D. Rowe 3, V. Griggs 4, G. Olliver (cond.) 5, Miss S. Northeast 6. First quarter 3 and 6. For Evensong.

OLDSWINFORD, STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—On Nov. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Jennifer M. Burford 1, F. V. Nicholls 2, P. J. Brown 3, M. J. Fellows 4, M. D. Fellows (cond.) 5, P. Bill (first quarter) 6, J. A. Tandy 7, J. E. Lawley 8. Rung as a farewell to Rev. C. V. Foord, curate of Oldswinford, on appointment as Rector of St. Clement's, Worcester. Also on Nov. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Roden 1, J. Lloyd 2, F. G. Handley 3, D. H. Watson 4, R. Chance 5, C. W. Cooper 6, M. D. Fellows (cond.) 7, R. Tandy 8. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. A. J. Skelding, a ringer here for many years and interred this day.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 St. Clement's Triples: A. House 1, Miss E. Hatch 2, R. Tomlin 3, F. May 4, E. J. Blower 5, G. D. Sandwell 6, M. J. Hallett (cond.) 7, W. F. Ward 8. For Evensong. Also on Nov. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Hatch (first as cond.) 1, W. F. Ward 2, Miss V. Hester 3, F. May 4, E. J. Blower 5, M. J. Hallett 6, A. House 7, R. Tomlin 8. For Evensong.

SALISBURY, WILTS.—On Nov. 24th, at St. Thomas' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. A. Roles 1, Margaret R. Page 2, Ann M. Sweeney 3, R. O. Fry (cond.) 4, I. Ann Abrahams 5, E. Haines 6, L. A. Page 7, E. Doel 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam George K. Norton, former captain of tower and an honorary life member of the Guild, whose funeral took place this day. Also on Nov. 27th, at St. Thomas' Church, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: E. C. Read 1, Margaret R. Page 2, I. Ann Abrahams 3, H. H. Abrahams 4, B. J. Lawes 5, L. A. Page 6, Rev. R. Keeley 7, R. N. Marlow (cond.) 8. First in method for 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6. Rung for Evensong, and as a silver wedding compliment to the treble ringer, a valued member of the tower.

SHARDLOW, DERBYS.—On Nov. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury): J. T. Foster 1, E. H. Willows 2, A. Whiting 3, M. Fern 4, B. R. Manning (cond.) 5, C. Roadley (first quarter) 6. For the baptism of: Francis Mark Jones, Stephen Andrew Roadley and Robert Edward Wormald.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: D. P. Hilling 1, F. R. Scott 2, Pamela M. Jervis 3, J. K. Ward 4, W. D. Ward 5, J. C. Birt 6, W. Birmingham (cond.) 7, E. L. A. Hudson 8. First in the method for all except 2 and 7. For the Advent Festival.

SNAITH, YORKS.—On Nov. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. J. J. Taylor 1, Betty Martinson (first on tower bells) 2, J. Thorley 3, A. H. Hawcroft 4, H. S. Morley 5, W. Graves 6, L. M. Woodhead (cond.) 7, E. Philpot 8. For the wedding of former National Dairy Queen 20-year-old Marjorie Watson and farmer Richard Morrison.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. J. Bodicoat 1, K. Bodicoat (first of Minor 'inside') 2, M. G. Wood 3, Mrs. B. G. Warwick 4, B. G. Warwick 5, B. M. Smith (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on Nov. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: D. W. Stenson (first of Triples away from tenor) 1, B. G. Warwick 2, M. G. Wood 3, Sandra E. Chesterton 4, E. Morris 5, J. A. Acres 6, B. M. Smith (cond.) 7, B. C. Law (first quarter) 8. Half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday service. Also on Nov. 13th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Plain Bob, April Day, St. Simon's, Eynsham, St. Martin's, St. Leonard and Grandsire): D. J. Bodicoat 1, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 2, M. G. Wood 3, Mrs. B. G. Warwick 4, B. M. Smith 5, D. W. Stenson 6. First in as many methods for 1, 3, 6. Half-muffled for Evensong.

STAMFORD, LINCS.—At St. Martin's Church, on Nov. 16th, 1,260 Oxford Bob and Plain Bob: E. Cox and J. R. Nicholls 1, R. H. Knight 2, C. Matthews 3, P. D. Baldock 4, Sqdn.-Ldr. G. Massey 5, J. H. Bluff (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled prior to the memorial service for the late Vicar, Rev. H. Boulton.

STROUD, GLOS.—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Janet Gleed 1, Betty Telling 2, T. Pritchard 3, R. Baker 4, P. Riddiford 5, V. Deane 6, T. Witts (cond.) 7, F. Garland 8. A wedding compliment to Miss Janet Pritchard, daughter of Mr. Trevor Pritchard (tower master).

STURRY, KENT.—On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Rita E. Gould 1, Mary S. Taylor 2, Pauline Fennell 3, P. A. Batchelor 4, P. E. Deverill 5, N. J. Davies (cond.) 6. Rung after the failure of a peal.

SUCKLEY, WORCS.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Boucher 1, P. Cale 2, J. Ranford 3, F. Merrick 4, W. Huband 5, J. Cale 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of James Woodyatt, interred this day. He learned to ring at Suckley and had been a ringer for 60 years.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church, on Nov. 27th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: Miss M. Wright 1, Dr. C. G. Rowarth 2, Mrs. P. Minchin 3, Mrs. E. Sutton 4, Dr. H. Craig 5, W. W. T. Daniell 6, P. Minchin 7, R. G. Townsend 8, E. Sutton (cond.) 9, R. J. Drewett 10. For Evensong, and to celebrate the 21st birthday and engagement of Miss M. Wright to Mr. R. J. Drewett.

TENTERDEN, KENT.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Winifred Millen 1, Kathleen M. Yeo (cond.) 2, Violet I. E. Relf 3, M. E. Downs 4, P. Relf 5, A. Gorham 6. Rung in honour of the birth of a granddaughter to Mr. and Mrs. W. Tickner, also a 71st birthday compliment to Mr. P. Barnes.

THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.—On Nov. 27th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: W. Downs 1, Mrs. P. W. Mills 2, P. W. Mills 3, F. Harvey 4, E. E. Davey (cond.) 5, W. Ruffles 6. For Matins, and as a birthday compliment to Mr. F. Harvey.

WAKEFIELD, YORKS.—At the Cathedral Church of All Saints, on Oct. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Margaret Brighton (first quarter) 1, Linda Gott 2, Mrs. Jo Moreton 3, W. F. Moreton (cond.) 4, G. Dale 5, K. Park 6, G. Townend 7, T. W. Crossley 8.

WARBOROUGH, OXON.—On Nov. 13th, 1,200 Plain Bob Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): R. Howes (first quarter, age 14) 1, Helen Butler (19) 2, Susan Howes (first 'inside,' 16) 3, G. McIlhone (first as cond., 13) 4, Margaret Thewlis (16) 5, M. Welsh (15) 6, V. Fox (18) 7, A. Howes (18) 8.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,320 London Surprise Minor: A. S. Richards (cond.) 1, L. W. G. Skinner 2, D. Manger 3, R. E. Finch 4, J. Faircloth 5, A. M. MacVe 6. First in method for 3, 4, 5 and 6.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 20th, 1,344 Ashtead Surprise Major: Miss O. D. Couchman 1, R. E. Lambert 2, R. T. Lambert 3, E. J. Ladd 4, B. F. L. Groves 5, T. E. Sone (cond.) 6, C. A. Tester 7, T. A. Cross 8.

YAPTON, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 26th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: S. J. Morris (first quarter) 1, B. W. T. Williams (first quarter) 2, P. J. M. Bright (first 'inside' and of Minimus) 3, C. R. C. Coussmaker (first of Minimus, cond.) 4. First quarter peal by resident members of Chichester Theological College. First on the bells. Rung in memoriam Rt. Rev. Herbert Linford Gwyer, sometime Bishop of George, C.P., South Africa.

AMBERLEY, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob and April Day): E. Sopp 1, F. Storey 2, J. Reeves 3, S. Hamilton 4, J. Newell (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled for the memorial service to Bishop Gwyer, formerly of the Diocese of George, South Africa, and late of Amberley.

ASTON, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): P. Casson (first quarter) 1, A. S. Burbidge (first as cond.) 2, R. C. Ingram 3, D. Ingram 4, D. T. Finnemore 5, M. Ingram 6. For Evensong.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Wingrove (cond.) 1, Gwen Reeves (first in method) 2, Dorothy Fletcher 3, Kathleen Fletcher 4, Ann Shiels 5, M. Broadley 6, A. Bridges 7, R. Broadley 8. Rung for a combined service of various denominations at the Parish Church.

BLOCKLEY, GLOS.—On Sept. 24th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: E. J. Hitchins 1, J. R. Ketteringham 2, B. A. Shackleton 3, M. J. Hobbs 4, D. J. Hunt 5, H. W. Woolven 6, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 7, R. G. Hooper 8.

BRECON.—On Nov. 22nd, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Patricia M. Dunning (first quarter) 1, T. H. Owen 2, M. M. Peterson (cond.) 3, M. R. Thomas 4, M. T. Johns 5, G. P. Davies 6. Rung for the Parochial Festival.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.—On Nov. 27th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: C. Wright 1, D. Cooper 2, M. J. Cooper 3, A. B. Cooper 4, S. Slaney 5, A. Keller 6, H. Wagstaffe 7, K. Rutland (first as cond.) 8. For Evensong.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. Ambrose, on Nov. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. R. Hussey 1, F. J. Sampson 2, Miss G. M. Hussey 3, T. Hins (first of Minor) 4, R. G. Hooper 5, B. A. Shackleton (cond.) 6. For Dedication Festival.

CHESHUNT, HERTS.—On Nov. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): Miss C. King (first quarter) 1, E. Pickett 2, Miss C. Farrington 3, D. Sayer 4, W. Newnham 5, C. Campbell 6, R. Durrant (cond.) 7, D. Billimore 8. For Evensong, and as a birthday compliment to the ringers of 4, 7 and 8.

QUARTER PEALS

CONINGSBY, LINCS.—On Nov. 18th, 1,260 Minor (Norwich and Cambridge Surprise): E. Flintham 1, B. Hunt 2, J. R. Young (cond.) 3, A. E. Flatters 4, J. Kemp 5, R. Bamber 6. Silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. Flintham.

CONSETT, CO. DURHAM.—On Nov. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Armstrong 1, G. W. Wall 2, J. Vickery 3, R. Skelton 4, N. Errington 5, W. Tyson (cond.) 6. For evening service.

DORKING, SURREY.—On Nov. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Alison Read 1, G. F. Pratt 2, Ethel Clear 3, Olive Boulden 4, B. Read 5, E. G. L. Coward 6, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 7, B. Coward 8. Rung as a welcome to Miss Boulden, who has come to reside in the district.

EAST BRIDGFORD, NOTTS.—On Nov. 19th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: C. Froggatt 1, N. Wilde 2, R. Blackshaw 3, M. W. Harrison 4, B. Mills (cond.) 5, J. Higgs 6.

EPSOM, SURREY.—At Christ Church, on Nov. 20th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. E. Fentiman (first of Cambridge S. Minor) 1, Adrienne Gibson (first of Cambridge 'inside') 2, Sylvia Marsh 3, B. J. Woodruffe (cond.) 4, F. J. Oakshott 5, D. J. F. Oakshott (first of Cambridge S. Minor) 6. For Evensong.

EXNING, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Hilda Cross 1, A. Benstead 2, J. Gentleman 3, E. Jaggard 4, A. R. Mann (cond.) 5. For Remembrance Sunday.

GREAT COMBERTON, WORCS.—On Nov. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. J. Butler 1, R. G. Haines (first Minor 'inside') 2, G. J. Hemming 3, Jacqueline Roberts 4, M. G. Selby 5, G. C. Hemming (cond.) 6.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On Nov. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: W. White 1, G. W. Bishop 2, H. K. White 3, J. H. Napper 4, C. J. Garlick 5, M. Bishop 6, A. H. Webb (cond.) 7, L. F. Cox 8.

HALIFAX, YORKS.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. F. Bryant 1, Sheila M. Moulds 2, Patricia Reeve 3, M. V. Copping 4, J. N. Pankin 5, J. H. Fielden (cond.) 6, G. F. Bryant 7, R. E. Moulds 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

HARPENDEN, HERTS.—On Nov. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Janet Gray (first quarter) 1, Mrs. M. A. Coburn 2, Gillian Coker (first 'inside') 3, A. Day (cond.) 4, F. C. Jacklin 5, R. Newson 6. For Evensong, and with the best wishes of the band to Miss Coker, who is shortly leaving for Australia.

LITTLE COMBERTON, WORCS.—On Nov. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. G. Haines 1, M. J. Butler 2, Jacqueline Roberts 3, G. J. Hemming 4, M. G. Selby 5, G. C. Hemming (cond.) 6. First Minor for 1 and 2.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on Oct. 16th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: N. Bagworth 1, Susan Rawlings 2, B. J. Woodruffe (cond.) 3, I. H. Oram 4, A. Bagworth 5, P. Mehew 6.

MONTFORD, SHROPSHIRE.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss G. M. Newman (first quarter) 1, Mary C. Poyner 2, F. Cattell 3, F. H. Bennett 4, H. Poyner (cond.) 5, R. Newton 6. Rung for the Induction of Rev. Mr. Shannon.

NASEBY, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss L. Brown 1, F. Lane 2, D. Seaton 3, W. Gropley 4, W. Brown (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day service.

NORTHAMPTON.—On Nov. 14th, at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): Miss G. M. Burman 1, Mrs. G. F. Roome 2, G. F. Roome (cond.) 3, D. Rees 4, Miss J. A. Downing 5, T. Jennings 6, J. C. Rainbow 7, B. Hughes (first quarter) 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Delia M. Miller.

NOTTINGHAM.—On Nov. 13th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,263 Stedman Caters: J. H. Pailing (cond.) 1, Mrs. M. I. Pailing 2, Miss D. Hopkins (first in method) 3, Miss H. B. Nevin 4, Miss S. K. M. Knight 5, F. N. Pailing 6, F. A. Salter 7, J. G. Underwood 8, R. Baldwin 9, D. W. Friend 10. For evening service.

NUNEATON, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 19th, at St. Nicholas' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. Newcombe 1, R. Bates 2, R. Moore 3, J. Richardson 4, E. Wilson (cond.) 5, W. Beebe 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. G. J. Stoneley, who was for many years a ringer at this church, and also for Mr. R. Moreton, father-in-law of the ringer of 4.

SHELLEY, YORKS.—On Nov. 26th, 1,440 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: G. Dale 1, Elizabeth Peace (first quarter) 2, Susan Peace (first quarter) 3, S. Ramsden 4, G. Townend (cond.) 5, T. Tarbatt 6.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Until recently there has been no resident band at Hounslow. In fact, when the tower captain, David Howell, undertook to start a new band the bells had to be cleared of several feet of rubbish. Now after much hard work, a band of teenagers ring every Sunday evening and the two firsts in the quarter peal of November 20th are the first of the new band to reach proficiency. At the present time only the back six are ringable. A belfry fund has been started.

The middle six at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, were rung by a band of staff and pupils of the Priory Schools for the annual Founders' Day service, on November 25th.

The Chester Diocesan leaflet in its December issue offers the bells of St. Michael's Church, Chester, for sale. This is a Rudhall six, cast at Gloucester, in 1726.

Visitors to Itchingfield's (Sussex) beautifully kept belfry admire the map of Sussex, where all ringing towers are neatly indicated. Different coloured pens are used to show the number of bells.

The bells of Blaby, Leics, are being rehung. Three members of this tower—Brian C. Law, J. Hedley Wale and Brian R. Cullin—scored their first peal at Whetstone on November 23rd.

On Remembrance Sunday the 1st Rotherham Girl Guides rang Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor before the Communion service at St. Leonard's Parish Church, Thrybergh. The ringers were the Misses J. Green, C. Green (cond.), M. Donovan, M. Gaskell, P. Smith and J. Oakley. The striking throughout was very good.

On November 18th, 1950, a band rang a peal of Grandsire Triples, at Edenbridge, to mark the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. Leigh. On November 19th, 1960, the same band met again, they stood in the same order, and rang the same composition (Parker's Twelve Part), but unfortunately two bells crossed over in the 11th part. The band were afterwards entertained by Mr. E. Leigh at 'The White Horse.'

Regarding the peal rung at Saxlingham-Nethergate to mark the 50th anniversary of the first peal by a local band, John Aldis and George Poyntz are still in the village. Although crippled and coming to church in an invalid carriage, George Poyntz still rings the tenor at Sunday morning service. He walks with the aid of two crutches and while ringing props himself up against the wall. He is still happy when doing this and calling a touch.

A concert organised by the ringers of Tenterden, on November 17th, raised £53 for the restoration of their bells.

Silent since 1929, the bells of Askerswell, Dorset, are ringing again. A new treble gives this tower a ring of six.

Reading University Society, at its first dinner, had Sir John Wolfenden as one of the principal speakers. The gathering was almost as representative as a U.A. dinner.

The boys of Abingdon School Ringing Society rang for the funeral service of a former headmaster on November 21st. This Society has now a dozen ringing members.

As published in our last issue, members of the Norwich Diocesan Association claim to have rung the fastest peal on church bells—Doubles in 1 hour and 47 minutes, at Saxthorpe.

Viewers of B.B.C.'s 'Ask me another' programme on December 1st will have heard the bells of Lincoln Cathedral as background music. Franklin Engleman mentioned that it was the ringers' practice night.

Peal ringers get their dates booked up so far ahead that we hear that there is a demand that in future the bellringers' diary should contain pages both for the current and the succeeding year.

In conjunction with the Cheltenham Education Committee, the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association are holding a course on bellringing on Wednesday evenings at Monkscroft County Secondary School, Cheltenham. First lecture January 11th.

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VARIATION.—Explanation of this term can hardly be expressed in writing so as to adequately convey its meaning, but there are three uses of the word which can be given as examples.

Treble Bob.—Worcester variation and Killamarsh variation are slight differences from the original of Kent Treble Bob. There is a Burton variation of Superlative Surprise.

Extension of method.—Brighton variation, Stepney variation and No. 3 variation are all alternative extensions of London Surprise from Major to Royal.

Composition.—Johnson's variation of Middleton's composition of Cambridge Surprise Major involves a simple alteration from the original, but is preferred by some conductors. Other variations to original compositions occur in Grandsire Triples and in Stedman Triples.

VENTILATION.—Good ventilation could be described as sufficient changes of fresh air without draught. Bad or inadequate ventilation leads to unhealthy conditions and, of course, is not conducive to good sustained ringing. Whilst the adequate ventilation of a ringing chamber is not always an easy matter, it is sometimes quite evident that no one has given this matter sufficient consideration. We, as bellringers, cannot always expect to have ideal ventilation because in some cases to achieve this would be a costly business. So apart from having an opening light, which should be adjustable, in the window there can be no principle laid down for ventilation and each case must be treated on its merits. Generally speaking, a small ringing chamber requires more attention to this matter than a large one.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

Fog was mainly responsible for a smaller than average attendance at the West Lindsey Branch meeting, held at Lea, on November 179th. The Guild service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. H. J. Knight) and tea was provided in Lea Institute by local ladies.

At the business meeting, when the vice-president (Mr C. H. Baker) took the chair, it was decided to combine the usual dinner and social evening with the annual meeting to be held at Gainsborough on January 21st. It was also agreed that particular methods should be announced for future meetings, at which they would then receive special attention.

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Mr. R. S. Anderson, who came from Newcastle in the North to live in Newcastle in the Midlands, will not object to being described as a 'Geordie,' for he possesses all the characteristics of that hardy race of fine people. He is forthright, earnest, sincere and hard-headed.

It is not surprising, therefore, that when the present 'Ringing World' Committee took over the management of the paper, they should invite him to join them, and his work on this committee has been outstanding. He has that fine quality of tenacity, and once having undertaken a task, he will see it through, come what may. The past ten years have provided this committee with one crisis after another, and throughout this trying period his cheerful confidence has inspired the other members to carry on with its heavy task, and he has earned the respect and gratitude of the Council and the Exercise generally.

Born at Gosforth, Northumberland, he was taught to ring at All Saints', where he was also a chorister. His father was a chorister at this church for 25 years. Bob Anderson soon came under the influence of that grand ringer, Bill Barber, and rang his first peal, Stedman Triples, at Gosforth in 1923, which Barber conducted. His peals total is a modest one and now stands at 90, of which he has conducted 17. He is more concerned with regular service ringing and the instruction of youngsters. It was due to his enthusiasm that the North Staffs Association rang its first handbell peal, Bob Major, in 1943, and the first Surprise peal (Cambridge), by a resident North Staffs band, in 1948.

When he was residing in the North, it was a vogue to ring 'stunt' peals, and Bob took part in the only peal on handbells in a coal mine. This was Grandsire Caters, conducted by W. H. Barber, and rung in the low main seam at Cramlington No. 2 pit, in 1930. He occupied the important office of vice-president, Durham and Newcastle Association in 1933-34, and was secretary of the Newcastle Cathedral band until he moved South in 1939. In 1946 he was elected chairman of the North Staffs Association and served in that office until 1958. He is Central Council representative for that Association and is a member of the Standing and 'Ringing World' Committees.

By profession, he is a director of a company of land and estate agents, at Hanley, and is an associate of the Chartered Institute of Secretaries, holding a seat on the Stoke-on-Trent Council of that body. He is also assistant secretary of the local Trade Association.

As tower master and chorister of St. Giles' Church, he takes an active part in parochial activities. Like most Northerners he loves music and is a member of the Stoke-on-Trent Choral Society, also serving on its committee. Although a very busy man, Bob, is always ready to lend a hand where it is required, and we may count ourselves fortunate to have him amongst us.

JAFUS.

CREWKERNE DEANERY SHOW THEIR METTLE

Most outings, apart from the work of the organisers, are fairly carefree occasions. There are, however, exceptions, and one such took place on November 26th—an outing from Shepton Beauchamp, composed mostly of members of the Crewkerne Deanery, with one or two friends.

Apart from one slight mishap, when the ringer of the third protested that the slider had gone, only to find that the bell had a really deep set, ringing went very well at Burlescombe, ranging from Grandsire through Stedman, up to Cambridge Minor.

We then proceeded to Tiverton for tea and ringing at the Parish Church (rounds, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Kent T.B. Major).

Then came the ten at Cullompton, where the ringing consisted of Grandsire Caters and Plain Bob Royal. This ringing, which was, on the the whole, very good, brought great joy to the hearts of the members of the Crewkerne Deanery, and completely refuted the statement, recently made by one of the 'top brasses,' in the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, that 'Ringing is dead in the Crewkerne Deanery.' The Deanery members and friends hope that such statements will not be made again, and would suggest that some of the big noises in the Association come down and see what our capabilities are.

Thanks are due to Mr. R. Dean for arranging the towers and the tea, also to the incumbents and, last but not least, to Mr. J. T. Locke, for being such a good Ringing Master.

J. W. D.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Chertsey District

The nomination meeting of the Chertsey District was held at Chobham on November 26th and was well attended considering the weather conditions. The Rev. O. R. Acworth conducted the service which was followed by an excellent tea, provided by the local band.

The nominations received for district officers were as follows: Ringing Master, Mr. R. Collins; Assistant Ringing Master, Mr. J. King; secretary, Miss E. Loveland; executive committee, Mr. T. Luxford; auditor, Mr. W. Shepherd.

The subject of the Alfred Pulling Memorial Bell was discussed, and the Guild Master, Mr. C. W. Denyer, appealed to all towers who had not contributed to do so as soon as possible. It was agreed to apply to the executive committee for permission to purchase a duplicator, as the Ringing Master felt it would help to bring the towers closer together if reports were circulated round the district after each meeting.

Those present were reminded of the district dinner to be held at the Ship Hotel, Weybridge, on December 10th. Mr. Hawthorne closed the meeting by proposing the vote of thanks, and also welcoming all the new members, in particular those from East Molesey, and the Rev. G. S. Archibald (Chertsey).

Ringing continued until 8.15 p.m., the methods being mainly Grandsire and Plain Bob.

H. E. P.

PROGRESS IN A CORNISH TOWER

Kea, Truro

By a pretty creek, off the Truro River, there stands a fifteenth century tower of three stages, with thin diagonal buttresses. The missing pinnacle was struck by lightning fifty years ago and fell to the ground. The tower is all that remains of the ancient church of the parish of Kea.

Saint Kea was a disciple of Saint Patrick and was consecrated bishop by him. He travelled through Wales, Somerset (where he founded the Church of Lan-to-kai), and Devon (where he established the Church of Landkey, just east of Barnstaple), to where now stands Old Kea. He built a monastery here before travelling on to Brittany, where he founded more churches.

The monastery of St. Cleus and the manor (Landege) are mentioned in Domesday Book (1085). In 1270 Kea was esteemed the mother church of Kenwyn and Tregavethan.

The church being in an extreme corner of the parish, John Tregian, Lord of the Manor of Landege, petitioned Henry VIII for permission to build a church in a more central position in the parish. The king gave his consent but, perhaps because of the religious troubles that followed, the proposal was not carried out until 1802 when, except for the tower, the dilapidated church was pulled down and a new one was built on Killtow estate. The barn-like building erected in 1802 was pulled down in 1894 to make way for the beautiful church of All Hallows that now stands. Built to the designs of George Fellowes Prynne, of London, it was consecrated on June 4th, 1896, by the Bishop of Truro, Dr. John Gott.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO FRIENDS, through 'The Ringing World,' featured in next issue—December 16th. Price 4s. for 36 words.

Three bells were removed from Old Kea tower in 1803. One is pre-Reformation, bearing the Royal Arms of the fifteenth century. The other two were dated 1603 and 1667 respectively and were later cracked; the story goes that some joyous miners struck them with their picks.

On Friday, July 22nd, 1904, the new ring of eight bells, tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs., was dedicated. The fifteenth century bell was hung as the seventh and the seventeenth century bells were recast by Taylor and hung as fifth and sixth.

In 1953 Messrs. C. W. Jose and A. Locke began to teach six boys to ring. Later, another boy and three girls were taught. These young people have kept St. Kea bells ringing twice every Sunday and at the weekly practice. Progress has been slow. This is partly because of the great difficulty in teaching so many at the same time and, of course, there is always homework. But the band has been taught to ring Grandsire Doubles quite well and with the kind help of outside ringers, especially Mr. D. Burnett, Ringing Master of the Truro Guild, a number of quarter peals have been rung.

We are now attempting Grandsire Triples and Bob Minor. We would like to thank those who have assisted us in our progress and we always welcome visitors on Sundays and to our practices on Wednesday evenings.

H. J. P.

Looking ahead, a week-end course will be held at Missenden Abbey College of Adult Education in June. Sponsors are the College of Campanology.



OLD KEA TOWER

RETIREMENT AT EDINBURGH

After seven years as a ringer at St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, Mr. A. W. Lloyd is moving away from the district on his retirement as Past Master for Edinburgh.

During these years he has given loyal and enthusiastic service to the Cathedral band and also to the Scottish Association. His teaching and encouragement of beginners has been greatly appreciated and his going has left a gap in the band which will be very difficult to fill.

A farewell dinner, followed by an evening's entertainment at a theatre, was held on November 19th. Later a book was presented by the conductor, Mr. C. R. Raine, on behalf of the ringers.

Mr. Lloyd presented the belfry with a set of tubular bells.

A. B.

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GUILD OF MEDICAL RINGERS

The autumn meeting of the Guild of Medical Ringers was held in London on November 26th. Ringing in the afternoon took place in the eight-bell tower of Holy Trinity, West Hill, Wandsworth, and later in the ten-bell tower of St. Mary Abbots', Kensington. A high standard of ringing was kept up throughout, and it was noteworthy for two things: firstly, every touch and course came round successfully, and secondly, no Grandsire was rung. The latter may have been due to the fact that the ringing was in charge of the Master, D. J. Neal Smith, who is known to have some controversial views about the method!

At Wandsworth, Plain Bob Triples and Major, Stedman Triples, Little Bob Major and Cambridge Major were rung, and at Kensington, Plain Bob Caters and Royal, Stedman Caters, Little Bob Royal and Kent Treble Bob Royal were all successfully brought round. The Guild was fortunate in having several visiting ringers at both towers, and it was a pleasure to have the president, W. R. Winterton, ringing with us.

Dinner in the evening was held at the Redcliffe Hotel, Chelsea, the company numbering 22. The president in a short speech said that he thought the meeting had been one of the most successful the Guild had yet had, and particularly the ringing earlier in the day. He expressed his thanks to those who had arranged the meeting and the towers, mentioning the part the honorary secretary, D. L. Gullick, had played, who to everyone's regret was unable to be present that evening. He also welcomed the guests, especially Jack Phillips, who he felt was such a firm supporter of the Guild that he should be an honorary member!

The evening concluded with the usual handbell ringing: this even managed to rise to the unprecedented height of Grandsire Caters, and an erudite display of tune ringing, four-in-hand, by Phil Chalk and one of the guests.

D. J. N. S.

YATTON RINGERS IN THAMES VALLEY

November 12th was the date fixed for the annual outing of the Yatton ringers and a good date it proved to be, for the weather was grand. This popular event has grown from strength to strength and this year a company of over 50 ringers and friends from various towers in this district set of by train at 7 a.m. for the Thames Valley area (British Railways having reserved coaches).

We arrived at Didcot at 9.5 a.m. and then transferred to two motor coaches for the tour. The first tower was Abingdon (10), where we found the Vicar's two daughters lubricating the bells and one of them joined us in a touch of Grandsire Triples. Our stay here for an hour was very enjoyable. We then moved on to Dorchester (8), where the Abbey proved most interesting to all: a pleasant hour was spent in the tower.

It was a short journey to Wallingford, another pleasant eight. The 11 miles to Henley-on-Thames (8) was through wooded country and much enjoyed. After ringing we adjourned to the Catherine Wheel Hotel for an excellent meal.

The last tower, Reading (St. Laurence (12)), was the highlight of the day. It was a great experience for many to ring even rounds on 12 bells. The party was very pleased to ring, successfully, a course of Grandsire Cinques twice, as only a few had attempted this before. Methods rung at all the towers were mainly Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob.

The coaches were dismissed at Reading and we set off for home by train at 8 p.m., having had a most successful day. Very many thanks to Mr. Bert Price for his excellent organisation and to the incumbents and ringers who met us.

P. M. P.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

OUR VOCATION?

Dear Sir,—There were two sentences in Mr. Birmingham's letter ('Ringing World,' November 25th) which made me think a good deal. The sentences were as follows: —

'We cannot be reminded too often of our vocation as church bell ringers in contrast to our hobby of church bell ringers.'

'. . . such an oblation (i.e., a belfry prayer) would undoubtedly made us more conscious of our real vocation and invoke a proper response in our ringing and belfry conduct, and assist our progress towards being church bell ringers.'

The suggestion of both these sentences is that there is a vocation to be a church bell ringer. I'm not quite sure that this is true, nor do I think that we can make a distinction between our ringing as 'vocation' and our ringing as 'hobby.'

Surely all of us have a vocation to follow Jesus Christ; we are called to be disciples of Our Lord, and then in the light of our response to that calling and with due regard to our gifts and abilities, we find some particular piece of church work to do. It is after we have responded to our calling that we think out what our faith is going to mean in terms of service to God and our neighbours. It would seem to me that we shall serve God better if we choose to do something we enjoy doing: if our abilities suit us for bellringing, then let us be good bellringers and enjoy it. This will mean for very many the enjoyment of ringing bells for the services on Sunday and the pleasures of good Saturday peals.

What I wish we could avoid is the assumption that there is a contrast between what Mr. Birmingham calls 'our vocation as church bell ringers' and 'our hobby of church bell ringers.' Surely the contrast is between those who respond to their calling to be disciples and those who don't. If we believe and acknowledge that God is the giver of all, then everything that those who respond to their calling do with their lives ought to be an offering to God. What makes ringing an offering to God is not when and where we do it, but that we want to offer our lives—and therefore our ringing—to God. The fact that we ring for half an hour before the Parish Communion or Evensong does not necessarily invest our ringing with any quality of adoration. Bob Major rung on Sunday for a service is not necessarily a better offering to God than a good peal of Stedman on Saturday. What gives value and meaning to our ringing is that we want to reflect in our daily living our obedience and devotion to God so that whenever we ring we shall give our best as an offering to Him and thoroughly enjoy it.—Yours faithfully,

MICHAEL FREEMAN (Rev.)

Messingham Vicarage, Scunthorpe, Lincs.

GRAMOPHONE RECORDS AT CROMFORD PARISH CHURCH

Dear Sir,—The article on gramophone records of bells allowed at Cromford Parish Church, Derbyshire (page 772), needs a slight correction in regard to the mention of the six bells in the church as unsafe to ring. This, of course, is wrong, as Cromford Parish Church contains six tubular bells and, as the Rev. Mr. Read, parish priest, mentioned, these are horrible things. Compared with them the reproduction of gramophone records of bells would be an asset.

The question of six bells in this church may be confused by the fact that the Vicar of Cromford is also Vicar of Bonsall, an adjoining parish, which has six bells which are unsafe, at present, for ringing.—Yours sincerely,

RON BULLEN.

Darley Dale.

'THE RINGING WORLD'

Dear Sir,—Recently when trying to recruit a new subscriber to 'The Ringing World,' I received the following reply: I am not going to spend 8d. per week on a paper which appears to have the free advertisement of the professional peal ringers as its main object.' One wonders how many other possible new readers are lost for the same reason, for to the ordinary ringer the weekly reiteration of the same names tends to become somewhat boring.

With all due respect to Mr. Woolley most quarter peals are usually of interest for the greater proportion of them are rung for a specific reason, which does not appear to be the case with the peals. Similarly it seems that most peals are rung solely for pleasure so why should they be published free? Everyone expects to pay for their pleasure whatever form it happens to take and the ringer who could not pay, say 6d., for the publication of his peal successes would indeed be in very hazardous financial straits.

By all means make a publication charge for peals and quarters at, say, 6d. and 3d. per ringer, respectively. Had this charge been now in force the peals published on November 25th would have produced £8 14s.—and the quarters £8 4s. 6d. A weekly income of somewhere about £15-£17 would presumably put 'The Ringing World' on its feet, or would the ringers be too mean to send in their reports?

Let us have more reports of outings, which are usually interesting, frequently humorous and very often helpful to other organisers in planning their future trips, especially if the district contemplated is 'foreign.'

More reports of meetings would also be welcomed, especially those which name the home tower of visitors. It is rather fun trying to guess which ringer (or ringers) made the journey from 'Much Binding' to a meeting at 'Ambridge.'

Condense the peal reports, make a publication levy and put more of general interest into the paper. Then let every reader strive to get at least one more subscriber, but do not increase the price of the paper itself: raising fares does not appear to make public transport more popular!—Yours sincerely,

E. T. PAUL FIELD.

Knole, Langport, Somerset.

PEALS ARE NEWS

Dear Sir,—I cannot agree with the view expressed by Mr. J. T. Barrett in your issue of October 21st, that it is incumbent on those sending in peals to contribute to 'The Ringing World.'

I am not unaware of the financial difficulties which your excellent magazine is experiencing. But, nevertheless, peal reports are essentially items of news, and as such contribute in themselves to its success.—Yours faithfully,

R. N. PITTMAN.

Pembroke College, Oxford.

'A WEAK NOTE'

Dear Sir,—So 'A Flat' likens the expenses of prolific peal ringing to keeping a second wife. Anyone who can be so foolhardy as to indulge in such a doubtful luxury ought not to quibble about paying for his double trouble.

It reminds me of the little boy who shuffled through all the puddles he could find and then complained of wet feet.

A very weak note, 'A Flat,' and terribly out of tune.—Yours faithfully,

H. E. TAYLOR.

Darley Dale.

RINGING COMPETITIONS

Dear Sir,—I am pleased that Mr. Donald Price is in favour of promoting competitive ringing in his county for I am convinced it will lead to better striking, without the risk of creating bad feeling or bitterness; in over 30 years of contest ringing I have yet to encounter anything but good fellowship between the teams competing. The lessons learnt when taking part in a contest or even listening soon have their effect on Sunday service ringing and non-ringers quickly notice the improvement, often remarking that the bells 'don't sound so bad after all'!

I do not agree with the condition of entry suggested by Mr. Price, in that the band should consist of ringers local to one tower. I think that the Barnsley and District rule of a minimum of four, which safeguards against sickness, etc., would be better. Regarding prizes, these could take the form of ringing publications or tokens, so recipients could select their own book; a 'R.W.' subscription would be welcome in some cases.

I cannot resist poking my nose into the affairs of the Blandford Festival and at the risk of being told to mind my own business, I feel that where a bequest has been made for an annual ringing competition every effort should be made for one to be promoted. The money could be used for advertising, teas and providing such awards as I have previously mentioned. I certainly like the spirit of a festival but I cannot see how good striking can be promoted at such a function unless a picked band is periodically recruited to demonstrate their skill and this would certainly not be in keeping with the free and easy spirit of the festival.

Canon Cox, in his text, gave a a hint of what was needed when he quoted, 'Seek that ye may excel,' and probably would not be against a competition if correctly organised.—Yours faithfully,

N. F. MOXON.

Cawthorne, Barnsley.

CHURCH BELLS OF KENT

Dear Sir,—I am in the process of collecting material concerning 'Church Bells of Kent' with a view to rewriting the book of the same name, by J. C. L. Stahlschmidt (1887), which is very inaccurate in part, and now sadly out of date.

With the aid of some help in my spare time a systematic personal visit is being made to all Ken. belfries for the collection of material of companological interest—this was not carried out in many cases in the original book, with the result that some inscriptions and dimensions were inevitably very erroneous. (In one instance the inscriptions and dimensions of two bells in the same tower were all muddled up.)

I am very interested in old bell-frames and fittings, and am hoping to include details of these at appropriate towers.

Any information, however small, pertaining to Kent bells (past as well as present), their fittings, and the frames and steeples in which they hang, will be very gratefully received by me at the address below, and will be personally acknowledged.—Yours faithfully,

NICHOLAS J. DAVIES

The Gables, Kennington,
Ashford, Kent.

RANG IN THE BOW BELLS TIME SIGNAL

Dear Sir,—With reference to the front page of 'The Ringing World' of November 18th I beg to state that my husband, Mr. C. W. Roberts, is also a 'survivor' of the band who made the recording for the B.B.C. time signal. He rang the third bell on that occasion.—Yours faithfully,

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LETTERS—Continued

SILENT BELLS RING OUT FOR ADVENT

Dear Sir,— In the 'R.W.' of November 25th we read of two rings of bells which have been rescued from silence. To these we should now add another, as on Advent Sunday the first Sunday service ringing for over 25 years was heard from the tower of St. John the Baptist, Roughtown, Mossley, Lancs.

In August a working party, under the direction of the new Vicar, decided to clean the belfry. With the help of Geoff. Armitage (who came specially for the job), a whole week was spent in removing the usual rubbish and painting the framework and replacing some worn out fittings.

Upon examination, the bells and frame and the tower were found in good condition. As some £600 has been spent on the tower in the last few years, this has finally nailed the lie of 'unsafe tower' and a start was made to train a band of ringers.

After nearly three months of practice with tied clappers the bells have now been rung open for the first time. Perhaps this Advent-tide which has seen three rings restored to their proper duty will inspire us to reclaim all the other rings which now are 'unringable.'

Ringing at St. John's is at the moment behind restricted to service ringing and practice nights (Friday). Perhaps the time will soon come when we shall be able to welcome everyone to our belfry.—Yours sincerely,

RONALD M. EDWARDS.
(Honorary Instructor)

Dukinfield, Cheshire.

THE LATE MR. J. L. S. GLANVILL

Dear Sir,—In the excellent tribute to the late Mr. J. L. S. Glanvill, of Woodbury, there appears to be a small error. Mr. Glanvill did not take part in the first resident peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major for the Devon Guild as was suggested by your correspondent. This particular peal was rung at Highweek Parish Church, Newton Abbot, in March, 1937, conducted by the late Mr. C. R. Lilley. Of that band who rang it there are only two survivors, these being Mr. Tom Myers, of Plymouth and—Yours faithfully,

A. L. BENNETT.

Cornerways, Buckfastleigh, Devon.

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THE FECKENHAM PRACTICES

Dear Sir,—I was interested to read in 'The Ringing World' about Feckenham, and the revival there of regular practices after a long silence. However, I must point out that my own contribution to the progress that is now very real is but small. Friday not always being an easy night for me to attend. Since I agreed to take on the task of instructing the numerous learners, when Paul Cattermole left the district in October (when I assume his letter was written), the helpers came mainly from Wychbold and Hanbury—but in the last six weeks the Friday practice has become very well supported by ringers from several local towers, such as Alvechurch, Beoley and Redditch. Mention must also be made of the immense practical help 'up top' by a ringer journeying each week from Selly Oak, who I know would prefer to be nameless.

It is hoped that the Feckenham ringers will be capable of ringing their own bells in rounds by Christmas—there is certainly no lack of enthusiasm, although the 6th has recently become very badly damaged and is now unringable, luckily not affecting the remaining seven.

It is heart-warming to see a tower reborn, and to know that when one does attempt to instruct beginners, many practical ringers appear, as if from nowhere, to give useful and much needed support.—Yours sincerely,

ARTHUR D. COOK.

Wychbold.

CHAMPIONING FOUR BELL PEALS

Dear Sir,—I feel that I must write in favour of four bell peals. A peal on four bells is an achievement, both from the point of view of physical effort and of concentration. Compare the number of times a dodge is made in Plain Bob Maximus with Plain Bob Minimus!

On the physical side take, for instance, a 16 cwt. four and 16 cwt. eight: when the tenor leads a ringer must lift his bell at least twice as high when coming from the lead on four to what he has on eight. If a four bell tower has a band of ringers why should it not ring a peal? It is allowed on six and five bells where repetition of changes are unavoidable, so why not on four? Of hand-bell peals, well, if the band are capable of better things, ringing four bells is a farce.

I am afraid that the ringers on the higher numbers of bells have, for a long time, looked down upon us, the lesser brethren. We ring in our simple way for Sunday service the same as they; we give of our best, be it but Grandsire Doubles or Bob Minimus. We admire those that are capable of the complex ringing on the higher numbers; long may they continue to do so. But, please, let us, the lesser brethren, have a chance to ring 5,040 blows and to let it be recorded.—I remain, one of the lesser ringers.

JOHN E. COOK.

Birstall, Leicester.

REV. C. E. WARD

Dear Sir,—May I acknowledge with grateful appreciation the notice of my father's death appearing in your issue of October 21st last?

The peal of Bob Major rung on August 22nd, in honour of his 90th birthday, by the Sussex County Association under Mr. Colin Tester, of Brenchley, was greatly enjoyed by my father and the tribute was much valued by us all at the Old Vicarage, Salehurst.

As your notice remarks, Mr. Ward was a keen supporter and enthusiastic amateur in all bellringing matters and during his long incumbency enjoyed the support of a long succession of Salehurst teams ringing these lovely bells.

Our thanks are also due to the captain and ringers of Salehurst Church team for their trouble in arranging the birthday peal and to Mr. Tester and his team for carrying it through. Likewise to the Salehurst team who rang the half-muffled bells after his funeral on St. Michael's Day.—Yours very truly,

JOHN L. WARD.

Robertsbridge, Sussex.

THREE ASSOCIATIONS AT RICHMOND (YORKS)

Three Associations—the Yorkshire (Northern District), the Durham and Newcastle (Southern District) and the Cleveland and North Yorkshire—met at Richmond Parish Church on November 26th. It proved an extremely enjoyable meeting, with methods ranging from Grandsire Doubles and Triples, Plain Bob Major and Minor, Yorkshire and Cambridge Surprise and finished up with a touch of Spliced Cambridge and Superlative—though St. Clement's Triples proved a stumbling block.

The Rector (Rev. P. de la Poer Beresford Pierse) conducted a service, with Mr. J. A. Brown (vice-president of the Yorkshire Association) as organist. In welcoming the ringers, the Rector spoke of the increasing noise in the world, often calling people to worldly things, and stressed the duty of the ringers, and their privilege, to call people to the praise and worship of God.

Miss Killingley and her helpers provided a first rate tea, for which they were warmly thanked by Mr. T. Cox, who also thanked the Rector and the churchwardens for the use of the bells, and Mr. Brown for playing the organ.

At the business meeting of the Yorkshire Association, it was agreed to join forces with the Durham and Newcastle Association's Southern District for a meeting at Stockton on January 28th, and the method for practice is Cambridge Surprise Royal. It was agreed to hold a meeting on Easter Monday at Bedale, Yorkshire. Miss Susan Bridge, of Richmond, was elected a member.

The secretary (Mr. E. Hudson) referred to the course to be held at Grantley Hall, near Ripon, in March, and Mr. T. Cooke, president of the Durham and Newcastle Association, said it was hoped to hold a similar course at Lumley Castle, Co. Durham.

BELLS OF RICHMOND (YORKS)

The ring at Richmond, Yorks, was augmented from six to eight in 1904, the treble being given by public subscription and the second by the first Marquess of Zetland. The third was the gift of Sir Conyers D'Arcy, M.P. for Richmond, in 1739. The fourth and fifth were cast by Samuel Smith, of York, in 1697, and the sixth came from the nearby Easby Abbey, when the Abbey was dissolved. The seventh is dated 1697, and the tenor was cast by Warners' in 1863.

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OBITUARY

MR. E. G. FOSTER

Once again death has depleted the ranks of the senior members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. On November 15th the news was received of the death of Mr. E. G. Foster, at the age of 83. A vice-president of the Guild, he was almost the last of the older generation of Reading ringers, all of whom were well worth knowing, for each had a mind of his own, was fearless in standing out for what he considered to be right and had a very strong sense of duty.

Mr. Foster was born at Riseley, Berks, where his father was the police sergeant. As a young man he joined the staff of the Reading Corporation Water Department, with whom he remained for 45 years, until his retirement just before the last war. At first he was a chorister at St Luke's Church but after the First World War he learned to ring at Tilehurst Parish Church. He remained a member of that band until he joined the band at St. Laurence's, Reading, in 1927, when the band was being rebuilt under the leadership of J. R. Mackman and later of R. T. Hibbert. He remained a faithful member of that tower until blindness caused him to leave Reading two years ago.

In 1932 he became the secretary of the Reading Branch and continued in that office until 1946. During that time he had to face the difficulties of the war years, but due to his quiet steadfastness the branch emerged from those years in a sound position and became once again a centre of active progress. Previous to becoming the branch secretary he had been a branch auditor.

During his years at St. Laurence's, Mr. Foster was a prominent member of the Parochial Church Council and was involved in the administration of a charity which is in the care of that church and of the Reading Town Council. He was elected a vice-president of the Guild in 1958.

For many years a member of the Guild committee his opinions were listened to with respect. He did not ring many peals by modern standards, but he was one of whom it will be said, 'He never missed Sunday service ringing,' with all that that entails.

M. R. C.

MR. SAMUEL BIRKS

The sudden death of Mr. Samuel Birks, of Buckley, during the night of November 21st, came as a great shock to all of his many friends in Buckley and North Wales. He attended church on Sunday morning, as was his regular custom, and the writer had been discussing, with him, happily, future events.

He was 72 and had been a ringer at St. Matthew's Church since 1904 and, although he had been disabled by the loss of the lower half of one leg for over 25 years, he never complained and was regular in his attendance at service ringing until about four years ago, when a fall on an icy road damaged his stump and he was not able to use his artificial leg again. Nevertheless, his interest never wavered and he was always ready with good advice; his example and the habit of years found him at church at 10 a.m.—ringing time—an inspiration to all.

He held many offices in the church and was a member of the Parochial Church Council for more years than I can remember.

His body was brought into church on Thursday night (November 25th) and the bells were rung half-muffled; also after the funeral service the following day.

On November 26th, members of the North Wales Association and the Chester Diocesan Guild met at St. Matthew's and rang a half-muffled peal of Pershore Bob Major in memoriam. To his widow and son and daughters our deepest sympathy is extended.

A brother of Mr. Birks, Mr. Fred Birks, won the V.C. in World War I and lost his life in the action. R. I. P. D. H. B. M.

MR. JAMES WOODYATT

The death occurred on November 17th of Mr. James Woodyatt, of the St. John's band, Worcester.

Jim Woodyatt was born at Suckley, Worcs, 78 years ago, and learned to ring there. On coming to live in Worcester he joined the band at St. John's, and remained a faithful member for over 50 years, and tower secretary for 14 years. For a long period prior to his death he rang regularly at Claines Church on Sunday mornings. He was a member of the Worcestershire Association for nearly 60 years, and had taken part in 39 peals.

During his long association with St. John's he always carried out his duties in a quiet and efficient manner, and could always be relied upon. Until his health failed, about six years ago, he was seldom absent on Sunday evenings.

Sincere sympathy is extended to his family. Many of us in and around Worcester will retain happy memories of a loyal friend who will be sadly missed.

The funeral service took place at St. Barnabas' Church, Worcester, on November 22nd and was conducted by the Rev. R. F. Griffiths. Apart from the family mourners, the congregation included the Rev. M. H. Richards (Vicar of St. John's) and the following ringers: Messrs. W. Lewis (Ringing Master), T. W. Lewis, J. Jeffries, A. T. Hollis (St. John's), E. Wilson and A. Morgan (Claines), J. Ranford (Suckley), and F. Hyde (representing the Western Branch of the Worcestershire Association). After the interment, at Astwood Cemetery, handbells were rung at the graveside.

In the evening half-muffled touches of Grandsire Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering) were rung on St. John's bells in his memory.

F. H.

Beaminster Bells

Dear Sir,—I am afraid I have misled some people regarding the cost of rehanging Beaminster bells. The estimated cost of rehanging, etc., by Messrs. Taylors, of Loughborough, is £2,000. The remainder of the sum includes mechanisation of the clock and chimes and repairs to tower.—Yours sincerely,

EDNA G. PANNELL,
Honorary Secretary and Treasurer,
Beaminster St. Mary's Honorary Ringing Guild.

P.S.—The calendars are selling well via 'The Ringing World.'—E. G. P.

RINGING WEEK-END AT MELBOURNE

On November 19th three Adelaide and one Bendigo ringer spent the week-end with the St. Paul's, Melbourne, Society. The express purpose of meeting was to attempt a peal of Plain Bob Royal at the Cathedral, which failed after two hours' ringing. Those taking part were: K. T. Minchinton 1, G. Heyes 2, W. B. Pitcher 3, D. M. Pipe 4, A. Fisher 5, B. Cox 6, W. Wilson 7, E. Lloyd-Roberts 8, J. J. Roper 9, G. W. Pipe 10. The attempt was, in actual fact, the first course of Bob Royal for the ringers of 3, 6 and 7, and these three deserve highest praise for a very good performance.

To make up for the disappointment a first class quarter of Stedman Triples was recorded and this was undoubtedly some of the best ringing we have heard for some time.

In between some jolly good meals and hard talking a more convivial evening was spent at Ken Minchinton's home. Sunday saw us trying our hand at Cambridge, Double Norwich, Grandsire Caters, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and altogether some pleasing touches were brought round.

Congratulations once again to the Adelaide band for their most enviable progress over the past year and we can confidently say another very happy week-end together again

G. W. P.

TONBRIDGE AND MAIDSTONE YOUNG RINGERS

Ten young, enthusiastic members of the Tonbridge and Maidstone districts of the Kent County Association held a ringing tour on November 19th. The tour was planned for towers in North Kent, including the Isle of Sheppey.

An early start was made from Tunbridge Wells by dormobile, and after picking up remaining friends in Maidstone we made our way to Stockbury (5), Hartlip (6), Newington (6) and Tunstall (8), where we were met by Mr. Spice and welcomed most cordially. With his help we rang a course of Cambridge Surprise Major, and left to ring at Eastchurch (6).

Lunch and refreshment was then enjoyed at the nearest hostelry before travelling to Minster (6). Unfortunately we were not met at Queenborough (6), so travelled with speed to Milton Regis (6), where we stood in wonder at the size of the ringing chamber, but found the six bells very pleasant to ring. At Rainham (8) we were again made very welcome and also at Frindsbury (8). Here, with the help of Mr. C. Jarrett (and a little advice), a decent course of Cambridge was again brought round with little difficulty.

The last tower was Hoo (6), where we thoroughly enjoyed the bells. All agreed that it was a very worthwhile day of ringing and our thanks go to Brian Jeffrey for arranging the towers and to Colin Tester for driving.

M. A. L.

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BIRTH

CHAMPION.—On Sunday, November 27th, 1960, to Myrtle and Colin Champion, a son, James Maxwell; both well.

GOLDEN WEDDING

MR. & MRS. H. BARRATT, of Barley, near Royston, Herts, celebrate their golden wedding on Dec. 12th, 1960. Mr. Barratt was a member of the Minchinhampton, Glos, band for 40 years. 7095

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

CHILCOTT.—The address of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Chilcott is now 42, Lavender Road, West Ewell, Surrey. 7088

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From December 15th, 1960, to April 21st, 1961, the address of Shirley Burton, of Leicester, will be: c/o Mrs. C. Kyle, 1, Raglan Street, Mornington, Dunedin, New Zealand. 7073

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS to ringing friends, our annual feature, will be published in issue of December 16th and these should be received at our office by Monday, December 12th. The price is 4s. for 36 words. Because of postal delays it is essential that notices for the issues of December 23rd and 30th should be received well in advance (December 19th latest).

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at 'The Rising Sun,' Carter Lane, E.C., Saturday, December 10th, at 6 p.m. Forthcoming practices: December 13th, St. Paul's Cathedral, 6.30 p.m.; December 20th, St. Lawrence Jewry, 6.30; January 3rd, Southwark Cathedral, 6.45 p.m. There will be no practice on Tuesday, December 27th. Will members please note secretary's new address.—John Chilcott, 42, Lavender Road, West Ewell, Surrey. 7087

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District. — Meeting, Arlesey, December 10th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special methods: Double Bob and Wells Surprise. Will you make this meeting a success.—A. Smith, Dis. Sec. 7096

EAST DERBYSHIRE & NOTTS ASSOCIATION and Chesterfield District, DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting on Saturday, December 10th, at North Wingfield. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome.—B. A. Sollis and A. B. Cooper, Hon Secs. 7092

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Meeting at Wadhurst, Saturday, December 10th. Tea at 'The Willow Plate,' Durgates. 7047

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting on Saturday, December 10th, at St. Andrew's, Chesterton. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—E. W. Bullman. 7070

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Walpole St. Peter, Saturday, December 10th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 7060

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Wotton Branch.—Annual meeting, Wotton (8), Saturday, December 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Meeting 5.30 p.m.—B. Cooper, Flat 2, Rangers House, Woodmancote, Dursley. 7077

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Farnham District.—Nomination meeting at Aldershot (8), Saturday, December 10th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 7063

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midland District. —Quarterly meeting, St. Nicolas', King's Norton, Birmingham, Saturday, December 10th. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Tea 5, followed by meeting. Ringing 6-8 p.m. 7067

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Meeting, Saturday, December 10th, St. John's, Deptford. Bells 3.30 p.m. Business 5 p.m. Tea, own arrangements. Evening ringing, St Mary's, Lewisham, 6.30-8 p.m. All welcome. 7061

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Aylsham, Saturday, December 10th. Rededication of rehung bells (10). Service 3 p.m. Ringing after service until 6 p.m., and from 7-9 p.m. Enquiries regarding tea to N. J. A. Pumphrey, 14, Buxton Road, Aylsham. 7080

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The monthly practice will be held on Saturday, December 10th, at Langley. Ringing from 6 to 9 p.m.—Miss D. Hague. 7081

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS and MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting at St. Augustine's, Kilburn (near Kilburn Park tube station), on Saturday, December 10th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea to follow. Ringing also at St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway Road, 2.30-4 p.m. 7040

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Section.—The meeting advertised for December 10th, at Betchworth, has been tranferred to Nutfield. All other arrangements as previous advert.—G. A. West, Hon. Sec. 7084

SUFFOLK GUILD. — S.W. District. — Annual general meeting at Bures (8), Saturday, December 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. 7057

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—Practice meeting at Findon (6), on Saturday, December 10th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 7058

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY — Meeting, Saturday, Dec. 10th, Clapham, St. Mary's (R.C.), Clapham Park Road, 3-4; Holy Trinity, West Hill, Wandsworth, 4.30-5.30; All Saints', Wandsworth, 6.30-7.30 p.m. 7086

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District. — Meeting, Dunstable, Saturday, December 17th. Bells (8) 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by 15th. to Mr. A. G. Matthews, 57, Tring Road, Dunstable.—K. G. Spavins, Dis. Sec. 7089

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Sandbach, December 17th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by December 14th. No name no tea.—W. Kerr, 102, Moreton Road, Crewe. 7098

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Meeting, Neston, December 17th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea free for those notifying by Wednesday previous.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 7101

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Meeting at Thornaby, Saturday, December 17th, at 3 p.m. —P. W. B. Semmens, M.A., Hon. Sec. 7079

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Peak District.—Meeting at Burbage, Buxton, on Saturday, December 17th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea only, at 5 p.m. All welcome.—H. E. Taylor, Dis. Sec. 7097

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The Charles W. Blakey Memorial Table and Visitors Book will be dedicated on Saturday, December 17th, at Rishton Parish Church. A cordial invitation is extended to all who wish to attend. The arrangements will be as follows: 3 p.m., bells available for ringing; 4, service, conducted by Rev. W. Brandwood, Vicar of Rishton; preacher, Rev. R. D. St. John Smith, president of the L.A.C.R.; 5 p.m.(approx.), tea will be provided at a small charge; please send names for tea to Mr. A. Yates, 15, Norfolk Street, Rishton, Blackburn, Lancs, at least one week in advance. There will be further ringing after tea.—John Pilkington, Branch Sec. 7036

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District. — Hugglescote, December 17th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., Castle Inn. Names by 13th. to E. J. Tovell, Jenny's Lane, Ravenstone, Leicestershire.—C. W. Hall. 7082

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting at Barrow-on-Soar, on Saturday, December 17th, Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, in Church Room, 5 p.m. Names by previous Wednesday, to Mr. B. S. Payne, 66, Melton Road. 7085

SELBY AND BEVERLEY DISTRICT SOCIETIES.—Joint meeting, Goole, December 17th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Christmas tea, Church Hall, 5 p.m. (mod. charge). Names, please, on or before December 15th, to Mrs. J. J. Taylor, 165, Dunhill Road, Goole.—L. M. Woodhead and K. Kirk, Hon. Secs. 7095

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Aldrington (6), Saturday, December 17th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify Mrs. D. H. Paine, 21, Hogarth Road, Hove, 3, numbers requiring tea.—George North, Div. Hon. Sec. 7083

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Annual meeting, Trowbridge, Saturday, January 7th, 1961. Bells (12) 4 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Other towers available: North Bradley (8), 2.30-3.45; Hilperton (6), 2.30-3.45 p.m. Names for tea essential by January 2nd, please, to E. J. Hitchins, 136, Bradley Road, Trowbridge, Wilts. 7078

The Cheltenham Committee for Education in conjunction with The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

To start on Wednesday, January 11th, 1961, at 7 p.m. a course on BELL RINGING, running for 11 weeks, at Monkscroft County Secondary School, Cheltenham. Full details and forms of application may be obtained from Miss E. M. Bliss, Beech Pike, Elkstone, Cheltenham. The course will be of interest to ringers at all stages, and is open to anyone. Fee: under 18 5s., over 18 10s.—C. Rouse, Gen. Sec., G. and B. Association. 7090

A NEW STAFFORDSHIRE SIX

IMMEDIATELY outside the borough, notwithstanding repeated efforts by the Burton Corporation to absorb it, lies the village of Stretton-cum-Wetmoor, and the traveller entering or leaving the brewing town by the Derby end can scarcely fail to notice the striking sandstone church surmounted by its massive red roofed tower.

Almost as well known as the name Bass, the name of Gretton has long been associated with Burton—in church life, industry and in Parliament, and like many of the churches inside the borough the Church of St. Mary, Stretton, was built by a brewer, Mr. John Gretton, sixty-three years ago.

When the church was built three bells, weighing 13, 17 and 25¼ cwt. were installed by Mears and from the arrangement of the oak framework it is obvious that they were intended to form the back three of a ring of eight.

A year or two ago it was deemed unsafe to ring the bells and a scheme was mooted to recast them into a lighter ring of six, which has now been accomplished.

The church, beautifully decorated for the harvest festival was filled to capacity on October 14th, when the Bishop of Lichfield, Dr. A. S. Reeve, dedicated not only the bells but the church's first processional cross and a new parish hall, the latter a 'do it yourself' effort by a handful of parishioners in five years.

Referring to the new hall, in an address during the service, Dr. Reeve expressed appreciation of all the effort which had gone into its construction.

The cross, he said, would add dignity to the worship in the church.

Of the bells, he said: 'This is a time when the art of change-ringing is very much on the increase again. We are finding more people, both men and women, coming forward to mount the steps to the towers of our churches and ring the bells. The art of change-ringing is one of the most beautiful things when it is well executed and, I think, the most glorious of sounds.'

Among those attending the service and dedication ceremony were the Rural Dean of Tutbury (Archdeacon E. Aldington Hunt, Vicar of Burton), the former vicar of Stretton (the Rev. F. S. L. Ramsden), and Lord Gretton, O.B.E., who read the lesson.

After the dedication of the hall a course of Cambridge Minor was rung by S. H. Jones 1, J. P. Fidler 2, P. L. Taylor 3, H. Marcon 4, J. W. Cotton 5, R. H. Dove 6. Later, visitors from Repton, Church Gresley and the Burton churches kept the bells going to a variety of methods.

The Vicar of Stretton, the Rev. D. B. Laughton, is himself a ringer and the church is fortunate in having an enthusiastic ringer in the choir, Mr. Fred Pearce, who successfully inaugurated the restoration and augmentation of the bells at nearby Tutbury, 27 years ago.

Perhaps one's only regret is that a tower measuring some twenty-two feet square might not have a heavier ring, but the bells are a pleasant Taylor six, with a tenor of about 10 cwt., and it is expected that the pits already provided for the two trebles will not remain vacant for long. R. H. D.

LATE NOTICES

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Hatfield, Saturday, December 17th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., in Memorial Hall. Names for tea to Miss A. Chapman, 18, Endymion Road, Hatfield. Tel. Hatfield 2191.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 7102

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Meeting at St. James', Birch-in-Rusholme, Saturday, December 17th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, December 14th, to Miss Dorothy France, 61, Bulkeley Road, Cheadle, Cheshire.—W. H. Riddle, Sec. 7100

OVER WALLOP, HANTS.—On Nov. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, St. Albans, Eynsham, St. Simon's, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Clifford's Pleasure, Southrepps Pleasure, Kennington, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire): B. C. Burrough 1, H. N. Evans 2, C. R. C. Coussmaker (cond.) 3, R. A. Brown 4, A. J. Tumber 5.

RAISING THE STANDARD

Compositions Of Stedman Caters And Cinques

By D. E. PARSONS

(Continued from page 807)

If the back bells are kept in the Tittums and handstroke positions only, the next requirement is for blocks of calls which include the eight ....56s, but are 'padded.' The following are examples of this:—

5,055 STEDMAN CATERS
By C. W. ROBERTS

	231456789	5	6	15	16
	316452978		A		
	612453	—			
	241356	—		—	
	234156			—	
	216354			—	—
	132456		—	—	—
	143256			—	
D	124653	S		—	
D	261354		—	—	—
D	236154			—	
D	312456		—	—	—
D	341256			—	
	326451			—	—
	243156		—	—	—
	214356			—	
	416352	—			
	634152	—		—	—
	315462		B		
	214365		D		
	315462879		C		
	214365		D		

A=1s, 2, 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14.
B=4, 5, 6, 15, 16.
C=2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 14

5,019 STEDMAN CINQUES
By C. W. ROBERTS

	1234567890E	6	7	18	19
	12645378E90			A	
	623451	—			
	342156	—		—	
	314256			—	
	326154			—	—
	213456		—	—	—
D	241356			—	
	231456	S		—	—
	243156			—	
	216453			—	—
	142356		—	—	—
	134256			—	
	316254	—	—		
	614253	—			
	125463			B	
	134265			D	
	1254638709E			C	
	134265			D	

A=1s, 2, 9s, 15s, 18, 19, starting slow six.
B=5, 6, 7, 18, 19.
C=2, 5s, 13s, 14, 15, 18s, 19.

These peals are not often rung, probably because of the unusual calling positions and transpositions and, dare I suggest, because they look just like any other of Mr. Roberts' peals when published. Who knows, if one of them became nicknamed 'Roberts' Musical,' we might have another élite band of ringers who had called it from every working bell, or rung it in 99 different towers. To be serious, though, the padding course ends in these peals do not have the 6th in 4ths place at all, but let it fill trebles and 3rds place. To my mind this is too high a price to pay for the admitted saving in singles.

In order to encourage people to ring the eight ....65 block type of composition, a compromise has been made in this next peal, whereby only the handstroke block is on this principle.

5,007 STEDMAN CINQUES
By F. E. DARBY

	2314567890E	6	19
	31625478E90	A	
C	312456		2
C	2143	—	2
C	4132	—	2
C	4123	S	2
C	2134	—	2
C	3142	—	2
	316452		—
	512463	—	14s 3
	213465	—	3
	2143	C	
	4321658709E	B	
	3421	7s	
	2134	—18—	
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(To be continued)

THE LADIES' GUILD

Midland District

Despite dense fog, ringers assembled at Measham on November 19th from Droitwich, Castle Bromwich, Nottingham, Crewe, Bloxwich and Leicester, for a Midland District meeting. A warm welcome was extended by the Vicar, who conducted shortened Evensong. The Vicar's wife and helpers arranged an excellent home-made tea, which was speedily dealt with by young South Wigston and Blaby supporters, who had organised a minibus.

After tea the vice-president, Miss Thompson, thanked the Vicar for his arrangements, Mr. Warwick for playing the organ and also for arranging the coach which enabled 26 ringers to sit down to tea. The gentlemen than adjourned to the tower for further ringing, whilst the ladies held their meeting. Mention was made and support hoped for, for the meeting to be held in London on January 21st for the unveiling of a new peal board to commemorate the 35th anniversary of the ringing of a peal by all ladies, of Stedman Caters. The annual general meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Derby, with St. Alkmund's open in the evening on February 18th. The April meeting will be on the 22nd, at Attenborough, Notts, but this is subject to confirmation. W. M. W.

A BALDOCK OUTING

'A half-day outing in **November?**'

'But it'll be dark at four o'clock, and think of the fog!'

Despite these depressing comments when the outing had to be postponed from September, the expedition was a success, with only one tragedy, the difference in Essex licensing hours, to mar the day for some.

Although grey and rainy when we left home, the weather improved, and kept quite good, without any of the dreaded fog later on. Great Dunmow was the first tower, the 21 cwt. octave being deemed 'the finest in East Anglia,' and 'real beauties!' Felstead's 12 cwt. octave, though fair, came as an anticlimax before going to tea in Braintree. There we met Mr. L. Wiffen, who accompanied us to the remaining towers. St. Michael's, Braintree, is another eight, with an unexpectedly steep climb to the ringing chamber, though well worth it. Bocking has another unusual route, up a spiral iron staircase, and a good heavy eight when you get there. Halstead was enjoyed, and a beautiful course of Bristol was rung.

We were most fortunate in meeting a warm welcome everywhere we went, and in the weather. J. S.

5,040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

By C. KENNETH LEWIS

234567890	6th	M	W	7th	Out	H
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First rung at Macclesfield, November 19th, 1960.

5,040 VERDON SURPRISE ROYAL

By SHIRLEY BURTON

M	W	H	23456
	—	3	52436
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—	3		34625
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First rung at the Bell Foundry, Loughborough, November 21st, 1960, conducted by Brian G. Warwick.

NETHER WALLOP, HANTS.—On Nov. 19th, 1,320 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Doubles: H. N. Evans 1, B. C. Burrough 2, C. R. C. Goussmaker (cond.) 3, G. R. Crisp 4, A. J. Tumber 5.

OXFORD.—At St. Mary Magdalene, on Nov. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. N. Stubbs 1, A. Green (first 'inside') 2, D. Bennett 3, A. J. Thompson 4, N. J. Martin (cond.) 5, D. T. Darby 6. Rung for St. Hugh's and St. Hilda's Days.

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TO ALL RINGERS—'A HAPPY CHRISTMAS'

By CANON C. C. COX

IT is in that simplest form we would convey our wishes once again today. And it can be sufficient. There is no need to choose Christmas cards worded with more or less elaborate sentimentality. Many of those decorative forms of greeting point to a superficial and inadequate conception of the Festival. They seem to imply only 'Have a good time! Get all the pleasure you can out of your Christmas dinners and gatherings!' In that sense, of course, the wish may be sincere enough. But then, after Christmas, no one may be any better, even if no one is any the worse.

The fact cannot be disguised that of the millions who will exchange Christmas greetings a large majority will be giving little or no thought to the origin of Christmas. A religious occasion can so easily become paganised. Nowadays the commercial world lays itself out at some cost to advertise it as the 'Gift Season'; even the least ecclesiastical shops display the traditional picture cards and trade, perhaps, Crib figures. The general public is offered every inducement to spend money, and the commercial world expects to make a good cash profit out of the Christian Festival.

The possibility does exist, of course, that some who 'keep' Christmas only in the worldly sense may pause to reflect a little upon the meaning of what is being celebrated, upon the significance of giving 'presents,' upon the reason for the church bells ringing; even wistful, perhaps, to know what is going on inside the churches to which they see people eagerly moving. We can only hope and pray that some hearts and minds may be opened to seek and find the deep reality.

Seriously, 'A happy Christmas to you' is more than a mere wish. It really takes on the nature of a prayer. It is not just to be lost in the air, or buried under a wealth of holly berries and paper wrappings. It should be given in the faith that it will reach fulfilment, by the one who receives it co-operating with the heart of the giver. That is the Christian interpretation of the Gift of God Incarnate in history, claiming a thoughtful and universal response from men. The first Christmas wish was of heavenly origin, and it was worded in the right order: 'Glory to God in the Highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men'—which makes Christmas more than an annual flash of enjoyment. It is in truth a flash of light as from a dazzling star piercing the darkness, to catch up wonder from men. Yet still more than that: it is the Birth of a new dynamic which is to have a permanent effect upon human life; a dynamic centres in a Person, the Son of God Himself, born of a woman, 'Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them second birth'; which, year after year, is to be in process of fulfilment.

Here is the reminder that the Christian Church has been born for the one purpose of regenerating humanity. It is no humanly-devised institution, but the very Spirit of God moving in a world of labour and conflict. As such it carries—albeit ideally as yet—the resolving element in all human problems, and the element of mercy in all human judgments. It is God's own agency on earth for the awakening of conscience and for salvation from sin.

That is what the church bells have to say each Christmas Day. 'Rejoice in the Crib of Bethlehem; yes, but come to it like little children who are open to be loved, open to love as they are loved, who are ready to be born again in self-discipline, prepared to glory in the shadow of the Cross for the sake of the Light beyond.'

Let our Christmas wishes, then, echo that of the heavenly host and proclaim a new birth, both for ringers and for ringing; a new dynamic each year with which to become possessed. The old life, the old ways—into which, may be, we have dropped back a little—won't do. We are not living merely in the present, but *for* the future. The new man must be put on. And that new man is Jesus Christ born at Bethlehem, never to stay there but moving and growing and inspiring ceaselessly 'until the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.'

Consider, too, how the influence of this new birth is to bear upon the family, or society, or brotherhood of ringers—whichever word best describes that association. Church bellringers are a family bound together, not just by a common interest, but by a personal fellowship with a Personal Leader, symbolised by the captain in the tower or, in wider sense, the president of an area Guild. And, on the more spiritual level, by the incumbent of the parish under the bishop of the diocese, the latter in his turn submissive to the Archbishop of the Province—all deriving their policies and relationships from the Divine Humanity of Him Who was once the Babe of Bethlehem.

To wish 'A happy Christmas' then today involves the recognition of all this again. It is the time to welcome Him, the Prince of Peace, the King of Love, *anew* into our belfries, into our hearts, into all our service as churchmen and churchwomen: to welcome Him now as more than the Babe of Christian history, rather as the full-grown Son of Man; as the sublime Teacher; as the great unseen Conductor through 'all the changes and chances of this mortal life.' (Continued on next page)

Let our greeting, then, in the time-honoured words, carry the vision and prophecy of its fulfilment. And as on Christmas morning we move from our Communion at the Altar—the mystical outcome of long ago Bethlehem—rejoice in the assurance that, through our humble and faithful co-operation with the will of God the Saviour, the church bells we handle shall

'Ring out the darkness of the land;
Ring in the love of Truth and Right;
Ring in the common love of Good;
Ring in the Christ that is to be!'

THREE PEALS IN ONE DAY ON SOUTH TYNESIDE

ALL RUNG FOR THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

JARROW-ON-TYNE, CO. DURHAM.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in eight methods: (1) Double Court, (2) St. Clement's, (3) Beverley Surprise, (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) Surfleet Surprise, (6) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 8¼ cwt.

NORMAN ERRINGTON	*Treble*	CHARLES N. LEA	4
GEORGE S. DEAS	2	ERIC W. HARRISON	5
KENNETH ARTHUR	3	J. ALAN AINSWORTH	*Tenor*

Conducted by KENNETH ARTHUR.
First peal on the bells for over 30 years.

GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE, CO. DURHAM.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

CHARLES N. LEA	*Treble*	GEORGE S. DEAS	5
JOHN E. ANDERSON	2	KENNETH W. CHEESEMAN	6
MARION S. AINSWORTH	3	KENNETH ARTHUR	7
*FREDERICK ROSS	4	J. ALAN AINSWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.
* First peal of Surprise 'inside.'

SOUTH SHIELDS, CO. DURHAM.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HILDA,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 9 cwt. 43 lb.

JOHN E. ANDERSON	*Treble*	†FREDERICK ROSS	5
GEORGE S. DEAS	2	ERIC N. HARRISON	6
J. ALAN AINSWORTH	3	ROBIN G. TURNER	7
*NORMAN ERRINGTON	4	CHARLES N. LEA	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES N. LEA.
* First peal of Surprise 'inside.' † First in the method.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 28, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 25 cwt.

MRS. J. HUNTING	*Treble*	GEOFFREY M. BREWIN	7
HERRICK B. BOWLEY	2	GEORGE W. MASSEY	8
PETER J. STANIFORTH	3	JOHN A. ACRES	9
*PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	4	ROBERT B. SMITH	10
JACK P. KESTERTON	5	WILLIAM J. ROOT	11
SHIRLEY BURTON	6	JOHN A. ANDERSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERRICK B. BOWLEY.
* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus.
Rung with the best wishes of the band to Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Burton, who left on December 16th to visit their daughter in New Zealand.

LONDON.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Wed., Nov. 30, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 48 cwt. in B.

JOHN PHILLIPS	*Treble*	DENNIS RANDALL	7
MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT	2	MICHAEL P. MORETON	8
ROGER F. OVERINGTON	3	BRIAN D. THRELFALL	9
ALAN J. FROST	4	PHILIP A. F. CHALK	10
WILLIAM T. COOK	5	JOHN H. CRAMPION	11
JAMES PHILLIPS	6	WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by DAVID E. PARSONS. Conducted by MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT.
Rung to mark the consecration as Bishop of Warrington of Canon L. Brown, formerly Vice-Provost of Southwark.

TEN BELL PEALS

KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.
ST MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E.

R. ANN BARR	*Treble*	*CHARLES A. S. WEBB	6
*LINDA M. HUGHES	2	PAUL W. WEBB	7
RODERICK W. PIPE	3	*ROGER J. GAY	8
*ANN E. FELLOWS	4	JOHN MCDONALD	9
*ALMA M. GREAVES	5	*GEOFFREY DAVIES	*Tenor*

Composed by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD. Conducted by JOHN MCDONALD.
* First peal of Caters. First of Caters as conductor.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Nov. 20, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL
Being 2,520 each of Cambridge and Yorkshire, with 55 changes of method. Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in D.

A. PETER WHITEHEAD	*Treble*	F. JOHN NELSON	6
RONALD J. JOHNSTON	2	DEREK OGDEN	7
NEIL BENNETT	3	EDWARD JENKINS	8
FREDERICK W. GROCOTT	4	BARRIE HENDRY	9
FREDERICK SHALLCROSS	5	DEREK TAYLOR	*Tenor*

Composed by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.
First peal of Spliced Surprise Royal for the Association.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.
LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 ISLEWORTH LITTLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 16¼ cwt. in E.

MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS	*Treble*	GERALD PENNEY	6
*JOHN R. PERRETT	2	JAMES W. WALLMAN	7
THOMAS J. LOCK	3	GEOFFREY DODDS	8
MRS. JOYCE DODDS	4	WILFRID G. WILSON	9
*JOHN G. PUSEY	5	HAROLD W. ROGERS	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by GEOFFREY DODDS.
* First peal of Royal. First peal in the method.

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5093 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 23 cwt. in D.

*ROGER DURRANT	*Treble*	‡CHRISTOPHER E. HAYTER	6
†STEPHEN P. DARVILL	2	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM	7
A. ROWLAND TYSOE	3	STANLEY HUCKLE	8
‡CHRISTINE M. RIMMER	4	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM	9
KENNETH J. DARVILL	5	ERIC EDMONDSON	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE W. DEBENHAM.
* First peal. † First in the method. ‡ First of Caters.

ISLEWORTH LITTLE BOB ROYAL
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EIGHT BELL PEALS

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Nov. 7, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F.

RODERICK W. PIPE	*Treble*	BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	5
*ANN E. FELLOWS	2	GEOFFREY DAVIES	6
ALMA M. GREAVES	3	PAUL W. WEBB	7
MAUREEN M. WOOLLEY	4	JOHN A. ANDERSON	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.
* First peal on eight bells.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

DONALD G. CLIFT	*Treble*	EUSTACE W. BULLMAN	5
JOHN G. GIPSON	2	DONALD F. MURFET	6
DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS	3	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS	7
GEORGE E. THODAY	4	MANSFIELD GINN	*Tenor*

Composed by N. PITSTOW. Conducted by MANSFIELD GINN.
Rung in memoriam Frederick Hurry, of Sawston, a ringer for 56 years, who died on November 16th, 1960.

WOBURN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in D.

J. George Shellard	*Treble*	James Linnell	5
William J. Chester	2	Frederick Vickers	6
Thomas E. Roberts	3	William A. Yates	7
Charles E. Truman	4	George W. Holland	*Tenor*

Composed by E. W. Tipler. Conducted by George W. Holland.

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 21, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5024 GAINSBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

John E. Allen	*Treble*	Edwin T. Chapman	5
Stanley E. Bennett	2	*J. Martin Thorley	6
Ronald C. Noon	3	*George W. Massey	7
Albert W. A. Leggett	4	Cyril R. Burrell	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Ronald C. Noon.
* First peal in the method.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Nov. 25, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

Joan Beresford	*Treble*	Frederick J. Cullum	5
Arthur G. Mason	2	Bernard F. L. Groves	6
*Paul J. Dye	3	Ian H. Oram	7
Herbert E. Audsley	4	Philip A. Corby	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.
* First peal in the method.

AYLESFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Lambert's variation of Pritchard's. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

George Fry	*Treble*	Monty Gilbert	5
Olive D. Couchman	2	Martin Howe	6
Margaret A. Ladd	3	Bernard F. L. Groves	7
Barbara Manship	4	Colin A. Tester	*Tenor*

Conducted by Colin A. Tester.

BREWOOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Mary and Chad,
A PEAL OF 5184 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

*Penelope Sedgwick	*Treble*	James S. Eastwood	5
Barnabas G. Key	2	*Roger L. Hawkesworth	6
Maurice G. Turner	3	Howard Howell	7
*George L. Roobottom	4	Clive M. Smith	*Tenor*

Composed by M. Hodgson. Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.
* First peal in the method on eight bells.

HEYWOOD, LANCASHIRE
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. Luke,
A PEAL OF 5088 HEYWOOD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr. in D.

John Robinson	*Treble*	Geoffrey Cheetham	5
John P. Partington	2	Gordon Rothwell	6
*Keith Abbott	3	Geoffrey Mills	7
Michael D. Fishwick	4	Edward Jenkins	*Tenor*

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley. Conducted by Edward Jenkins.
* First peal of Surprise. First of Surprise on the bells. Believed to be the first in the method (Corrigan's No. 159).

LONG ASHTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in D flat.

Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay	*Treble*	Gwilym G. Salmon	5
Arthur H. Reed	2	Philip N. Tubbs	6
Dorothy T. Gardiner	3	Lewis F. Cobb	7
Frank L. Harris	4	John H. Gilbert	*Tenor*

Composed by R. F. B. Speed. Conducted by John H. Gilbert.

ROLLESTON-ON-DOVE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5056 STAFFORDSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in F sharp.

Frederick E. Wilshaw	*Treble*	Arthur Pritchard	5
*Eric Speake	2	*Robert B. Smith	6
*Robert J. Warrilow	3	*David W. Friend	7
*David W. Brunning	4	*Derek P. Jones	*Tenor*

Composed by John R. Mayne. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.
* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.

SOUTHWELL, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral and Collegiate Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
A PEAL OF 5152 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 27 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb.

Malcolm Phipps	*Treble*	Ernest Preston	5
Malcolm Foster	2	Dennis Cooper	6
*George Challans	3	Herbert T. Rooke	7
A. Benjamin Cooper	4	Douglas H. Rooke	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Douglas H. Rooke.
* 150th peal. First in the method on the bells.
Rung as a birthday compliment to H. T. Rooke, J. T. Rooke, G. Challans, F. Cooke and A. B. Cooper.

STRETFORD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Matthew,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb. in G.

Neil Bennett	*Treble*	*Peter Scholfield	5
F. John Nelson	2	David W. James	6
A. Peter Whitehead	3	Derek Ogden	7
Frederick Shallcross	4	Ronald J. Johnston	*Tenor*

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Derek Ogden.
* 50th peal for the Association.
Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to Mr. Wilfred Moss, a ringer at Stretford for over 60 years.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Mary and Michael,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

W. J. Ridgman (Queens')	*Treble*	H. E. Bishop (Selwyn)	5
*L. Smith (Queens')	2	Frances Secker (Girton)	6
Clare Webster (Girton)	3	Hilary Muirhead (Newn.)	7
*H. C. Lewis (Fitz. H.)	4	T. G. Page (Downing)	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Hilary Muirhead.
* First peal of Major. First as conductor.

TURVEY, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19¼ cwt.

*Anthony H. Smith	*Treble*	Alan S. Smith	5
Henry C. Foster	2	Murray A. Coleman	6
Harold W. Peacock	3	John H. Bluff	7
R. Frank Baker	4	Bryan F. Sims	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Bryan F. Sims.
* First peal.

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UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In five methods, containing 1,120 London, 1,088 Superlative and 1,024 each of Bristol, Cambridge and Pudsey, with 107 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

R. GEORGE MORRIS	*Treble*	BARRIE HENDRY	5
RUTH M. BORDER	2	JOHN A. ANDERSON	6
PETER BORDER	3	JOHN MCDONALD	7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

WARGRAVE, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in E.

KATHLEEN M. HIGGINS	*Treble*	STANLEY G. PONTING	5
ANNE C. GARNETT	2	J. KEITH WARD	6
ERNEST J. MUNDAY	3	ROBIN G. LEALE	7
WILLIAM S. DEASON	4	FREDERICK R. SCOTT	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

AYLESTONE, LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Nov. 30, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
F. H. Dexter's No. 1. Tenor 15¾ cwt.

*S. MARIE DAVENPORT	*Treble*	A. JAMES POYNOR	5
PATRICIA A. WARDLE	2	*TERRY I. ROPER	6
RUSSELL S. MORRIS	3	PETER J. STANIFORTH	7
*SANDRA E. CHESTERTON	4	PAUL MARTIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.
* First peal of Stedman.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

STOKE POGES, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Nov. 30, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Sir A. P. Heywood's transposition of Thurstans' Four-Part.
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.

*DAVID P. HILLING	*Treble*	MRS. ARTHUR D. BARKER	5
†JANET K. SECKER	2	WILFRID G. WILSON	6
ARTHUR D. BARKER	3	†PETER M. WILKINSON	7
JENNIFER M. DAVIES	4	VINCENT T. CHERRILL	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR D. BARKER.
* First peal, and first attempt for Stedman (aged 14 years). † First of Stedman.

NORTHAMPTON.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 1, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5184 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt.

AVRIL IVIN	*Treble*	STEPHEN IVIN	5
*MICHAEL R. BENNETT	2	GEORGE W. MASSEY	6
*†ERIC BILLINGS	3	*WILLIAM A. YATES	7
*DAVID J. MARSHALL	4	*PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.
* First peal in the method. † 25th peal.

ALDERMASTON, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
On Fri., Dec. 2, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 THE DRAGON MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in G.

ARTHUR SAYERS	*Treble*	ERNEST J. MUNDAY	5
RONALD K. RUSS	2	JOHN MANLEY	6
REGINALD W. REX	3	RONALD F. DISERENS	7
ALBERT DISERENS	4	GEOFFREY K. DODD	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.
Believed to be the first peal rung in this method.

BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.
THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9¼ cwt.

ERNEST J. LADD	*Treble*	JOHN WARNER	5
ANN GEORGE	2	BRIAN JEFFERY	6
OLIVE D. COUCHMAN	3	STANLEY JENNER	7
MARGARET A. LADD	4	COLIN A. TESTER	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by COLIN A. TESTER.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE LORD MAYOR'S CHAPEL (ST. MARK'S),
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being an extent each of Cambridge, Double Oxford and St. Clement's, and two each of Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

ELISABETH A. G. BOWDEN	*Treble*	JOHN C. BALDWIN	4
CLIFFORD RICHARDS	2	ROYSTON BLACKLER	5
DAVID J. PURNELL	3	DON C. EXELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROYSTON BLACKLER.

KNAPTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Nov. 10, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Being 42 extents. Tenor 5¼ cwt.

ALLEN TWYMAN	*Treble*	DAVID CUBITT	3
ANDREW R. HARVEY	2	GILBERT E. LARTER	4
		GEOFFREY R. DREW	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY R. DREW.

PASTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Nov. 15, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Consisting of two extents of St. Clement's and five of Plain Bob.
Tenor 11½ cwt.

AMBROSE E. MASON	*Treble*	DAVID CUBITT	4
FREDERICK BOYCE	2	GILBERT E. LARTER	5
HORACE LUBBOCK	3	GEOFFREY R. DREW	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY R. DREW.

CATFIELD, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 23, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Consisting of 15 extents Grandsire (six callings) and 27 Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt.

AMBROSE E. MASON	*Treble*	GILBERT E. LARTER	3
ANDREW R. HARVEY	2	DAVID CUBITT	4
		*GEOFFREY R. DREW	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY R. DREW.
* 75th peal for the Association.

BENFIELDSIDE, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Nov. 24, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 720 each of Beverley Surprise, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

IRIS THOMPSON	*Treble*	J. ALAN AINSWORTH	4
JOHN E. ANDERSON	2	GEORGE S. DEAS	5
CHRISTOPHER T. LAMB	3	ERIC N. HARRISON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERIC N. HARRISON.
First peal of Minor as conductor.

THRYBERGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Nov. 25, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MINOR
Being seven extents in 98 methods: (1) Walsingham, Cromer, Olney, Tibenham, Lammas, Steventon, Fulmer, Chalfont, Penshurst, Northaw, Allesley, Snodland, Calverleigh, Hever, Wrentham and Swanscombe Alliance, St. Lawrence Little Bob, Little Bob and Crayford Little Court; (2) Blaxhall, Mitcham, Stanhoe, Stratton, Stonehouse, Ringstead, Hayes, Sharnbrook, Ellacombe, Buxton, Iver, Wordsley, Lamberhurst, Harmondsworth and Bramfield Alliance and Little Bob; (3) College Exercise, Duke of Norfolk, Norbury, London Scholars', Sandal, Kingston, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Wainfleet, Gedney, Surfleet, Spalding, Pinchbeck, Gunby, Spilsby, Bicker, Sibsey and Normanton Alliance, Kent and Bastow Little Court; (4) Mendlesham and Tonbridge Alliance, Belvedere Little Bob, Thelwall, London, Lytham, St. Clement's, College, Childwall, Wavertree College, Horsmonden, Killarney, Plain, Double, Reverse, Fulbeck, Canterbury, Frodsham, Windermere, Ennerdale and Cumberland Bob and Pontefract, Wath, Donottar and Carisbrooke Delight; (5) Old Oxford, College Bob IV, Willesden, Newdigate, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby, Charlwood, Marple, Braintree, Taxal, Humber, Clarence and Elston Delight and Morning Star Treble Bob; (6) Barham and Oswald Delight; (7) Cambridge and Primrose Surprise; with 201 changes of method.
Tenor 8 cwt. 26 lb.

GEOFFREY TOWNEND	*Treble*	WILFRID F. MORETON	4
HOWARD SCOTT	2	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	5
HAROLD CHANT	3	IAN M. HOLLAND	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
Most methods in a tower-bell peal by all, and for the Association. A birthday compliment to Mrs. Jo Moreton.

FOLKINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Southern Branch.)
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Double Court, Single Court and Single Oxford, and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt., approx.

Ivy E. Lindsey	*Treble*	Cecil Wade	4
Cuthbert T. H. Bradley	2	Charles Wilkinson	5
Albert E. Scott	3	James H. Musson	*Tenor*

Conducted by James H. Musson.

Rung on the eve of Advent, and for the Patronal Festival. Also to welcome the new Rector, Canon F. R. Money, M.A. (formerly of Winchester Cathedral), and Mrs. Money. Also to mark 100 years' aggregate service to the above church by Mr. C. T. H. Bradley and his late father and mother.

LLANBADARN FAWR, CARDIGANSHIRE.
THE ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Padarn,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 13 cwt.

Richard Hedges	*Treble*	Eric Lloyd	4
Gilian Graney	2	Richard C. Warburton ..	5
Colin A. Lewis	3	Michael Hart	*Tenor*

Conducted by Michael Hart.

QUENIBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Syston District.)
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 21 extents of Grandsire, 12 of Plain Bob and nine of April Day. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in G sharp.

*Margaret J. Kirk	*Treble*	*Graham H. Stonehouse	3
Malcolm D. Barsby ..	2	Ernest F. Payne	4

B. Stedman Payne .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by B. Stedman Payne.

* First peal.

Rung as an engagement compliment to James Mitchell and Miss Cynthia Sanders, of Syston.

SOUTHILL, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

*Philip G. Rogers	*Treble*	Martin Major	4
Sheila V. Percival ..	2	Geoffrey W. Mayes ..	5
†Raymond J. Fuller ..	3	Percy W. Tompkins ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by Percy W. Tompkins.

* First peal. † First 'inside.'

SWAINSWICK, BATH.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(Bath Branch.)
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 24 of Plain Bob and 12 of Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt. 38 lb. in A.

*Patricia A. Burt	*Treble*	‡Leslie R. G. Taylor ..	4
†John R. Hobbs	2	Terence J. Milsom ..	5
Alan F. Lee	3	†Percival R. Young ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by Alan F. Lee.

* First peal. † First on six bells. ‡ First in three methods. The conductor's 25th peal for the Association.

Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the Rev. Walter Brooksbank, Rector of Swainswick since 1946, who passed away on November 22nd, 1960.

WELDON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9½ cwt. in A flat.

James Lyons	*Treble*	Richard A. Webster ..	4
David C. Urquhart ..	2	Roy W. Spencer	5
Ronald Russell	3	Fred A. Ginns	*Tenor*

Conducted by Roy W. Spencer.

Rung to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the installation of the bells.

RAVENINGHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Nov. 27, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents each of April Day and Grandsire, and 38 of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

*Richard C. L. Brown ..	*Treble*	Ralph W. Bickers	3
Norman P. J. Cossey ..	2	Michael J. Parker	4

Trevor N. J. Bailey .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Trevor N. J. Bailey.

* First peal of Doubles.

BUXTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Nov. 27, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge, (2) Double Oxford, (3) St. Clement's and Childwall, (4) Plain Bob, (5) Oxford T.B., (6) Kent T.B., (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

Shirley M. Parsons ..	*Treble*	*Gilbert E. Larter	4
*David Cubitt	2	Peter Adcock	5
Thomas E. Spight	3	Geoffrey R. Drew ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by Geoffrey R. Drew.

* First peal in seven methods.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

DUNSFOLD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 28, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary and All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being two extents of Bourne, Beverley and Cambridge, and one of Surfleet Surprise. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in A flat.

Stanley G. Ponting ..	*Treble*	G. Kenneth Williamson	4
William T. Beeson	2	Tom Page	5
Ann M. Cox	3	Harold A. May	*Tenor*

Conducted by Harold A. May.

DEAN PRIOR, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Wed., Nov. 30, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. George-the-Martyr,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

Aubrey L. Bennett	*Treble*	William G. Lavers	4
Rev. W. Paschal Dowling	2	D. Roy Bould	5
Frederick E. Day	3	Thomas G. Myers	*Tenor*

Conducted by Thomas G. Myers.

Rung on the Feast of St. Andrew, and as a birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

NEWBURN-ON-TYNE, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 30, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being 720 each of Carlisle, London, York, Wells, Surfleet, Cambridge and Beverley. Tenor 16 cwt.

John E. Anderson	*Treble*	George S. Deas	4
Charles N. Lea	2	Eric N. Harrison	5
Robin G. Turner	3	J. Alan Ainsworth	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

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STISTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION
On Fri., Dec. 2, 1960, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In 22 methods, viz.: (1) Beverley, Surfleet, Berwick, Hexham, York and Durham; (2) Cambridge, Ipswich, Primrose, Norfolk, Bourne and Hull; (3) Alnwick and Newcastle; (4) Lightfoot and Wearmouth; (5) London and Wells; (6) Chester and Munden; (7) Westminster and Allendale. Tenor 10 cwt.

MARGARET E. PANTON	*Treble*	PATRICK W. SALTMARSH	4
JOHN A. WARNER	2	ALAN R. SYDER	5
DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	3	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.

WOLVERCOTE, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Fri., Dec. 2, 1960, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PFAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven callings. Tenor 8 cwt.

DAVID T. DARBY	*Treble*	NICHOLAS J. MARTIN	4
*DAVID A. H. BENNETT	2	PETER J. WYCHERLEY	5
†ANDREW J. THOMSON	3	ANDREW N. STUBBS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ANDREW N. STUBBS.

* First peal. † First 'inside.'

ALVESTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1960, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob and five of Plain Bob.
Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

GILLIAN M. HUSSEY	*Treble*	†TERENCE J. MILSOM	4
*RITA M. WEBB	2	‡CLIFF J. RICHARDS	5
†GLORIA M. NEWTON	3	†ALAN F. LEE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN F. LEE.

* First peal of Minor. † First in two methods of Minor. ‡ 25th peal (all in 1960). First on the bells.

Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to Mrs. J. E. Wreford, grandmother of the ringer of the second.

GAINFORD, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1960, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

FRED HODGSON	*Treble*	THOMAS COOKE	4
MRS. THOMAS COOKE	2	FREDERICK ROSS	5
CHARLES N. LEA	3	KENNETH ARTHUR	*Tenor*

Conducted by KENNETH ARTHUR.

First peal in seven methods on the bells, and only the second recorded since their installation in 1865.

BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.
THE LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1960, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In three methods, comprising 1,680 Grandsire, 1,680 Reverse Canterbury and 1,680 Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 9 lb. in G.

*JEAN EXON	*Treble*	†FRANK ANDERTON	4
†GEOFFREY H. PULLIN	2	†FRED H. HAYES	5
PETER S. BENNETT	3	*H. ALAN ROBERTS	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER S. BENNETT.

* First peal at first attempt. † First of Doubles. First in more than one method as conductor. First peal for the Society.

Rung to mark the engagement of Mr. Frank Anderton and Miss Pamela M. Seatree, both members of the Society.

COTTERSTOCK, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1960, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 ST. ANDREW'S DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in B flat.

RONALD RUSSELL	*Treble*	PERCY AMOS	3
RICHARD J. DANBY	2	TIMOTHY A. WOODING	4
GEORGE F. ROOME	*Tenor*		

Conducted by GEORGE F. ROOME.

Rung within the octave of the Festival of St. Andrew (patron saint). First peal in the method by all, for the Guild, and believed anywhere. First peal on the bells for many years.

John Taylor & Co.

LOUGHBOROUGH

The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

ADDERBURY, OXON.—On Nov. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire) (6, 7, 8 covering): H. L. Roper 1, M. W. Sayers 2, B. J. Davis 3, Mrs. A. Bennett 4, R. A. Reeves (cond.) 5, D. E. Guntripp 6, J. E. Sayers 7, M. W. Coleman 8. First quarter on eight by the Sunday service band. For Mr. A. Jackman's 92nd birthday.

ALVASTON, DERBYS.—On Dec. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. Aston (first quarter) 1, Miss B. A. Manning 2, R. I. Gosling (first 'inside') 3, B. R. Manning (cond.) 4, E. D. Thomas 5, S. Huson (first quarter) 6. A birthday compliment to Miss E. Buckley.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. D. Casson 1, B. D. Downie 2, A. S. Burbidge 3, D. T. Finnemore 4, D. R. Ingram (first as cond.) 5, E. J. Franklin 6. Also on Dec. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. D. Casson 1, B. D. Downie 2, A. S. Burbidge 3, M. G. Ingram 4, D. R. Ingram 5, A. Short 6, R. C. Ingram (cond.) 7, D. T. Finnemore 8. Rung for Evensong.

BATHWICK, BATH.—On Dec. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Iason (first quarter) 1, June Crees 2, Maureen Viner 3, K. Harrison 4, R. S. M. Stubbs (cond.) 5, P. R. Stubbs 6. For Evensong.

BECKLEY, OXON.—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Grandside Doubles: Rev. H. Berson 1, N. D. Dean 2, Helen Williams 3, R. H. Jones (cond.) 4, J. S. Walker 5. For Advent Sunday.

BLAYDON-ON-TYNE, CO. DURHAM.—On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Allison 1, R. W. Leighton 2, W. C. Bennett 3, H. Jenkins 4, S. Thompson (cond.) 5, T. Bullerwell 6. Rung after Confirmation service. Before the service the same band rang 720 Plain Bob Minor.

BRAMPTON, HUNTS.—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. E. Wells 1, R. F. Baker (cond.) 2, R. Cooper 3, E. J. Whiting 4, M. J. Dyer 5. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Samuel Brian Crawford and Adrienne Jill Latchford.

BUCKLAND, BERKS.—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): A. F. O'Shaugnessy 1, A. J. Hutt 2, J. Strawford 3, C. E. R. Evans 4, C. I. J. Pearce (cond.) 5, W. Edgington 6, M. Willis 7, F. H. Carter 8. For Evensong, and to mark the rededication of the 7th bell.

BURGESS HILL, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Rosemary F. D. Thompson 1, Stella M. Knight 2, D. S. Anderson 3, S. W. Brown 4, K. C. Knight (cond.) 5, A. Brown 6. First in two methods 1 and 3. For the institution of the Rev. J. Hoare to the living of St. Andrew's, Burgess Hill. Also on Nov. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Susan Ware 1, Angela M. Barclay 2, Lois E. Petman 3, D. S. Anderson 4, K. C. Knight (cond.) 5, G. Burrows 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

CLEVEDON, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob and April Day): B. Worner 1, Mary Powell 2, V. James 3, M. J. Horseman (cond.) 4, J. Brain 5. For Patronal Festival Evensong.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On Dec. 4th, at the Church of St. John the Baptist, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. F. E. Collins 1, Miss H. Talbot 2, R. Stevens (first quarter) 3, N. Brown 4, R. Davies 5, N. G. Steere 6, F. E. Collins (cond.) 7, R. G. Abbott 8.

EDINBURGH.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Mary, on Nov. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. D. Haig (first quarter) 1, Dr. J. Weddel 2, T. Lambert 3, Miss K. Branson 4, A. W. Lloyd 5, A. Best 6, C. R. Raine (cond.) 7, I. Laing (first quarter) 8. A compliment to Mr. A. W. Lloyd on his retirement.

FAWLEY, HANTS.—On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Gladys D. Kitcher 1, Audrey J. Knight 2, Mary Smith 3, L. D. Smith 4, M. D. G. Northway 5, M. Peters (first as cond.) 6. First in the method for 1, 3, 4 and 6.

FLIXTON, MANCHESTER.—On Nov. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Henshall 1, Miss D. Richardson 2, Miss E. Collier 3, W. J. Moss (cond.) 4, W. H. Riddle (first 'inside') 5, C. Harper 6. Rung before Matins, and as an 80th birthday compliment to the conductor.

FULMER, BUCKS.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Chadwell (first away from cover bell) 1, E. G. Swift 2, J. E. Camp (cond.) 3, W. D. Ward 4, E. R. Gotham 5, D. G. Rowlands 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Rosemary Adair, ringer at Iver.

GREAT YARMOUTH, NORFOLK.—At St. Nicholas' Church, on Dec. 4th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: W. B. Duncan 1, E. R. Goate (cond.) 2, Freda P. Greaves 3, Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow 4, A. W. Bird 5, A. J. Moy 6, G. W. Fletcher 7, Rev. G. C. Galley 8, B. W. Willgress 9, P. G. W. Newstead 10. Rung on the eve of the Feast of St. Nicholas, Patron Saint.

QUARTER PEALS

GUISELEY, YORKS.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Minor (Kent T.B. and Plain Bob): J. Rhodes 1, Miss R. Jowett 2, K. Park 3, W. J. Couperthwaite 4, P. Dawson 5, F. K. Williamson (cond.) 6.

HALESOWEN, WORCS.—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Pickering 1, J. H. Cox 2, Miss M. Tromans 3, L. Clissett 4, Miss W. Pretty 5, T. Greenhall 6, H. Shilvock (cond.) 7, B. E. Woodall 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Tom Morton, for many years a lay reader, interred this day.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.—On Dec. 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: V. Tipton 1, E. Curson 2, R. Hayden 3, L. Whitby 4, W. Wheeler 5, J. Aley 6, S. Clark (cond.) 7, J. Collins 8.

HINCKLEY, LEICS.—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Anne Grainger (first quarter) 1, A. Ballard 2, Elizabeth A. Wilcox 3, W. W. Bradbury (first of Stedman) 4, E. A. Sowman 5, C. R. Hayward 6, M. C. Faulkes (first in method as cond.) 7, C. P. Rice (first quarter) 8. By the local Sunday service band for Confirmation service.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On Dec. 4th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Janet Carling 1, Mrs. C. A. Agg 2, M. D. Trigg 3, Mrs. D. J. Mager 4, F. J. Plummer 5, W. F. Todd 6, A. R. Agg 7, C. M. Orme (cond.) 8. First of Major for 1 and 3.

HUNTINGDON.—At St. Mary's Church, on Oct. 30th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: C. Bell (first of Major) 1, W. Ransome 2, M. J. Dyer 3, Miss D. Robinson 4, J. R. G. Spicer 5, A. J. Davey 6, H. S. Peacock 7, J. H. Bluff (cond.) 8. Rung with best wishes to the Vicar, Canon Morris, upon his departure on holiday to India. Also at All Saints', Nov. 1st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. A. Howes 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, A. J. Davey 3, M. J. Dyer 4, A. T. Howes 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also at All Saints', on Nov. 6th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. A. Howes 1, C. Bell 2, J. R. G. Spicer 3, H. S. Peacock 4, A. T. Howes 5, S. Gilbert (cond.) 6. For morning service.

LECKHAMPTON, GLOS.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Tony Newman (first quarter, 13) 1, N. Wayte 2, L. Sheesby 3, J. Homfray 4, W. Farmer (cond.) 5, A. Newman 6. For Harvest Festival. Also on Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Farmer (cond.) 1, J. Homfray 2, D. Newcombe 3, L. Sheesby 4, J. Jordan 5, T. Boreham 6, A. Pendlebury 7, H. Harrison 8. For Evensong. Also on Oct. 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: I. Goulter 1, Mrs. Wratten 2, A. Pendlebury 3, D. Newcombe 4, J. Burridge 5, T. Boreham 6, C. Wratten (cond.) 7, A. Newman 8. For Evensong. Also on Nov. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Stephens (first quarter, 13) 1, L. Sheesby 2, R. Fry 3, J. Homfray 4, W. Farmer (cond.) 5, A. Newman 6. Also on Dec. 4th, 1,260 Double Norwich C.B. Major: Mrs. Wratten 1, A. Pendlebury 2, Shirley Parsons 3, W. Farmer 4, J. Homfray 5, I. Goulter 6, T. Boreham 7, C. Wratten (cond.) 8.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on Nov. 20th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: A. J. Salisbury 1, Miss J. Peacock 2, J. Carrott 3, S. Penfold 4, D. Mitchell 5, A. Gargrave 6, J. Fowler 7, T. East 8, L. S. Woods (cond.) 9, J. McPhail 10. For Matins on the Patronal Festival. Also on Nov. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Miss A. Lowings 1, A. H. Worboys 2, Miss J. Peacock 3, S. Penfold 4, F. G. Richardson 5, F. V. Gant (cond.) 6, A. J. Salisbury 7, A. Gargrave 8, T. East 9, L. S. Woods 10. For Evensong on Advent Sunday.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—On Dec. 4th, 1,296 Little Bob Royal: Mrs. T. Cullingworth 1, Miss O. Couchman 2, L. Mannering 3, C. Tester 4, B. Groves 5, T. E. Sone 6, T. Wicken 7, J. Wallis 8, T. Cross 9, T. Cullingworth (cond.) 10.

NORTHMOOR, OXON.—On Nov 29th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, April Day and Grandsire): V. Clifton 1, Mrs. P. E. Pimm 2, H. Floyd (cond.) 3, A. Cantwell 4, A. Hicks 5, H. Miles 6. Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. H. Miles, of Eynsham.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—On Nov. 29th, at St. Andrew's Church, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss R. J. Marks 1, Miss Y. C. Porter 2, J. Perkins 3, H. H. Thomas 4, D. R. Bould 5, T. G. Myers (cond.) 6, F. E. Day 7, S. O'Shaughnessy 8, A. W. Myers 9, W. H. Marks 10. Rung for adult Confirmation service.

PRESTON, DORSET.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Minor (Kent T.B. and Plain Bob): G. C. Cornick (first extent T.B.) 1, Sylvia Watson (first extent T.B.) 2, Mrs. A. J. Slade 3, Betty J. Marsh 4, A. J. Slade 5, H. J. Ford (cond.) 6. First of Minor in two methods by all. A compliment to the Rev. M. Spinney, on the golden jubilee of his ordination.

SOUTHGATE, LONDON.—At Christ Church, on Dec. 4th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Ann Aldridge 1, Pamela Miller 2, S. G. Peck 3, H. Miller 4, W. Wainwright 5, L. G. Gates 6, M. Rowe 7, C. Aldridge (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

SPAXTON, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. J. Cavill 1, Joan L. Taylor 2, H. J. Cavill 3, S. Parish 4, E. J. Ford (cond.) 5, J. J. Ford 6. Rung for the 55th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Hurford, also the 90th birthday of Mr. Hurford.

STAFFORD.—On Nov. 28th, at the Church of St. Mary, 1,260 Erin Triples: Richard J. Warrilow 1, F. R. Wiggin 2, R. K. Mowforth 3, R. Barlow 4, B. J. Wylde 5, A. E. Garbett 6, Robert J. Warrilow (cond.) 7, D. Murcott (first quarter) 8. First in method for all. Rung for Commissioning of Assize.

SUTTON-ON-HULL, E. YORKS.—On Nov. 25th, at St. James' Church, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. Ducker (cond.) 1, Miss J. I. Porter 2, T. W. Thirkell 3, H. Rodmell 4, C. R. Robinson 5, H. F. Gibson (first of Cambridge) 6. A birthday compliment to H. Rodmell and F. W. Dale, of Hessle, both 81 years.

TENDRING, ESSEX.—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Brazier 1, Mrs. A. Hales 2, Ann Pryke 3, E. E. Davey (cond.) 4, I. Cooper 5, W. Ruffles 6. For Evensong, and as a compliment to Mr. C. Marven on completing 57 years as church clerk, this day.

THORNHILL, YORKS.—On Nov. 13th, 1,320 Treble Bob Minor (Oxford and Kent): F. Popplewell 1, H. Wood 2, D. Scargill 3, J. Pearson (cond.) 4, O. Coulthard 5, Hbt. Wood 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

TONBRIDGE, KENT.—On Nov. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Daphne Hills (first quarter) 1, J. T. Medhurst 2, G. Fry 3, Margaret Ladd 4, S. A. White 5, W. Rogers 6, W. H. Dobbie (cond.) 7, C. Hancock 8. For evening service.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.—On Dec. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): Jacqueline A. Reason (first on treble) 1, D. J. Barnett 2, Pat. A. Burt 3, J. R. Hobbs 4, T. J. Milsom (cond.) 5, Carol A. Ritchens (first quarter) 6, A. F. Lee 7, C. J. Barrable 8. For Evensong, also an 18th birthday compliment to Pat Burt. Also on Dec. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): L. J. Cox 1, C. J. Barrable (first as cond.) 2, Pat. A. Burt 3, A. F. Lee 4, T. J. Milsom 5, Eileen Elliott 6, J. W. Isaacs 7, Jacqueline A. Reason 8. For Confirmation service.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On Dec. 4th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: P. D. Chapman 1, Miss G. Newcombe 2, E. E. Holman 3, T. Hawkins 4, F. Sykes 5, A. J. Boyack 6, D. Hewitt 7, B. Downes (first in method as cond.) 8. First in the method 1, 2 and 5. For Evensong.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Dec. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Avent (first quarter) 1, G. Seaman 2, B. Hullah 3, R. Smith 4, D. Bell 5, R. Bell 6, D. Laud (cond.) 7, W. Paul 8. For Evensong.

WELLS, SOMERSET.—At the Cathedral, on Dec. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Caters: Mrs. A. Short 1, R. Short 2, P. Hull 3, H. Collings 4, V. Roberts 5, P. Wright (cond.) 6, M. Horseman 7, K. Prime 8, G. Salmon 9, M. Stone 10. For Evensong.

WOODBURY, DEVON.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 4, 6, 8 covering): H. J. Briggs 1, A. Gooding 2, A. G. Betts 3, H. Miller 4, L. K. Dawe (cond.) 5, V. Fox 6, J. H. Glanvill 7, J. Gooding 8. Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter to Mrs. J. Loman (ringer of this parish) and a granddaughter for the ringer of 8th.

WOODFORD, ESSEX.—On Dec. 4th, 1,344 Grandsire Triples: A. H. Worboys 1, Miss P. Bourn 2, Miss J. Peacock 3, J. Carrott 4, J. Fowler 5, A. J. Salisbury (cond.) 6, T. East 7, F. V. Gant 8. For Matins.

WORCESTER.—On Nov. 29th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Susan Jackson 1, G. Bowen 2, H. Neill 3, J. C. Slater 4, T. W. Lewis 5, G. E. Evenden 6, D. Beacham (first of Stedman as cond.) 7, J. J. Stanier 8. Rung on the back eight for St. Andrew's Eve.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Mary Perkins 1, Meriel Bloyce (first in more than one method) 2, A. Bridges (first of Doubles) 3, E. Leggett (cond.) 4, D. Culham 5, F. Warnes 6. For the Patronal Festival.

YATTON, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 17th, 1,280 Double Norwich C. B. Major: T. Bennett 1, L. Derrick 2, D. C. Exell 3, J. R. Ketteringham 4, B. A. Shackleton 5, D. G. Yeo 6, J. Brain 7, R. G. Hooper (cond.) 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

We understand that Mr. Morris has passed the late Mr. William Pye's peal total of 1,967 peals (conducted 1,428). This gives him the proud title of having rung more peals than anyone living.

Sutton-on-Hull ringers and friends wish Harold F. Gibson a speedy recovery from a recent accident at work in which his back and knee were damaged.

Ninety-eight methods were rung in a peal of Spliced Minor, at Thrybergh, Yorkshire, on November 25th. An amazing feat of memory by the band and its conductor, Mr. Wilfrid F. Moreton.

The peal of Grandsire Caters at King's Norton, on November 12th, was the first of Caters for six of the band and Mr. McDonald's first of Caters as conductor. Congratulations.

A first peal at the age of 14 is always noteworthy, but it is a special achievement when that first is a good peal of Stedman Triples, as rung by David P. Hilling, at Stoke Poges, on November 30th.

The conductor of the peal of The Dragon Major, rung at Aldermaston, on December 2nd, would like to associate this peal with the name of the late George Gilbert, the figures being given him by George, although he never realised his ambition to peal it.

Next Friday Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Burton sail for New Zealand on a three months' visit to their daughter. The best wishes of the Leicester Guild were expressed to their peal secretary by a peal of Maximus at Leicester Cathedral, on November 28th.

St. Andrew's, Folkenham, Lincs, have staunch supporters in the Bradley family who have completed 100 years' service to the church. The late Mr. C. E. Bradley was 43 years a churchwarden and his wife, Mrs. C. E. Bradley, was 16 years the voluntary organist. Now their son, Mr. C. T. H. Bradley, has completed 41 years as tower captain. Appropriately, the centenary was marked by a peal on November 26th and the ringers entertained to tea by Mr. and Mrs. C. Wilkinson.

In honour of the 81st birthday of Mr. Harry Rodmell, who, for over 60 years, has been ringing at St. James', Sutton-on-Hull, a quarter of Cambridge Surprise Minor was achieved, in which Harry participated. For his past two birthdays the local company have unsuccessfully attempted a peal. The company failing in the last peal attempt would like to place on record their appreciation of the generous hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. R. Porter, during the ensuing evening.

Alveston, Glos, have now a very pleasant six: the bells have been rehung by Mears and Stainbank on ball bearings. The first peal on the bells was rung on December 3rd.

Six ringers from the Marston, Oxford, band were confirmed on December 4th. They were Helen Williams, Margaret Cozier, Elizabeth Muller, Vivien Roberts, Elaine Liles and Sheenah Gammon.

Exeter Cathedral bells are now in use after their overhaul. Practices will be held, as in the past, on the third Saturday monthly, starting December 17th from 6-8 p.m., and the Sunday following 5-6.30 p.m.

Heckington, Lincs, tower was struck by lightning during the sermon on December 4th. An examination revealed that it struck the clock hands, shattered the clock case and melted the chime release hanging down into the ringing chamber. From there it leapt to the water pipes, via the electric conduit, and passed into the main body of the church. Damage, fortunately, is not serious.

The new Rector of Rougham, near Bury St. Edmunds, the Rev. G. E. Jarrold, is a lover of bells. He has left behind, in his former parish, Ellingham, Norfolk, nearly £600 he has collected, without a special appeal, towards the estimated cost of £1,250 for the rehanging of the five bells of the Parish Church in a new frame. At the tea, after his induction, his Ellingham parishioners present were delighted to hear from Mr. Jarrold that the previous day he had received two generous cheques towards the bell fund.

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READING UNIVERSITY SOCIETY'S FIRST ANNUAL DINNER

FOUNDED almost exactly six years ago, the Reading University Society reached a landmark in its history on November 26th, by holding its first annual dinner. After ringing during the afternoon at Caversham, Tilehurst and the three Reading towers, about 80 members and visitors attended the dinner at the White Hart Hotel.

Following the loyal toast, the vice-chancellor of Reading University, Sir John Wolfenden, C.B.E., in his capacity as president of the Society, proposed the health of 'The Church.' Before reaching this subject, however, he said that he was honoured to be given the privilege of making the first speech at the first dinner of the Society and to be allowed to address such a magnificent gathering of lunatics. He quickly added that lunatics could be divided into three classes: the harmful, who had to be put away; the harmless, who could be ignored; and the beneficial, in which category he included bellringers.

Sir John pointed out that the church had always worked for the encouragement and fostering of the arts, which included the ringing of bells. Although their efforts were not always welcomed by everyone, the majority of ringers performed their art with noble intentions, and their work could be described as sacramental, as they were dedicated to the service of the church and her Creator.

Mr. John Coates, a founder member and former Master of the Society, proposed the toast to 'The Visitors,' who included the Masters of the Oxford, Cambridge, Southampton and Bristol University Societies, and also members from London and Nottingham Universities. He also welcomed several members of the Reading Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, without whose co-operation the Society would have no bells on which to ring.

A witty reply was given by Mr. Dermot Roaf, secretary of the Universities' Association. He hoped that the presence of Sir John Wolfenden was not a preliminary to a Commission of Enquiry into Bellringing, and pointed out that the recent survey of Sunday service ringing had shown the need for more competent instructors—a need which University Societies could help to overcome.

Mr. Adrian Tumber, Master of the Southampton University Guild, in proposing the health of 'The Reading University Society,' observed that the fact that he had been entrusted with this toast was an indication of the fine spirit of friendship which had grown up between these two of the younger generation of University Societies. This friendship had arisen largely because they held a joint annual tour, and he hoped this tradition would continue.

In reply, the Master (Mr. Peter Wilkinson) remarked that the Society had now grown to about 20 resident members—quite a high percentage in such a small university. The standard of ringing had also improved, and he stressed the tremendous amount owed to the St. Mary's band for giving them the opportunity to ring the more advanced methods. He concluded by expressing his thanks to the incumbents who had given permission for the ringing during the afternoon and to the secretary (Miss Jennifer Davies) for making the arrangements for such a successful and memorable dinner.

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MR. A. PATRICK CANNON,
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To say that Mr. Pat Cannon is 'enthusiastic' is an understatement, for there are hardly any limits to which he would not go if the reward was a new tower or a sluggish tenor to 'turn in' to a peal. Up to the present he has visited and rung in no fewer than 2,333 towers, and if that is not a record his peals in 623 towers and 480 tenors 'turned in' to peals certainly constitute a record. Forty-six of these tenors have weighed 26 cwt. or more. In addition he has rung the 11th at Exeter to Grandsire Triples and Caters. During the last 15 years he has rung peals in no less than 500 different towers. The late Jimmy George was once described as 'ubiquitous,' but compared to Pat Cannon he was a mere novice. In all his travels, Pat has always fostered a love of bells and created interest in our beloved art, and has never spared himself when there was a possibility of enthusing others.

Born at Wimbledon in 1913, of Irish descent, he was educated at St. Laurence College, Ramsgate, and Chard School, Somerset. He learned to ring at St. Laurence, Thanet, Kent, in 1928, and rang his first peal, Stedman Triples at St. John's, Deptford, Lewisham, in 1930. To this peal he rang the tenor behind (coming events cast their shadow, etc.). Many of his early peals were conducted by Thomas E. Sone, of Paddock Wood, and very frequently Pat would cycle 50 miles to a tower for a peal, and then cycle 50 miles back. In 1933 he commenced conducting peals, his first being at St. Olave's, Hart Street, London, with what was, at that time, the youngest band to ring a peal of Major.

His peals total up to November 27th, 1960, is 813, of which he has conducted 413. Notable amongst these are 'turning in' the tenors at Queen Camel in 1937 to eight Minor methods; Beverley Minster to Bob Royal in 1938; Sherborne Abbey to Double Norwich, Superlative and Cambridge Major; Birmingham Cathedral to Superlative in 1945; and Loughborough Parish Church to Cambridge Royal in 1956. He has taken part in 11,568 Double Norwich, at Debenham, in 1950, and the record peal of 13,280 Cambridge Surprise Major, at Quex Park, in 1959.

Pat was Ringing Master, Surrey Association, Southern District, 1950-56, and has represented the Surrey Association on the Central Council, 1951-53 and 1957 to present date. He has been a vice-president of the Surrey Association since 1957. He greatly enjoys giving encouragement to up and coming youngsters and has piloted many of them through their first peal, and first in a method.

During the war he served from 1940-45 in the Royal Corps of Signals in India. He married his wife, Sylvia, in 1945, and she also is a ringer, having nine quarter peals to her credit. Since 1952 he has been a regular member of St. Martin's, Dorking, band and previously for four years was a member of the Betchworth band. By profession Pat is a schoolmaster.

Pat's other hobby is philately, and if his stamp collection is as varied and colourful as his variety of peals, it will be something worth looking at. He is now in the prime of life, and at the present rate at which he is going, it will not be long before we see him topping the 1,000 mark. Good luck to him!

JAFUS.

THE NORWICH ASSOCIATION

A stone plaque in memory of the late Cecil Victor Ebberson has been placed in the Church of St. Nicholas, Dersingham. The service of dedication was held on October 15th, in the presence of the widow and members of his family, Mr. Nolan Golden (president), Rev. H. G. Lillingston (past president), Rev. R. G. E. Dodson (chairman, Western Branch), Mr. H. W. Barrett (Ringing Master), Mr. W. Love (general secretary and treasurer), Mr. G. A. Cooke (Ringing Master, Western Branch), Mr. C. Tovell (honorary secretary, Western Branch), Mr. A. G. Bason (chairman, Northern Branch), together with a large congregation, including friends from Ely and Lancashire Associations and Lincoln Guild.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. T. O. W. Glass, and the dedication and address was by the Archdeacon of Lynn (the Ven. H. K. Percival Smith).

In his address the Archdeacon paid tribute to the services given to the church by Cecil Ebberson. He described him as a sincere churchman, who, by his life, set an example for all to follow, and a man who will always be remembered with respect and affection.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

The annual general meeting of the Oxford University Society of Change Ringers was held on November 29th, when the following were elected:

Master: N. J. Martin (St. Peter's Hall);
Secretaries: Hilary Mason (St. Hilda's), A. J. Thomson (Wadham).
Treasurer: P. Wycherley (St. Catherine's).

CONQUERING THE UNPEALABLES

The bells of St. Andrew's, Cotterstock, near Oundle, have, for some years, been regarded locally as unpealable. A thorough examination of the bells revealed the source of the trouble, the third bell being the culprit. The rim of the wheel on one side having become loose (tacks rusted), a local novice had nailed strips of hardboard alongside, projecting and causing them to bind the frame. The end of the clapper was also touching the slider at each swing.

These obstructions once overcome, the bells went plain-sailing, although everyone was ready to make a quick exit at the first signs of a jumped bearing, etc. The peal was satisfactorily accomplished, making the third such tower—Stoke Doyle and Ashley being the previous ones to be conquered. Soon two others are to be tested.

It is from Cotterstock where the saying about 'the weakest go to the wall' originated. Stone benches are still to be seen around the walls where the aged and infirm used to sit centuries ago, when the church had no pews or chairs.

Of the bells, the front four of 1708 are by Henry Penn, of Peterborough. The tenor is by John Taylor, of Loughborough. But one wonders whether Mr. Dove is correct in his given weight of '8 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.'?—it sounds and measures nearer 7 cwt., as was always reckoned.

P. A.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY

ON November 12th the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford held its ninth annual dinner at the 'Black Horse Inn,' Wolverhampton. It had been more than 25 years since a dinner of this nature had been held by the Society in the town and those who attended were well rewarded with a first class evening's entertainment.

During the afternoon the fine 'twelve' at St. Peter's and also the 'eights' at Bradley, Coseley and Penn were available for ringing. It was most disappointing that ringers did not take fuller advantage of the facilities provided.

Ninety members and friends were present at the dinner. The Archdeacon of Stafford, the Ven. Basil Stratton, took the chair and after an excellent meal commenced the evening's formal proceedings by proposing the loyal toast. In his comments following the toast, he said how pleased he and his wife were to be present. It was very encouraging to see such a gathering on this his first visit as president of the Society.

The toast 'Church and State' was proposed by Mr. R Buxton, J.P., a former mayor of the nearby town of Bilston. He was very pleased to be able to propose this toast, particularly as he had promised to do so a year ago and had had to withdraw at the last moment due to sudden ill-health. He had, he said, been connected with St. Martin's Church, Bradley, for many years and he was very grateful to the Society for the help given to the church in 1957 to train a completely new band.

FRIDAY, December 23rd, is the last day for accepting NOTICES for the issue of December 30th. If necessary you can telephone Guildford 5028.

The Rev. David Sutcliffe, curate-in-charge of St. Bartholomew's Church, Penn, for the time being, in a witty speech, replied on behalf of the church. What a wonderful partnership there was between the Church and the State, he said. It reminded him of the blades of a pair of gardening shears, often moving in opposite directions, but if anyone tried to come between them they were soon very effectively dealt with.

The chairman next called upon Mr. Frank E. Haynes, the well known ringer from the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, to propose the toast to the 'The Society.' He had been a member of the 'Staffords' for 25 years and had rung a number of peals for the Society. Of late he had attended a number of its meetings and had many happy memories of his association with the Society and it gave him great pleasure to propose this toast. In his reply, Mr. Fred Bennett, a former secretary of the Society, thanked Mr. Haynes for his kind remarks. He did not judge the Society by the number of peals it rang but by the number of its members he could call his friends. Looking around the room on this occasion he was delighted to see so many of his friends present.

Mr. Dennis Holden from Coseley proposed the toast to 'The Visitors.' Dinners like this one, he said, would fall flat without visitors and it gave him considerable pleasure to have the company of so many that evening. He extended a special welcome to the Archdeacon and Mrs. Stratton, who were attending this function for the first time, and also to Mr. and Mrs. R. Buxton, Rev. David and Mrs. Sutcliffe, Mr. Frank Haynes and Mr. Frank Perrens. Mr. Leslie Brokenshire, of Penn, responded on behalf of the visitors and thanked Mr. Holden for the warm welcome he had extended on behalf of the Society to everyone. The ordinary churchgoer was, he felt, rather apt to take bell ringers for granted and he would like to thank them for the wonderful work they did every Sunday calling people to church.

This concluded the formal part of the evening's entertainment and after a short break the artistes were brought in. There were three, Betty Johnson (soprano), Fred Baggott (pianist) and Albert Morgan (comedian). Between them they provided first class entertainment, which kept the gathering amused until 10.30 p.m.

So ended the Society's 1960 dinner, leaving members with happy memories of the occasion and looking forward to another successful dinner in 1961. D. J. T.



A FAMILY REMEMBRANCE. — On Remembrance Sunday the bells of SS. Mary and Giles' Church, Buckerell, Devon, were rung half-muffled by Mr. Joseph Broadhurst and his five surviving children. The treble bell commemorates two lads from the village who gave their lives in World War II and one of these is Gordon Broadhurst, a son.

In the family picture are (left to right): Geoffrey, Merlin, Joseph, Marina (Mrs. Piper), Roy and Raymond. When the bells were removed to the Whitechapel Foundry, Raymond helped Mr. F. H. Parr in the work and also in their reinstallation. Pictures on the walls are of three recent peals and the handbell ringers (members of the Sunday service band) setting out last Christmas.

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PANGBOURNE & WHITCHURCH RINGERS' OUTING

In a year of seemingly continuous days of mud and flood, September 10th, the day of the outing of the Pangbourne and Whitchurch bellringers, was of brilliant sunshine.

Ringing started at St. Mary's, Billingshurst, followed by Itchingfield with its beautifully kept belfry containing a map of Sussex where all ringing towers were neatly indicated, different coloured pins being used to show the number of bells.

The unusual tombstone by the lych-gate at Kirdford attracted attention. It was to the memory of boys who 'died from having placed greenwood ashes in their bedroom,' from 'falling from a horse,' and 'a farmer's cart passing over him.' The bells were beautifully mellow and went well.

Our next visit was up the tombstone paved paths to the beautiful church of Rudgwick (6, 14 cwt.). The bells, on the ground floor, gave some of the newer ringers their first experience of an anti-clockwise ring. Grandsire was rung to give several novices a chance to try the treble, followed by Little Bob and touches of other methods.

In the clear evening light we walked through the beautifully kept churchyard to the church of Cranleigh, Surrey (8, 16 cwt.). A notice in 1912 commemorated the first peal ever rung in the tower in which a husband and wife took part. Touches of Bob Major, Stedman Triples, amongst others, were rung.

Racing against time we arrived late at Shalford, Surrey (8, 13 cwt.), to receive a warm welcome from a patiently waiting foreman. The bells were recast in 1936 and go well. Little Bob Major, Stedman, Grandsire, Plain Bob, with call changes for the beginners, were enjoyed. Supper was taken at Guildford.

Our thanks are due to the incumbents and to the foremen who met us. B. J. C.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE CAPER AT LANEAST

Zur.—Oi zeed thic bit o'a spaich like wot that there Carnish veller, Garge, did zend 'ee and oi were prapper mazed to vind 'er were so eddicated.

Now, oi baint quirking and quiddling 'bout wot 'er zed 'bout thic bit o'caper at Laneast, but if 'er 'ad t'glean at un veller's droubles 'er mid 'ave zed zummot 'bout t'other chaps as well. 'Twere like this, see you. No zooner 'ad oi put me 'ands on thiccy tenor rope t'raize t'bell than t'plaguey thing did purdle all round oi, vor 'twere as rotten as a mixen. But when t'others did start a'valling the bells, when there baint no need to 'eave on t'ropes, they did break dree on 'em, un avore t'other Garge did spake 'bout my rope 'cause oi were a vurriner, but t'other vellers they were Carnish.

Mind 'ee, there baint no 'ard veelings cos oi d'know that 'er zed it in vun and they there Carnish lads and meadens did make oi prapper welcome but vore oi d'come ter zee 'ee agin, thee mind 'ee d'mend thee manners, Maister Garge. If thee doant, oi wont allow 'ee to 'ave no Zummerzet scrumpy when thee d'come to zee oi.—Oi be, your 'umble sarvent,

PAUL FIELD.

Knole, Langport.

DOUBLES 'METHODS'

Dear Sir.—I am afread that Mr. Paul Cattermole didn't search far enough back in his old 'Ringing Worlds' before naming the Reverse Canterbury variation of Reverse St. Bartholomew, Honeybourne. Had he done so, he would have found that this particular variation has been rung many times under the name of Northrepps. Another variation of the same basic method—with an Old Doubles single for the call—has been rung as Fortune.

While on the subject of Doubles variations, perhaps I might add a few more to the list published in the 'R.W.' for November 14th, 1958 (page 744)?

All Saints/Old Bob single = Marchington.

All Saints/P.B. plain lead = Rushall.

Grandsire/All Saints' plain in lieu of normal Grandsire singles = Newborough.

Plain Bob/Grandsire bobs and singles (120—P.B.S.P., twice repeated) = Dedworth.

But please, Mr. Cattermole, 'variations'—not methods.—Yours sincerely,

CYRIL A WRATTEN.

Cheltenham.

COLLEGE OF CAMPANOLOGY

Dear Sir.—In the interests of ringers generally, and particularly in the South Midland region may we offer this information?

The next residential week-end course in ringing, in which we shall be participating, will be at Missenden Abbey College of Adult Education, during the first week-end in June next. The College is under the direction of the Buckinghamshire Education Committee, and it is understood that the warden will be advertising the arrangements in more detail, in these columns in due time.

Concession of reduced charges will be made to those attending from Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire; and it is advisable to reserve the date—June 2nd to 4th, 1961—for an early booking, when the advertisement appears; since the accommodation is limited to 38 resident students and 30 non-resident.

The talks and demonstrations will be arranged to suit both instructors and learners, and to interest those, also, to whom the subject is entirely new.—Yours, etc.,

R. G. T. BENNETT.
P. and P.R.O.,
College of Campanology.

'THE RINGING WORLD'

Dear Sir.—My thanks to Mr. C. W. Woolley for putting into words what I have long felt:—

That there is a case for paying for quarter peals because they are not of great news value whereas peals are of news value.

That 'The Ringing World' Committee should consider economy by means of adapting the present means of printing peal reports.

I heartily endorse the remark that the Committee should tell us if their policy is to intend the 'R.W.' eventually to pay for itself or to rely on donations. I know the theoretical answer is that of an increase in circulation of a few thousand but shouldn't we face the fact that despite many efforts and appeals over the last decade the circulation has risen to nowhere near the desired level.

However, what should be continually stressed is that a postal subscriber is helping the paper substantially more economically than those subscribers who purchase the paper through a newsagent. The present circulation is about: postal subscribers 2,316, others 3,184.

Does everyone realise that by paying an annual subscription for delivery by post you only pay 4d. more per year than by paying your newsagent 8d. per week, i.e., 8d. x 52 = £1 14s. 8. Annual postal subscription, £1 15s. I realise that many younger ringers cannot perhaps afford an annual subscription, but suggest that older persons who can afford it, do so, even if it means that on a rare occasion a copy may become slightly marked during postal transmission.—Yours faithfully,

J. A. AINSWORTH.

Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

ST. MARY'S, BEAMINSTER

Dear Sir.—I read with interest tinged with horror the article on St. Mary's, Beaminster, Dorset, in a recent issue of 'The Ringing World.'

I have rung on these magnificent bells, in fact stood in in an unsuccessful peal attempt in, I think, 1947. I have always been led to believe that these bells are a **maiden cast** ring by Bilbie. I am therefore quite horrified that, if what the article says is true, they are to be ¼ turned and **tuned.** Why this passion for uniformity?

No doubt Beaminster bells might sound a little better if they were tuned: clearly a new ring, or a nondescript and mixed ring is the better for the tuner's attention, but a maiden cast ring, cast beside the churchyard, in my opinion might well be left alone.

A later paragraph in the article suggests that in 1887 the bells were ¼ turned and tuned. I do not know whether this involved the bells being tuned the modern way on a lathe or not—even if it did I still think it wrong that one of the few such rings should be tuned again.

I realise that I probably shall be accused of sticking my neck out . . . . rushing in where angels fear to tread, etc., etc. However, I stick to my guns, and much as I enjoy ringing on a perfectly tuned and perfectly hung 'Taybank' octave, I think it will be a great pity when all our bells of a given weight sound the same and go the same: rather as massed produced cars from the same factory are nearly identical.—Yours faithfully,

E. F. M. SAMSON, Major.

Wellingborough, Northants.

A CHRISTMAS DAY T.V.

The bells of St. George's Church, Damerham, near Fordingbridge, will be seen and heard ringing in the I.T.V., Southern Television programme, 'Farm in the South,' on Christmas Day.

METHODS NAMED AFTER PEOPLE

Dear Sir.—With regard to Mr. Jones' letter stating that the peal of 29 Spliced Plain Major at Heptonstall was 'a distinct departure from normal practice,' in that seven new methods were named after members of the band, I find, on looking through various collections of methods, that the naming of methods after people is not so rare or unusual. Everybody has heard of Stedman and Grandsire. In particular, Doubles methods have several saints' names used as method names (30 out of 70 in C.C.C.), and the ratio of people's names to place names in other groups of methods is about 1:10. (This includes all Minor methods and Plain Major, C.C.C.)

Furthermore, several surnames are place names anyway, and while on the subject of place names, what suitable names could the band have chosen for their new methods? Heptonstall and Yorkshire are about all, anything else would have been inappropriate compared with the names actually used.

Mr. Jones seems to regard this means of naming methods as 'a lowering of standards,' if anything the names given are far better than many given in days gone by, e.g., Merry Wakefield Delight Triples, Merchants' Return Exercise Major and Five Shillings to Drink Triples! ! No, Mr. Jones, bands these days have a sensible attitude to method naming, and this is certainly no lowering of standards. Perhaps Lesser Wopping is not on earth, but on the other side of the moon!—Yours, etc.,

'FARMER.'

Manchester.

DAY'S PEAL RINGING ON TYNESIDE

Peal ringing Geordies had some intensive practice on November 26th, when peals were accomplished in the three ringable towers on the South Bank of the Tyne to the East of Newcastle, all the towers being within a few hundred yards of the river. Eleven different ringers took part.

At 9 a.m. five ringers were assembled at St Peter's, Jarrow-on-Tyne, to give a royal welcome to one of the joint organisers, who had slept in. A start was made at 9.20 a.m. to score the first peal on these bells for over 30 years, the tower being out of action from 1939 until last year, when the peal ringers, led by Charles Lea, invaded the tower to make the bells ringable. Parishioners are now ringing them regularly.

The entry of the verger into the belfry towards the end of the 5th 720 nearly upset things but we settled down again and finished off the peal at a cracking pace. Outside the church some lady parishioners made rather threatening enquiries about why we had rung for such a long time.

At Gateshead, we were again 20 minutes' late in starting so we had to push the not easy going, oddstruck bells along to complete a good peal of Yorkshire in 2 hours 46 minutes. These bells sound their best at speed but they certainly test the stamina of the men ringing the back five.

Off along to South Shields, at the river mouth, to ring Cambridge on these very odd struck bells. Afterwards we all adjourned to the Maison Lea, where Nancy Lea and Charles' mother had prepared a most welcome hot meal. Then the day's events and other happenings dear to the heart of ringers were discussed into the not early hours of the next morning.

The day's results: a 30 year old peal silence broken at Jarrow; Fred Ross and Norman Errington each scored their first peal of Surprise 'inside,' both having had a number of attempts over the past year; some good ringing and happy fellowship.

J. A. A.

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MR. WILFRID J. MOSS' 80th BIRTHDAY

It is probable that only a limited number of parishioners of St. Matthew's, Stretford, and St. Michael's, Flixton, know the name of Wilfrid J. Moss. However, all those with ears to hear must be aware of his service to both churches, for Mr. Moss has been a bell-ringer for 62½ years at St. Matthew's, and for the past 15 years he has also rung at St. Michael's for Matins, while continuing to ring at St. Matthew's for Evensong. He also attends the weekly practice meetings at both churches.

Recently Mr. Moss celebrated his 80th birthday and as a birthday compliment the Flixton ringers invited him to conduct a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles. This was successfully rung before Matins on Sunday, November 20th.

Mr. Moss has been a member of the Lancashire Association of Change Ringers since January, 1901, and has participated in over 100 peals in various towers in and outside the county, many of these having been conducted by him.

To mark the occasion of his 80th birthday a representative band from this Association and the Manchester University Guild of Change Ringers rang a peal of Stedman Triples at St. Matthew's on November 26th. It is worthy of note that this band included members from the Manchester Cathedral, St. Michael's and St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne, St. Paul's, Cross Stone, Todmorden, St. Bartholomew's, Marsden, and the Universities' Guild members hailing from Northampton and Leeds.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH

The second combined meeting of the Andover and Basingstoke Districts on December 3rd in the Whitchurch—Overton area was a big attraction. In addition to District members, visitors were present from Swindon, Reading, Chichester, Warnford, Petersfield and Winchester. The service, in Overton Church, was conducted by the ringing chairman of the Basingstoke District (the Rev. F. Sanders).

Tea in the parish room was followed by a short business meeting of the Andover District, presided over by Mr. A. W. Allesten. Further ringing followed at Deane, Oakley and Wootton St. Lawrence, a big crowd queueing for a ring at all these towers until 9 p.m. All agreed that it had been a successful day despite continuous rain.

G. K. D.



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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

West Dorset Branch

The annual meeting of the West Dorset Branch was held at Lyme Regis on November 26th, when 10 towers were represented and visitors present from Portsmouth, Stalbridge, Hampreston, Charminster and Mr. W. Shute, Ringing Master of the North Dorset Branch.

A service touch of Stedman Triples was rung. The service was conducted by the curate at Lyme Regis and the address given by the Rev. O. L. Willmott, Vicar of Loders. A charge of 6d. per head was made for the sumptuous tea to defray the cost of hiring.

The Rev. J. S. Arthur (branch chairman) presided at the business meeting. Arising from the minutes, the question was raised of the charge per rope for peals entered in 'The Ringing World.' Mr. J. T. Barrett, supported by Mr. G. Morris (C.C. representative), said that at the meeting of the Council, at Whitsun, the view was expressed that peals were news and the public press did not make a charge for news.

The accounts showed a small deficit due to a second grant to Askerswell for their rehanging fund and extra advertising and postage. It was agreed to make a grant of £10 to Guild funds to help meet the cost of printing prayer cards and the new Guild Office.

The meeting stood in silent tribute to Mr. Harry Legg, of Loders, Mr. Frank Bugler, of Bridport, and Mr. James Barrett, of Beaminster (father of the honorary secretary).

The officers were re-elected as follows: Chairman, Rev. J. S. Arthur; vice-chairman, Mr. C. Powell; honorary secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. T. Barrett (Beaminster), Ringing Masters, Messrs. G. Morris and H. Keeley (Lyme Regis) and H. D. W. Bishop (Evershot), with Canon C. C. Cox and Mr. F. Knight as committee members.

Quarterly meetings were fixed as follows: February, Whitchurch; April, Powerstock; July, Askerswell; September, Beaminster. The annual to be in November, at Bridport.

Fourteen new members were made, including eight from Thornecombe, who again were joining the branch, and one from Askerswell, where the bells are again hung for ringing with a new treble cast to make it a ring of six. They have been silent since 1929. Great credit was given to the villagers, who number only 140, in the way they have found the necessary money. Half-pull ringing is being practised at Netherbury and Thornecombe.

Mr. Barrett thanked the meeting for their condolences in the death of his father, and told how his father always listened to peal attempts at Beaminster with great interest. Although not a ringer himself, but a keen sportsman, Mr. Barrett had likened a peal to a century in cricket. To lose an attempt near the end was like being caught in the slips with 99 runs to your credit!

The chairman thanked the Lyme Regis ringers and their wives for supplying the tea, and all who had assisted in the service.

The ringers then returned to the tower.

SWANSEA & BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD

Evidence of keenness was forthcoming at the Southern District meeting at Sketty, on December 3rd, when over 40 ringers faced the awful weather to attend. Ringing before the service ranged from rounds to Cambridge Surprise Major. The Vicar, Canon Garfield James, conducted the service and the address was given by the Rev. D. White (curate), who is a ringer.

A very nice tea was provided by the ringers of Sketty and their wives under the management of Mrs. Whitworth; they were thanked by Mr. Arthur Hoare.

At the business meeting the company stood in sympathy with the relatives of the late Mr. Chris Hawkins and Mr. James Hoare. Mr. J. T. Williams was re-elected secretary and Mr. Roderick auditor. The Vicar, who presided, gave a cordial welcome to the visitors, who included Mr. Derek Ashridge and Miss Mollie Tilbury and the Ringing Master of the St. David's Guild.

PRACTICE NIGHTS IN LONDON AND SUBURBS

Monday.—10 Rickmansworth 7.30 p.m., 8 Battersea 7.30, 5 Merton 7.30, 8 Barnet 7.45, 8 Chislehurst (Annunciation) 7.30, 10 Croydon (St. Peter). 8 Enfield 7.30, 8 Erith (Christ Church), 8 Harrow Weald 7.45, 10 Hampstead (St. Stephen), 10 Hillingdon (St. John Baptist) 7.45, 8 Holborn (St. Giles) 1st Monday 7, 8 Kilburn 8, 8 Kingsbury 7.30, 8 Leytonstone (St. John Baptist) 7.30, 8 Old Hackney (St. John) 7-8.15, 8 Staines (St. Mary) 7.30, 12 Shoreditch, 8 Woodford 8, 6 Wood Green 7.30, 8 Woolwich (St. Mary), 8 Putney 7.30.

Tuesday.—8 Barnes 7.45, 8 Barking 7.30, 8 Bromley 7.30, 8 Camberwell, 8 Crayford, 12 Croydon (St. John Baptist), 8 Ealing (Christ Church) 7.30, 8 Feltham 7.45, 6 Hayes 8, 8 Heston, 8 Holloway 7.30, 6 Northaw 7.30, 10 Poplar 8, 8 Romford 7.45, 8 Staines (St. Peter) 7.30, 8 Streatham (St. Leonard), 6 Wanstead 7.45, 10 Watford, 8 Willesden 7.30, 8 Uxbridge (St. Andrew) 7.30, 8 Chiswick, 8 Hounslow, 8 City (St. Olave, Hart Street) 6.30-8, 6 Chelsfield 7.30.

Wednesday.—8 Bexley 7.30, 8 Ealing (St. Stephen) 2nd and 4th, 6 Edgware 7.30, 5 Foots Cray, 8 Hampstead (St. Ann Brookfield) 2nd and 4th, 8 Harlington 2nd and 4th 8, 8 Hendon 7.30, 10 Kingston-on-Thames, 8 Monken Hadley 7.30, 8 North Mymms 7.30, 8 Old Windsor, 6 Havering-atte-Bower 7.30, 6 Harmondsworth, 8, Wandsworth (West Hill) 7.30, 8 Ruislip 7.45, 12 St. Martin-in-the-Fields 1st Wednesday, 12 Southwark Cathedral 6.30-7.30, 6 Stanwell 6.45, 10 Stepney (St. Dunstan) 7.30, 8 Sunbury 7.30, 10 Twickenham (All Hallows) 6.30, 8 Twickenham (St. Mary) 8, 8 Upper Clapton (Hackney) 8, 8 Uxbridge (St. Margaret) 7.30, 6 West Wickham 8, 8 Mitcham (SS. Peter and Paul) 7.30.

Thursday.—8 Clapham (St. Mary, R.C.) 7.30, 10 Beckenham 7.30, 8 Bushey, 8 Dartford 8, 8 Edmonton, 8 Eltham 7.30, 8 Finchley 7.30, 10 Fulham, 8 Hampton 7.30, 8 Lewisham 8, 6 Shenfield 8, 8 Stanmore 7.30, 10 Southgate 7.30, 10 Walthamstow (St. Mary) 7.30, 8 Wimbledon 7.30, 8 Mortlake 7.30.

Friday.—10 Chelsea 8, 6 Cranford 8, 8 Brentwood 7.30, 10 Isleworth 8, 8 Richmond 8, 6 Sidcup 7.30, 8 Walthamstow (St. Saviour).

Saturday.—10 Greenwich 7, 12 Waltham Abbey 1st and 3rd 6 p.m.

Please notify inaccuracies.

ST. DAVID'S, PEMBS.—On Nov. 12th, at the Cathedral, 1,600 Little Bob Major: M. Holt 1, C. A. Lewis 2, Gillian Graney 3, P. S. Bennett 4, W. G. Jones 5, R. C. Warburton 6, M. S. Hart 7, A. R. Price (cond.) 8. Rung to welcome Rev. T. H. J. Palmer, B.A. (Lampeter), recently installed as a minor canon at the Cathedral.

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RAISING THE STANDARD

By D. E. PARSONS

(Continued from page 823)

The approach used in the previous peal should only be taken as a step towards the goal of accepting the eight ....56 and ....65 blocks as the standard to be adopted by the Exercise. To this end, the following peals have been composed with the idea of making the calling and transposition of the blocks as simple as possible, yet retaining the musical requirements set out earlier.

5,007 or 5,019 STEDMAN CATERS
By D. E. PARSONS (No. 4)

231456789	5	6	16	
432651		A		
431256			—	
3421	—	—	2	
3412	S		2	
4321	—	—	2	
2134	—	8s	2	C
1243	—	—	2	
1234	S		2	
2143	—	—	2	
123465978		B		
4312		C		
431265879		D		
2143		C		

A=1s, 4, 6s, 7, 10s, 11, 12, 13, 14.
B=2s, 6, 7, 8, 9, 15.
D=2, 9s, for 5.019.
D=3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10s, for 5.007.

5,019 STEDMAN CINQUES
By D. E. PARSONS (No. 4)

2314567890E	6	7	19	
41235678E90		A		
1432	—	—	2	
3412	—		S	
4321	—	—	2	
2341	—		S	C
3214	—	—	2	
1234	—		S	
2143	—	—	2	
216453			—	
214365	5	14s	2	
4123		C		
4123658709E		B		
2143		C		

A=1s, 2, 6, 9s, 15, 16, 19s.
B=2, 13s, 15s.

It will be seen that, except for the single at 8 in the middle of the sixteen course block in the Caters, the extra calling positions only involve a pair of bobs in 56 (or 67 for Cinques). The blocks are perfectly regular and, of course, can be used in either Caters or Cinques.

The transposition in Caters of a 5, 6, 16 from 123456 is 213654, which is a very simple variant of the 321654 produced by the usual 5, 16.

It is my hope that the use of these blocks and others equally simple, which can probably be produced, will lead to the adoption of the eight ....56s and ....65s as the rule rather than the exception.

ADVANCED COMPOSITION

Once this has been achieved, more complicated compositions could be attempted. To encourage this, I would suggest that some means of identification of compositions is long overdue. It would be most helpful also for composers to know which of their compositions find favour. Perhaps the Central Council would give the matter some thought. They might inaugurate a central register of compositions or suggest, at least, that any original composition must be identifiable by a serial number together with the composer's name.

As an example of a composition deliberately made difficult (to obtain the music of the 6th in 2nds place in the middle of the course but out of it at course ends, plus all the eight ....56s and 65s) here is a peal which has only once been rung, to my knowledge, conducted by J. E. Chilcott, although there have been several attempts.

5,009 STEDMAN CATERS
By D. E. PARSONS (No. 3)

231456789	5	6	15	16	
234165978			A		
412365	—		—	—	
142563	—	—		—	
143265				—	
321465	—		—	—	
213564	S	—		—	
214365				—	C
432165	—		—	—	
342561	—	—		—	
341265				—	
123465	—		—	—	
125364				—	
124653	4		11s	—	
124356	S			—	
236451		—	—		
342651	S	—	—	—	D
341256				—	
213456			D		
432156			D		
316254		—	—		
123654	S	—	—	—	
123456	S			—	
431256			D		
214356			D		
342156			D		
416253		—	—		
342165879			B		
134265			C		

A=1s, 4, 6s, 9, 11, 13, 14.
B=1, 2, 3, 5, 8.

In conclusion, the object of this article is to try to raise the accepted standards of Stedman Caters and Cinques peal ringing. I should like to see the use of fixed 2nds place bell compositions come to be regarded only as a stepping stone for first peals.

The compositions included are only examples, but each of them could be the basis of a collection like Carter's 217 peals of Stedman Cinques, or, in fact, the 7,220 peals in Carter's 'Circuits of Stedman Caters.' There is also plenty of scope for new blocks, variations on those given and different arrangements for the back bells.

There are composers willing to provide these, given the encouragement of you—the ringers and conductors.

(Concluded)

OBITUARY

MR. J. R. MAIN

Finedon Church and parish, Northants, has lost a most faithful and esteemed servant by the death, on November 28th, of Mr. John Robert (Johnny) Main, at his home, 23, Union Street, Finedon. He was 77 years of age and is survived by his widow.

Born in Finedon, he joined the church choir at the age of eight and went into the belfry when his voice broke at 13. He quickly developed the art of change ringing, although he was 18 before he rang his first peal. 'Johnny' was an excellent method ringer. Of his 150 peals he conducted several. With the late Mr. George Basford, his tower captain and friend, he rang 99 peals—illness of Mr. Basford prevented them from ringing the 100th. His favourite methods were Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Superlative.

Besides being a regular and faithful service ringer, he held many other offices. For five years he was Ringing Master of the Wellingborough District—and his fatherly approach to younger ringers was often commented upon. He was also a sidesman, an organ blower and, in the latter years of his life, verger, an office he held at the time of his death.

It was his wish that his body should be in the church overnight, prior to his funeral. This was conducted by his Vicar, the Rev. J. C. Gill. Mrs Hirst Cuttell was at the organ and the choir was also in attendance.

At noon, on the last day of November, his body was finally laid to rest within sound of the church bells. John Robert Main leaves, with the parishioners of Finedon, a wonderful example of devotion to God and church. Rest eternal, grant unto him, O Lord, may light perpetual shine upon him.

E. J. C.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Thirty ringers attended the Mansfield District meeting held at Edwinstowe on November 19th, visitors attending from as far apart as Nottingham and Chesterfield. Ringing in a variety of methods preceded a short service, conducted by the Vicar, Rev. W. H. Pickles. In a short address he welcomed everyone to Edwinstowe.

Mr. S. W. Fossey, district chairman, presided at the business meeting when four new ringing members and one non-resident life member were elected. They were: Mrs. M. Wood, J. Mabbott, J. Penistone and H. Cartlidge, all of Edwinstowe, and Mrs. E. Silcock, of Chesterfield. The Bell Fund collection realised 12s. 7d.

The customary votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells and to the ladies for the excellent tea. Ringing continued until shortly after 9 p.m., methods rung ranging from rounds and call changes to London Surprise.

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'THE RINGING WORLD' COMMITTEE, the Editor and staff send their Christmas greetings to all readers. May the joy of ringing Christmas bells be in the hearts of all who ring and their families.

Greetings to all English ringers with best wishes from the CHRISTCHURCH (New Zealand) SOCIETY OF BELL RINGERS.—G. N. Sloan, Hon. Sec.

The ringers of ST. MARY'S, APSLEY, send Christmas greetings to their many ringing friends, especially all who helped to make the outing so successful. May the Christmas spirit prevail throughout the coming year. 7118

Christmas greetings to all, especially to those far away and in faraway places.—Jennie ARMSTRONG, Morpeth. 7104

A happy Christmas to all ringers and ringing friends of ours, wherever they may be, and may the New Year bring good health and every happiness to you all.—Mr. and Mrs. W. ASHDOWN, Beare Cottage, Broadclyst, Devon. 7133

Mr. Peter N. BOND sends sincere greetings and all good wishes for a blessed, happy and holy Christmas and happy New Year to all ringing friends, especially fellow-Cumberlands. 7116

Heartiest Christmas greetings to the Master, Deputy Master, secretary, report secretary, peals secretary, branch officials, and all my other friends in the Chester Diocesan Guild.—John KINGDON. 7094

The bellringers of CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL, VICTORIA, B.C., Canada, send their best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to their ringing friends in the United Kingdon and elsewhere. 7046

The ringers of DANBURY (Essex), send Christmas greetings to all their friends, once again, and best wishes for the New Year, and plenty of good ringing in the months ahead. 7117

Christmas greetings.—To all ringers and friends who have visited the Peak District on any occasion. We send our kindest greetings and sincere wishes for Christmas and the coming year. On behalf of the PEAK DISTRICT branch of THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. 7124

E. T. Paul FIELD, Marshfield, Knole, Langport, extends, to all his ringing friends best wishes for Christmas and the New Year and takes this opportunity of tendering heartfelt thanks for the many kindnesses shown to him in 1960. 7036

Christmas greetings to Aldenham, Cromer and Monken Hadley bands, and a special word of thanks to those long suffering tower masters, and others, who have put up with us. —Donald, John and Ian FRANKS, Radlett, Herts. 7144

The season's warmest greetings to all my ringing friends and colleagues, with many thanks for their patience and instruction during the past year, especially Wilton, Salisbury and Southampton towers.—Edward A. HAINES, Wilton, Salisbury, Wilts. 7107

From Mr. and Mrs. F. I. HAIRS to all friends.—Greetings and best wishes for 1961. —Norman's Cottage, Park Corner, Groombridge, Sussex. Tel. Groombridge 438. 7108

A merry Christmas and a happy New Year to all ringers, especially the St. Margaret's, Leicester, and St. Mary's, Queniborough, ringers and friends, also the Leicester and Syston District Guilds' ringers, with best wishes from Frank P. HARWOOD. 7127

A very happy Christmas, and fraternal wishes of prosperity in the New Year, to all friends associated with 'bells.'—J. Arthur HOARE, 6, Gendros Crescent, Fforestfach, Swansea. 7123

Sincere Christmas greetings to all members of the Sussex County Association, remembering, especially, those who are ill and those no longer able to ring.—Reginald V. JOHNSON, Master. 7091

David, Frances, George and Hilda MASSEY, of Frome, Somerset, send Christmas greetings to all ringing friends. We wish you happiness, good health and good ringing in the New Year. 7119

Best wishes to all ringing friends for a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.—Denis MOTTERSHEAD, Wilmslow, Cheshire. 7143

Wishing all our ringing friends, everywhere, a very happy Christmas and a prosperous and bright New Year.—N.S.T.G., Nailsea, in the county of Zummerzet. 7134

Greetings and best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all ringing friends from Mr. and Mrs. E. D. POOLE, Marlow, Bucks. 7126

The ringers of EMMANUEL CHURCH, PLYMOUTH, extend best wishes to all friends, both old and new, at home and abroad, for Christmas and the New Year. A hearty welcome awaits all ringers at Emmanuel in 1961. 7120

To all ringing friends, far and near, a very happy Christmas and good wishes throughout the year for 1961, is the sincere wish of Mrs. E. H. PULLING, 144, Woodside Road, Guildford. 7136

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. SMALLWOOD send sincere greetings to all ringing friends. Best wishes for a happy Christmas, good health, good ringing and prosperity in the coming year.—Darley Dane, Matlock. 7106

All good wishes for Christmas and the New Year to ringing friends everywhere.—Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Staniforth and Rosemary. 7139

Greetings to all my ringing friends. A very merry Christmas and happy and prosperous New Year.—Evelyn STEEL, Biddenham, Beds. 7137

To all our ringing friends 'everywhere,' including 'our' 'Ringing World' and the Editor, our best wishes for Christmas—and all it means and brings—and good health, prosperity and happy ringing for 1961 and succeeding years.—W. Frank and Ada STENSON, 'North Col.' 142, Minshull New Road, Crewe. 7109

A merry Christmas and a happy New Year to all ringers and friends from Mr. and Mrs. E. STITCH, 233, Penn Road, Wolverhampton, Staffs. 7114

To all our dear friends—and ringers everywhere—we wish you all a most happy Christmas, good health and prosperity in the coming year. Should we not reach you through the post this year, our thoughts and wishes will be no less sincere.—DEE 'BEE' and E. B. VINCENT (and the dogs), 'Mere Heyes' House,' High Legh, Knutsford, Ches. 7138

THE DRAGON MAJOR

1	2 3 4 5 6 7 8
2	1 3 4 6 5 8 7
2	3 1 4 5 6 7 8
3	2 4 1 6 5 8 7
2	3 4 6 1 8 5 7
3	2 6 4 8 1 7 5
2	3 6 8 4 7 1 5
3	2 8 6 7 4 5 1
2	3 8 7 6 5 4 1
3	2 7 8 5 6 1 4
2	3 7 5 8 1 6 4
3	2 5 7 1 8 4 6
2	3 5 1 7 4 8 6
3	2 1 5 4 7 6 8
3	1 2 5 7 4 8 6
1	3 2 5 4 7 6 8
1	3 5 2 7 4 8 6

4th place bob

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ALPHABET FOR BEGINNERS

By T. J. LOCK

"W"

WEIGHTED CLAPPER.—Sometimes referred to as a balanced clapper, and is used in the biggest of the bells. The impact of a clapper of normal design on a large bell would invite cracking the bell and so to avoid this happening a clapper of special design is used which reduces the force of impact. Instead of being hinged or hung at one end, a weighted clapper is hinged part way down the shank or stem in order to provide a balance to counteract and, to some degree, control the swinging force of the clapper ball.

WHITTINGTON.—This change is also musical and popular but, in my opinion, it is the anticipation of hearing the last three bells striking (in a similar order to the Queen's change) which produces the 'finishing touch.' The Whittington change is for not less than eight bells, when the order of striking is 12753468. On ten bells the change is 3124975680, and on twelve bells is 531246E9780T.

WHOLE PULL.—Whole pull change ringing is very little practised but it means that changes in the order of striking are made only at each handstroke. This, as you will appreciate, results in a repetition of each of the handstroke changes at every succeeding backstroke.

Whole pull right is when a bell is making a place at first handstroke and then at backstroke—and all bells in a forward hunting method, e.g., Plain Bob, lead whole pulls right.

Whole pull wrong is when a bell is making a place at first backstroke and then handstroke, and only in such backward hunting methods as London Surprise and in such principles as Erin and Stedman do whole pulls wrong occur.

WORKING BELL.—A working bell is one which does the work of the method. For instance, the treble bell in Plain Bob is not a working bell because it merely plain hunts and does not dodge at the lead end. But all the other bells which dodge at the lead end are working bells. The treble in any Treble Bob or Surprise method is not a working bell because it does not do the work of the method. In Grandsire the treble and the tenor covering are not working bells. In a principle such as Stedman, the treble is a working bell because it does the same work as the other bells. The tenor covering is not a working bell as, clearly, anyone could ring this bell even to a peal and still know absolutely nothing of Stedman's principle.

WRONG.—Wrong in even bell methods is the label given to a call (Bob or Single) when the bell which the observation bell is coursing is in the Home position. To explain by examples, in Plain Bob Minor the Wrong position is when the observation bell is dodging in 5-6 up: in Plain Bob Major the Wrong position is when the observation bell is dodging in 7-8 up: in Plain Bob Royal it is when the observation bell is dodging in 9-10 up, and in Plain Bob Maximus in 11-12 up. To explain by another way, the Wrong position in any Minor method is when the observation bell is striking in fifth's place at the backstroke lead end, Major in seventh's place, Royal in ninth's place and Maximus in eleventh's place.

Wrong in odd bell methods is the label given to a call when the bell which the observation bell is being coursed by is in the Home position. In Grandsire Triples it is when the observation bell is dodging in 6-7 down—in sixth's place at the lead end; and so on.

CHURCH EATON, STAFFS.—On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Plain Bob, Grandsire): R. L. Hawkesworth 1, R. J. Warrilow 2, Mrs. E. M. Key 3, B. G. Key (cond.) 4, Robert J. Warrilow 5, J. W. Dyke 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Preb. H. W. Jones, Rector of this parish, whose funeral took place this day.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On Nov. 27th, 1,232 Plain Bob Major: A. Holroyd (longest length) 1, Mary Atkinson 2, Mrs. M. Burns 3, Susan Chaddock 4, R. Woodward 5, P. Walker 6, J. N. D. Chaddock 7, N. Chaddock (cond.) 8. For morning Eucharist.

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MEETINGS

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DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Derby and Ilkeston District.—Annual meeting on Saturday, December 17th, at St. Peter's, Derby. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, in Church Hall, 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. —W. A. Morley, Dis. Sec. 7141

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Rural Branch. — Annual meeting, Henbury (8), December 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service and tea to follow. Please make effort to attend.—F. Hussey, 39, Gordon Avenue, Bristol, 5. 7122

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Hatfield, Saturday, December 17th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., in Memorial Hall. Names for tea to Miss A. Chapman, 18, Endymion Road, Hatfield. Tel. Hatfield 2191.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 7102

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The Charles W. Blakey Memorial Table and Visitors Book will be dedicated on Saturday, December 17th, at Rishton Parish Church. A cordial invitation is extended to all who wish to attend. The arrangements will be as follows: 3 p.m., bells available for ringing; 4, service, conducted by Rev. W. Brandwood, Vicar of Rishton; preacher, Rev. R. D. St. John Smith, president of the L.A.C.R.; 5 p.m. (approx.) tea. There will be further ringing after tea.—John Pilkington, Branch Sec. 7036

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Meeting at St. James', Birch-in-Rusholme, Saturday, December 17th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, December 14th, to Miss Dorothy France, 61, Bulkeley Road, Cheadle, Cheshire.—W. H. Riddle, Sec. 7100

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Aldrington (6), Saturday, December 17th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—George North, Div. Hon. Sec. 7083

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PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD — Thrapston Branch.—Annual meeting, Thrapston (8), January 7th. Names for teas by Tuesday previous, usual arrangements.—L. Witten, 4, John Street, Thrapston, Kettering. 7132

UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.—Dinner, London, January 7th (15s. Undergraduates, others £1). Ringing: Wandsworth H.T., 10.30 to 11.30 a.m.; Mortlake 1 to 2 p.m.; Chiswick 2.15 to 3.15; St. Clement Danes' 4 to 5.30 (followed by service). Dinner at the 'Victoria,' 6.30 for 7 p.m. A circular will be sent to everyone interested. Tour: Tring, Herts, August 18th to 26th.—D. J. Roaf, Trinity College, Cambridge. 7115

The Cheltenham Committee for Education in conjunction with The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

To start on Wednesday, January 11th, 1961, at 7 p.m. a course on BELL RINGING, running for 11 weeks, at Monkscroft County Secondary School, Cheltenham. Full details and forms of application may be obtained from Miss E. M. Bliss, Beech Pike, Elkstone, Cheltenham. The course will be of interest to ringers at all stages, and is open to anyone. Fee: under 18 5s., over 18 10s.—C. Rouse, Gen. Sec., G. and B. Association. 7090

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Saturday, January 14th, annual dinner, at The Culverden Arms, Tunbridge Wells. Tickets 14s. 6d. Names, with cash, by January 7th, to Mr. E. Brunger, 107, Upper Grosvenor Road, Tunbridge Wells. St. Peter's bells 4-6 p.m. Dinner at 6.30 p.m.—C. A. Bassett. 7130

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Note this date, January 14th, 1961. Meeting combined with smashing social evening at Studley. Ringing, singing, games and dancing. Bring your talent with you. Sure of a welcome at Studley. 7129

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.—Dinner, January 18th. Ringing: St. John-on-the-Wall 9-10 a.m.; St. James' 10-11; St. Ambrose 11-12; St. Werburg 11-12; Christ Church 2.15-3.15 p.m.; Cathedral 2.45-3.45; St. Mary Redcliffe 3.30-4.30; St. Michael 5.30-6.30. Service 6.30. Dinner 7.15 for 7.30 p.m. A meeting for all past and present members will be held at the Scouts' Hut, 5 p.m. Tickets, price 12s. 6d., can be obtained from I. Maycock, 109, Heathcote Road, Whitnash, Leamington Spa. 7142

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—Annual dinner, January 21st, 1961. This event is now open to all members of University Societies. Full day's ringing programme. Details by sending 16s. to M. R. Rose, 6, Kingsland Road, Shepton Mallet, Somerset, before January 14th. Mark envelopes 'U.L. Dinner.' Cheques payable to U.L.S.C.R. 7131

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual committee meeting will be held in the Church House, Salisbury, on Saturday, January 28th, 1961. Details later.—W. C. West, Hon. Gen. Sec. 7121

NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY. —A dinner will be held at the University, on Saturday, February 18th, 1961. Further details later. 7113

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT

One of the happiest meetings of the year took place at Thrybergh on December 3rd when, despite inclement weather, about 30 members and friends gathered to enjoy a variety of ringing from rounds, call changes and Plain Bob to London Surprise Minor.

The majority of those attending were teenagers, including a number of girl guides and boy scouts, in the local company, who shortly hope to acquire their ringer's badge. A free tea was provided in the Church Hall, newly painted by the church troop of Boy Scouts. The centre table was adorned by the beautiful Doncaster and District Society Silver Cup, which Thrybergh Company have won for Sunday service ringing attendance over the past two years. The business meeting was presided over by the Rector, the Rev. J. K. Dixon, and it was a pleasure to have the company of his charming wife at tea.

One new member (Miss Christine Armeson, of Rotherham), was elected. Details of a week-end course in bellringing at Grantley Hall, near Ripon, Yorks, were given. The course will take place on Saturday and Sunday, March 18th and 19th. The president (Mr. H. O. Chaddock) remarked how pleased he was to see Mr. John J. L. Gilbert, fit and well and back in action after his recent indisposition. The meeting ended with the usual votes of thanks and the secretary announced that the next meeting would be at Sheffield on January 7th. N. C.

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5,008 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

By JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM

1/5	W	M	23456
		—	43652
	—		54632
X			465
X			654
	2		53462
X			345
X			453
	2		56342
X			635
X			356

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THE BELLS OF ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, CHESTER

MUCH interest has been aroused in Chester, and indeed much further afield, by an announcement in the press that the Vicar and wardens desire to sell the ring of six bells and to place the money in the general fund for the restoration of the church. For the first time, it would appear, many of the citizens, including some of the parishioners, have become aware of the fact that there are bells in the tower. Certainly they had not been heard for a very long time.

The tower is unique in that it stands on arches at the south end of Chester's famous Rows, those raised sidewalks which visitors find so attractive and from which access to the church is gained. The first tower, replacing a timber belfry which housed three bells of mediæval date, was built in 1710, and young Rudhall must have watched the building with interest and anticipation. He was at that time in the city, hanging the new six at St. John's, a tower which later achieved some local fame from its association with the 'Gentlemen Bellringers.' At St. Michael's, however, Rudhall was not fortunate, and the old three bells, together with the sanctus, were hung in the new tower.

Fifteen years later there was evidently a strong desire in the parish for a ring of the 'musical' bells which Rudhall had made so popular, and the matter was finally settled at a meeting held on May 30th, 1726, when it was 'unanimously agreed & resolved by the inhabitants of the said parish that there shall be six Tuneable bells hung in the steeple instead of the three bells now hanging in the said Steeple.' The wardens were empowered to act, and they gave the contract to Rudhall who took away the three mediæval bells and the sanctus, the latter being recast.

In due course the new bells arrived from Gloucester and were weighed in the presence of a large gathering, the occasion being marked by a liberal allowance of liquid refreshment. Sir Richard Grosvenor, whose name appeared on the tenor, gave a donation of £20, a windfall which called for further celebration. The total weight of the bells was 30 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

The tower was in poor shape as early as 1815, but it was not until 1849 that it was taken down, having by that time become dangerous. A new structure was erected which was considerably larger than its predecessor, but again the right of way through the Rows meant that the tower must rest on arches. In an obvious attempt to reduce the weight of stonework above, large windows were made at the second stage, that on the east looking into the nave of the church. The west wall was further weakened by a spacious recess made to accommodate the clock movement. The louvre openings too were large, and the bonding of the masonry left much to be desired. However, the bells were duly installed in their old frame, and all seemed well.

There were some keen change-ringers at St. Michael's later in the century, as records of their achievements plainly show, and the ringing chamber was also a place where handbell ringing was much practised. However, the ringers were eventually forced to abandon their major activity for an ugly crack developed in the west wall and the tower was declared unsafe for ringing. The bells were last rung to mark the occasion of the Queen's jubilee in 1897, after which they were 'clocked' and hymn tunes hammered out before the services, a practice which continued until about 20 years ago. Since that time they have not been heard at all.

The belfry became a home for hundreds of the city pigeons, and the droppings eventually covered the floor and reached almost to the headstocks. As might be expected, the weight caused the floor to sag, and yet another dangerous situation had to be dealt with, the filth being shovelled into sacks, lowered to Row level, and carried to waiting vehicles in the street below.

After being buried for so long the bells can now be seen again. The trebles carry stock Rudhall inscriptions and the tenor is of course inscribed with the name of Sir Richard Grosvenor while the others carry the names of the wardens. The frame and fittings are naturally in a poor if not dangerous condition, and would be better moved from the tower which is itself badly in need of attention.

In the light of what has been written above it is clear that the parish is faced with a very difficult problem—the restoration of the whole of the church fabric. The tower is in such a state that even the dead weight of the bells and frame is viewed with concern, hence the proposition to offer the ring for sale. The matter will eventually come before the Chancellor, and while it would be unwise to anticipate his decision it is reasonable to suppose that he may grant a faculty for the sale of the complete ring to another church where the bells could be again used for their intended purpose. It is unlikely, however, that permission would be given for the bells to be sold singly.

J. W. C.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 24 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in D.

Ruth M. Border	*Treble*	Bryan D. A. Woolley	7
Tony Price	2	David J. Purnell	8
Claudia A. Critchley	3	Norman J. Goodman	9
John McDonald	4	*Norman V. Harding	10
G. William Critchley	5	Richard E. Price	11
Edgar C. Shepherd	6	Peter Border	*Tenor*

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by Peter Border.
* First peal of Maximus in the method.

TEN BELL PEALS

BUCKFAST, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
At the Abbey Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 41 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb.

*Peter A. Lock	*Treble*	*Charles P. Yates	6
John M. Jelley	2	*Donald J. Roberts	7
Russell S. Morris	3	Norman Mallett	8
E. Maurice Atkins	4	Frank D. Mack	9
Herbert C. Spencer	5	William Simmonds	*Tenor*

Composed by G. Ronald Edwardes. Conducted by John M. Jelley.
* First peal on ten bells.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Dec. 1, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Norman J. Goodman	*Treble*	Barrie Hendry	6
Roderick W. Pipe	2	David J. Purnell	7
Bryan D. A. Woolley	3	George E. Fearn	8
John Pinfold	4	John A. Anderson	9
W. Bertram Kynaston	5	Peter Border	*Tenor*

Composed by W. Pye. Conducted by Peter Border.

LEYLAND, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 24 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 23 cwt. 20 lb. in E flat.

Stanley Walmsley	*Treble*	Arthur Rigby	6
Thomas Barker	2	Donald Lawson	7
John H. Gartside	3	Lawrence Walmsley	8
Maryl R. Crossthwaite	4	*Derek Heaton	9
John Jackson	5	Cyril Crossthwaite	*Tenor*

Composed by Edwin Timbrell. Conducted by Stanley Walmsley.
* First peal of Royal. First of Royal as conductor.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

ST. LAURENCE-IN-THANET, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Laurence,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 16 cwt. 6 lb. in E.

*H. John Webb	*Treble*	*Rev. Stanley M. Evans	6
*Mary S. Taylor	2	†Thomas C. Phillimore	7
*Pauline Fennel	3	*Nicholas J. Davies	8
Ian H. Oram	4	Crawford T. Hillis	9
John R. Cooper	5	‡Dennis A. Chapman	*Tenor*

Composed by George W. Debenham.
Conducted by Dennis A. Chapman.
* First peal on ten bells. † First of Royal. ‡ 100th peal. First of Royal as conductor.

SOUTHAMPTON.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF 5040 BRISTOL SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 16¼ cwt. in F.

*Derek C. Jackson	*Treble*	R. Roger Savory	6
Jessie M. Kippin	2	Tom Chapman	7
Rev. K. W. H. Felstead	3	Maurice J. Butler	8
Nelia M. Leahy	4	Adrian J. Tumber	9
M. Elizabeth Chapman	5	Charles H. Kippin	*Tenor*

Composed by F. E. Darby. Conducted by Charles H. Kippin.
* First 10-bell peal. First of Bristol Royal in the county, by the Guild, and by all the band except the ringers of the second and tenor.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 10, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
At Christ Church with St. Ewen,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 23 cwt.

Reginald G. Hooper	*Treble*	*Alan F. Lee	6
*Doreen Cox	2	*Richard J. Bowden	7
David J. Purnell	3	*Patrick J. Bird	8
Anthony E. Cox	4	D. John Hunt	9
Anthony W. T. Cleaver	5	*Donald E. Cobb	*Tenor*

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by Anthony E. Cox.
* First peal of Cambridge Royal. First in the method and of Royal as conductor.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Hancock, of St. Mary Redcliffe, on the occasion of their silver wedding celebration.

DERBY.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 10, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 DERBYSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 19 cwt. 1 lb. in D flat.

Roy Stephenson	*Treble*	Roger Baldwin	6
David J. Marshall	2	Denis A. Frith	7
Mrs. P. A. M. Halls	3	Denis R. Carlisle	8
Harold Taylor	4	Ian M. Holland	9
Gordon A. Halls	5	James H. Pailing	*Tenor*

Composed by D. R. Carlisle. Conducted by Gordon A. Halls.

WRINGTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 10, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB ROYAL
C.C.C. No. 239. Tenor 37 cwt. 13 lb.

Victor G. Roberts	*Treble*	Don C. Exell	6
Elisabeth A. G. Bowden	2	John Brain	7
Arthur H. Reed	3	Philip N. Tubbs	8
Brynley A. Shackleton	4	William H. Kingcott	9
John R. Ketteringham	5	John H. Gilbert	*Tenor*

Composed by James Motts. Conducted by John H. Gilbert.
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GOOLE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist,
A PEAL OF 5280 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15¼ cwt.

James Thorley	*Treble*	†Ronald R. Warford	5
*Russell Stephenson	2	Alan Sheppard	6
†David S. Johnson	3	G. Fred Terry	7
John J. Taylor	4	Leslie M. Woodhead	*Tenor*

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Leslie M. Woodhead.
* First peal of Major. † First in the method.
A farewell peal to the Rev. R. Hanson (Vicar of Goole), who is taking up the living at Eccleshall, Sheffield. Also rung to welcome the birth and celebrate the christening of Nigel Philip Sheppard, son of the ringer of the sixth.

OAKHAM, RUTLAND.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt.

Roger Baldwin	*Treble*	Peter B. Knights	5
Pat A. M. Halls	2	Clive W. Walklate	6
Gordon A. Halls	3	James H. Pailing	7
Harold Taylor	4	Michael R. Blore	*Tenor*

Composed by G. A. Halls. Conducted by Michael R. Blore.
Rung in memoriam Ben Barker, for many years a faithful ringer at St. Peter's Church, Derby.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes.*
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.

*Elsie K. Hart	*Treble*	H. George Hart	5
Joan Beresford	2	Thomas H. Francis	6
†Marjorie F. Matthews	3	Dennis Beresford	7
†Celia F. Whitfeld	4	Peter Beresford	*Tenor*

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Dennis Beresford.
* 50th peal on the bells. † First of Yorkshire Surprise Major.

LLANDAFF, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

*Nicholas W. H. Simon	*Treble*	Roger G. Havard	5
Edmond J. R. Hartley	2	William J. Goodfellow	6
Thomas Yeomans	3	Geoffrey J. B. Stickland	7
Adrian F. R. Hartley	4	Bryn Taylor (17)	*Tenor*

Composed by T. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Bryn Taylor.
* First peal attempt, aged 14. First as conductor.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. R. T. White, who has been verger at Llandaff Cathedral for 25 years.

TUNSTALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
At Christ Church,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt.

*Elizabeth M. Snell	*Treble*	Robert Arrowsmith	5
Phillip S. Whalley	2	William Talbot	6
Ronald Barlow	3	*Leslie T. Walley	7
K. Peter Jones	4	Douglas R. Whalley	*Tenor*

Composed by H. Whittle. Conducted by Douglas R. Whalley.
* First peal of Major.
Ringers' effort for the Stoke-on-Trent jubilee year celebrations.

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Dec. 1, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt.

John E. Rootes	*Treble*	Christopher W. Woolley	5
Kenneth R. Dunstan	2	H. George Hart	6
Elsie K. Hart	3	Neville Jenkins	7
Celia F. Whitfeld	4	Geoffrey W. Seaman	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. Martin. Conducted by Geoffrey W. Seaman.

ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in G.

Alfred Ballard	*Treble*	*A. Maxwell Lindsey	5
W. Ernest Rawson	2	*Martin C. Faulkes	6
E. Alan Jacques	3	Russell S. Morris	7
J. Edward Cawser	4	John M. Jelley	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.
* First peal in the method.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
At the R.C. Abbey of SS. Thomas and Edmund of Canterbury,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in F.

Claudia A. Critchley	*Treble*	Bryan D. A. Woolley	5
Norman V. Harding	2	John McDonald	6
George E. Fearn	3	John A. Anderson	7
G. William Critchley	4	Peter Border	*Tenor*

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Peter Border.

FINEDON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Taylor's Six-Part. Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

*Malcolm King	*Treble*	Harry Richardson	5
John King	2	Geoffrey E. Watson	6
†Noel Pearson	3	William J. Whitmore	7
*Eric Chapman	4	Charles Richardson	*Tenor*

Conducted by Geoffrey E. Watson.
* First peal of Triples. † First peal.
Rung half-muffled as a last tribute to John R. Main, a regular ringer at this church for over 60 years.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5184 WHITMINSTER SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.

H. George Hart	*Treble*	Patrick W. Saltmarsh	5
Elsie K. Hart	2	Joe E. G. Roast	6
John R. Mayne	3	Dennis A. S. Symonds	7
Peter J. Eves	4	Howard W. Egglestone	*Tenor*

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by John R. Mayne.
First peal in the method by all the band, and on the bells.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Pritchard's. Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in E flat.

John Hill	*Treble*	†Anthony R. Turley	5
*Michael W. Seymour	2	William H. Coles	6
Frank C. Price	3	†Albert R. G. Twinn	7
	4	Arthur D. Barker	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank C. Price.
* First peal of Major. † First of Plain Bob Major. The conductor has now 'circled the tower.'
Rung as a compliment to Mrs. G. Goodfellow, who has been a ringer at this church for 40 years.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

*Richard Newman	*Treble*	William J. Newman	5
Mrs. J. Thomas	2	Joseph E. Newman	6
Mrs. P. Harris	3	Ralph Harris	7
Joseph D. Johnson	4	Patrick Harris	*Tenor*

Composed by F. Bennett. Conducted by Joseph D. Johnson.
* First peal of Major.
Rung in honour of the marriage of Miss Angela M. Chapman (only daughter of the Rev. W. B. and Mrs. Chapman, of Hinton) to Mr. Roger S. Holdsworth, which was solemnised at All Hallows' Church, Almondbury, Yorks, the same day.

PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt.

Stanley E. Bennett	*Treble*	John G. Ames	5
*Dennis Woods	2	Frank Taylor	6
J. Martin Thorley	3	Trevor A. Bevis	7
*Alan G. Payne	4	Cyril R. Burrell	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.
* First peal of Major 'inside.'

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13¼ cwt.

Albert W. Bond	*Treble*	Herbert W. Woolven	5
E. Winifred Keys	2	Basil W. White	6
Edgar R. Rapley	3	Leonard Stilwell	7
Angela Grainger	4	W. Leslie Weller	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by W. Leslie Weller.

QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF 5024 BIDDENDEN SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9½ cwt.

Ivor Goulter	*Treble*	Victor Griffin	5
Lesley J. Bladon	2	Peter T. Hurcombe	6
Cyril A. Wratten	3	Anthony R. Peake	7
Shirley M. Parsons	4	Brian Bladon	*Tenor*

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5152 KENT & OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Ilkeston variation. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

MARGARET A. SWANN .. *Treble*		†LOUIS WILLDERS	5
*C. ROGER ASHER	2	PETER A. SHARP	6
†DAPHNE P. BROWN.. ..	3	†GEOFFREY R. PARKER ..	7
†CLAIRE DILLAMORE	4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. *Tenor*	

Composed by F. NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal of Major. † First of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major.

WICKEN, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST.
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

WILLIAM A. YATES .. *Treble*		FREDERICK C. CASE ..	5
*JAMES LINNELL	2	THOMAS E. ROBERTS ..	6
WILLIAM J. CHESTER ..	3	GEORGE W. HOLLAND ..	7
*CHARLES E. TRUMAN ..	4	*GEORGE E. GREEN .. .. *Tenor*	

Arranged and Conducted by GEORGE E. GREEN.
* First peal in the method. The conductor's 50th peal, and his 25th on the bells.
Rung as a compliment to the conductor's wife on the birth of a son.

WINDSOR, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
H. Johnson's Six-Part. Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E flat.

*DAVID P. HILLING.. .. *Treble*		HOWARD OGLESBY	5
†MONICA M. BLAGROVE ..	2	FREDERICK R. SCOTT ..	6
†PAMELA M. JERVIS.. ..	3	EDWARD S. T. FARR.. ..	7
J. KEITH WARD	4	FRANK T. BLAGROVE .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by FRANK T. BLAGROVE.
* First peal of Major. † First in the method.

MILNROW, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Dec. 4, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising 2,688 Cambridge and 2,368 Yorkshire, with 93 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell.
Middleton's. Tenor 18 cwt.

*NORMAN SMITH .. .. *Treble*		†GORDON ROTHWELL ..	5
†MICHAEL D. FISHWICK..	2	†KEITH ABBOTT	6
†JOHN P. PARTINGTON ..	3	†DEREK BUTTERWORTH ..	7
†GEOFFREY S. MILLS ..	4	*EDWARD JENKINS .. .. *Tenor*	

Arranged and Conducted by NORMAN SMITH.
* First peal of 2-Spliced Surprise Major. † First of Spliced Surprise. First of Spliced Surprise on the bells. The ringer of the second has now 'circled the tower.'

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Dec. 5, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE R.C. CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in F.

BARRIE HENDRY.. .. .. *Treble*		RODERICK W. PIPE	5
BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY ..	2	DAVID J. PURNELL	6
JOHN A. ANDERSON	3	JOHN McDONALD	7
PETER BORDER	4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. .. *Tenor*	

Composed by H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

DARTFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 5, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Washbrook's variation. Tenor 18½ cwt.

ARTHUR G. MASON.. .. *Treble*		HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ..	5
*JOHN W. COLEMAN.. ..	2	RALPH BIRD	6
CYRIL S. JARRETT	3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER.. ..	7
TREVOR A. CROSS	4	PETER G. RICHARDS.. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.
* First peal in the method, and first on eight.
Rung as a compliment to Canon Elliot-Mitchell, Vicar of Dartford, on the 30th anniversary of his induction to the above church.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 5, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5088 SOMERSET SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

JOHN SOANES .. .. .. *Treble*		RONALD J. JOHNSTON ..	5
CAROL FERNLEY	2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	6
EILEEN M. FEARN	3	EDWARD JENKINS	7
BASIL JONES	4	BRIAN HARRIS .. .. .. *Tenor*	

Composed by C. KENNETH LEWIS. Conducted by BASIL JONES.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Guild.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

WHITSTONE, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KATHERINE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

*FRANK W. BYE .. .. *Treble*		*PETER E. JUPP..	4
*KENNETH G. E. WANNELL	2	SIDNEY F. SKINNER ..	5
JOHN M. CARTER	3	FRANK D. MACK .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by SIDNEY F. SKINNER.
* First true peal.

ROWBERROW, SOMERSET.
THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.
On Wed., Nov. 30, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being Morris' 240 and 40 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 7 cwt.

*JANE B. TUFFIN .. .. *Treble*		MICHAEL J. AUSTIN ..	4
†JOHN C. BALDWIN	2	IAN C. MAYCOCK	5
‡ROYSTON BLACKLER ..	3	*EDWARD G. MOULD .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by ROYSTON BLACKLER.
* First peal. † First of Doubles. ‡ First 'inside' and as conductor of Grandsire Doubles.

SULGRAVE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 2, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Carter's Principle: Being 42 extents (five callings). Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr.

CHARLES E. TRUMAN .. *Treble*		MONTAGUE SAUNDERS ..	4
BARRY E. SAUNDERS	2	WILLIAM A. YATES	5
JAMES LINNELL	3	J. GEORGE SHELLARD .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by WILLIAM A. YATES.
First peal in the method on the bells, by all the band, and for the Guild.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD-AT-THE-HYTHE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Single Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 15¼ cwt.

BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD .. *Treble*		*JOHN AVIS	4
WILLIAM J. BRUNT	2	ADRIAN G. SEMKEN.. ..	5
GEORGE W. BARNES	3	URBAN W. WILDNEY .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.
* First peal 'inside.'
Rung before the opening service of the Parish Mission, when the Church Army missioners were commissioned by the Lord Bishop of Colchester.

COUNTESTHORPE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in six methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Double Oxford Bob, (3) St. Clement's Bob, (4) Oxford Treble Bob, (5) Kent Treble Bob, (6) and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 17 lb.

RUSSELL S. MORRIS.. .. *Treble*		ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD ..	4
JOHN M. JELLEY	2	A. JAMES POYNOR	5
BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	3	JOHN J. MORRIS.. .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

GAYTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Consisting of six six-scores each of Plain Bob, Old, Norfolk, April Day, Reverse St. Bartholomew, All Saints' and Reverse Canterbury.
Tenor 14 cwt.

*RICHARD WHITE .. .. *Treble*		ROY A. KEEVES	4
PATRICIA F. CURTIS.. ..	2	KENNETH D. PERKINS ..	5
†GRAHAM C. PAUL	3	ERIC BILLINGS .. .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by KENNETH D. PERKINS.
* First peal. † First in seven methods.

GREAT LIVERMORE, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 1,200 each of St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Plain Bob (four callings), and 1,440 Grandsire (four callings). Tenor 6 cwt.

ARTHUR F. BALLAM .. .. *Treble*		RICHARD J. STANNARD ..	3
MRS. H. IVINGS..	2	JOHN E. IVINGS	4
HENRY IVINGS .. .. .. *Tenor*			

Conducted by ARTHUR F. BALLAM.

HATHERN, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1960, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in ten methods, viz.: One extent each of Huntspill and New Bob, six of Grandsire and two of Reverse St. Bartholomew, four each of Rev. Canterbury, Winchendon Place Bob, St. Nicholas', Plain Bob, St. Martin's and St. Simon's, Plain Bob and Rev. Canterbury. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb.

TOM HARRIS	*Treble*	FRANK CHAMBERS	4
CELIA COWLEY	2	JOHN TICKLE	5
DAVID SWIFT	3	*RON CARTER	*Tenor*

Conducted by TOM HARRIS.
* First peal. First of Doubles by all the band.

HEMINGBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1960, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two different extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three different extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

JAMES THORLEY	*Treble*	G. FRED TERRY	4
RONALD LUNN	2	JOHN J. TAYLOR	5
*RUSSELL STEPHENSON	3	LESLIE M. WOODHEAD	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE M. WOODHEAD.
* First peal in three methods,

MARLESFORD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1960, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb.

*JOHN MARJORAM	*Treble*	ALAN S. PIPE	4
JACK PILGRIM	2	JOHN W. BLYTHE	5
RAYMOND PECK	3	PETER S. BEDFORD	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.
* First peal.

ROTHLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb. in F sharp.

GEOFFREY M. BREWIN	*Treble*	*J. RICHARD PERKINS	4
JUDITH A. M. COX	2	CHARLES V. CATTELL	5
DEREK M. SAWYER	3	JOHN B. BENNETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN B. BENNETT.
* First peal of Plain Bob Minor.

SADDLEWORTH, YORKSHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being one extent of St. Clement's College Bob and two each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in G.

GORDON RUMNEY	*Treble*	BRIAN SCHOFIELD	4
*E. MICHAEL QUINN	2	MICHAEL D. FISHWICK	5
JOHN P. PARTINGTON	3	JOHN ROBINSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN ROBINSON.
* First peal in four methods. First as conductor in four methods.

SHAPWICK, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1960, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

*ALAN KENT	*Treble*	GEORGE PRESCOTT	4
MARJORIE LEGG	2	†KEITH PRIME	5
HOWARD COLLINGS	3	JOHN GREBER	*Tenor*

Non-conducted.
* First peal of Doubles. † First of Grandsire Doubles.

SOUTH WEALD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1960, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In 11 methods: (1) London and Wells, (2) York and Durham, (3) Carlisle, (4) Chester and Munden, (5) Beverley and Surfleet, (6) Ipswich, (7) Cambridge. Tenor 15 cwt.

*GERALD K. GOLDWIN	*Treble*	*JOHN L. FENNELL	4
*COLIN M. TIFFIN	2	LAURENCE H. TURNER	5
*ROBERT J. ISGROVE	3	HARRY TURNER	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.
* First peal in more than seven methods.

STOKE-NEXT-GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1960, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 of Double Oxford and St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 14 lb. in B flat.

WILLIAM T. BEESON	*Treble*	STANLEY G. PONTING	4
*JILL M. LANE	2	DOUGLAS A. R. MAY	5
*CHRISTINE M. HARBOTT	3	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First peal of Minor in six methods.

TENDRING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being extents of St. Clement's, Double Court, Oxford Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

MRS. VIOLET A. HALES	*Treble*	ARTHUR G. BUTTON	4
RONALD G. BUGG	2	EDWARD E. DAVEY	5
ALAN R. ANDREWS	3	WALTER RUFFLES	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

THAKEHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1960, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

*MICHAEL J. WAKE	*Treble*	MARIAN SKINNER	4
CHARLES B. SKINNER	2	BENJAMIN W. FARHALL	5
ROBERT WAKE	3	RAYMOND P. WOOD	*Tenor*

Conducted by RAYMOND P. WOOD.
* First peal.
Rung as a compliment to Canon H. T. Mogridge on being made Rector of the united parish of Thakeham with Warminghurst.

WORTH, SUSSEX.
THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1960, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise and Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

*JOHN WARNER	*Treble*	COLIN A. TESTER	4
MARGARET A. LADD	2	*BRIAN JEFFERY	5
OLIVE D. COUCHMAN	3	ERNEST J. LADD	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.
* First peal in four methods.

BOXLEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 5, 1960, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Single Oxford Bob, Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

WILLIAM MANSER	*Treble*	*MARTIN HOWE	4
*OLIVE COUCHMAN	2	BERNARD GROVES	5
*MONTY GILBERT	3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Conducted by BERNARD GROVES.
* First peal in six methods. The conductor's 250th peal.

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THAMES DITTON, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 5, 1960, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Nicholas.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7½ cwt.

Frank E. Hawthorne	*Treble*	Douglas Boniface	4
Frank Oakshott	2	Michael Gathercole	5
*David Leach	3	Wilfrid G. Wilson	*Tenor*

Conducted by Wilfrid G. Wilson.
* First peal. Rung on the eve of St. Nicholas.

WENHASTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 5, 1960, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 6 lb.

Raymond Peck	*Treble*	Jack Pilgrim	4
John W. Blythe	2	H. William Barrett	5
Peter S. Bedford	3	C. Jack Gibson	*Tenor*

Conducted by H. William Barrett.
The ringers of 2 and tenor have 'circled the tower' to peals.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Dec. 6, 1960, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes.
At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Norwich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Hereward, Single Oxford and Plain Bob.
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

Harold Marcon	*Treble*	C. William Hall	4
Tom Harris	2	David Swift	5
Celia Cowley	3	G. Ronald Edwards	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. Ronald Edwards.
A compliment to Celia Cowley and Tom Harris on their engagement.

PERRAN-AR-WORTHAL, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 10, 1960, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Piran.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in G.

Clement W. Jose	*Treble*	†Roger G. Eggins	4
Anthony Locke	2	Douglas Burnett	5
*Anthony J. Davidson	3	†David R. Michell	*Tenor*

Conducted by Douglas Burnett.
* First peal on six. † First peal. First of Doubles as conductor.

SMARDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 10, 1960, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Michael.
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in 17 methods: (1) Netherseale, Lightfoot and Wearmouth; (2) Hull and Annable's London; (3) London, Wells and Cunecastre; (4) Hexham and Berwick; (5) Stamford and Rossendale; (6) York and Durham; (7) Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet; with 116 changes of method. Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in E.

Crawford T. Hillis	*Treble*	Ian H. Oram	4
Ralph Bird	2	John R. Cooper	5
Andrew M. Macve	3	Thomas Cullingworth	*Tenor*

Conducted by Ian H. Oram.
First peal in 17 Surprise methods by all the band, and on the bells.

WRAGBY, YORKSHIRE.
THE LEEDS UNIVERSITY UNION CAMPANOLOGICAL SOCIETY.
On Sat., Dec. 10, 1960, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael and Our Lady,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Oxford Treble Bob, one of Cambridge Surprise, one of St. Clement's Bob and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

F. Keith Williamson	*Treble*	Robin Brown	4
*Frances Fairbank	2	W. Russell Read	5
Keith Goldthorpe	3	W. John Couperthwaite	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. John Couperthwaite.
* First peal on tower bells. First as conductor in more than one method.

HANDBELL PEAL

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Nov. 29, 1960, in 2 Hours and 2 Minutes,
At 128, Leicester Road.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor size 15 in C.

Graham T. Ball	1—2	Alfred Ballard	5—6
John Vernon	3—4	Michael Vernon	7—8

Conducted by Michael Vernon.
A birthday compliment to Miss Jill Vernon, of Caterham, Surrey.

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LOUGHBOROUGH

The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—At St. Peter's Cathedral, on Nov. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. O. Goulter 1, Enid Roberts 2, H. Greenhalgh 3, C. H. Bagot 4, H. F. Cox 5, W. B. Pitcher (first as cond.) 6, B. R. Cox 7, H. C. Moule 8. For Remembrance Day service. Also on Nov. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Facy 1, Enid Roberts (cond.) 2, H. Greenhalgh 3, W. B. Pitcher 4, B. R. Cox 5, W. Lampard (first quarter) 6. Also on Dec. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. O. Goulter 1, Enid Roberts 2, H. Greenhalgh 3, C. H. Bagot 4, W. B. Pitcher (first of Minor as cond.) 5, A. R. Lamphee 6. For Confirmation.

AYLESTONE, LEICS.—On Nov. 20th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: S. Marie Davenport 1, Christine Sanders (first of Major 'inside') 2, Patricia A. Wardle 3, Sandra E. Chesterton (first as cond. in method) 4, A. J. Poynor 5, T. I. Roper 6, R. S. Morris 7, P. Martin 8. For Evensong.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,344 London Surprise Major: Jill Parsons 1, F. E. Darby (cond.) 2, S. F. Kimber 3 Joan Beresford 4, M. V. Chilcott 5, A. Rogers 6, B. D. Threlfall 7, R. Bird 8. Rung after meeting short for a peal attempt of Royal. Also on Dec. 4th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal: E. G. Talbott 1, Jean Lavender (first of Surprise Royal) 2, Jeanette Winchester (first of Surprise Royal) 3, Kathleen Chilcott 4, R. W. Hinde 5, R. J. Cook 6, F. E. Darby (cond.) 7, F. D. Jennings 8, M. V. Chilcott 9, S. F. Kimber 10. For Evensong.

BLACKWELL, DERBYS.—On Dec. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Cantrill 1, P. Eastland 2, A. Smithson 3, W. Steele 4, J. Smith 5, A. Wheeler (cond.) 6. First quarter 1 and 5. For Evensong.

BOURNEMOUTH.—At St. John's, on Dec. 4th, 1,296 Cambridge Minor (tenor covering): Miss D. Gould 1, H. A. Mitchell 2, Mrs. D. Gardener 3, F. Price 4, A. Busby (first Cambridge) 5, M. J. Best (cond.) 6, A. V. Davis 8. For Confirmation service.

BRATTON CLOVELLY, DEVON.—On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Shepherd (first quarter) 1, W. Manning 2, W. C. Boucher 3, J. H. Benoy (cond.) 4, F. Wells 5, L. Cundy 6.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. Michael-on-the-Mount, Without, on Nov. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. G. Mould 1, Jane B. Tuffin 2, J. C. Baldwin 3, C. T. Biscoe 4, I. C. Maycock (cond.) 5, S. M. J. Young (first quarter) 6. For Evensong by the U.B.S.C.R. Also on Nov. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: T. Samuelson (first quarter) 1, Christine Collett 2, R. Blackler (cond.) 3, M. J. Austin 4, T. Kench 5, D. Evans 6. For Evensong by the U.B.S.C.R. Also on Dec. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mary Busch (first quarter) 1, Jennifer Gambling 2, Dorothy Stafford 3, Bridget Heighton 4, J. C. Baldwin 5, D. Heighton (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on Dec. 11th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Morris', Grandsire, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Plain Bob, April Day, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas', St. Simon's and St. Martin's): Pam Sturdy (first quarter) 1, R. Blackler 2, I. C. Maycock 3, J. C. Baldwin 4, M. J. Austin (cond.) 5, C. T. Biscoe 6. First quarter in 10 methods for all. For Evensong by the U.B.S.C.R.

BUCKLAND, SURREY.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Sally Parrott 1, R. E. Fentiman 2, W. Parrott 3, J. Munton (first as cond.) 4, D. J. F. Oakshott 5, A. Saunders (first quarter) 6.

BURSTOW, SURREY.—On Dec. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Padbury (first quarter, first attempt, 14) 1, L. W. Penfold 2, G. Charlton 3, T. Padbury 4, A. J. Bull (cond.) 5, H. H. Padbury 6.

CAVENDISH, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss R. J. Seabrook 1, Mrs. W. A. Perry (first quarter) 2, H. G. Honeyball 3, S. M. Honeyball 4, S. J. Twitchett (cond.) 5, W. A. Perry 6. A birthday compliment to the tower captain, Mr. S. H. Honeyball.

CONSETT, CO. DURHAM.—On Dec. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Armstrong 1, E. Oliver 2, J. G. Wall 3, R. Skelton 4, N. Errington 5, W. Tyson (sond.) 6. For evening service.

EAST ILSLEY, BERKS.—On Nov. 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. J. Hibbert 1, J. W. T. Hibbert 2, Mrs. M. C. Hibbert 3, J. H. Naper 4, A. W. G. Sayers 5, R. M. Head (first quarter) 6, W. G. Bishop (cond.) 7, H. R. Wells 8.

GREAT TEW, OXON.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: M. W. Sayers (first of Major) 1, B. J. Davies (first of Major 'inside') 2, H. H. Alexander 3, H. H. Morley 4, W. J. Cross 5, R. A. Reeves 6, W. N. Genna 7, C. C. Clarke (first of Major as cond.) 8.

FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKS.—On Dec. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss R. Lund 1, H. Wingrove (cond.) 2, Miss D. R. Fletcher 3, W. Henley 4, G. Riglar 5, R. Broadley 6, A. Bridges 7, D. Miles (first quarter) 8. In memoriam Miss F. Parker, daughter of the famous composer, Mr. J. J. Parker, interred this day.

QUARTER PEALS

KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Nov. 6th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Tonie J. Critchley 1, Ann E. Fellows 2, J. Mary Funnell 3, Linda M. Hughes 4, Veronica M. Miles 5, Alma M. Greaves 6, R. J. Gay 7, R. W. Pipe (cond.) 8. For Evensong. Also on Nov. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Tessa P. Kemp 1, Linda M. Hughes 2, J. Mary Funnell 3, Ann E. Fellows 4, Alma M. Greaves 5, Vesronica M. Miles 6, Susan Funnell 7, R. J. Gay 8, R. W. Pipe (cond.) 9, N. J. Goodman 10. For Evensong.

LECKHAMPTON, GLOS.—On Dec. 4th, 1,312 Double Norwich C.B. Major: Mrs. M. A. Wratten 1, A. Pendlebury 2, Miss S. M. Parsons 3, W. A. Farmer 4, Rev. J. B. T. Homfray 5, I. Goulter 6, T. Boreham 7, C. A. Wratten (first in method as cond.) 8. For Evensong.

LEEDS, YORKS.—On Dec. 4th, 1,264 Plain Bob Minor: R. Brown 1-2, M. G. Swift 3-4, F. K. Williamson 5-6, W. J. Couperthwaite (cond.) 7-8.

LEICESTER.—At St. John-the-Divine, on Nov. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Atkins (first on eight) 1, A. Grant 2, I. Fraser 3, P. Chilton 4, R. Elkington 5, S. Harrison 6, K. Townsend (first as cond., aged 15) 7, A. Cooke 8. For Evensong. Also on Dec. 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: S. Harrison 1, R. Elkington 2, I. Fraser 3, R. Southwood 4, H. Grant 5, A. M. Lindsey 6, P. Chilton (first as cond., aged 15) 7, K. Townsend 8. For Evensong.

LECHLADE, GLOS.—On Dec. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Hayden 1, A. King 2, G. Land (cond.) 3, H. Evans 4, P. Kirby 5, J. Ryman 6. For Evensong.

LITLINGTON, HERTS.—On Dec. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: F. Bailey (first quarter) 1, W. Ridgeman 2, A. Mynott 3, D. Pepper 4, W. Newman (first of Doubles and as cond.) 5, F. Morgan (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on Dec. 11th, 1,260 Stedman Caters: J. Tomsett 1, Freda Greaves 2, M. Gathercole 3, A. Fulwell 4, R. Cadamy 5, J. Maybrey 6, J. Marks 7, D. Theedom 8, W. F. Oatway (cond.) 9, B. Willgress 10. First of Stedman Caters for 3, 5, 6, 8 and as conductor. Also at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, on Nov. 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: V. Green 1, Miss J. Firth 2, Miss J. Langton 3, M. Barton 4, J. Perrett 5, G. Parsons 6, J. Euston (cond.) 7, P. Cattermole 8. For Matins.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICS.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,537 Stedman Caters: Bro. A. Tomlinson 1, Bro. A. Gibbs 2, Bro. R. Ingram 3, Bro. F. Perrens 4, Bro. B. Kynaston 5, Bro. E. Elson 6, Bro. C. Harrison (cond.) 7, Bro. P. J. Staniforth 8, Bro. J. Worth 9, Bro. J. Thornley 10. Rung by Fremasons to mark the installation of Bro. Colin Harrison.

LOWER HEYFORD, OXON.—On Nov. 12th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: C. H. Kinch 1, C. Clarke 2, R. Reeves 3, L. Busby 4, E. G. Jones 5, E. J. Smith (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to E. E. Pearson.

MAIDS MORETON, BUCKS.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Grandsire, Plain Bob): Miss D. Busby 1, R. Vickers 2, A. Stanton 3, C. Stopps 4, G. Holland (cond.) 5, H. Stopps 6. Rung on the 90th birthday of Mr. H. Jones, a ringer at this church for 70 years.

MARSTON, OXON.—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. H. Jones 1, J. S. Walker 2, Helen Williams 3, N. D Dean (cond.) 4, A. Gammon 5. For Evensong.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICS.—On Dec. 10th, 1,321 Stedman Caters: A. Stimson 1, E. W. Rawson 2, P. A. Corby 3, T. Templeton 4, R. Manton 5, A. Ballard 6, R. Morris 7, H. Clayton 8, P. J. Staniforth (cond.) 9, S. Smith 10. Rung on the occasion of the Melton District dinner.

MERROW, SURREY.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. R. A. Glue 1, Jill M. Lane 2, P. G. Smart (cond.) 3, A. Pamela Warren 4, B. A. Todd 5, R. I. Vaughan 6. First of Minor for 1 and 5. For Confirmation service.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Owen 1, Jennifer Brake (first 'inside') 2, L. Derrick 3, Mary Powell 4, C. Kortright (cond.) 5, H. Hardwidge 6.

NORTON CANES, STAFFS.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Susan Devey 1, D. Jordan 2, Ann Eden (first quarter) 3, Margaret Guthrie 4, G. Bradbury (cond.) 5, A. Armstrong 6. A birthday compliment and a farewell to ringer of third, who leaves to become a nurse.

NORTON, HERTS.—On Nov. 23rd, 720 Single Oxford, 720 St. Clements Minor: Gillian Sims 1, Caroline Wills 2, I. Werrett 3, H. E. Werrett 4, M. A. Collings 5, P. Mehew (cond.) 6, Elisabeth Wills (13, cover bell) 7.

OCKHAM, SURREY.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Priestley 1, Miss J. Drury 2, Miss P. Drury 3, A. D. Leach 4, J. Martin (cond.) 5. For morning service.

PETERSFIELD, HANTS.—On Dec. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: H. DeCombe 1, R. Walker 2, K. Sansom (cond.) 3, D. Hughes 4, K. Tipper 5, B. Kercher 6.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On Dec. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Martin 1, B. Coatsworth 2, L. Allen 3, A. Mann (first of Grandsire Triples) 4, J. Perrett (first of Triples as cond.) 5, A. Clayton 6, C. Mew 7, B. Bull 8. For Matins, and to mark the confirmation of Alan Millidge, Hugh MacPherson, Michael Uphill and Graham Welch, all members of the local band.

RAYLEIGH ESSEX.—On Nov. 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. F. Ward 1, M. F. Hatch 2, R. D. Tomlin 3, F. May 4, G. D. Sandwell 5, D. Belcham 6, M. J. Hallett (cond.) 7, E. J. Blower 8. For Evensong.

READING, BERKS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Dec. 4th, 1,280 Glasgow Surprise Major: K. Cotterell 1, A. Diserens 2, Jennifer M. Davies (first in method) 3, J. N. Diserens 4, F. W. Lewis 5, R. F. Diserens 6, C. E. Lewington 7, N. J. Diserens (cond.) 8.

ROMSEY, HANTS.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: K. J. Jacobs 1, Audrey J. Knight 2, M. D. G. Northway 3, M. L. Northway 4, H. J. Page 5, C. M. White 6, C. H. Kippin 7, R. C. Kippin (cond.) 8. First in method 1 and 4. For the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Northway.

SALISBURY, WILTS.—At St. Paul's, on Oct. 18th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: E. Haines 1, Miss M. Page 2, Miss A. Sweeney 3, R. Haines 4, B. Lawes 5, J. Daniels 6, L. Page 7, H. Abrahams (cond.) 8. First of Major for 3 and 4. Also on Dec. 1st, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: E. Haines 1, Miss M. Page 2, Mrs. A. Abrahams 3, R. Haines 4, B. Lawes 5, J. Daniels 6, L. Pages 7, H. Abrahams (first in method as cond.) 8. First of Double Norwich for 1 and 4.

SLAUGHAM, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): E. Arnold (first quarter) 1, S. Brook 2, P. Tomsett 3, F. Smith 4, A. Turner (cond.) 5, A. Tayman 6, S. Arnold 7, M. Abbott 8. Rung in memory of J. Gratwick, a ringer of this tower.

STANWELL, MIDDX.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob Minor: F. T. Blagrove 1, D. P. Hilling 2, Monica M. Blagrove 3, M. Lane 4, D. Pickett 5, C. B. Fynes 6. Half-muffled on eve of Remembrance Sunday.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—On Dec. 10th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Miss G. Burchnall 1, Miss K. Burchnall 2, Mrs. C. W. Reed 3, P. N. White 4, J. D. Clarke 5, C. W. Reed 6, J. W. Raithby 7, W. L. Exton (cond.) 8. First of Cambridge Major 3, 5 and 8. Also 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Miss K. Burchnall 1, Mrs. C. W. Reed (first of Double Norwich) 2, P. N. White 3, Miss G. Burchnall 4, J. W. Raithby 5, C. W. Reed 6, W. L. Exton (cond.) 7, J. D. Clarke 8. Rung after a peal attempt for Cambridge Surprise Major.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At St. Mark's Church, on Nov. 27th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: M. A. New 1, P. H. Naylor 2, A. M. Stratford 3, A. T. Collins 4, M. J. Stanley (first as cond.) 5, A. Sims 6. For Evensong, by a teenage band.

SWITHLAND, LEICS.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. W. Brown (first quarter) 1, M. D. Barsby 2, E. F. Payne 3, J. Mitchell 4, B. S. Payne (cond.) 5, F. T. Bindley 6.

THAKEHAM, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 4th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Marian Skinner 1, Charles Skinner 2, R. Wilson 3, B. Farhall 4, R. P. Wood (cond.) 5, W. Cherriman 6. For Induction service.

TORQUAY, DEVON.—On Dec. 3rd, at the Church of St. Saviour, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. E. Fursdon (first quarter, first attempt) 1, A. L. Bennett 2, A. J. Garbett 3, P. A. Lock 4, W. J. Harvey (cond.) 5, J. Kelly 6.

UPWELL, NORFOLK.—On Dec. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Ann Dorling 1, E. H. Mastin 2, S. G. Elsey 3, N. Greenacre 4, T. Bush 5, G. I. Mann (cond.) 6. For Evensong, and as a 20th birthday compliment to treble ringer.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.—On Dec. 10th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: R. A. Trickett 1-2, F. R. Morton (cond.) 3-4. First quarter on handbells for both.

WOBURN, BEDS.—On Oct. 26th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Kathleen Rivett 1, F. Rivett 2, Mrs. Mary Mann 3, C. Payne 4, K. C. Fleming 5, P. Wakeman 6, C. D. Mann 7, R. Churchill (cond.) 8. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Colin Payne, with best wishes of the remaining seven ringers.

WOLLATON, NOTTS.—On Dec. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Shonfield 1, C. R. Daft 2, P. W. Hawcock 3, M. Poppleston 4, R. Preston 5, P. J. Hawcock (cond.) 6. Welcoming the return of Mr. R. Preston, from H.M. Army.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The quarter peal at Buckfast Abbey, in which four monks took part, was rung to celebrate the silver jubilee in the priesthood of the Lord Abbot (Dom Placid Hooper), who was ordained at the Abbey 25 years ago. After the quarter peal, which was rung on the middle eight, the visitors were entertained by the Community, the Lord Abbot, himself, attending to thank the ringers personally.

Mr. Bryn Taylor (17) wishes to know whether he is the youngest person to conduct a peal of Major for the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association.

The seven good wishers in the quarter at Woburn are getting in plenty of practice for ringing for another occasion in Colin Payne's life that might occur in the near future!

Litlington, Herts, has made a start. This issue contains a quarter, the first in which any member of the local band participated or conducted.

The peal of Minor rung at Tendring, Essex, on December 3rd, was to mark the completion of 57 years' service as church clerk by Mr. Charles Marven. A ringer for an even longer period, he still attends district meetings, and is well known in the area. The band look forward to ringing for his diamond anniversary.

The band who rang the peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal at Christ Church, Bristol, would like to associate with it the name of Roger O. Fry, who was to have called the peal, but had to drop out for health reasons. The band wish him a swift return to health and send him their best wishes for his ordination at the end of December.

On December 1st, 1950, a peal of Bristol was rung to welcome the Rev. Philip Lea, as Rector of St. John-the-Baptist, Erith. Now, ten years later, another peal of Bristol has been rung as a farewell, with many thanks for the ready permission always given to the many ringers who have come to St. John's to attempt peals. Fortunately, Mr. Lea will not be leaving Kent, as he is to be inducted to the living of Seal.

An incident occurred while a television team was visiting St. George's Church, Dameram, preparatory to the Christmas Day broadcast. One of the technicians came into the ringing chamber and exclaimed: 'I always wanted to ring a bell.' Before anyone realised it, he had pulled off the treble, which was already up. Fortunately no harm was done, but he learned that bellringing it not so easy as it looks in the few seconds which followed.

With the first peal of Tyrone Surprise Major (named after the Irish county) at Rocester, Staffs, Derek P. Jones has 'completed the alphabet' of Surprise Major peals.

Two surprises awaited the band on completing a seven Minor methods peal at Bradfield, Berks, on December 9th—a glass of port or sherry kindly provided by the local captain, Mr. J. Butler, and two inches of snow, which had fallen while the peal was in progress.

Mr. Gordon Halls, of Derby, is putting in some very useful work by collecting postal subscriptions and is also roping in some new subscribers. This kind of practical help is much appreciated. We hope that 'R.W.' enthusiasts in other districts will copy Mr. Halls' example.

Two 15-year-olds, Keith Townsend and Peter Chilton, of St. John-the-Divine, Leicester, pupils of Mr. S. Harrison, have conducted their first quarter peals—Grandsire and Stedman Triples, respectively. The Stedman is worthy of special mention as Peter has been conducting this method for only a few weeks. The visiting ringer afterwards remarked that it was the best ringing in which he had taken part for some considerable time.

The peal rung at Acton on December 12th was, at the Rector's request, associated with St. Cecilia. The parish had musical celebrations for St. Cecilia's Day (November 21st) and the Rector (the Rev. Richard Parsons) was anxious to include the bells. Owing to circumstances outside his control, a peal could not be attempted on the eve of the festival, but the band did ring the bells before the actual celebrations, the following evening. The peal (Lincolnshire) was the 100th on the bells.

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BELLS SILENT FOR 40 YEARS RUNG AGAIN

THE bells of Cowesby Church, in the North Riding of Yorkshire, silent for more than 40 years and which the late Vicar considered were too heavy to be rung, have been restored by ringers from Thirsk and Northallerton.

A recent inspection of the tower revealed an accumulation of jackdaws' nests which buried the fourth and tenor bells up to the crown and except the treble all were completely jammed with twigs. The wheels and stays and sliders and pulleys, when exposed, seemed sound and an oil can and bottles of oil also came to light.

The ropes hung coiled in the chamber below, except for the tenor's which was broken at the garter hole. The others were severed at the same point where they had rotted away and knots were tied inside the wheel. This, of course, put the sallies out of reach and led indirectly to the discovery of a box containing 17 handbells, for something was needed to stand on. One at a time the bells were raised and rung then lowered in pairs by the two ringers who had undertaken the work. The ropes held firm and stood the test. It is hoped to find others, however, no necessarily new, which will serve for the little ringing likely to take place here.

The bells are a ring of six, by Warners, installed in 1878 and Dove gives the tenor as 8½ cwt. They are in A flat and of a good tone. The ropes fall in two straight lines of three to the chancel floor from a central tower. The church was designed by Salvin in 1846 and is in the Norman style and on the site of a Saxon church. All that remains of the old church are the communion rail and altar candlesticks, which are Jacobean and worthy of inspection.

The beautiful stone village nestles among the Hambleton Hills and together with Felixkirk (6), its bells would provide a satisfying detour for a touring band between Thirsk and Northallerton. There is no incumbent in either parish at present but the churchwardens and Rural Dean, who is the Vicar of Thirsk, readily gave permission for the restoration and would be glad to allow visitors to ring at both these interesting churches.

On December 10th, the work being completed, a representative band rang the bells to a good 720 of Plain Bob Minor. There is no lighting in the church or a quarter peal would have been rung. The ringers were: Elsdon Metcalf 1, John Brown (president, Northern District, Yorkshire Association) 2, Arthur Bashforth (Yorkshire committee) 3, Tom Cox (president, Cleveland and North Yorks Association) 4, Edward Hudson (secretary, Northern District) 5, Fred Hodgson (Ringing Master, Northern District, cond.) 6.

The proceedings were watched by a barn owl perched silently, high up in the roof. Was he thinking 'One hoot and I'm oot'?

A. B.

Open Evening At Crayford

Relatives and friends of the ringers of St. Paulinus', Crayford, were invited to an open evening on December 6th, organised by Mr. E. A. Barnett.

The evening began with demonstrations in the tower in raising the bell, hand-stroke and back-stroke, by young beginners. Next several course of Plain Hunt, Rounds and Plain Bob were rung.

The rest of the evening was spent in the Parish Hall, where cakes and tea were provided by Mesdames Barnett and Bond. The guests were shown a simple method in ringing Plain Hunt on handbells and also tune playing. The very enjoyable evening concluded with parents trying, rather unsuccessfully, to ring handbells.

I. M.

New Five For Essex

The three bells at All Saints' Church, Shrub End, Colchester, are to be made into a ring of five with a tenor weighing about 6 cwt. The work is being carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and it is hoped that the bells will be ready for ringing by the beginning of next November. The existing three bells were put in by the same foundry, about 1844, and were originally hung for ringing, but they have been in an unringable state for many years.

SERVANTS OF THE EXERCISE – No. 52



MR. HERBERT LANGDON,
London.

London has provided the Exercise with many famous ringers, but none more so than Herbert Langdon, easily the best known and best loved figure in the Metropolis. He is a wonderful link with those giants of the past such as Matt Wood, James Petitt, W. T. Cockerill, W. Prime, Sam Joyce, H. Springall, E. Horrex, C. Burden, Tom Benney, W. Tanner, Bob Newton, J. N. Oxborrow, J. W. Golding, Challis Winney, G. N. Price, the brothers Pasmore, and many others, with all of whom he rang many peals.

His stories of these great men of past generations are always most entertaining and are listened to with great respect by all who are lucky enough to enjoy his friendship. To give even a modest account of his ringing career would take up the whole of the space in 'The Ringing World' and we are only able to deal with some of the highlights, which will give our younger members some idea of his stature as a ringer.

Mr. Langdon is the youngest of four ringing brothers, and son of Henry Langdon, who was also a well known London ringer. The oldest brother, Harry, did not attain the same degree of prominence as the other three, Thomas, William and Herbert. Born in London in 1881, Herbert Langdon first learned to ring at St. Giles', Camberwell, being taught by his brother, William—who also taught T. H. Taffender to ring. After a period of call changes at Lambeth, he went to Chelsea and Fulham for his first experience of change ringing, and later migrated to St. Margaret's, Westminster, where Tom and Bill were already members.

RANG AT ST. PAUL'S FOR 58 YEARS

In 1900 he became a College Youth, and in February of that year first rang at St. Paul's Cathedral. His performance evidently satisfied the older members of the band and he was appointed as a substitute ringer, serving as such for 10 years. In 1910 he was elected a full member of the St. Paul's Guild, and he rang there continuously until 1958, having been conductor since 1938, when he succeeded W. T. Cockerill. He rang his first peal (Holt's Original) at St. George's, Camberwell, in 1899, which was conducted by G. E. Symonds, who also conducted his next three peals. His fifth peal, Stedman Caters, at Beddington, was conducted by that great ringer, Harry Barton, who had evidently taken a great liking for this promising youngster, who before long was appointed conductor of the St. Margaret's band.

Mr. Langdon never kept a record of his peal performances, but recent research kindly undertaken by Mr. Edwin Jennings, of Braintree, and Mr. L. Stilwell discloses that his peal total is 549, of which he conducted 237.

Peals of which he can justly be proud are the record 21,363 Stedman Caters at Appleton in 1922, Carter's odd bob one-part Stedman Triples, both of which he conducted, and the silent performance of the latter on handbells—one of the greatest achievements yet. In 1923 he conducted the attempt for the record length of 12,675 Stedman Cinques at Southwark, which was 13 years later discovered by one of the band to be false. Langdon umpired the first handbell Surprise peal, Superlative, conducted by Harry Pasmore, with whom he rang many handbell peals, including Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Treble Bob on 8, 10 and 12 bells. Pasmore and Winney were the principal conductors. In 1904 he joined the Yorkshire Association, and struck up a lifelong friendship with the brothers Woodhead, who were so impressed with his ability that they invited him to conduct the last peal on the old bells at Leeds Parish Church, and the first peal on the new bells.

Among many other notable peals in which he took part was the first and only peal of Cambridge Maximus at St. Paul's, with A. B. Peck on the tenor, and conducting. Langdon rang the 11th—always the problem child at St. Paul's. She was in her worst mood, and after 2¼ courses Langdon told Peck he was doubtful if he could finish. 'Well,' said Peck, 'you say "stand" when you've had enough.' He continued to the end of the 3rd course and thought he detected a slight improvement in the 'go.' He tried another course and she went a bit better. Deciding to carry on, he found that the 'go' deteriorated, but he stuck it out until the end. He said afterwards that had it not been for the wonderful rhythm attained by the rest of the band, he could never have rung that bell that night.

Herbert Langdon has been associated with Westminster Abbey bells since their augmentation in 1919, and he and A. B. Peck are the only survivors of the band who rang the opening touch there. He has rung more peals with Peck and the late C. F. Winney and has probably rung more peals of Stepney than anyone. His other hobby is cricket—he is a staunch supporter of Surrey, and if he had not taken up ringing there is no doubt he would have been a star performer in that game.

By profession he is a shipping agent, well known in the City and renowned for his reliability. He is as methodical and reliable with his work as he is with his ringing.

He has friends not only in London, but all over the country, particularly in Birmingham, and it is a great joy to see him in the company of his dear old friend Albert Walker. May they both be spared to us for many more years!

JAFUS.

A WET AFTERNOON IN OXFORDSHIRE

On the afternoon of December 3rd a party of ringers from Radley College and village, Abingdon, Oxford, and even one from Cheshire, went on an outing to three Oxfordshire towers.

Our first stop was at Dorchester Abbey, where we were joined by two of our friends from Oxford, and the Chaplain of Radley College. Here we all enjoyed ourselves, ringing on the heavy eight (16 cwt.), of deep, melodious tone. After about an hour's ringing we proceeded to Brightwell Baldwin. Here, after a welcome tea in the Village Hall, we did justice to the fair-going six (9 cwt.). We then pressed on to Warborough, where some of the best ringing of the day was had on this pleasant eight (10 cwt.). Ringing here ranged from rounds to Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Major.

We are very grateful to Miss M. R. Cross for very kindly arranging the outing, to all incumbents and tower captains, and to all those who so very kindly provided transport.

R. N. G.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, AVINGTON, HANTS

By PETER DICKINSON

IT was whilst talking to a visiting band of ringers at my home tower recently I heard that the bells of Avington Church were to be sold. I knew that they had been unringable for many years but now the Rector and churchwardens had applied for a faculty to sell five of the six bells.

As this was to be the end of another ring of six bells in this part of Hampshire I went to Avington to find out some details about the bells and the events leading up to their being sold.

Avington is a pleasant village on the River Itchen, about 4½ miles from Winchester and is one of the smallest villages in Hampshire. At the present time it consists of the Manor House and nineteen cottages and the church.

The Church of St. Mary is a red brick building in the Georgian style dating from 1770. On entering the church I found one of the ladies of the parish was engaged in putting some new candles on the altar and she soon asked if I had been to the church before. As it was several years since I had been there, she told me of the restoration work that had been carried out on the roof and windows and the considerable sum of money that had been raised to carry out the work. She also pointed out several interesting features such as the two-decker pulpit, the high box pews, the elaborate carving over the altar and the western gallery, all in mahogany, a 'vinegar Bible' in a glass case, the 'flower vase' font and the barrel organ in the gallery.

I said that I had heard the bells were being sold and could I have some details of them? Apparently one of the bells was broken in pieces, another one badly cracked and to put the bells in order was beyond the resources of the parish, so, reluctantly, they had decided to sell five of the bells and have the tenor rehung for the service bell.

I asked if I might go up into the belfry and have a look at the bells and get any inscriptions that might be on them. The lady replied that she did not allow anyone up into the bell chamber without the Rector's permission as it was considered unsafe, but I was welcome to go up to the ringing chamber and view the church from the gallery. This I did and as I stood in the gallery I could visualise the old 'choir' as described by Thomas Hardy in his novel 'Under the Greenwood Tree.' In the ringing chamber there was little of interest—several old hatchments and the bell ropes, one of which came through the tread of the stairs to the bell chamber. On the floor were several old footstraps.

Back in the church the lady said she could not tell me any more of interest at present but if I would call at her house one evening she would furnish me with more details.

ON SAXON SITE

The following week I called at her house and both she and her husband were eager to help me find any interesting details. A former Rector, the Rev. H. Wright, went to great trouble about 1900 to trace the history of Avington and very interesting reading it makes. There has been a church on the present site since A.D. 961. This Saxon building was dedicated to SS. Peter and Paul and was built in the time of St. Swithun, who used to draw taxes from it.

In the year 1768 the Marchioness of Carnarvon and the Rev. Ellis Jones Clerk, Rector, applied for a faculty to build a church to replace the old Saxon church as 'the old church is a low building and is dark and incommodious for the parishioners of the said parish to attend Divine Service in and in several parts thereof is become ruinous and decayed.'

The faculty was granted 'The Church to be furnished with a new altar piece and communion table with suitable ornaments, a new pulpit and reading desk, new pews and seats and a font for the use of himself and family and inhabitants, likewise a new set of bells.'

The new church was built at a cost of £2,500 and consecrated on February 23rd, 1770.

The details of the new set of bells are set out in the parish register as follows:—

Avington St. Mary's Church Bells.
Peal of Six Bells supplied by Pack and Chapman, A.D. 1771.

Diameters		Weights cwt.	qr.	lb.
40″	Tenor	11	0	13
36½″	V	8	3	6
33½″	IV	7	0	27
31″	III *	5	2	20
29″	II *	4	3	25
27½″	Treble *	4	3	5
	Total weight	42	1	12

Cast at Whitechapel Bell Foundry, London.

* Bells marked thus are cracked through inferior ringing.—H. W.

There is no indication of the date that this footnote was added but in the 'Hampshire Chronicle,' of early 1959, the following note appeared in the '50 years ago' column:

Avington: The Bellringers of Tichborne Parish Church paid a visit to Avington Church and spent the evening ringing Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob on the Church bells. They afterwards went to the Plough Inn, Itchen Abbas, and spent an enjoyable hour!

Following the list of diameters and weights is a list headed: 'Mottoes on the Bells in the Tower'

Treble: I mean to make it understood
That though I'm little I am good.
Second: If you have a judicious ear
You'll own my voice is sweet and clear.
Third: Whilst thus we join in cheerful sound
Let love and loyalty abound.
Fourth: Ye people all that hear me ring
Be faithfull to your God and King.
Fifth: Such wondrous power to music's given
It elevates the soul to Heaven.
Tenor: Ye Ringers all that prize your health and happiness
Be sober, merry, wise and you'll the same possess.

Now after 190 years five of the bells are to be taken down from the tower and sold back to the Foundry whence they came. The money raised by their sale will be used partly to restore the fabric of the tower which has housed them for so long. It is many years since they have been rung and it will be interesting to know where they will go. Maybe they will be recast as a ring for another new church as they were before, but one thing is certain: they will not sound through the Itchen Valley as they did the night Tichborne ringers rang them fifty years ago.

BARNSLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Fourteen towers were represented at the monthly meeting of the Barnsley and District Society, held at St. Peter's, Kirkthorpe, near Wakefield, on December 10th. A warm welcome was given to all present by the Rev. Gerald Barber, and then, because of another appointment, he vacated the chair to Mr. Noel F. Moxon. The present officers were nominated for submission to the general meeting at St. Mary's, Barnsley, on January 14th. The usual vote of thanks was offered by Mr. Frank Brunt. J. B.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

Northern District

The combined attraction of Immanuel, Streatham, bells and a special performance of 'Son et Lumiere' in Croydon Parish Church in the evening brought an unusually high attendance to the nomination meeting of the Northern District on November 26th.

During the afternoon Immanuel bells were put to good use in a variety of methods under the supervision of the Master, Mr. F. E. Collins. The service, to the Association's form, was taken by the Vicar, the accompaniment to the hymns being played by a visiting ringer from Tonbridge. Tea followed in the New Church Hall and Mrs. Collins, with two helpers from Croydon Parish Church, put on a first class spread.

The business meeting was dealt with in the usual brisk manner so that the 50 people present were not kept away from Croydon bells too long. Four new members were elected and all the existing officers were nominated for 1961. In addition, Mr. Tony Clayton, of Putney, was nominated for a place on the committee. The sum of £5 5s. was voted from the District Funds to the A. H. Pulling Memorial Fund, without a dissenter. The Bell Fund collection amounted to 28s.

By 8 p.m. more ringers and friends had gathered for the performance of 'Son et Lumiere,' especially arranged for the ringers by Mr. F. E. Collins. This proved to be a most impressive history of Croydon Parish Church over 1,000 years, shown in light and by sound recordings.

The show is the church's contribution to the celebrations taking place in Croydon this year to mark its millenary. It was a privilege much enjoyed by all to have a special performance arranged, and concluded another most happy meeting. W. P.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Eastern District

The Eastern Branch held its winter meeting at Gorleston-on-Sea on December 3rd, when 31 members and friends attended. Gorleston Parish Church is a popular one for weddings and because there were two ceremonies during the afternoon, ringing was of necessity restricted. The new ring at St. Nicholas', Great Yarmouth, was, however, made available for an hour so that ringers did not have to be idle for long, or be disappointed.

The service was conducted by the Vicar of Gorleston, Canon E. L. Corbell, R.D., Mr. Tucker being organist. A hot meat pie tea prepared by Miss Barbara Smedley, of the local company, was held in the Church Hall, the meeting, which followed, being presided over by the branch chairman, Mr. E. R. Goate, who was supported by Association and branch officers.

Mr. H. W Barrett thanked the members for their kind wishes conveyed to Mrs. Barrett and himself on their recent silver wedding anniversary. The belfry election of Patrick Bird, Michael Sprackling and Tudor Davies to non-resident life membership was ratified. It was proposed that the 1961 branch annual meeting be held at Loddon on February 11th, subject to suitable arrangements being made.

The meeting was told that the bells at Kessingland were being augmented to six and would be opened after Christmas, also that the rehung ring of ten at Aylsham would be opened on December 10th. Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar, the organist, Mr. Bird (Master of the local company) and Miss Smedley for the excellent tea arrangements.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

METHOD NOMENCLATURE

Dear Sir,—When the peal in 29 Major methods was arranged at Heptonstall, with unusual method nomenclature, it was realised that we might shock a few people, but we never dared to hope that we should be an inspiration for poetry, and under the circumstances I should like to clarify certain details.

The peal report is, of course, quite genuine. The composition and details of new methods were sent to 'The Ringing World' with the report, so perhaps the figures will be published in due course.

The composition itself has no special merit, and the methods included are all simple variations of well known methods, but as 10 of them had never been rung before, we were faced with the problem of finding quite a large number of names. Eight of the new methods, although acceptable as methods, are not in the Central Council Collection, so there was no question of just giving them a C.C.C. number. As it might have proved difficult associating names with methods we named eight of them after members of the band and two after places and in fact in that way we were able to associate the method structure and name quite easily.

We don't claim credit for all the exotic place names in the peal, several of them had already been chosen by previous bands, but surely your correspondent should find out more about places like Lesser Wopping before he decides that they are inappropriate for methods!

In the days of College Exercise, Shipway's Court and London Scholars' Pleasure, etc., when, perhaps, ringers had not settled into an unalterable routine, names given to methods usually had a significance, and did not simply copy the names of places, in many cases not in any way associated with the methods they gave their names to. At present we are probably the only band ringing the offending methods, so maybe we can on this occasion be permitted to copy this very early tradition.

We don't intend to ring a full peal in any of the methods, but if any ringers do, we shall be pleased to accept any names they choose for them.—Yours faithfully,

DEREK OGDEN.

Sale, Manchester.

THE PROFESSOR'S INVESTIGATIONS

Dear Sir,—With reference to Mr. W. Shepherd's letter, page 515 of 'The Ringing World' for July 29th last, upon the above ('R.W.' leader, July 15th), I made a few notes at the time concerning the questions he raised but circumstances then conspired to prevent my completing them. I hope I am not now too late, and that they may be of some assistance.

The Professor's investigations are sound enough in the main but in handling the various equations we must bear in mind that for reliability only definitely known values may be ascribed. Now in giving his examples the Professor was dealing with imaginary ringers and so could obviously only assume or suppose particular values. Had he been dealing with real ringers it will be seen, from a careful study of his equations, that he would, by the application of these methods, have been in very great danger of making many enemies for life. Any reader doubting this should try it out.

The celebrated Herr Taubenhaus, who strode across the stage of international chess for so many years, used a similar method for assessing the potentials of his many opponents, and stopped at nothing in order to obtain any information over and above his first-hand experience concerning them, which he considered to be necessary.

It is not known how this fact got abroad, but get abroad it did, and it is recorded that in a raid upon his hotel room during the great tournament at Baden-Baden (presumably by people who had suffered at his hands) all his papers disappeared. Nothing else was touched. When the worked examples of his methods were studied in the light of named individuals such a howl of rage went up that Herr Taubenhaus packed hurriedly and fled, and it was quite a while before he dared appear in another top-ranking tournament.

Now, the Theory of Equations—that every numerical equation has a root, i.e., some quantity in a numerical form, real or imaginary, which, when substituted for the unknown quantity in the equation, shall render the said equation a numerical identity, is by no means self-evident, nor is it easy to afford evidence for it which shall be at the same time convincing and free from limitations. The argument of Cauchy, however, in his demonstration consists in showing that the quantity which it is wished to prove capable of being reduced to zero, can be exhibited as the product of two factors, one of which is incapable of assuming a minimum value or, in other words, that a less value than one assigned can always be found, and that therefore it is capable of acquiring the value zero. The argument is not completely free from objections, but is perhaps less objectionable than any of its forbears.

The solution of simultaneous equations of the first degree, two or three unknowns, may be presented under the form of a set of fractions, the numerators and denominators of which are symmetric products of the coefficients of the unknown quantities in the equations. These products were called resultants by Laplace but are now known as determinants, a name first applied to certain of them by Gauss.—Yours faithfully,

Stourbridge. BERNARD C. ASHFORD.

LEADING PEAL RINGERS

Dear Sir,—Soon the annual list of 'Leading Peal Ringers' will be published again. I suggest that this year you publish not only the name and number of peals, but also the tower with which each ringer is associated for service ringing purposes. This would not only help to connect our leading peal ringers more with Sunday service ringing, but also give readers some idea of the homes of these disembodied names. Always this list is a mere repetition of names that have become familiar through reading the peal columns. The additional information would at least help us to associate a band or group of peal ringers with a particular tower, town or city, which should add to the interest of the peal columns next year.

I know of peal ringers (last year we were told that there was a group of them) who withhold their names from this list. Their main reasons seem to be that no one else wants to know this information and they are not publicity seekers. Perhaps they can be persuaded to send details this year. There are people who want to know, both friends and strangers. The column is news—please don't help to strangle it.—Yours faithfully,

Bristol. PATRICK J. BIRD.

B.B.C. TIME SIGNAL

Dear Sir,—With Mr. Herbert Langdon and Mr. C. W. Roberts cannot we add the name of Thomas H. Taffender, senior (Taff), to those associated with the B.B.C. time signal?

We should be grateful if the actual list, names of ringers and positions taken up, were to be published soon—in 'The Ringing World.' I remember 'T. H. T.' telling me a year or two ago that the bells went rather badly at the time.—Yours sincerely,

Swindon. P. MINCHIN.

OBITUARY

MR. A. J. SKELDING

The Worcestershire Association has lost one of its oldest members by the passing of Mr. Albert J. Skelding, on November 23rd.

He was elected a member of the Association at its annual meeting, Easter, 1895, and became Northern Branch secretary in 1920, and held this office until 1933, when he was succeeded by Mr. W. B. Cartwright, now the Association's Master.

For many years he rang at St. Thomas', Stourbridge, but around 20 years ago, just prior to his retirement, he left Stourbridge to reside at Oldswinford and became a member of the band at St. Mary's.

He was elected a Freeman of the Association in 1950, but indifferent health and failing sight put a stop to his ringing activities although he maintained a keen interest in the affairs of the Association.

The funeral took place at Oldswinford, on November 26th, and was conducted by the Rector, Archdeacon Hurley. After the interment handbells were rung over the grave by members of the Northern Branch, followed by a quarter peal, half-muffled, of Grandsire Triples by a band representative of the four Stourbridge towers and Brierley Hill.

MR. W. SMITH

Ringers of the Melton District were very sorry to hear of the death, on December 11th, of Mr. William Smith, of 123, Kings Road, Melton Mowbray. Born at Hose, 58 years ago, he learned to ring in that tower under the guidance of Mr. Willie Sharpe. He also rang at Long Clawson, and rang the tenor to the first peal on these bells in May, 1927, Mr. William Smith (his namesake), from Turra Murra, New South Wales, rang the treble on that occasion.

He joined the Framland Society of Change Ringers in 1919 and had been chairman for the past six years. He was also a member of the Leicester Diocesan Guild and was District chairman from 1948-49. He had taken part in four peals—two for the Framlands and two for the Leicester Guild.

The funeral service took place in Melton church on December 13th and was conducted by the Vicar, Canon C. M. S. Clarke. Mr. J. Gilson and Mr. F. Sheppard represented the Framland Society and Leicester Guild. A wreath was sent by the former.

J. H. C.

MR. ARTHUR HAIGH

AN APPRECIATION

It was with deep regret that I learned of the passing of Arthur Haigh, of Blackpool. I leave to someone who has a more intimate knowledge of his life and career the writing of his obituary, but I feel I must express appreciation as one of those who, when stationed at Blackpool during the war, was made welcome at the haven, in East Topping Street, by a perfect lady and a perfect gentleman.

Many are the happy hours that I, and others in similar circumstances, have spent there, ringing handbells, talking about ringing and making music, whilst Mrs. Haigh prepared the coffee or altered the buttons on my greatcoat to make it fit, or gave us a solo from the 'Messiah.'

I have no doubt that all those who had the privilege to know Arthur Haigh will feel, as I do, a sense of deep personal loss. Our sympathy goes out to Mrs. Haigh and Mary. May he rest in peace. H. C.

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CALL CHANGES — by Norman Chaddock

In Call Changes the bells ring in the same sequence a number of times over. The most musical sequences have tenor behind.

At some stage in the progress of a ringer or a band of ringers, it may be convenient to make use of call changes, the main objects being:—

(1) Training in ringing in different places and over different bells.

(2) Avoiding the monotony of prolonged rounds.

(3) Avoiding the 'discords' associated with attempting change ringing when there is little hope of doing so with success.

(4) Making the bells sound at their best for services—from the point of good striking and musical sequences—when the band is not capable of good change ringing.

Call changes enable us to select and ring the most musical sequences and this should always be the aim when they are used.

There is a variety of systems of conducting call changes but the one described below will be found very satisfactory, especially with a band of beginners. A few words of warning: If it is the intention, ultimately, to progress to method ringing, it is advisable, whilst making use of call changes for service ringing, to practise simple change ringing exercises leading to method ringing.

A good system of call changes is to start from rounds and aim at gradually bringing up a selected musical sequence by changing **one pair** of bells only at each call. The change is made at the **hand**stroke after the call is made. The command should be called at a handstroke. When one pair of bells change places it means they will both follow a different bell at the next handstroke until further orders. One other bell will have a different bell to follow after the call, i.e., the one that is after this pair in the sequence. Suppose we move from rounds (123456) to 123546. 4 and 5 have been changed. 5 is now following 3, 4 following 5 and 6 following 4. To produce this sequence (123546) the conductor need only say. '5 to 3: 4 to 5; 6 to 4.' At the next handstroke the ringers of these bells carry out the command, thus producing the required sequence (123546).

Here are some examples producing musical sequences:—

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	Commands.
1 2 3 4 5 7 6 8	7 to 5, 6 to 7, tenor to 6.
1 2 3 5 4 7 6 8	5 to 3, 4 to 5, 7 to 4.
1 2 3 5 7 4 6 8	7 to 5, 4 to 7, 6 to 4.
1 3 2 5 7 4 6 8	3 to 1, 2 to 3, 5 to 2.
1 3 5 2 7 4 6 8	5 to 3, 2 to 5, 7 to 2.
Queens 1 3 5 7 2 4 6 8	7 to 5, 2 to 7, 4 to 2.

Return to rounds by reversing sequences.

	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
	1 2 3 4 5 7 6 8
	1 2 3 4 7 5 6 8
	1 2 3 7 4 5 6 8
	1 2 7 3 5 4 6 8
Whittingtons	1 2 7 5 3 4 6 8

	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
	1 2 3 5 4 6 7 8
	1 2 3 5 6 4 7 8
	1 2 3 5 6 7 4 8
	1 2 5 3 6 7 4 8
	1 5 2 3 6 7 4 8
Tittums	1 5 2 6 3 7 4 8

The above three touches can be combined to produce a longer touch including Rounds, Queens and Whittingtons.

1 2 3 4 5 6	
1 2 3 5 4 6	
1 3 2 5 4 6	
1 3 5 2 4 6	Queens
3 1 5 2 4 6	
3 5 1 2 4 6	
5 3 1 2 4 6	Whittingtons

1 2 3 4 5 6	
1 2 4 3 5 6	
1 4 2 3 5 6	
1 4 2 5 3 6	Tittums

1 2 3 4 5	
1 2 4 3 5	
2 1 4 3 5	
2 4 1 3 5	Queens

This system may be adapted to any number of bells and to produce any desired changes.

Some call change bands work slowly through the changes of Grandsire in this way; others work on the following system:—

1 2 3 4 5 6	
2 1 3 4 5 6	Hunting treble to 5ths.
2 3 1 4 5 6	
2 3 4 1 5 6	
2 3 4 5 1 6	
3 2 4 5 1 6	
3 4 2 5 1 6	Hunting 2 up to 5ths.
3 4 5 2 1 6	
3 4 5 1 2 6	
4 3 5 1 2 6	
4 5 3 1 2 6	Hunting 3 up to 5ths.
4 5 1 3 2 6	etc.
4 5 1 2 3 6	

When 4, then 5 have been hunted up to 5ths the bells return into rounds.

Little imagination is needed to devise many call change 'touches' going through various changes and returning gradually to rounds.



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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Eastern District

The winter meeting of the Eastern District was held at Pocklington, on December 10th, when about 25 ringers attended. The service was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. G. Christie.

An excellent tea was provided by the local ringers' wives, and was followed by the business meeting, presided over by the vice-president, Mr. A. E. Sellers. Two new members were elected—Jeanne E. Bottomley and David Rhodes, both of Bradford Cathedral. Sherburn-in-Elmet was selected as the next place of meeting, if possible on April 8th. The secretary announced the week-end course in bell ringing to be held at Grantley Hall, near Ripon, from March 17th to 19th.

The secretary promised to write Mr. F. W. Dale, of Hessle, wishing him a speedy return to good health.

The standard methods were rung and also Yorkshire and Cambridge Surprise Major.

A WORCESTERSHIRE SKITTLES MATCH

Friday, December 8th, saw the floods down and spirits up, for that evening the Worcester Cathedral Guild was to meet the Southern Branch of the Association in a skittles match at the Village Inn, Twining.

The Southern Branch was rather short of ladies so the Cathedral Guild lent them two to make up the teams to seven-a-side. The first game was won by the Southerners by 138 to 122. The second game went to the Cathedralites with 132 to 109, John Slater having the highest individual score.

After this game someone called 'Time,' which is short for 'That's all,' so arrangements were hurriedly made for a return match.

The evening was a great success, so much so that one member was heard to say he was thinking of it all through a quarter of Stedman the next day. Everyone is looking forward to the next time, when it is a home match for the Southerners.

R. G. M.

BIRMINGHAM'S BROADCAST

For the Christmas morning broadcast from Birmingham Cathedral, two recordings were taken on December 8th.

The first was two courses of Stedman Cinques in which the company stood H. H. Fearn 1, M. Reay 2, E. C. Shepherd 3, R. W. Pipe 4, B. D. A. Woolley 5, J. Pinfold 6, R. G. Edwards 7, N. J. Goodman 8, J. McDonald 9, J. A. Anderson 10, G. E. Fearn 11, W. T. Froggatt 12.

The second was a full course of Cambridge Surprise Maximus, rung by H. H. Fearn 1, M. Reay 2, E. C. Shepherd 3, R. W. Pipe 4, B. D. A. Woolley 5, J. Pinfold 6, B. Hendry 7, N. J. Goodman 8, J. McDonald 9, R. G. Edwards 10, J. A. Anderson 11, G. E. Fearn 12.

The choice will be made by the B.B.C.

G. E. F.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

An extremely enjoyable and successful afternoon was the verdict of all who attended the North Devon Guild meeting at Chulmleigh, on December 3rd. Some very good striking of Stedman, Grandsire, Bob Major and Kent was much appreciated by the local crack call-change band.

After service, tea was supplied by the local ringers' wives, and at a meeting Preb E. V. Cox took the chair in absence of the branch chairman.

On re-entering the tower, water was found to be pouring through the 3rd sally hole. Not to be beaten, Tom, from Plymouth, called an excellent touch of Stedman, wearing trilby and mackintosh. One ringer, the local wag, reckoned he was sweating bobs and singles at the end of the touch! Thank you, Chulmleigh, for a warm welcome.

D. J.

THE LADIES' GUILD

A quarterly meeting of the Western District was held at Warmley, Bristol, on December 10th. The somewhat chilly weather was, no doubt, to blame for the unusually small attendance. Ringing during the afternoon was followed by a service, conducted by the Vicar, Preb. Francis. Tea was then taken in the Church Hall. Votes of thanks to the Vicar and to Miss Webb for a splendid tea were proposed by Miss N. Williams. At the business meeting four new members were elected: Mrs. S. Matthews, Miss E. Webb, Miss G. Hussey and Miss D. Rogers.

The next meeting, the annual, will be held at St. James', Bristol, when it is hoped that there will be a good attendance.

B. J.

BARKSTON, LINCS.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,248 Little Bob Minor: Elizabeth Holmes 1, C. Nokes 2, C. McCartney 3, G. Ingleby 4, D. Firth (cond.) 5, J. Holmes 6.

BRISTOL.—On Nov. 18th, at St. Mark's Chapel, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: M. J. Hobbs 1, Gillian Hussey 2, F. C. Mogford 3, J. R. Kettering-ham 4, J. Brain 5, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 6.

PUTNEY RINGERS IN SUSSEX

A fine day being provided on November 19th, Putney ringers and friends set out for a day in Sussex. Bolney (8) was the first stop, where we were particularly pleased to meet the Vicar, a former Putney curate. The 'go' of these bells is quite good, but the tone poor. At Hurstpierpoint (8), the bells were excellent, both for tone and 'go.'

Arriving at Brighton, on the ten at St. Peter's we managed Grandsire Caters, for the first time on a Putney outing. Bob Royal, despite the fact that the fifth had no stay! After lunch and a look round the town we went to St. Nicholas' (10). This ring must be among the best toned productions of the Croydon Foundry.



ST. NICHOLAS', BRIGHTON, visited on the recent Putney outing.

The splendid Norman church at Shoreham was the next call, where we added Double Norwich to the usual repertoire of the four standard methods. By now it was dark, and after a much-needed tea we circumnavigated country lanes to the delightful village of Amberley (5), with its castle, which formerly belonged to the Bishops of Chichester, and pleasant old ring of bells. Here various madcaps rang Orpheus Doubles, which we were informed was Stedman before Stedman invented Stedman! Our last stop was at Billingshurst (8), where the bells are very noisy in the ringing chamber. After a few hitches, Cambridge Major was rung for the first time.

Our thanks go to all incumbents and tower captains who helped to make this, perhaps, the most successful outing we have ever had.

A..C.

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BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Chew Deanery Branch

The annual meeting of the Chew Deanery Branch was held at Yatton, on December 3rd, when approximately 50 members and friends representing most of the towers in the Branch attended. The fine ring of eight bells was put to good use prior to the service, which was conducted by Rev. W. Paton, in the unavoidable absence of the Vicar. An excellent tea, prepared and served by Branch lady members in the Church Hall, followed the service.

At the business meeting those present first stood in silent memory of members of the Branch who had passed away since the previous annual meeting. These were Rev. A. J. Hobbs (Winford), E. Goldstone (Portishead), H. Marshall (Yatton) and F. Derrick (Clapton-in-Gordano). Arising from the minutes, it was agreed to defer the question of a corporate attendance at Evensong, one Sunday, until the next meeting.

The accounts for 1960 proved satisfactory and officers for 1961 were elected as follows: Chairman and Ringing Master, H. W. Knight; vice-chairmen, C. Bishop and L. Derrick; secretary, D. Yeo, and reporter, M. Horseman. Two new members from Yatton, three from Portbury and one each from Nailsea and Kingston Seymour were elected, and it was agreed (provided permission was forthcoming) that the April quarterly meeting should be held at Backwell, with monthly practice meetings at Easton-in-Gordano, Chew Magna and Weston-in-Gordano, for January, February and March, respectively. The half-yearly Corporate Communion was arranged for Portishead on the fourth Sunday in April.

A welcome was extended to Mrs. Strong, of Nailsea, after her illness and the business concluded with Rev. W. Paton, who had acted as Chairman, proposing a vote of thanks to all who had contributed to such an enjoyable meeting.

Further ringing took place under the direction of the Ringing Master, Mr. H. W. Knight.

M. J. H.

SCHOOL RINGING SOCIETIES MEET

Through items appearing in 'The Ringing World' the bands from Shebbear College, North Devon, and Cirencester Grammar School knew of each other's existence and met for the first time on Advent Sunday, at Holy Trinity, Watermoor, Cirencester. The Shebbear party, consisting of three masters and 15 boys, started at dawn in charge of Mr. J. Queen (ringing organiser). The Cirencester Grammar School band has no Master attached. Peter J. Lewis was the leader.

After ringing Grandsire Doubles and rounds at Watermoor, the party went to Cirencester Parish Church and rang rounds on the 12 and Grandsire Doubles on the back eight with three bells covering. Both school bands, 37 in all, piled into six cars and proceeded to St. Mary's, Meysey Hampton, where good use was made of the six bells for an hour. Methods rung were Grandsire, Plain Bob Doubles and Minor and Reverse St. Bartholomew's.

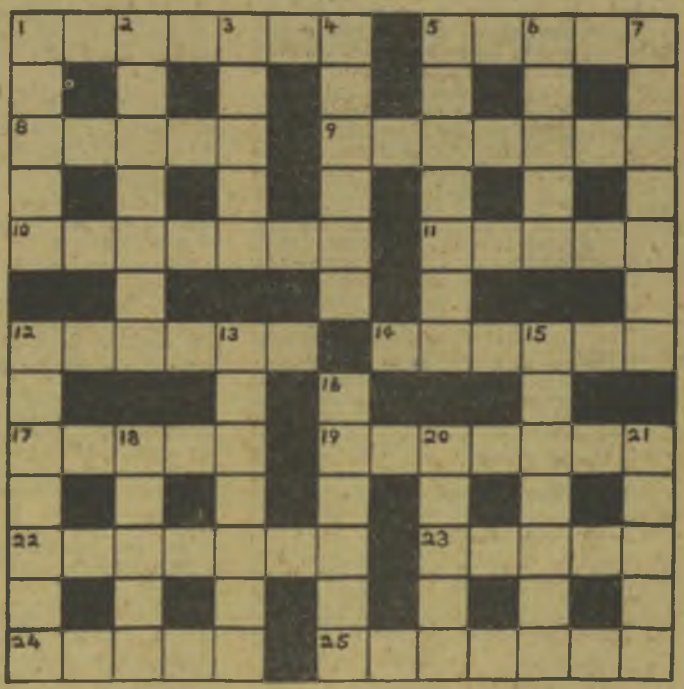
A sandwich lunch was partaken of in the schoolroom at Lechlade, and the ringing afterwards was more successful. Stedman Doubles was added to the ringing repertoire at South Cerney. An adjournment followed to Cirencester Grammar School canteen, where the ringers were welcomed by the headmaster and Mrs. I. V. Barnett. Tea was served by the girls of the Cirencester band and speeches followed. In these Ian R. Slee, on behalf of Shebbear, thanked Cirencester for their hospitality and invited them to make a return visit to North Devon. Peter J. Lewis replied with hopes of a return visit. Shebbear College was reached safely by 9.30 p.m.

Marston (Oxon) Ringers' Outing

On December 3rd, a very windy and wet day, Marston and other ringers had an outing into Buckinghamshire. Towers visited were Wootton Underwood, Waddesdon, East and Steeple Claydons, Twyford, Launton and Marsh Gibbon.

At Launton they had the pleasure of ringing with the Deputy Master of the Guild (Mr. Frederick Sharpe). A warm welcome was accorded them at every tower. Home was reached at 10 p.m., some of the band looking as if they had been on a cross-country run.

RINGERS' CROSSWORD (No. 4)



CLUES ACROSS: 1 and 9. Eminent 18th/19th century ringer; author of 'The Campanologia.'

5 and 13 Down. Usually known as his 'Original,' this was his masterpiece.

8. One of the Greek dialects.

9. See No. 1 Across.

10. Genus of birds including the shelducks.

11. Prime mover in the augmentation of Wrington bells from 6 to 10 in 1911.

12 and 17. Used to ornament the new Bow bells.

14. Stains.

17. See No. 12 Across.

19. His compositions included the record length of Stedman Caters, rung at Loughborough, in 1909.

22. 1958 venue of the Central Council.

23. A weight of about 3¼ cwts., used in the East Indies.

24 and 25. Norfolk's ring of 6, tenor 12.

DOWN: 1. Middle portion of a bell(e).

2. Brothers with long St. Paul's connection.

3. Become liable for.

4. Yorks octave, tenor 14.

5. Tubular bells only at this Norfolk church.

6. Fourth president of the Central Council.

7. You soon get over this characteristic in the belfry.

12. A mode of ringing changes on handbells.

13. See No. 5 Across.

15. One added.

16. Often gets bumped.

18. Goddess of Peace.

20. A Mogul Governor.

21. Narrow arm of the sea.

BERT SUTTON.

A LANCASHIRE CLUB CORNER

By FRED TAYLOR

'Ah see they're buryin' Jemmy Lofty today, th' bellringer,' said owd Dick as he cut up his usual pipeful.

'Why, is he deeud?' asked little Tommy, holding his hands over the cheery, welcome blaze of the fire.

'It he deeud?' went on owd Dick. 'Wot art axin' a question like that for? Would they bury him if he weren't deeud?'

'Nowe,' Tommy chirped. 'yo've getten me in a knot this time. Anyroad. ah'm very sorry to 'ear that. Nice chap. was Jemmy. He'd bin a bellringer a good number o' yers. He'll be missed, will Jemmy, 'cause they're not blessed with too mony bellringers at th' churches these days. It doesn't seem to attract th' youngsters, ah reckon they want a bit o' summat moor excitin'. Poohin' a rope with a bell at th' end is not excitin' enough fer a lot o' young folks today. Ah see vicars are cryin' eawt for 'em up an' deawn th' country. They've a shortage o' young bellringers an' they're findin' it very difficult to fill th' gap. It'll be a pity if bellringin' dees eawt, because ah allus think they've a sweet soothin' seawnd someroad to th' ear.'

Owd Sam struck a match and held it for a second or two over his pipe before he spoke. 'There's nowt nicer,' he mused, 'than to listen to th' church bells pealin' o'er th' countryside on a summer Sunday neet. Th' sun just nestlin' behind th' trees, a gentle breeze blowin' th' strains o' the bells fra some owd parish church o'er th' meadows, th' corn fields, th' pasture lands, an' even o'er th' hills an' across th' dales. Wot does tha sey, Bob?'

Bob leaned back in his chair and grinned broadly. 'Th' seawnd of a church bell is appealin',' he exclaimed. 'no matter wheer yo' 'ear it, Sam. Ah know there's lots o' folks who look on 'em as owd fashioned an' eawt o' date, but fer mesel ah'd be sorry to see 'em go. Ah've listened th' bells 'ere in Wiggin fer donkeys yers an' they seawnd nicer every time ah 'ear 'em.'

Owd Dick, perched in the opposite corner, nodded approval. 'Ah quite agree with thi, Bob,' he murmured, 'an' owt that's beautiful to th' eye an' th' ear should be classed as an art, an' Jemmy Lofty, whom they buried today, 'as given me an' thousands of others pleasure with his bellringin'. He's devoted aw his spare time to this job in th' belfry fer th' biggest part of his life an' ah reckon Jemmy will land at heaven's gate awreet. Wot do yo' think, Sam? Don't yo' agree?'

'Of course, ah do.' replied the old fellow. 'an' yo' must remember this. That th' bellringin' is not just poohin a rope an' makin' a din. It's a art, an' a gradely art, an' one that ah reckon owt to be encouraged. Thee travel th' district an' listen to church bells in every locality an' that'll discover heaw each church seems to send eawt a little message, a little S.O.S. of its own. Anybody with a bit of imagination can decipher some inner meanin' that comes fra them tuneful chimes of a Sunday neet. 'Ave yo' ever tried gooin' on a tour of th' Wiggin district some Sabbath evenin' an' translated th' message they seem to broadcast?'

Owd Dick smiled. 'Nowe, ah've ne'er thowt abeawt it that road, Sam. But ah can fancy a chap could get a lot o' pleasure by so doin'. We'll 'ave a trip reawnd this summer, thee an' me an' Tommy an' Bob 'ere. We met pick summat up. Thoose bells met sey summat we've never yerd befoor. Aye, we'll 'ave a saunter reawnd, owd lad, if God spares us.'

'Well, ah've 'ah some experience of it,' owd Sam went on. 'an' ah tell thi that these bells 'ave a language of their own. Ah went reawnd the teawn one neet this last summer an' ah wrote deawn me thowts in a laht verses as ah was gooin' along. Yo' met think it was quare thing to do, but further ah went an' moor ah loved it.'

'Go on,' chirped little Tommy, 'let's 'ear a bit o' Shakespeare fra a Wiggin ex-coaler. Brast off, Sam.'

'Well,' began Sam. 'ah didn't write 'em in th' dialect but in th' Queen's English. So yo' must sort it eawt for yorsels. 'Ere goes,

'Church bells have a language
Yes, they speak to us, you know,
Have you ever heard their messages
As on your way you go?

"Oh come to church, good people, come,"
The sweet bells seem to say,
I hear them on this Sabbath
As I plod my silent way.

For on this Sunday evening
I decided I would seek,
To translate their precious meaning
In the language that they speak.

And I'm travelling round the countryside,
Surrounding Wigan Town,
To listen so attentively
Then write each message down.

"Ye shall walk and not faint,"
Said the Wigan All Saints'.

"Do not build upon sand,"
Said the bells of Up Holland.

"Build your house on a rock,"
Replied the bells of Poolstock.

"Come into the fold."
Said the bells of Parbold.

"For I am the way,"
Said the church bells of Haigh.

"You can't live as you wish,"
Said the bells of Standish.

"God's laws are in full,"
Said the bells of Aspull.

"Come, worship your God,"
Said the bells of Blackrod.

"Come workman or prince,"
Said the bells of Ince.

"Yea, come doubly or singly,"
Said the sweet bells of Hindley.

"For you, Christ has suffered."
Said the church bells of Rufford.

"So repent of your sins,"
Called the bells of Billinge.

"Then the battle's half won,"
Replied the bells of Ashton.

"What say ye that I am?"
Asked the bells of Abram.

And on this lovely evening,
This glorious Sabbath day,
I listened to the messages
These sweet bells have to say.'

Little Tommy knocked the ash from his cigarette. 'Well,' he muttered, 'it's not so bad fra an owd pit lad. Ah'm just reminded of an owd bellringer ah once knew very weel, an' wen he retired he bowt a nice little bungolow an' cawd it "The Chimes." Ah allus used to think wot a lovely name it was, an' one that browt back happy memories of past experiences.'

Bob gave a chuckle. 'Ah shall ne'er forget owd Chippy,' he mused, 'he ran a chip shop, biggest part of his life, an' wen he an' his wife retired, they bowt a bungalow too, an' wot does tha think he named it?'

Tommy shook his head and smiled.

'Dunchippin,' replied Bob, 'an' ah thowt he couldn't 'ave hit on a better name. Anyroad, ah think we'd better go an' see if th' chips are ready. Ah'm leavin' yo'.'

'Tak' thi time,' shouted Dick, 'we're aw gooin' one road. Pooh th' dor to, Sam. Look after yorsels, folks. Be careful, Tommy. Keep smilin' everybody, an' don't forget, if yo' want to get into business where yo're sure to get a foothold—it's easy. Become a chiropodist. Cheerio!'

Mr. Ranald Clouston has had Part II of 'The Church and Other Bells of Aberdeenshire' published. He is joint author with the late Dr. F. C. Eeles, and is at present engaged on the third and final part which will cover the city of Aberdeen, and review the work of the various founders in the county.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Chertsey District Dinner

The Chertsey District scored a very successful 'first in the method' on December 10th, when a District dinner was held at 'The Ship Hotel,' Weybridge. Fifty-six ringers and friends sat down to an excellent meal, under the genial chairmanship of the Guild's Master, Mr. C. W. Denyer.

Proposing 'The continued prosperity of the Chertsey District,' Mr. Denyer said how pleased he was to note the spirit of the district, particularly in view of the days when it was seriously considered dividing the area between the other districts. The Farnham District would have to look out if it wished to remain the leading district!

The District Ringing Master, Mr. R. Collins, replied, and paid tribute to those who had worked so hard, often in face of great disappointments. He mentioned, in particular, Messrs. W. Shepherd, J. B. Hessey, F. J. Dodson and F. E. Hawthorne, who was still giving the benefit of his experience to learners.

Mr. Hawthorne proposed 'The Ladies and Visitors,' and hoped that ringers' wives would be considerate when their husbands went off for an occasional peal! He welcomed those visitors who were not ringers, and had a special word for Mr. W. Goldstone, the oldest ringer present.

Mrs. Kitty King replied on behalf of the ladies and thanked Mr. Hawthorne, pointing out that at Hersham it was quite common to have 'belles' at both ends of the rope.

A varied programme of entertainment followed, under the direction of Mr. J. King, including handbell ringing, also piano solos from Colin Chinnery.

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD

The quarterly meeting of St. David's Guild was held at St. Dingad's, Llandovery, on December 10th. Members attended from Llandilo, Carmarthen, Barry Port, St. David's, Llanelly, Llandovery College and our friends from the Swansea and Brecon Guild. The Vicar, the Rev. C. Thomas, officiated at the service and the members were entertained to a very nice tea by the Mothers' Union.

At the business meeting, with the Vicar in the chair, all present stood as a token of respect to the late Mr. C. H. Hawkins, who had passed away since our last meeting. The Vicar then welcomed the Guild to Llandovery and opened the meeting. A touch on the handbells was given by the Swansea and Brecon members and the collection for the Bell Restoration Fund realised £1 4s. The suggestion of a joint meeting with the Swansea and Brecon Guild was passed to the committee. Also the place of the next quarterly meeting. This is due to the fact that Cardigan bells are being restored and it is possible that they will be ready by next Easter.

The Ringing Master, Mr. R. Warburton, gave the good news that there is a possibility that Nevern bells are going to be restored. This will mean an extra two rings of six in the Diocese. It was also suggested that the annual meeting should be made a full day's ringing; starting at 11 a.m. instead of the usual 2.30 p.m.

Four new probationary members and two life ringing members were proposed. Mr. W. Williams, Carmarthen, then proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar and the Ringing Master, and to the ladies who provided tea. The Vicar responded and closed the meeting with a prayer. Members then returned to the tower to ring until 7 p.m. E. T.

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By SHIRLEY BURTON

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

To all members of our Guild, and ringing friends near and far, a merry Christmas and prosperous New Year.—Les BRETT, Framsden, Suffolk. 7042

Christmas greetings to Nutfield, Redhill and Bletchingley bands of ringers.—Edwin ('Ted') RUSSELL. 7044

To ringers the world over, with best wishes for Christmas and successful ringing in 1961. —Ringers of ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, Melbourne. 7041

Mr. A. E. SELLERS of 3, Elwell Avenue, Beverley, wishes all his ringing friends, especially those of the Beverley and District and Eastern District of Yorkshire Association, a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year. 7045

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MISCELLANEOUS

All correspondence for Hughenden belfry should be addressed to the Honorary Secretary, Miss M. Newton, 'Chulmleigh,' 45, Guinions Road, High Wycombe, Bucks. 7051

PEAL CARDS AND QUARTER PEAL CARDS, minimum 12 in set, price 6s. 6d. post free. For quarter peal cards, second copy written out in style of a peal is essential.—'The Ringing World' Office, Guildford.

MEETINGS

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Quarterly meeting on December 31st, at Stanmore. Ringing from 3-5 p.m., followed by service. Tea and short business meeting in the Church House, then further ringing until 8 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Leversuch, 21, Abercorn Road, Stanmore. Gentlemen cordially invited. 7140

LADIES' GUILD.—Beds and Northants Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, December 31st, at Finedon. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please send names for tea to Miss K. Rivett, 117, Stagsden Road, Bromham, Beds. Please support. 7043

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD. —The annual general meeting of the Guild will be held at Mirfield (10), on January 7th. Names for tea, **please**, to The Caretaker, Church House, Mirfield. All welcome. 7105

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly general meeting, Ilkeston (8), Saturday, January 7th. Committee meet 4 p.m. Bells available from 3.15. Tea 4.45 p.m., for those who notify Mr. E. Fletcher, 30, Margaret Avenue, Ilkeston, Derbyshire, not later than January 3rd.—B. P. Morris, Sec. 7048

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. Division.—Annual general meeting at Writtle, on January 7th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by January 4th, to P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury. 7145

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kington District.—Annual meeting at Lyonshall, on Saturday, January 7th. Bells (6). Service. Tea. Usual times.—J. Preece, Dis. Sec., Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow, Leominster, Herefordshire. 7050

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Tonbridge District) and LADIES' GUILD (Kent Branch).—Meeting at Edenbridge, on Saturday, January 7th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names with cash (2s. 6d.) by Tuesday, January 3rd, to Hon. Dis. Sec., W. H. Dobbie, 13, Baltic Road, Tonbridge 7146

MAIDSTONE GRAMMAR SCHOOL SOCIETY.—Meeting at Aylesford (8), Saturday, January 7th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, to Mrs. Pamela J. Usborne, 315, Loose Road, Maidstone. 7049

NORWICH ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—The annual branch meeting on Saturday, January 7th, at St. George's, Colegate. Bells (6) and St. Miles' (8) from 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing at St. Peter Mancroft, in the evening. Names for tea by January 4th, to C. Bird, Hon. Sec., 27, Warwick Street, Norwich, NOR 48 F. 7059

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Annual meeting, January 7th, in St. Martin's Church Hall, at 4.30 p.m. St. Martin's bells (12) 3.30 p.m. Cathedral (12) after meeting.—G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec. 7039

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—Annual meeting at St. Gwendoline's, Talgarth, on Saturday, January 7th, at 2.30 p.m. Teas 2s. 6d.—G. P. Davies, Dis. Sec 7060

DEVON GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, January 14th, Teignmouth. Bells: St. James', 3 p.m.; St. Michael's, 2.30. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to D. J. Roberts, 84, Westhill Road, Torquay. 7052

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Saturday, January 14th, annual dinner, at The Culverden Arms, Tunbridge Wells. Tickets 14s. 6d. Names, with cash, by January 7th, to Mr. E. Brunger, 107, Upper Grosvenor Road, Tunbridge Wells. St. Peter's bells 4-6 p.m. Dinner at 6.30 p.m.—C. A. Bassett. 7130

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.—The date of the annual dinner is January 28th and not as printed in last issue of 'The Ringing World.' 7142

RINGING STORIES

By G. E. SYMONDS

At Christmas, 1900, the Thornham (near Eye, Suffolk) ringers went 'boxing' with handbells. On December 31st they visited the Hall. After ringing in the entrance the owner gave his subscription and ordered cakes and beer to be brought. Upon preparing to leave he thanked them very much. As the next day would be January 1st, 1901, he said: 'I wish you all a happy new century,' whereupon old Ted blurted out: 'Same to you, sir, and many on [of] 'em.'

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The following shows how unenlightened are some people when listening to bell-ringing.

Overheard in St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, churchyard during the 'firing' after a wedding: 'What strong men those ringers must be to pick up all the bells and bang them together.'

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This was a long time ago. The Bishop was visiting St. Mary-le-Tower the next day. The Vicar asked the Master to have the bells rung for the occasion. The Master explained that the ringers were scattered in different parts of the town and it was impossible to get them together. To this the Vicar replied: 'There are plenty of men standing idle on the Cornhill with nothing to do who would be glad of a job.'

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The late William P. Garrett told a clergyman that the peal he accomplished at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, London, was the first rung by electricity. His Reverence said: 'You had an easy job.' Mr. Garrett then corrected himself, saying: 'It was the first rung with electric light.'

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Years ago, a writer to one of the Ipswich papers often criticised three subjects, viz.: Prams on the pavements, teachers' salaries as compared with that of clerks, and, of course, bell-ringing. He mentioned that he received 750 letters of complaints—he must have counted all the letters in one epistle, finishing by stating 'what sense anyone can see in banging two pieces of metal together he could not understand.'

The writer replying to a toast to the ringers mentioned this, and said: 'What sense about 1,000,000 people can see in watching two pieces of leather knocked about on football fields on Saturdays I cannot understand.'

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Being somewhat hard of hearing, a young ringer said to me what sounded like this: 'After a week's tour and finishing with a peal at Debenham I had 15 whiskies'; to which I replied: 'It would have been cheaper to buy a bottle.' He answered: 'What good would a bottle be for 15 blisters?' Got it?

AN IMPORTANT OCCASION AT ECCLESTON

Still hale and hearty at 92, Mr. Sam Jones, of Eccleston Cheshire, celebrated his birthday on December 10th, when a band representing several branches of the Chester Diocesan Guild assembled in the afternoon and rang a well-struck peal of Plain Bob Triples on the fine eight at St. Mary's Church.

This was followed by high tea at the house when our veteran occupied the place of honour at a table laden with good things, having as its centrepiece a magnificent cake made by his granddaughter. Nearby, lay a greetings telegram from the Bishop of Chester which read: 'On behalf of myself, personally, as well as of the ringers of the Chester diocese I send you heartiest congratulations on your 92nd birthday.' Mr. Jones treasures this greeting as he remembers when he rang 120 Grandsire Doubles with the Bishop. The toast of the evening was given by Mr. S. Jones junior, who conveyed the sincere wish of all present—'Many happy returns.'

A pleasant hour was spent afterwards round the fire with the customary talk of bells and towers, ringers and peals. All too soon the time to depart arrived and with renewed good wishes the visitors left Sam to his cosy fireside. The whirr of self-starters was soon heard beneath the great yew tree against the churchyard and one by one the visitors left the sleepy village. J. W. C.

5,184 JARROW SURPRISE MAJOR

By A. KNIGHTS

23456	M	W	H
62534	2	1	2
65324		1	2
62453	2	1	1
26354	2		2
23564		1	2

2x repeated.

Rung at Willesden, June 30th, 1960.

Also rung at Willesden, October 27th, 1960. as the first peal of Zeals Surprise Major.

5,088 WATFORD SURPRISE MAJOR

By W. ERIC CRITCHLEY

23456	M	B	W	H
34256	—	X	—	2
64523	—		2	—
35426	—			—
54326	—	X	—	2
64235	2	X		—
64352		X	3	—
62453		X	—	—
62534		X	3	—
23645		X		
53246		X	—	3
52436			—	2
45236	—	X	—	—
23456			—	—

Rung at Harmston, Lincolnshire, November 19th, 1960.

ABINGDON, BERKS.—On Dec. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. R. Cross 1, Miss J. M. E. Dixon (first quarter) 2, Miss M. A. Carter 3, Mrs. A. E. Lock 4, J. W. Bevit 5, W. A. Smith (cond.) 6. Rung as a thanksgiving for the 89th birthday of Mrs. A. E. Carter, grandmother of the ringer of the third.

BLACKHILL, CO. DURHAM.—On Dec. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Wall 1, J. Vickery 2, R. Oliver 3, N. Errington (cond.) 4, C. T. Lamb 5, R. Skelton 6, W. Tyson covering. For Evensong, and visit of Bishop of Durham for 75th anniversary.

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THE RABBITS' GUILD

THE fourth annual general meeting took place, according to custom, on the Feast of St. Francis, when for the first time the members gathered openly wearing the Guild badge, with its device of the Rabbit Trippant, proudly conscious that the danger of reprisals is past.

The Master's speech, thoughtful and constructive as usual, was received with enthusiastic approval. He began by expressing his delight in the steady expansion of the Guild, the increasing respect accorded to it, and his firm belief that in pursuing the objects for which it was founded it renders a service to ringing which could be given in no other way. He added, with characteristic modesty, that he did not venture to hope that he, the first Master, was worthy to figure as a Servant of the Exercise, but he did confidently expect that the honour would be early accorded to a successor in the office of Master.

Perhaps the subject of most general interest with which he dealt was the silent tower. 'Wherever I go, and I travel a good deal,' he said, 'I enquire about the local towers and the prospects for ringing, and I am appalled by the number of churches equipped with rings of bells, many of them fine rings in good order, and all lacking the one essential —ringers to ring them. This only bears out, of course, the findings of the recent survey, but I suspect that the true position is even worse than that revealed by the admittedly incomplete returns.

'I have given much thought to this sad subject, and especially to consider in what way our Guild might modestly contribute to an improvement. My idea is the formation of mobile bands, made up, as occasion arises, of ringers whose services are not always required in their own towers, or who belong to bands which for one reason or another cannot maintain regular morning and evening service ringing. If a mobile band were to offer to man some of these silent bells, perhaps on a special occasion, such as the patronal festival, I have no doubt that parishioners would be greatly delighted by the sound of their bells, and that in many places interest would be so aroused that a local band would be formed, and eventually the reproach of a silent tower removed.

'Of course,' he went on 'the recruiting of mobile bands and the skill required would be quite beyond the capabilities of us Rabbits alone, but if anything of the kind were anywhere to be proposed I trust that we should hasten to pledge our support. Our performances, alas! leave much to be desired, but after our long, long years of earnest practice some can manage a little change-ringing, and most can achieve tolerable rounds. I believe that in such an enterprise we Rabbits could fitly justify our venturing to exist, and our example be a great encouragement to would-be learners and such as have lapsed in despair. We should, of course, be happy to encourage properly qualified applicants by enrolling them in the Guild.'

He added that though it was incompetence in ringing which brought about the gathering over which he was presiding, members were not necessarily failures in other walks of life, and many could do good service in maintenance work and in making neglected bells ringable. He claimed to be himself capable of a pretty splice. The applause of the meeting gave ample evidence of its approval of the Master's suggestion, and there was a cry of 'Up, the Roving Rabbits!'.

Thereupon the meeting discussed several matters of interest. One was the function and technique of the stander-behind, in which both subject and speakers were vexed. It was entirely agreed that the stander-behind sadly lacks an accepted convention and his vagaries add yet another and a huge stumbling-block to the path of the learner. Too often he does not know whether instructions relate to bells, places, what he should be doing now this very instant, at the next pull, as the next piece of work, or even at the next lead. One member reported that his instructor, who is rather slow in the uptake, tells him what he should have done last! There was complete agreement that clear instruction on this point, even better, an agreed convention, would go far to ease the struggles of the learner, especially of the Rabbit-in-the-making, and save many a collapse into chaos. There was a complaint from many quarters of instructors who issue wrong orders, revoking them as soon as the unfortunate tyro is hopelessly lost, with a casual 'Sorry,' followed by a new set of orders, an ordeal which no Rabbit can be expected to survive. The suggestion that the threat of honorary life membership of the Rabbits' Guild would strongly discourage such unfair behaviour was accepted, and members were authorised to make the threat wherever it is deserved. The cry of a member who had evidently suffered especially severely on this score, 'That'll larn 'em!', was endorsed by a burst of applause and some anticipatory chuckles, nods and winks.

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The committee which had undertaken the task of preparation presented its Hints for Instructors. In the words of the chairman, 'Some are born rabbits, but some have rabbitdom thrust upon them.' The hints were generally considered excellent, and were agreed with the addition of one outlining the Guild's advice on the stander-behind and with the fervent hope that those for whom they are intended will profit by them, to the alleviation of the lot of the Rabbit and the benefit of the Exercise generally.

Two members reported that having met short for an attempt for a peal of Minimus, and the suggestion of a peal of Singles having caused one of the three to fall in a dead faint, the remainder of the band rang 5,040 changes on two bells. They claimed that as peals of Minimus are compatible with continued membership of the Guild their lesser exploit was inoffensive. Their claim was allowed, but such performances are considered really beneath the dignity even of Rabbits. The clappers, of course, were tied.

This matter led to a discussion on the 'no peals' rule. The argument was put forward, and strongly pressed, that as the rule has caused much distress to members of less than average incompetence, it was not in the best interest of the Exercise that they should be expelled from the Guild on scoring a peal. The general feeling of the meeting was evidently in favour of continued membership on the grounds of 'once a Rabbit, always a Rabbit.' Formal notice is to be given for this important matter to be debated at the next A.G.M. and a vote to be taken on a proposed relaxation of the rule.

Having disposed of the business to everyone's satisfaction, the meeting adjourned to partake of the annual feast, at which members greatly enjoyed the special dish traditionally served on this occasion, humble pie with caper sauce. W. D.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 10, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 32 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in C sharp.

BERNARD F. L. GROVES	*Treble*	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	7
JOHN WORTH	2	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	8
ERNEST MORRIS	3	ROBERT B. SMITH	9
BASIL JONES	4	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	10
C. KENNETH LEWIS	5	BRIAN HARRIS	11
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	6	EDWARD JENKINS	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 17, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes.*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST,
A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAXIMUS
In four methods, comprising 1,440 each of Superlative, Yorkshire and Pudsey, and 960 of Cambridge, with 100 changes of method.
Tenor 31 cwt.

WILLIAM A. THEOBALD	*Treble*	WILLIAM T. COOK	7
WILFRED WILLIAMS	2	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM	8
RONALD F. DISERENS	3	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	9
TUDOR P. EDWARDS	4	PHILIP MEHEW	10
ALAN F. THIRST	5	RODNEY B. MEADOWS	11
ALAN J. FROST	6	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Arranged by GEORGE E. FEIRN. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.
First peal of Maximus in these four methods.

TEN BELL PEALS

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.
THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 10, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes.*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in D.

PATRICIA J. WALKER	*Treble*	BRIAN A. TOMLINSON	6
GEORGE F. NIX	2	DEREK OGDEN	7
*DONALD A. FRASER	3	JOHN PILKINGTON	8
BARRY S. SHEPPARD	4	DAVID W. JAMES	9
JOHN H. SOANES	5	RONALD J. JOHNSTON	*Tenor*

Composed by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD. Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.
* First peal on ten bells.
A birthday compliment to Miss Edna M. Poulter.

EWERBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 10, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 15 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

*MARGARET A. SWANN	*Treble*	*LOUIS WILLDERS	6
*DELIA SMITH	2	GEOFFREY PAUL	7
*CLAIRE DILLAMORE	3	GEOFFREY R. PARKER	8
A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL	4	JOHN WALDEN	9
JACK L. MILLHOUSE	5	*PETER A. SHARP	*Tenor*

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Dec. 11, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3 version. Tenor 24 cwt. 7 lb. in D.

EDWARD JENKINS	*Treble*	F. JOHN NELSON	6
RONALD J. JOHNSTON	2	JOHN H. FIELDEN	7
PETER SCHOLFIELD	3	A. PETER WHITEHEAD	8
FREDERICK W. GROCOTT	4	NEIL BENNETT	9
FREDERICK SHALLCROSS	5	DEREK OGDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by FREDERICK W. GROCOTT.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Dec. 15, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 25¼ cwt.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON	*Treble*	PETER CROOK	6
*JOHN FROOME	2	*DONALD LAWSON	7
BRIAN A. TOMLINSON	3	*M. JOHN HALLIWELL	8
JOHN H. GARTSIDE	4	CHARLES CLEGG	9
LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS	5	PETER CROOK, JUN.	*Tenor*

Composed by W. HUDSON. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.
* First peal of Caters.
Rung to commemorate the opening of the new sanctuary at the Cathedral.

HERTFORD.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 17, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5000 OAKHAM SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 25 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

PATRICIA M. BOURN	*Treble*	ALFRED J. HOUSE	6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	2	JOE E. G. ROAST	7
CELIA F. WHITFELD	3	PETER J. EVES	8
JOAN BERESFORD	4	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE	9
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	5	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
First peal in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.
Rung as a welcome to the Rev. Christopher Perowne, recently inducted to this living.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)
On Sat., Dec. 17, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 34¼ cwt. in C sharp.

MRS. MARGARET BURNS	*Treble*	IAN TILLING	6
*MARY ATKINSON	2	NORMAN CHADDOCK	7
†PATRICIA WALKER	3	FRED FISHER	8
MRS. ELSIE CHADDOCK	4	JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK	9
‡RAYMOND WOODWARD	5	DAVID G. FRENCH	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.
* First peal on ten bells. † First of Grandsire Caters 'inside.'
‡ First of Grandsire Caters.
A farewell from the local band to Fred Fisher, who is taking charge of the bells of St. Stephen's, Eastwood, Rotherham, which have been silent for some years.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in F.

ROGER HAZELL	*Treble*	*SYDNEY M. BAILEY	5
ROLAND BIGGS	2	DENNIS KNOX	6
MRS. A. E. COX	3	WALTER LEE	7
DAVID A. CORNWALL	4	ANTHONY E. COX	*Tenor*

Composed by DENNIS KNOX. Conducted by ANTHONY E. COX.
* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.

LONG SUTTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 5, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 NEWMARKET SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

MRS. E. T. CHAPMAN	*Treble*	ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT	5
STANLEY E. BENNETT	2	J. MARTIN THORLEY	6
JOHN E. ALLEN	3	CYRIL R. BURRELL	7
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	4	RONALD C. NOON	*Tenor*

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.
First peal in the method.

NEWMARKET SURPRISE MAJOR
(Mr. C. J. Sedgley's No. 24a)
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ARKSEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 6, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 10 cwt.

HOWARD SCOTT	*Treble*	HAROLD WAGSTAFF	5
JAMES THORLEY	2	GEOFFREY GRAHAM	6
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	3	FREDERICK J. JACKSON ..	7
EDWARD DALINGWATER ..	4	KATHLEEN MALLENDER ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

Rung on the occasion of the 81st birthday of Mr. Ben Birkett, a ringer at this tower.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Tues., Dec. 6, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

ELIZABETH M. YARDLEY..	*Treble*	GEORGE E. FEARN	5
PETER BORDER	2	JOHN PINFOLD	6
NORMAN J. GOODMAN ..	3	BARRIE HENDRY..	7
JOHN A. ANDERSON	4	JOHN McDONALD ..	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

TRURO, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Dec. 6, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part (seventh observation). Tenor 35 cwt.

REV. A. S. ROBERTS ..	*Treble*	ANTHONY LOCKE	5
*ANTHONY J. DAVIDSON ..	2	ALAN CARVETH	6
DOUGLAS BURNETT	3	DAVID J. KING..	7
PETER J. COLES	4	COLIN J. B. TAYLOR ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN CARVETH.

* First peal. The fastest peal on the bells.

Rung to mark the 50th year of Truro Cathedral bells.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 7, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in G.

*MOLLY HAYES	*Treble*	R. ROGER SAVORY	5
JESSIE M. KIPPIN	2	DAVID E. HOUSE	6
M. ELIZABETH CHAPMAN	3	MAURICE J. BUTLER.. ..	7
†JOHN R. FAITHFULL ..	4	TOM CHAPMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by TOM CHAPMAN.

* First peal of Surprise. † First of Yorkshire. First of Yorkshire as conductor.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 8, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5120 SOUTHAMPTON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER ..	*Treble*	THOMAS J. LOCK	5
JOAN BERESFORD	2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ..	6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY ..	3	ALFRED J. HOUSE	7
ALICK CUTLER	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by S. WOOD. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal in the method (Corrigan, No. 292).

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 9, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

ARTHUR G. MASON	*Treble*	RALPH BIRD	5
JOAN BERESFORD	2	IAN H. ORAM	6
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ..	3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER.. ..	7
FREDERICK J. CULLUM ..	4	PETER BERESFORD	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN L. MORRIS. Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. Philip Lea, M.A.

SOUTHAMPTON SURPRISE MAJOR
—34.58.6—56—38—34—3.14—16.3.
8ths place lead-end. 4ths place bob.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 9, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8¼ cwt.

CHARLES CATTELL	*Treble*	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD ..	5
JOHN M. JELLEY	2	MARTIN C. FAULKES ..	6
WILLIAM A. LACEY	3	GEOFFREY M. BREWIN ..	7
A. MAXWELL LINDSEY ..	4	JOHN E. COOK	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by JOHN E. COOK.

BALDOCK, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 10, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5088 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 26 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in D.

EDWIN G. BUCK	*Treble*	JACK S. DEAR	5
COLIN A. S. HARWOOD ..	2	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE ..	6
MICHAEL D. STANIFORTH..	3	PHILIP MEHEW	7
GEORGE E. THODAY	4	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE ..	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.
Conducted by J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE.

BITTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 10, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

*BRIAN G. BROWN	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. RICHINGS ..	5
†‡MYRA J. WILKINS.. ..	2	A. LESLIE BARRY	6
‡ANTHONY W. GIBBS ..	3	†ERIC COOKSLEY	7
HENRY TAYSOM	4	‡BRIAN K. LEWIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. LESLIE BARRY

* First peal. † First 'inside.' ‡ First of Triples.

BOURNEMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 10, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's variation. Tenor 16½ cwt.

HERBERT A. MITCHELL ..	*Treble*	HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS ..	5
JOHN HARTLESS	2	KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER ..	6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY..	3	FRANK L. HARRIS	7
DOROTHY T. GARDINER ..	4	RONALD N. MARLOW ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 10, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-THE-MARTYR,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 19¾ cwt.

JOHN H. SITCH ..	*Treble*	HARRY TURNER	5
*SYLVIA A. HAYWARD ..	2	EDWARD T. SITCH	6
ROBERT C. HEAZEL.. ..	3	BERTRAM C. HINES.. ..	7
ERNEST W. FURBANK ..	4	†HARRY FLANDERS	*Tenor*

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal.

Rung half-muffled to the memory of Canon Leonard Stokes, M.A., Vicar of Brentwood, whose funeral took place earlier in the day.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 10, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT.
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 14 lb. in F.

MRS. K. LAWSON	*Treble*	CHARLES N. LEA	5
MRS. C. N. LEA	2	THOMAS COOKE	6
MRS. T. COOKE..	3	KENNETH LAWSON	7
MRS. J. A. AINSWORTH ..	4	J. ALAN AINSWORTH.. ..	*Tenor*

Composed by NORMAN CHADDOCK. Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

A 19th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cooke.

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DORCHESTER, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Dec. 10, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Grove's variation of Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 16 cwt. in E.

EDWIN DREWITT	*Treble*	GEORGE BISHOP	5
FREDK. A. H. WILKINS	2	FRANCIS A. WHITE	6
DAVID C. WOODWARD	3	BRAIN R. WHITE	7
CHARLES SANGWIN	4	OLIVER I. GITTENS	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN R. WHITE.

ECCLESTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 10, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

J. WILLIAM CLARKE	*Treble*	REGINALD W. WORRALL	5
CHARLES W. LAWTON	2	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	6
MRS. C. W. LAWTON	3	HENRY PARKER	7
CECIL RADDON	4	HARRY W. HOWARD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.
Rung in honour of the 92nd birthday of Mr. Samuel Jones, of Eccleston.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Dec. 10, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F.

MURIEL REAY	*Treble*	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	5
JOHN McDONALD	2	BARRIE HENDRY	6
RUTH M. BORDER	3	JOHN A. ANDERSON	7
PETER BORDER	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 10, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 13 cwt.

*MALCOLM PHILLIPS	*Treble*	DAVID J. KNIGHT	5
ERIC J. HITCHINS	2	PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING	6
ARCHIBALD T. KNIGHT	3	FREDERICK S. SLATFORD	7
†LAURENCE E. HITCHINS	4	JAMES CASE	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK S. SLATFORD.
* First peal. † 100th peal. First peal on the eight bells by a local Sunday service band.
Rung for the Festival of St. Nicholas.

QUORN, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 10, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb.

J. RICHARD PERKINS	*Treble*	DEREK M. SAWYER	5
*MALCOLM D. BARSBY	2	GEOFFREY J. LOWE	6
ERNEST F. PAYNE	3	E. ALAN JACQUES	7
F. KEVIN THOMPSON	4	B. STEDMAN PAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by F. KEVIN THOMPSON. Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.
* First peal of Major 'inside.'

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Dec. 10, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

JOHN H. CRAMPION	*Treble*	FRANK V. GANT	5
*DENNIS A. HEWITT	2	CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON	6
JANE K. A. COOK	3	BRIAN R. DOWNES	7
*MICHAEL J. HALLETT	4	LIONEL S. WOODS	*Tenor*

Conducted by LIONEL S. WOODS.
* First peal in the method.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Valerie K. Hester.

ROCESTER, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Dec. 10, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5152 TYRONE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 17 lb. in F sharp.

ARTHUR PRITCHARD	*Treble*	DAVID W. BRUNNING	5
CHARLES A. S. WEBB	2	ROBERT J. WARRILOW	6
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	3	RICHARD J. WARRILOW	7
BRIAN J. WYLDE	4	DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
First peal in the method. The conductor 'completes the alphabet' to peals of Surprise Major.

TYRONE SURPRISE MAJOR
—58—14—58—38—14—58—34—18
L.-c. 14263857; 2nds. F.C.E.'s: 24365; 46325, 34562, 62345, 54263,

THRAPSTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 10, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

ARTHUR GIBBS	*Treble*	RONALD C. NOON	5
*SHELAGH R. COLLINS	2	*MURRAY A. COLEMAN	6
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	3	ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT	7
STANLEY E. BENNETT	4	*GEOFFREY E. WATSON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.
* First peal in the method.
A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Jeffs.

ACTON, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 12, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

JOHN D. ROCK	*Treble*	*DR. D. J. NEAL SMITH	5
ROBIN G. LEALE	2	A. PATRICK CANNON	6
DIANA M. LAWLESS	3	ALAN J. FROST	7
WILLIAM T. COOK	4	WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by W. BARTON. Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.
* First peal of Lincolnshire. 100th peal on the bells, and the first of Lincolnshire.
Rung in connection with the festivities for St. Cecilia's Day.

BILLINGBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 12, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5152 OVERSEALE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb.

GEORGE DAWSON	*Treble*	EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	5
JOHN E. ALLEN	2	ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT	6
J. MARTIN THORLEY	3	CYRIL R. BURRELL	7
STANLEY E. BENNETT	4	RONALD C. NOON	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.
First peal in the method by all.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
On Mon., Dec. 12, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.
A PEAL OF 5088 CORNWALL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

JOHN R. GILDEN	*Treble*	RONALD J. JOHNSTON	5
EILEEN M. FEARN	2	EDWARD JENKINS	6
CAROL FERNLEY	3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	7
BASIL JONES	4	BRIAN HARRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by P. G. K. DAVIES. Conducted by B. HARRIS.
First peal in the method by all except Miss Fernley, and on the bells.

WARFIELD, BERKSHIRE.
THE READING UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Wed., Dec. 14, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt.

JENNIFER M. DAVIES	*Treble*	JAMES P. BLOND	5
HELEN M. DISERENS	2	*JOHN MANLEY	6
*JANET K. SECKER	3	*PETER M. WILKINSON	7
PATRICIA HEATHER	4	DONALD H. NIBLETT	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by DONALD H. NIBLETT.
* First peal of Cambridge. First of Cambridge for the Society.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 17, 1960, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 19¼ cwt.

RONALD W. STEWARD	*Treble*	HARRY D. LISTER	5
ROBERT E. LESTER	2	WALTER RUFFLES	6
*HUBERT A. MITSON	3	WILLIAM J. BUTTON	7
*RAYMOND F. TAYLOR	4	LESLIE G. BRETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.
* First attempt for a peal of Surprise Major.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 17, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5024 TRUMPINGTON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in G.

E. JANE LANGTON	*Treble*	T. REGINALD DENNIS	5
GEORGE E. THODAY	2	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS	6
EUSTACE W. BULLMAN	3	DEREK E. SIBSON	7
DEREK E. LATCHFORD	4	MANSFIELD GINN	*Tenor*

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by DEREK E. SIBSON.
First peal in the method.

TRUMPINGTON SURPRISE MAJOR
x 38 x 14 x 58 x 16 x 14 x 1458 x 14 x 38
L.-c. 16482735 F.C.E. 24365

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

PARRAMATTA, NEW SOUTH WALES, AUSTRALIA.
THE NEW SOUTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 6, 1960, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 30 extents of Grandsire (ten callings) and 12 of Plain Bob (four callings). Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.

*PAUL B. GATES	*Treble*	†JOHN H. FRYER	4
*RALPH L. CLARK	2	ROBERT W. FERRIS.. ..	5
WILLIAM D. WATSON ..	3	†ROBERT J. KLIMA	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT W. FERRIS.

* First peal. † First of Doubles.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Thomas Howell, a loyal member of this tower for 55 years, who died on January 28th, 1960, in his 77th year.

OLD HEADINGTON, OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 1, 1960, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being four extents of Stedman, 14 of Grandsire and 12 each of Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury: with 13 changes of method. Tenor 8½ cwt. in A.

TOM SMITH	*Treble*	HARRY W. BADGER	4
ROBIN J. TREBILCOCK ..	2	EDWARD VENN	5
*CHERRY WITHELL	3	ALEC GAMMON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBIN J. TREBILCOCK.

* First peal 'inside.' Ringers of treble and 2 have now 'circled the tower.'

Rung for the Feast of St. Andrew.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 2, 1960, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods, namely: Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's, Childwall and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 lb. in A flat.

*HENRY LEWIS (Fitz.) ..	*Treble*	*NOEL WAITE (St. Cath.'s)	4
PETER SHIPTON (Pemb.)..	2	*ALAN GRIFFIN (Trinity)..	5
*RICHARD HOUGH (Jesus)	3	JAMES TAYLOR (St. Cath.'s)	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES TAYLOR.

* First peal in more than one method.

APSLEY END, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 5, 1960, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In ten methods, being (1) Carlisle, (2) Cunecastre, (3) Lightfoot and Wearmouth, (4) London and Wells, (5) York and Durham, (6) Ipswich, (7) Cambridge. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

KENNETH R. DUNSTAN ..	*Treble*	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD	4
WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT ..	2	REGINALD E. J. SHEPPARD	5
WALTER AYRE	3	WILLIAM C. HUGHES.. ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

The treble ringer has now 'circled the tower.'

Birthday compliments to T. J. Southam and the conductor.

BRADFIELD, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 9, 1960, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of (1) Beverley Surprise, (2) Surfleet Surprise, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Double Oxford, (5) Oxford T.B., (6) Kent T.B., (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

ERIC P. WOOLGROVE ..	*Treble*	RONALD F. DISERENS ..	4
REGINALD W. REX	2	ERNEST J. MUNDAY	5
*PATRICIA HEATHER	3	GEOFFREY K. DODD.. ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY K. DODD.

* First peal in seven Minor methods. First on the bells since 1912.

Rung as a farewell to Ernest J. Munday, who is leaving Reading to take up an appointment in Wolverhampton.

STISTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 9, 1960, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents: (1) Norwich, (2) York, (3) Durham, (4) Ipswich, (5) London, (6) Wells, (7) Cambridge. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

DENNIS N. WHENT	*Treble*	ALAN R. SYDER..	4
BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD ..	2	WALTER ARNOLD	5
ANDREW T. BECKWITH ..	3	URBAN W. WILDNEY ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTSHIRE
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 9, 1960, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET-OF-ANTIOCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

*JENNIFER M. COOK.. ..	*Treble*	†MICHAEL J. STANLEY ..	4
THOMAS R. COLLINS ..	2	*PETER H. NAYLOR	5
*E. WILLIAM FORD	3	VICTOR GRIFFIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by VICTOR GRIFFIN.

* First peal. † First of Minor in the method.

Rung as a birthday compliment to R. J. Purnell, of Bradford-on-Avon.

HASKETON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 10, 1960, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods: (1) Chester, (2) London, (3) Bourne, (4) York, (5) Beverley, (6) Ipswich, (7) Cambridge. Tenor 9¼ cwt. in A flat.

*PETER J. EVES..	*Treble*	LESLIE N. MELTON	4
HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	2	JOE E. G. ROAST	5
ROGER L. K. WHITTELL..	3	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

* 150th peal.

MINETY, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 10, 1960, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods: (1) London, (2) Wells, (3) York, (4) Durham, (5) Beverley, (6) Surfleet, (7) Cambridge. Tenor 13 cwt.

IVOR GOULTER	*Treble*	CYRIL A. WRATTEN.. ..	4
*PETER T. HURCOMBE ..	2	*TERRY A. COLLINS	5
BRIAN BLADON	3	VICTOR GRIFFIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN BLADON.

* First peal of seven Surprise 'inside.'

A birthday compliment to Geoffrey P. Green, of Gloucester.

WESTON-BY-WELLAND, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 10, 1960, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents each of St. Martin's, St. Paul, St. Peter, St. Leonard, St. Simon's, St. Albans, Cassington, Eynsham, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps Pleasure, Fortune, St. Blaise, Grandsire, Plain Bob, Kennington, Old. April Day, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps Pleasure, St. Columba and Clifford's Pleasure. Tenor 5 cwt. in B.

*BRYAN S. COPE	*Treble*	*RICHARD J. DANBY	3
*PERCY AMOS	2	*TIMOTHY A. WOODING ..	4
GEORGE F. ROOME			*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE F. ROOME.

* First peal in 21 methods.

To mark the bicentenaries of the births of Martin Madan and Basil Woodd, hymn writers.

EAST FARLEIGH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 12, 1960, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7½ cwt. in A.

*DIANA J. KERCHEY.. ..	*Treble*	MONTY W. GILBERT.. ..	4
JOE C. WALLIS	2	MARTIN HOWE	5
OLIVE D. COUCHMAN ..	3	BERNARD GROVES	*Tenor*

Conducted by BERNARD GROVES.

* First peal.

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ARBORFIELD, BERKSHIRE.
THE READING UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Wed., Dec. 14, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 30 extents (ten callings) and six 240's. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.

*ALISON SCALES	*Treble*	JOHN W. BLACKWOOD	4
†FELICITY WEBBER	2	†BRIAN SHINGLER	5
†FREDERICK J. SAGE	3	†MICHAEL H. JOHNSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK J. SAGE.
* First peal. † First of Grandsire. First on the bells since rehanging. First of Doubles for the Society.

LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 14, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 FRYERNING SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout.
Tenor 8 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	*Treble*	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	4
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	2	FRANK C. PRICE	5
RAYMOND G. SMITH	3	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
First peal in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.

EAST MOLESEY, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 17, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one 720 of Cambridge Surprise, one 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, one 720 of Kent Treble Bob and four 720's of Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. in G.

DR. D. J. NEAL-SMITH	*Treble*	CATHERINE M. POWELL	4
CHRISTINE M. HARBOTT	2	JOHN F. M. MAYBREY	5
*FRANK OAKSHOTT	3	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First peal in more than one method. First of Minor on the bells, and rung after meeting short for Double Norwich, owing to illness. Rung for the induction of the new Vicar, the Rev. Edward C. Allen.

HATHERN, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 17, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in three methods, viz.: One of St. Clement's, two of Hereward and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

*ROGER ATKINS	*Treble*	CELIA COWLEY	4
JUDITH EXON	2	TOM HARRIS	5
VALERIE LACEY	3	DAVID SWIFT	*Tenor*

Conducted by TOM HARRIS.
* First peal. Rung for the wedding of Miss Faith Bradbury and Mr. Wallis Barradell.

WIGGENHALL, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 17, 1960, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb. in G.

A. KEITH PHILLIPS	*Treble*	NEVILLE GREENACRE	4
M. ROLAND REED	2	TOM BUSH	5
ELIZABETH BROWN	3	GRAHAM J. MANN	*Tenor*

Conducted by GRAHAM J. MANN.
First peal as conductor. A birthday compliment to Miss E. Brown.

HANDBELL PEALS

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.
LEEDS UNIVERSITY UNION CAMPANOLOGICAL SOCIETY.
On Sun., Dec. 11, 1960, *in* 1 *Hour and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT 6, HALL GROVE, HYDE PARK, LEEDS, 6,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINIMUS
Being 70 extents each of Double Bob, Reverse Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor size 8 in C.
*F. KEITH WILLIAMSON: 1, 2, 3 and 4.
Umpire: MICHAEL G. SWIFT.
* First peal 'in hand.' First of Minimus. Rung as a novelty.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 15, 1960, *in* 1 *Hour and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT 66, MELTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Ten callings. Tenor size 15 in C.

ERNEST MORRIS	1—2	B. STEDMAN PAYNE	3—4
		MALCOLM D. BARSBY	5—6

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

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HALF PEAL

GRANBY, NOTTS.—On Nov. 26th, 2,700 Minor (720 each of Single Court and Single Oxford and 1,260 Plain Bob): C. Froggatt 1, S. Meredith 2, Miss D. Armstrong 3, P. Allcock 4, B. Mills 5, F. Bradley (cond.) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Mr. J. Meredith, brother of the 2nd ringer.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Oct. 9th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: C. H. Macve 1, Miss R. Perrin 2, R. Bird 3, J. C. Perrin 4, P. J. Milton 5, A. M. Macve (cond.) 6. Also on Nov. 27th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: D. A. Cork (first quarter) 1, C. H. Macve (first 'inside') 2, J. C. Perrin 3, P. J. Milton 4, J. D. Faircloth 5, A. M. Macve (cond.) 6. Also on Dec. 4th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: P. J. Milton 1, J. C. Perrin 2, R. Bird 3, J. D. Faircloth 4, C. F. McGill 5, A. M. Macve (cond.) 6.

ASTON, HERTS.—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. J. Garrod 1, C. Geeves 2, Bertha Banks 3, H. Shire 4, A. Day (cond.) 5, J. Pallet 6. For Matins, and for the conductor's birthday.

BATH, SOMERSET.—At St. Michael with St. Paul's, on Dec. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. Roberts 1, J. G. Hobbs 2, Miss B. Russell 3, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 4, J. Iason (first 'inside') 5, W. Bush 6.

BLACKHILL, CO. DURHAM.—On Dec. 12th, 1,728 Plain Bob Major: Marion S. Ainsworth 1, W. Tyson 2, C. T. Lamb 3, J. E. Anderson 4, N. Errington 5, K. W. Cheeseman 6, E. N. Harrison 7, J. A. Ainsworth (cond.) 8. Rung in connection with the 75th anniversary of the consecration of the church.

BUCKFAST, DEVON.—On Dec. 8th, 1,334 Plain Bob Triples: A. L. Bennett 1, Rev. D. P. Angold 2, Mary Russell 3, E. M. Atkins (cond.) 4, Rev. P. Dowling 5, W. G. Lavers 6, Rev. A. de Guingand 7, Rev. G. Arnold 8. Rung to mark the silver Jubilee of priesthood of the Rt. Rev. Placid Hooper, Abbot of Buckfast.

BUCKINGHAM.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Stopps (first on eight) 1, A. Stanton (first on eight) 2, R. A. Vickers 3, F. Vickers 4, G. W. Holland 5, F. Pateman 6, W. A. Yates (cond.) 7, W. H. Yates 8. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. Townsend.

BYFIELD, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. T. Steel 1, J. J. Spraggett 2, F. W. Hutt 3, Miss D. Williams 4, V. A. Perry (cond.) 5, L. E. Russell (first quarter) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of W. John Haynes, a ringer for many years, who died on November 25th.

COSGROVE, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss B. Cummings 1, J. Lambert 2, K. Stubbs 3, E. R. Lambert (cond.) 4, T. Hefford 5, J. Martin 6. First attempt for 1, 5 and 6. Rung for service of lessons and carols.

CROPWELL BISHOP, NOTTS.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,279 Grandsire Doubles: Ruth Blackshaw 1, R. Mills 2, Christine Froggatt (first 'inside') 3, M. W. Harrison 4, B. Mills (cond.) 5. For St. Andrew's Day.

DANBURY, ESSEX.—On Aug. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. M. Roast 1, Miss M. Edwards (first quarter) 2, H. Edwards 3, E. G. Roast 4, J. M. Saunders (cond.) 5, G. J. Saunders 6.

EAST ILSLEY, BERKS.—On Dec. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. J. Hibbert 1, G. W. Bishop 2, Mrs. M. C. Hibbert 3, J. H. Napper 4, J. W. T. Hibbert (first as cond.) 5, R. M. Head (first in method) 6, A. W. G. Sayers 7, H. R. Wells 8.

ELM, CAMBS.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Ann Dorling (first quarter) 1, Elizabeth Brown 2, M. R. Reed 3, N. Greenacre 4, T. Bush 5, G. I. Mann (cond.) 6. Also on Dec. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. K. Phillips 1, G. Knight 2, H. J. Reeve 3, J. Knight 4, P. A. S. Minall 5, G. I. Mann (cond.) 6. Rung for the afternoon rededication service.

FAREHAM, HANTS.—On Dec. 18th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Mrs. R. Sturgess 1, Miss S. Smith 2, Mrs. B. M. Hunt 3, Lt.-Cdr. J. Merritt, R.N. 4, J. A. G. Ball 5, G. Miles 6, A. H. Sturgess 7, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 8. First in method for 2 and 4.

HIGH ERCALL, SALOP.—On Dec. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. W. Challinor (first of Triples) 1, R. E. Morris 2, H. White 3, Mary C. Poyner 4, E. V. Rodenhurst 5, P. Evans 6, H. Poyner (cond.) 7, R. Austin 8.

KIRK ELLA, YORKS.—On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss P. Irwin 1, I. G. Campbell (first of Minor) 2, K. Kirk 3, I. N. Goldthorpe 4, K. Goldthorpe (cond.) 5, J. S. Rank 6. For Evensong.

HARLINGTON, MIDDX.—On Dec. 15th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss W. Smith 1, Miss J. Hitchcock 2, A. Corran 3, T. Durn 4, D. Howell 5, D. C. Morgan (cond.) 6. Rung for the institution and the induction of the new Rector, the Rev. Ronald J. Bartlett.

QUARTER PEALS

HARROW WEALD, MIDDX.—On Dec. 5th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Miss C. F. Whitfeld 1, Miss R. Fleming (first of Surprise inside') 2, Miss F. Clayton 3, H. G. Hart 4, Mrs. H. G. Hart 5, V. Green 6, R. Hodgson 7, J. R. Mayne (cond.) 8.

KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Dec. 4th, 1,250 Yorkshire Surprise Major: R. W. Pipe (cond.) 1, A. E. Fellows 2, J. M. Funnell 3, L. M. Hughes 4, A. M. Greaves 5, C. A. S. Webb 6, R. J. Gay 7, G. Davies 8. First of Yorkshire for 2, 3, 4 and 7. For Evensong.

LANGDON HILLS, ESSEX.—On December 17th, 1,260 Minor (Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob): A. H. Worboys 1, E. Furbanks 2, J. Carrott 3, F. G. Richardson 4, F. V. Gant (cond.) 5, A. J. Salisbury 6. Rung for the 87th birthday of Mrs. E. M. A. Saunders, mother of the ringer of 4th.

LEICESTER.—At St. Margaret's Church, on Dec. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. Morris (cond.) 1, E. J. Clements 2, W. J. Tanser 3, T. Still (first 'inside') 4, G. W. Mason 5, R. K. Mason 6. Rung for the carol service.

LOWER HEYFORD, OXON.—On Nov. 12th, 1,269 Cambridge Surprise Minor: C. H. Kinch 1, C. C. Clarke 2, R. Reeves 3, L. Busby 4, E. G. Jones 5, E. J. Smith (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to E. E. Pearson.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Dec. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. W. Davies 1, H. G. Keeley 2, E. L. Taylor 3, Mrs. C. W. Powell 4, G. S. Morris (cond.) 5, R. N. Pittman 6, C. W. Powell 7, J. Rattenbury 8. For Evensong.

MARSTON, OXON.—On Dec. 4th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: Elizabeth Miller (first quarter, first attempt) 1, R. H. Jones (cond.) 2, J. S. Walker 3, V. Roberts (first quarter) 4, N. D. Deam 5. For afternoon service, and for churchwarden's birthday. Also on Dec. 4th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: A. Dunkley 1, N. D. Deam 2, R. H. Jones 3, J. S. Walker 4, A. Gammon 5. For the Festival of St. Nicholas and for Confirmation service.

NASH, MON.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: M. Edwards 1, B. Taylor 2, A. F. R. Hartley 3, R. G. Havard 4, E. J. R. Hartley (cond.) 5, W. J. Goodfellow 6.

NUTFIELD, SURREY.—On Dec. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss P. Tanner (first quarter) 1, Miss G. P. Harbour 2, D. Rowe 3, W. Dunn 4, G. Olliver (cond.) 5, Miss S. Northeast 6.

PARRAMATTA, N.S.W., AUSTRALIA.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (Norfolk, Plain Bob and Old): K. M. Calvert (first quarter) 1, L. Bruce (first 'inside') 2, G. A. J. Langshaw 3, W. D. Watson (cond.) 4, R. L. Clark 5, J. C. Sheehy 6.

PASSENHAM, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Plain Bob and Grandsire): T. Roberts 1, F. Case 2, J. Chance 3, E. R. Lambert 4, G. Green (cond.) 5. Rung for service of lessons and carols.

PENARTH, GLAM.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. P. Bristow 1, E. J. R. Hartley (cond.) 2, W. J. Palmer 3, Rosemary Harding 4, A. F. R. Hartley 5, M. K. Jones 6. For Evensong.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Bull 1, J. Weeks (first 'inside' and first of Minor) 2, A. Clayton 3, L. Allen 4, B. Coatsworth (cond.) 5, C. Mew 6. To mark the ordination to the priesthood of Rev. John Mason, curate of this church, and for evening service.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Dec. 11th, 1,260 Double Grandsire Triples: W. Ward 1, D. Belcham 2, G. Sandwell 3, F. May 4, M. Hallett 5, R. Tomlin 6, A. House (cond.) 7, G. Blower 8. For Evensong.

READING, BERKS.—On Dec. 11th, at St. Mary the Virgin, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: Frances S. Secker 1, Janet K. Secker 2, Patricia Heather 3, Jennifer M. Davies 4, P. M. Williamson 5, E. J. W. Marley 6, R. F. Diserens (cond.) 7, J. R. Taylor 8. First of Bristol for all except 1 and 7.

REDGRAVE, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 11th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: A. Driver 1, Mrs. H. Ivings 2, H. Ivings 3, R. Rose 4, R. Rose 5, H. Fuller (first as cond.) 6. For evening service.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On Dec. 4th, 1,248 Plain Bob Major: N. Donovan 1, Mrs. N. Chaddock 2, S. Armeson 3, Mrs. M. Burns 4, Miss S. Chaddock 5, R. Woodward 6, J. N. D. Chaddock 7, N. Chaddock (cond.) 8. Longest length by 1 and 3.

SOUTH ANSTON, YORKS.—On Dec. 10th, 1,280 Kent T.B. Major: F. Cook 1, M. Foster 2, E. N. Bennett 3, G. Challans 4, G. Turner 5, L. North 6, F. Flint 7, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 8. First of T.B. Major for 1, 3 and 6. Rung for the birthday of Mr. H. M. Turner, a ringer at this church and member of the Guild for 70 years.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKS.—On Dec. 11th, 1,260 Doubles (New, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place, St. Remigius', Plain Bob, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Osmund's and Grandsire): D. Sheppard 1, E. M. Bradley 2, B. K. Sissons 3, J. Potts 4, A. Sheppard (cond.) 5, H. Sandham 6. Rung for Evensong Confirmation service. Three young ringers, F. Etkin, D. Etkin and P. Corpley, were amongst those comfirmed by the Bishop of Selby.

SOUTHGATE, N.14.—At Christ Church, on Dec. 18th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Ann Aldridge 1, Pam Miller 2, S. G. Peck 3, Monica Moore (first of Major 'inside') 4, W. Wainwright 5, H. Miller 6, L. G. Gates 7, C. Aldridge (cond.) 8. In memoriam William Tegg, a member of the Southgate band 60 years ago.

STAUNTON-ON-WYE, HEREFORDS.—On Dec. 18th, 1,320 Doubles (600 Reverse Canterbury and 720 Plain Bob): D. H. Thomas (15) 1, M. R. Thomas 2, J. W. Hope 3, M. L. Johns 4, C. A. Lewis (first as cond.) 5, D. G. Griffiths (16) 6. First quarter 1 and 6.

SYDNEY, N.S.W., AUSTRALIA.—At St. Mary's Basilica, on Nov. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Old, Norfolk and Plain Bob): G. A. J. Langshaw 1, Wendy A. Nichols (first in four methods) 2, R. J. Klima 3, L. R. A. Curran 4, W. D. Watson (50th quarter, age 15) 5, J. C. Sheehy 6. Conducted by William D. Watson.

TEMPLECOMBE, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 13th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Miss I. Down (first of Minor) 1, Mrs. M. M. Godley 2, F. J. Hazzard 3, T. E. Marks 4, F. Priddle (cond.) 5, P. Sparks 6. In honour of the christening of the baby daughter of Derek and Daphne Howcutt.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—On Dec. 17th, 1,440 Surprise Minor (720 Norfolk and 720 Ipswich): R. Bullivant 1, J. T. Rooke 2, M. Foster 3, G. Challans 4, F. Flint 5, D. H. Rooke (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

WEST CLANDON, SURREY.—On Dec. 8th, 1,380 Doubles (Old, Reverse Canterbury, St. Simon's, Stedman, Plain Bob, April Day, Kennington, Grandsire, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Dedworth and Southrepps): G. L. Grover 1, Shirley B. Aston 2, A. Pamela Warren 3, P. G. Smart 4, R. I. Vaughan (cond.) 5. Most methods 2 and 5.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

Loughborough District

The last monthly meeting of the Loughborough District was held at Hugglescote on December 17th, and, probably due to the thick fog prevailing or to last minute Christmas shopping taking priority, the attendance was very disappointing, only eight members being present at the service (including the organist). This was unfortunate as it was the very first service taken by the Vicar (Canon C. G. B. Watson), after his induction to this living, the previous evening.

In spite of the weather, visitors from as far afield as Cottesmore (Rutland), Derby and Church Gresley made brief visits during the afternoon and evening so that Grandsire, Plain Bob and Stedman Triples, Little Bob, Kent T.B. and Double Norwich C.B. Major were rung with ample opportunities for the learners present to make progress.

Owing to the small number present, no business meeting was held but Mr. H. O. Over, in the absence of the District chairman, expressed thanks to the Vicar and to all those making the arrangements, and announced that the next meeting (the annual) will be held at Whitwick on January 14th.

H. O. O.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Dr. D. J. Neal Smith and his daughter, Gillian, both rang in their 500th tower on December 10th—the doctor at West Meon and Gillian at St. Mary's, Portsea. Both are regular Sunday service ringers but neither of them has ever attended a service for which they have rung! After ringing they both rush off to their bell-less church at Richmond, where the doctor is organist and Gillian sings in the choir.

Mr. John Euston informs us that he is hoping to arrange the Veterans' Reunion in London on June 24th.

Owing the musical activities at Winchester Cathedral there will be no practices on December 28th, January 4th or January 11th.

This term Bristol University Society has rung nine quarter peals and every member who is capable of plain hunting has now scored his first quarter.

Mr. Ron C. Noon, of Spalding, enquires who has a complete record of peal names. In submitting a peal of Newmarket Surprise Major he states he is prepared to rename it if it is a duplicate.

The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association have rung a married couples peal at Darlington, as a wedding anniversary compliment to their president and Mrs. Thomas Cooke.

There is a bright future for Bowdon, Cheshire, tower with nine teenagers in the band and another two at college. On a recent Sunday three old grandads, including the tutor and tower captain, sat out while a band with an average age of 15 years 8 months rang.

The three bells of St. Botolph's Church, North Cove, and St. John the Baptist, Barnby, near Beccles, Suffolk, are back after receiving attention at the Loughborough Foundry, which included the recasting of the North Cove tenor. Steel frames have been provided to replace the wooden frames, which were badly attacked by death watch beetle. Both towers have been silent for years. The work is expected to cost £1,500.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Jeffs, of Thrapston, Northants, entertained two separate peal bands to tea on the occasion of their silver wedding. One band, of which Mr. Jeffs was a ringer, unfortunately failed in their attempt at Titchmarsh, but the other band was successful at Thrapston. Two separate rooms were needed to accommodate all, but the hosts still proved very agile in the handling of the teapots, the toast being 'Many more happy years ahead.'

Putney ringers rang at Southwark Cathedral for the ordination of their curate to the priesthood on December 18th.

Most humorous greetings card we have received this Christmas is from the 'Wringing' Master of Tewkesbury and District, performing his stint at the wringer. We wonder if it is the honorary secretary, and navigatress, Nadine, directing operations with the rolling pin.

The first peal has been rung in Stoulton Campanile, Worcs. The bells are claimed to be the lightest ring of six with a tenor of 107 lb. Mr. Arthur Jopp started collecting them in 1946 and had them tuned by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, in April, 1959. The tenor has a 17 inch diameter and is in C. It was cast by Mears and Stainbank in 1866.

Roger O. Fry, one-time secretary of the Bath and Wells Association, was ordained deacon, by the Bishop of Bath and Wells, at the Church of St. Michael, Yeovil, on Sunday, December 18th. It is at this parish he will serve his first curacy. Also ordained last Sunday, was C. R. Chad Coussmaker, who has been appointed to a curacy at Southampton.

F. Keith Williamson, of Leeds University Union, will go down in history as the first man to ring a peal by himself. It was of Minimus and duly witnessed. We cannot imagine the Central Council permitting such performances after next Whitsun, but as the Rules and Decisions stand there does not appear, to a layman, anything against this performance which Mr. Williamson describes as 'a novelty.'

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'Personalities' Follow Servants

The series 'Servants of the Exercise' is temporarily suspended. 'Jafus' is well aware that there are hundreds of other 'Servants' who have not appeared, although they are just as eligible for inclusion as all that have already appeared.

After more data has been collected, an effort will be made to resume the series, but, meantime, we are commencing a new feature, 'Personalities,' by another writer, and we trust that this will meet with the same appreciation that has been accorded to 'Servants.'

We feel sure the Exercise will not begrudge 'Jafus' a rest after 12 months' hard work.

ENTERPRISE IN DERBYSHIRE

A heartening example of what can be achieved by enthusiasm and perseverance comes from Chelmorton, a small village not from from Buxton. For many years, four unringable bells had hung in the Parish Church, and the villagers conceived the idea of providing the church with a better ring. Those mostly interested in bells got together and started to raise a fund to have the existing old bells recast into a ring of five. After a lot of hard work, sufficient money was raised to justify work being commenced, and during the present year, an attractive ring of five bells has been dedicated.

Provision has been made in the frame for a sixth bell, and, encouraged by their success, the ringers are already hard at work, led by Churchwarden Mosley, raising the necessary funds to complete the ring. The latest news is that, as a result of a prize draw and whist drive, a sum of no less than £98 10s. 6d. has been realised, which clears all debts on the installation of the ring of five, and has given a start towards providing the sixth bell.

Expert ringers from many part of the country have visited Chelmorton and have expressed their admiration at the quality of this attractive ring. The Universities Association gave practical help by sending donations, and Mr. Burley Morris, secretary of the Derbyshire Association, has also been busy with advice and instruction. Already the band has made good progress, and we hope it will not be long before we see records of their achievements in 'The Ringing World,' and also a report that the hard working ringers of Chelmorton have realised their ambition to possess a ring of six.

'JAFUS'

JOINT MEETING AT KILBURN

The annual joint meeting between the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild and the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths was again a successful occasion, there being about 50 present and more for the ringing sessions. This was in spite of the date having to be altered to December 10th and the venue being 'out of town.' Three apologies for absence were received.

An Evensong service was held in St. Augustine's Church, when an interesting and thoughtful address was given by Father Wilkinson. Tea followed, served admirably by Mrs. Birkinshaw and her helpers, and was attended by Father Riley and Father Wilkinson, who extended us a welcome to Kilburn. Handbells were brought into use before returning to the tower. In addition to the light eight at Kilburn, the heavier eight at Holloway were available, and a good standard of ringing was maintained at both towers.

After suitable welcomes were extended by Mr. T. J. Lock, on behalf of the Association, and by Mr. D. Beresford, on behalf of the Society, thanks were accorded to Mr. D. C. Birkinshaw, local captain, and Miss D. Deverell, Holloway, and the two incumbents for use of the bells and other arrangements made.

T. J. L.

SERVANTS OF THE EXERCISE – No. 53



'JAFUS'

If prominent members of the Exercise were to be matched with heroes of classical antiquity then the place of Nestor might well be represented by Mr. J. Frank Smallwood, convener of 'The Ringing World' Committee. 'Jafus,' as he is known to us in his writings, is by no means the oldest of our veterans, but he is certainly one of the wisest and one whose advice on ringing, or on any other matter, warrants serious attention.

He was born in Birmingham in 1884 (within 200 yards of the birthplace of his old friend Albert Walker), attended Bishop Ryder's School and learned to ring at the church alongside. He joined St. Martin's Guild in 1903, but his first peal, Grandsire Triples at Bedworth in 1907, was not rung for any association. This fact led Mr. Smallwood to suggest the formation of the Warwickshire Guild. He took an active part in this work, was honorary secretary of the Guild for two years and called its first peal in 1908. He is now among the very few surviving foundation members.

His peal total is about 400, and it includes some notable performances. He rang in the first peals of Cambridge Twelve and Bristol Surprise to be achieved in Birmingham, the first peal on Exeter twelve in 1924, and the first peal of Bristol in Derby in the same year. Mr. Smallwood is a very competent handbell ringer, and he took part in the first handbell peal of Stedman Cinques rung in the city of Birmingham and the first in Coventry and York. He has rung peals on most of the rings of twelve in this country, and the list includes three at St. Paul's Cathedral.

A printer by trade, he has held important posts in Derby, Ipswich, Manchester, Bolton, Bath, Derby and London, and it is doubtless to this wide experience of men and matters in different parts of the land that we may attribute his deep knowledge and great tolerance. While in London he was a member of both the St. Paul's Cathedral and Westminster Abbey bands, and he holds the Queen's Coronation Medal awarded for services in ringing at the Abbey for the Coronation. In 1950 he was elected Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, an honour of which his friends in St. Martin's Guild were very proud.

To ring with Frank Smallwood is to receive a subtle lesson in concentration and devotion to the job in hand; to sit in his company in the social circle is both a privilege and a delight. To hear his downright views, whether on Spliced Surprise ringing, current ringing events, or the state of Birmingham's streets, is to feel instinctively the tolerance and good humour that lie behind his plain pronouncements. And the fund of stories and anecdotes of ringers past and present contains of malice no trace but of impish humour a vast seasoning. To the beginner in the art his advice is fatherly but never patronising, and his encouragement to the learner is ungrudging.

In 1909 Mr. Smallwood married Sarah Phyllis Gilbert, and he has two daughters. He has often remarked that whereas his old friend Albert Walker had to go to Taunton to learn to ring and to find a wife, he managed to do both in Birmingham. Neither he nor Mr. Walker, he avers, has ever had any cause to complain. He is a vice-president of St. Martin's Guild, to which Society he presented a handsome peal book, a trustee of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and Ringing Master of the Peak District, Derbyshire Association. During World War I he served for four years in France and Belgium.

Mr. Smallwood became a member of the Central Council in 1939, and he served on the first committee appointed to examine the Rules and Decision of the Council. He is now, as is well known, convener of 'The Ringing World' Committee, and it is here that his sound commonsense, his clear view of practical possibilities, and his courageous caution, have been of inestimable value. Those of us who have seen the problems of 'The Ringing World' only from the fringe can scarcely conceive the anxieties and disappointments of the critical days through which the paper has passed (and indeed may still be said to be passing). The committee and its convener have never eased from mental fight, and they have faced boldly and uncompromisingly discouragements and difficulties from which most of us might well have recoiled.

Mr. Smallwood (like one of our famous Prime Ministers) has not hesitated to present to us a sombre picture, but to hear him marshal his facts before the Council is to feel that here is a tenacity, indeed a stubbornness, that will not admit defeat. His enthusiasm for the cause remains unimpaired, and his declared consuming ambition is to see 'The Ringing World' standing on its own feet, financially sound, and with a circulation of 10,000.

The work of saving 'The Ringing World' from extinction is alone sufficient to justify a man's existence in the Exercise; and had Mr. Smallwood no other claim to our notice, yet this would suffice to place him among the first Servants of the Exercise. Let this present series, then, end with a tribute to him that created it.

E. C. S.

MELTON DISTRICT DINNER

The annual dinner of the Melton District of the Leicester Guild was held on December 10th at the canteen of the Midland Woodworking Company, by kind permission of the management. An excellent meal was provided by the canteen staff for the 80 ringers and friends present. The visitors included the president, Mr. P. J. Staniforth, and Mrs. Staniforth, Rev. R. S. and Mrs. Northmore, Rev. L. and Mrs. Leader, Rev. A. G. L. Lancaster, Mr. and Mrs. A. Ballard, Mr. Ernest W. Rawson, Mr. Philip A. Corby and Andrew, from Kent, also Mrs. Corby senior.

The chairman (Mr. R. E. Manton) welcomed the company and proposed the loyal toast. The Rev. S. R. Northmore in a very good speech proposed 'The Leicester Diocesan Guild,' to which the president replied. Miss Betty Smith (on behalf of the committee) proposed 'The Visitors.' Mr. P. A. Corby, in his reply, said how glad he was to visit Melton again.

After a course of Stedman Triples, on handbells, there was an excellent social evening with dancing and party games, together with a monologue and trick cycling by the Beverly Quartet and that great star of variety, Mr. Jack Skinner.

AYLSHAM BELLS AND RINGERS

By NOLAN GOLDEN

THE bells and ringers of Aylsham have a long and interesting history. On December 17th another page was completed with the dedication of the recently rehung ring.

In the sixteenth century a shoemaker of the town, one John Betts the elder, made this request in his will:—

'Item I will there be bought a tribill bell to the v bellys in the steple of Ailish'm by the advyse of Ed. With of Ailish'm and John With his sonne of and for the s'm of xli. And if it may be bought better chepe I bequethe to the seid Edmu'de With and John for ther labor iche of them vis. viijd. And the rest if any be to be bestowed abought the frame of the same bell to hang yn.'

This was in 1529, but in 1553 the inventory states that there were but five bells in the tower.

In accounts for 1647-8 we find: 'Pd for ye Bricke carrying wch was used about the new running ye greate bell, 4s. 0d.' and the next year, Paid John Long for his hempe strying at the greate bell shooting, 10s 0d' and 'Pd. for the use of the bame and making it good againe, £1 0s 0d.' Among documents of 1653-4 are two bonds of John Draper and John Brend in £50 each for well shootinge the great bell.'

Then in 1677-8, Samuel Gilpin, of Norwich, was paid £1 18s. 10d. for recasting the saint's bell and £14 14s. 6d. for the third bell. In 1685 he recast the fifth bell, which work he carried out in partnership with Edward Tooke.

A tablet in the ringing chamber is inscribed: 'John Curtis and Thomas Coulson, Churchwardens when this Ring was made into eight, 1700.' In that year Gilpin and Tooke cast four new bells and twenty-six years later what is now the eighth bell in the ring had to be recast. This cost £17 3s. 3d., and was undertaken by the Norwich founder, John Stephens. Soon the present ninth had to be recast and it was done on the spot as was often the case. Altogether the work cost £31 1s. 0d., £18 for Thomas Newman, the founder, and the rest for the furnace, clay, casting materials, building the furnace, stock and ironwork for the bell-fittings, ale for the workmen and for cleaning up the church after the work was done!

At the same time that St. Peter Mancroft Church was preparing to receive its new ring of twelve bells, Aylsham's peal was augmented to ten. 'The Norwich Mercury' for June 17th, 1775, carries this paragraph: 'This is to acquaint all lovers of the Art of ringing, that the Aylsham peal of Ten Bells has been inspected by Messrs. Osborn and Arnold, Bell Founders in St. Neots, Hunts, and it was found necessary to have the first four bells recast, which are completed by the parties above mentioned; for sweetness of tone, and perfectness in tune are allow'd (by Judges) to be a complete peal of Ten as any in the kingdom, the Tenor weighing 19 cwt. 3 qrs. key'd in E, which is a third sharper than St. Peter's new tenor, it is thought to be an ingenious piece of work as ever was executed by any founders.' Aylsham's ten bells were 'opened' on Monday, June 19th, 1775, and the renowned twelve at Mancroft two days' later. And so for nearly two centuries the ten bells have been ringing out for services, for weddings, for funerals and for days of national rejoicing and thanksgiving.

CHANGE RINGING FROM 17th CENTURY

The ringers of Aylsham have always been both active and proficient. Change ringing began in the first decade of the seventeenth century and simple changes became the study of ringers all over England, and by the beginning of the eighteenth composers were engaged in solving the problem of producing by a regular method every change on seven bells. Once the problem was solved, it became the ambition of all companies with eight bells, to ring a 'peal' of 5,040 changes. Having their octave in 1700, the Aylsham ringers began to tackle the intricacies of change ringing with enthusiasm, and from the newspaper controversy in 1731, between the rival Norwich companies at St. Peter Mancroft and St. Michael-at-Coslany, we read in a letter, written by Thomas Melchior and published in the 'Gazette': 'We take leave to tell the Aylesham Ringers that we do not believe that they rung 5,040 changes at once pulling down any more than they believe that we have pricked or rung Stedman's Triples.' We have no record of such an early peal by the Aylsham ringers, but if they were not so advanced as the Norwich men, they were evidently expert ringers.

A MASTERLY PERFORMANCE

The first peal rung on the bells and which is recorded on a stone tablet made by the conductor, Samuel Thurston, of Norwich, was on Monday, April 28th, 1817. 'The Norwich Mercury' speaks of the peal as 'being the first that ever was undertaken in that Steeple.' Consisting of 5,264 changes of Bob Major, which took 3 hours and 12 minutes to ring, the tablet, a pleasant example of early nineteenth century mason's work with three bells in the 'raised' position above the top and one with the mouth downwards hanging from the bottom, informs us that 'it was allow'd by Judges to be a masterly performance, a Bell not being misplaced nor the repetition of a single change.' J. Clarke, J. Mitchell, J. Turner, T. Gooch, T. Edridge, J. Warnes (churchwarden) and H. Bunn were the other ringers. Another peal was rung, according to 'The Norwich Mercury' on October 25th, 1817, again conducted by Thurston. The wording is mysterious for it speaks of 'five thousand and forty of that most musical peal of Bob Major Treble, which was cleanly brought round in three hours and one minute without misplacing a bell, and we have reason to believe that this was the first peal of the kind ever rung.' No other names are mentioned.

Seven years later a band, made up with the help of ringers from Norwich, Coltishall and Kenninghall, rang a peal of 5,280 changes of Oxford Treble Bob Major in 3 hours and 5 minutes.

A peal board on the north wall of the ringing chamber commemorates a 5,440 of Oxford Treble Bob Major in 3 hours and 31 minutes, rung on January 9th, 1838. Taking part were Charles Clements, aged 17, Samuel Mayston, aged 16—unusually young at that time for peal ringing, and Charles Middleton, of Marsham, a name never to be forgotten by change ringers since he composed the only original peal possible, tenors together, for Cambridge Surprise Major and almost every week this composition is rung somewhere.

It was not till May 24th, 1852, that the first peal was rung on the ten bells by 'the Aylsham and Marsham Society'—there being a close bond between the ringers of those places. They met on many occasions, first at one and then at the other tower, to exercise their skill. They had rung well over 5,000 changes nine years before when, 180 changes from the end, the tenor clapper fell out and invalidated the effort. The successful peal was one of 5,000 changes only, 'in the Tittum position,' and 'was brought round in 3 hours and 20 minutes.'

Tens of thousands of changes, rung by hundreds of ringers, have flown from the throats of the bells of St. Michael's tower, since that eventful day in 1852. Long may they broadcast their music over the town and call the people to worship. And in the future, when they need again the skill of the bellhanger, may there be people in Aylsham with the same enthusiasm and generosity of those of today, to make it possible.

MEMORIAL TO MR. C. W. BLAKEY DEDICATED

On December 17th many members of the Lancashire Association came to Rishton Parish Church to be present at the dedication of a memorial to a good friend and brother ringer, Charles William Blakey. The congregation also included a large number of relatives and friends of Mr. Blakey. It was unfortunate, however, that the fog in some parts of the county had reduced the attendance.

After an hour's ringing, the dedication service—a short form of Evensong—was conducted by Rev. W. Brandwood, Vicar of Rishton. This included a sermon by Rev. R. D. St. John Smith, president of the Lancashire Association, who recalled the attributes for which 'Charlie' Blakey will be remembered and admired—his talent as a ringer and as an organiser, his loyal service as secretary of the Blackburn Branch and member of the Association committee, and most of all his strength of character and love of simplicity, honesty, and fair play. At the end of the service, the memorial table and visitors' book were brought to the nave of the church so that the book could be signed by those present. Eventually the memorial is to be placed in the ringing chamber.

There followed an excellent tea, after which all those who had in any way helped towards the success of the occasion were duly thanked. The vote of thanks could not be extended to include the weather, which had deteriorated, thus increasing the desire of ringers to begin their homeward journeys, and therefore the evening ringing was somewhat curtailed. Even so, the event will remain as a most pleasant memory to all who were able to attend.

J. P.

RINGERS' CHRISTMAS OUTING

On December 17th a company of ringers from St. Wendreda's Church, March, held what has now become an annual Christmas outing.

Two old and respected friends were visited: Crowland Abbey's bells were rung for an hour, the ringers' efforts being witnessed by a macabre and recent acquisition attached to the tower wall—the skull of a former illustrious abbot. The Abbey had the first chime of bells in the land, and the present bells were the first to be broadcast in this country. Incidentally, the rope-draught (over 90 feet) is the longest in the country.

Deeping St. James was next visited and the grand old bells of the Priory Church were put to good use; some of the best ringing of the outing resulted here. The tenor weighs 19¾ cwt. and it was cast in 1620 by Tobie Norris, of Stamford.

An enjoyable tea—Christmas cake and all—amid the traditional festive decorations, was partaken at Market Deeping. Handbells were rung, after which the party journeyed to Durobrivae, near Peterborough!

This former Roman settlement (called Castor nowadays) has a remarkable church—cruciform in design—which was dedicated on April 17th, 1124, to St. Kyneburgh, a daughter of Penda, the pagan King of Mercia.

Here the ringers broke fresh ground and they were made very welcome by the Rector and the local team. The bells in the central tower are very musical and are a pleasure to ring. The March 'campos' were most fortunate in being allowed to ring them, for an architect has stated that these bells must be rung sparingly in order to preserve the outstanding Norman tower.

Many thanks to those who met the visitors at the churches, also to the clergy.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

WHY ARE THE BELLS RUNG?

Dear Sir,—I am more than a little puzzled by the Rev. Michael Freeman's suggestion that 'Bob Major rung on Sunday for a service is not necessarily a better offering to God than a peal of Stedman on Saturday.'

If Mr. Freeman merely wishes to say that we are entitled to enjoy our ringing, and, having enjoyed it, are entitled to use it as an offering to God, then there can be no dispute. We are entitled to offer to God whatsoever we choose, though it is as well to remember the fate of Cain and his offering. But when Mr. Freeman suggests that a good peal of Stedman on Saturday is likely to be accorded the same degree of divine approval as Bob Major rung for a Sunday service then I must take issue with him, and frankly, I can find nothing in his letter which supports such a contention.

Surely the purpose for which the bells are being rung is of paramount importance.

The peal bands and the service bands equally enjoy their ringing and equally offer it to the service of God. What, then, is to distinguish their efforts? The service band, surely, is ringing the bells for the purpose for which they were intended, i.e., as a preliminary to public worship and to advise the congregation that such worship is about to take place. Does this count for nothing? Mr. Freeman mentions 'a good peal of Stedman' as opposed to 'Bob Major rung . . . on Sunday.' Does the method really matter? The service band struggling with Plain Bob is giving of its best just as surely as the peal band coasting through Stedman, and nothing more is asked of any of us. In my view the 'widow's mite' of the Plain Bob men will be found equally acceptable—and probably much more so—than the richer offerings of their more able brethren.

But there is another side to all this which Mr. Freeman mentions but does not pursue, and this is our service, as bellringers, to God and our neighbours. These two things—service to God and service to our neighbours—are inextricably associated, for we cannot love God and ignore our neighbours. How, then, can we best use our bells in the service of both?

Many years ago, when a young boy, I once asked, 'Why are the church bells ringing?' My mother told me that it was Ascension Day. I thereupon decided that Ascension must be a very important day indeed.

In more recent years business took me, one evening, to a district which was new to me. I heard the bells ringing and asked a man the same question of many years ago. The man replied that he didn't know, but thought there may have been a wedding earlier in the day. 'Or,' he said, 'maybe one of those damn ringers has had a birthday or a baby or something.'

Pondering over these two incidents, I can't help feeling that it is a great tragedy that the ringing of our bells is not always and immediately associated in the minds of the public with the worship of God. And I also believe that the church would be well advised to insist that all except service ringing should be on fully muffled bells. Then, when the bells are being rung open on a weekday people other than young boys may ask, 'Why are the church bells ringing?' And sooner or later they may come to associate Christmas with Christianity, and on a Patronal Festival they may come to realise that it is the church and not a ringer that is having a birthday.—Yours faithfully,

H. W. COX.

Saxilby, Lincoln.

'ALL TIME' RECORD HOLDER



Dear Sir,—The remarkable achievement of Mr. Ernest Morris in surpassing William Pye's record peals total will be acknowledged throughout the whole of the Exercise. As Mr. Pye had rung well over one thousand of his peals for the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, I extend, on behalf of its members, our congratulations to Mr. Morris—although appreciating that he himself is a non-resident life member.

The announcement of this new record coincides with a 'spare time' job of mine recording the peals rung by the Middlesex County Association and L.D.G. I have just passed the point when, in 1914, Mr. Pye rang his 100th peal on twelve bells, 'a feat never before accomplished.' In the three years, 1912-13-14, thirty-five peals of Stedman Cinques were rung for the Association, quite a number being on handbells. In 1912, two peals of Stedman Cinques were rung at the Church of St. Mary the Great, Cambridge, on August Bank Holiday Monday, but the year following one peal of Maximus and one peal of Cinques were rung during the day on these bells, there also being recorded a peal of Stedman Cinques on handbells the day before.

Referring to Mr. Morris' recent leader and his estimated number of peal attempts I have kept my personal record of peal attempts and, one day, when I have tabulated them I would pass on to you the figures if they would be of interest.—Yours sincerely,

T. J. LOCK,
Honorary Secretary,
Middlesex County Association.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The monthly meeting of the Biggleswade District was held at Arlesey on December 10th, with Mr. L. Bywaters as Ringing Master. The recently-inducted Vicar of St. Peter's, Rev. E. B. Edgell, conducted Evensong and welcomed everyone to his church.

Nineteen ringers were present at tea which had been prepared by some of the local ladies in St. Peter's Hall. At the business meeting Rev. E. B. Edgell was made an honorary member of the Association. Mr. A. Smith then thanked him for taking the service and the ladies for preparing tea. Ringing continued but only one of the special methods, Double Bob, was rung.

THE WHITTINGTON CHANGE

Dear Sir,—May I take issue with Mr. T. J. Lock on his statement that 'The Whittington change is for not less than eight bells.'

I have always considered it to be at its best on six bells for then the six notes fit the six syllables of the words 'Turn again Whittington.' I have rung this set change hundreds of times and in imagination fitted the words to it. On six bells it runs 5-3-1-2-4-6.

Perhaps those who do not usually ring six or have never rung it on six would try it out.—Yours sincerely,

C. KENNETH LEWIS.

Altrincham.

THE DRAGON MAJOR

What can things be coming to?
They've never been the same
Since the C.C. took Bob Major
And prefixed it with 'Plain.'

We've taken Standard methods,
Hunt and dodge and place
And completely rearranged them
To give a different face.

Myself, I've tried, that 'Erin'
Into Major might well mix,
The result of all my labours?
Well, I'll write you out a six.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

2 1 4 3 6 5 8 7
1 2 4 X 5 7 8
1 4 2 X 7 5 8
4 1 2 X 7 8 5
4 2 1 X 8 7 5
2 4 1 6 3 8 5 7

Quick six for Bob

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STEDMAN AND 'CAMPANALOGIA'

By T. A. BEVIS

'CAMPANALOGIA or the Art of Ringing Improved' has been rightly or wrongly described as the bellringer's bible. Unlike the Bible, however, 'Campanalogia' portrays but little of its worthy author's personality. Apart from an unassuming foreword, Stedman, remarking on the excellencies contained in Grandsire and Grandsire Bob, with 'great variety of New Peals' allows his pen a brief yet unimpeded flight when addressing his much esteemed friends, the members of the Society of College Youths.

Introducing his book with its variety of compositions, he adds with a flourish '... I therefore thought fit to usher them into the world under the wings of your protection.' The dedicatory concludes, 'Gentlemen: as a member I held myself obliged to add my mite to your full fraught treasury of speculative and practical knowledge of this kind; though I confess your acquisition on this account will be very mean, since my want of ability sufficient to undertake a thing of this nature, and also want of opportunity, by converse with others to supply my own defects, have rendered the book less acceptable than it might have been done by some more knowing head and acuter pen... The countenance you show it will silence detractors and be armour of proof against the fools bolts which may happen to be soon shot at the author, who is, gentlemen, a constant well-wisher to the prosperity (though an unworthy member) of your Society.—F. S.'

It is unfortunate for the Exercise that so little is known about the Father of English Changeringing. Born in 1631, Fabian Stedman lived to a ripe old age; he died in the year 1713 and was interred in the Church of St. Andrew Undershaft.

A printer at Cambridge, Stedman became an active and devoted layman, serving the university town's oldest and most venerable fane—a small church with a proud Saxon tower, dedicated to St. Benedict.

SOWING THE SEEDS

Here it may be assumed—in this hallowed place—the first verbal expressions peculiar to the bellringer were uttered and the five bells (as they were) were employed in the complex and oft-times unorthodox and nowadays unacceptable pattern of scientific change ringing. Unorthodox as ringing may have been all that time ago, there was laid the firm foundation which lends support even today to those numerous methods heard echoing from the church towers of this island, and more important, here was sown the seed of the most mysterious and intimate brotherhood the land has ever known.

Richard Duckworth's 'Tintinnalogia' made its appearance in the last half of the 17th century, and this book was followed in 1677 by Stedman's publication, 'Campanalogia,' which tends to be regarded as a mere report of what was already then established ringing practice. The original 'Report' containing 231 pages was printed by W. Godbid, and sold by Langley Curtis in Goat Court on Ludgate Hill.

Stedman went to London in 1662, and was elected treasurer of the Scholars of Cheapside, a ringing society which had a short-lived existence, being dissolved in the same year.

In 1664 Stedman joined the Society of College Youths, and soon after his admittance to that Society returned to Cambridge. Having published 'Campanalogia' F.S. again moved to London and was employed by the Audit of Excise. He was elected Master of the College Youths in 1682.

'Campanalogia' makes interesting reading, and in certain respects reminds the reader that the nerve and life-force of the early campanological embryo remains inextricably entwined in the complicated structure of the completely developed science as the art would appear today.

The book's opening pages describe in detail the art of changes: Its author makes it sound so easy... 'As if five men were sitting upon five stools in a row; the stools are supposed to be fixed places for the five men, but the men by consent may move or change to each other's places at pleasure, yet still sitting in a row as at first... And likewise a peal of five bells, being raised up to fit a compass for ringing of changes, are these supposed to have five fixed places, which time assigns to there notes or strokes...'

MULTIPLICATION OF CHANGES

One is then introduced to the multiplication of changes, from four bells to 12 bells producing 479,001,600 changes. Of the latter Stedman wrote that if one man should attempt to prick them down on paper, 1,440 to a sheet, they would take up 655 reams of paper and upwards, 'reckoning five hundred sheets to the ream, which paper at 5s. the ream, would cost £166 5s.'

On defining changes on three, four and five bells and on larger numbers, Stedman weaves into this particular chapter an incredible mass of figures, one 'sum' of which is finally arrived in the following amount: 1402645824276320, and this permutation, according to the author, requires 561,058,329 reams of paper, 'which paper all the houses in the City and Liberties of London would not contain ... and all the people, both young and old, in the City could not speak the like numbers of words under forty years and upwards, each of them speaking 15,000 every hour and twelve hours a day.'

In order to outline the admirable effects of the art, Stedman concludes with an example in which 20 horses with carts and a bricklayer provide mediums for the working of the necessary mathematics on the same principle of changes on larger numbers of bells, finally arriving at the figure of 13,953,600,000 bricks. 'After the proportion of 150,000 bricks to a house, they would build 93,024 houses, which are above six times as many as the late dreadful fire in London consumed.' One may readily assume that thus was devised the maxim, 'blinding one with science!'

Dealing with an introduction to the practice of ringing, Stedman places special emphasis upon the musical qualities of bells, '... every peal of bells being tun'd according to the principles of music, for a peal of six bells are the six plain Song-Notes, whereupon all musick consists, namely, la, sol, fa, mi, re, ut.'

He continues by describing the various ways of producing music on bells from 'rounds' to 'concords' and lastly to changes, a system which he described as 'intricate' and which induced him to pen a Treatise as a clue to guide the practitioner through the labyrinth of such changes.

IMPORTANCE OF THE TREBLE

Stedman wrote that the most important bell in a peal is the treble (none will disagree, I'm sure) and for that reason 'the most judicious ringer ought to be put on the treble, for that bell cannot possibly be rung true by any other means than by beating of its own time...'

The author states that the truest way of raising a ring of bells is as quick as may be, every ringer taking assistance to raise his bell, according as the going of it requires.

'The falling of the bells from a sett-pull must gradually be done, by checking them only at the sally, until the low compass renders the sally useless ... then he that rings the treble may give notice (by stamping on the ground) that the next time the bells come to strike at the fore-stroke, they may be checked down so low as to cease their striking at the back-stroke, yet their striking round at the fore-stroke may be continued, until they are brought into a chime, which is a graceful conclusion of a peal.'

Having written further on the raising and lowering of bells, Stedman's sensitive pen imparts this ancient pearl of wisdom to the ringer:

EAR AND EYE

'The ringing of changes is performed partly by the ear and partly by the eye; the ear informs when to make a change, the eye directs the pull in the making of it: but then again the ear guides the striking of the note true in its place according to time... First, the ear, as a sentinel, discovers the near approaching change, and also the place wherein his note lies .. but then again the eye refers it to the ear, to place the note true in striking...'

Entering into elaborate detail, 'F.S.' then proceeds a lengthy lecture on the essential truths leading to accurate striking:

Observation 1: The learner must be able to **distinguish** the notes of a ring of bells one from another, and to know them asunder...;

Observation 2: The learner must rightly apprehend the **place** of the notes...;

Observation 3: The next thing to be understood by the learner is the **precedency** of the notes...;

Observation 4: On the **change between two notes,** by moving them into other places...;

Observation 5: In the time of ringing changes—first, to observe and readily to know which two bells are always to make the next succeeding change; secondly, if the learner is concerned therein, to consider what bell he is to follow in the making of it...

Painstakingly setting out the above observations, which the reader will agree are the basic elements of first class striking, Stedman portrays his ability as a patient and helpful mentor. Suffice to say, the practitioner of nearly 300 years ago, and even more recently, must have benefited in the perusing of his work.

Stedman was well aware of the complications involved in ringing method. Have we not all nervously confronted this old-established predicament? It is the old, old story:

BELL CONTROL

'In the ringing of changes, his (the learner's) mind will be so buried and wholly taken up with the consideration of the course and method of them, and his eyes continually wandering about to direct his pull in the following of the other bells, that unless he has extraordinary skill in the managing of his own bell, and can set it in a manner hood-winkt, he will be apt either to drop or overturn it; or else on the other hand, for want of skill, his eye and mind will be so fixed on his own rope and bell to guide the managing of it, that he cannot at the same time mind the course of the changes, and then no wonder if he is in a wood, which consequently follows...'

He continues, '... Therefore 'tis not enough that the young practitioner can set a bell it may be half a score times together, when 'tis an even wager that he either drops or overturns it in those ten pulls: but he must be so skilled, as that he might adventure to lay ten to one, that he can set it thirty or forty times together, both fore-stroke and back-stroke, without dropping or overturning it, and without looking directly either on his hands or rope whilst he sets it...'

How many ringers, nowadays, who, endeavouring to perfect their skill in the art of ringing, would practise tuning their voices to the notes of the bells? There are many ringers in these enlightened days who readily admit their inability at recognising individual notes in a ring of bells: like the defective eye in its inability at recognising colours. Stedman maintained that should a learner be unable to match his voice to the bells, then a person must direct him therein, and also teach him how to take the true pitch of any notes with his voice—the only means in which to distinguish them asunder.

The author lays heavy emphasis on the use of the **ear,** '... the chief grounds of this Art ... depends on the ear ... and to speak the truth, most practitioners are in these days (and one might add in our own day) somewhat deficient, herein.'

Food for thought is placed before the reader in the next paragraph: 'The ringing of changes (has) generally diverted the learner's fancy from the practice of raising, round ringing and ceasing, by which means we have in a manner lost one excellency in the pursuit of another. Therefore, I would wish that the practitioner of this art would set a greater esteem on **true** ringing in general, since the only excellency as well in the ringing of changes as rounds, depends thereon... Therefore, the practitioner ought to have a musical ear, and to have some judgment in beating time, **without which he can never ring his bell true to its place.**'

It would seem, then, that in Stedman's day, as in our own, the desirability of minute examination of each stage and the familarisa-

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Stedman and 'Campanalogia'—Cont.

tion of oneself with the numerous complex angles of change ringing were sacrificed to some degree, they being impatiently and, at times, unwittingly put aside in favour of the severance of the anchor of fine judgment and balance—factors so necessary in becoming accurate, reliable and useful ringers.

Enthusiasm is good, but all too often one observes the young learner, flushed with early success, striding unconcernedly towards greater things, 'from one excellency to another'—discarding in his hurry partly devoured, sound advice, beneficial only in its complete assimilation.

MAKE HASTE SLOWLY

I recall to mind the words of a well known gentleman, now passed on, to the effect that if a practitioner cannot ring 720 changes of a particular method without having to be told what to do, then he is not master of that method, and it is therefore inadvisable to wrestle with other compositions until he can ring a full extent without error, placing his bell in the exact place, not almost there, thereby developing a rhythm—aided by complete understanding of the work—which makes all ringing beautiful to hear.

Perhaps a little too harsh? One might be permitted to point out that agreeable maxim, appropriate to the ant: Make haste slowly...

The bellringer has not changed so very much in the last 300 years! At meetings, at work, at home and on holidays, there may be seen protruding from his pocket that indispensable book with its complicated figures and blue lines. In his wallet and in his diary there are scraps of paper on which have been written strange designs and scores of figures to assist him in ringing and conducting touches and peals.

In ringing chambers one is confronted with large printed sheets showing method construction, and even blackboards carefully marked with chalk, as well as the writing on the wall!

Stedman knew it all! He defines the learner 'must have frequent recourse to his pocket, that is, to the changes there prickt; from whence he must continually fetch instructions to direct the course of his bell, which is oftentimes the case of the learner: his thoughts in the time of ringing being commonly upon the figures that are prickt, **either upon paper, or else upon the steeple wall.'**

Upwards of 30 pages are devoted to plain changes in which Stedman gives simple instructions on how to hunt from front to back and vice versa. The reader is also introduced to 'Cross Peals,' wherein several notes cross each other in their course and motion...'

The author has a pretty way of describing a hunt bell as a 'helm or rudder' by which the course of the peal is steered. He continually refers to 'whole-hunts,' 'half-hunts' and 'extreams.'

Many of the methods published in 'Campanalogia' are somewhat unorthodox and therefore quite unacceptable to modern files of method composition. Nevertheless, they are curiously interesting, and in some instances these structures suggest some musical qualities. They are attractive if only from their colourful and amusing titles. One method on five bells is named 'What you please,' each bell leading four times and lying behind twice.

53 COMPOSITIONS

Stedman composed 53 'London Peals' for five, six, seven and eight bells, and these were dedicated to weird and wonderful names, such as 'Crambo,' 'The Primrose,' 'Orpheus,' 'The Quirister,' 'The Faulcon,' 'Merry Andrew,' 'May-Day,' 'Church Doubles,' etc.

Included in this dazzling array is Stedman's own musical principle, so revered today, and we hope, recognised for its haunting melody in its composer's day. It was rung at St. Benedict's Church by visiting members of the College Youths in 1671, six years before the appearance of 'Campanalogia.'

A 'Cure for Melancholly' may well have produced the opposite effect, for each bell makes places in all positions. 'The Morning Exercise' fared not much better than the 'Cure,' judging by its awful monotony in making long, very long places. The same might be said for 'The Evening Delight,' a Minor method in which every bell made four blows in sixths, other bells being obliged to lead for no less than 20 times before being relieved by the shy and unwilling treble.

'The Cure'

1 2 3 4 5 6
2 1 3 4 6 5
2 1 3 4 5 6
2 3 1 4 6 5
2 3 4 1 6 5
3 2 4 6 1 5
2 3 4 6 5 1
3 2 4 5 6 1
2 3 4 5 1 6
3 2 4 1 5 6
3 2 1 4 6 5
3 1 2 4 5 6
1 3 2 5 4 6
1 3 5 2 6 4

'Non-Such'

'Non-Such Bob' was a slight improvement in that the treble performed its work as a whole hunt bell: other bells, however, were still shackled to the long place (six in thirds in this case).

Also reported are five variations of College Bob—a vast improvement in method structure—made definitely more musical with the inclusion of multiple dodging in 5-6.

Six methods are listed for seven bells, and eight methods are published for octaves, which include 'The Wild Goose Chase'—and this evidently lived up to its name. There is also an impressive-sounding composition called 'The Grand Experiment.'

The 'Campanalogia' concludes with a list of 35 methods on five and six bells, including 'Adventure,' 'Camelion,' 'Medley,' 'Fortune,' 'Oxford Single Bob,' and that aristocratic piece, 'My Lord.'

'Topsie-Turvey'

1 2 3 4 5
2 3 1 4 5
3 2 4 1 5
3 4 2 5 1
4 3 5 2 1
4 5 3 1 2
5 4 1 3 2
5 1 4 2 3
1 5 4 3 2
1 4 5 2 3

'The Whirligigge' persuades visions of rampaging hurricanes and of bells engaged in hotted up versions of The Blues. A mischievous touch of humour is present with 'Jack-on-Both-Sides,' and a sense of elation is shared with the ghost of the old-time ringer clinging to his leather drinking bottle, in that five-bell concoction known as 'Topsie-Turvey.'

'Symphonie'

1 2 3 4 5 6
2 3 1 4 5 6
2 3 4 1 6 5
3 2 4 6 1 5
2 3 4 6 5 1
3 2 6 4 5 1
2 3 6 4 1 5
3 2 6 1 4 5
3 2 1 6 5 4
3 1 2 6 4 5
1 3 2 6 5 4
1 3 6 2 4 5

We may well be inspired to violent exercise with the old, old favourite 'Jumping Doubles,' but oh! to relax and allow one's thoughts to drift majestically away, entering the realms of 'The Dream' and 'The Contention.' 'The Cheat' is to be avoided, yet how gratifying to embrace 'Symphonie' and her half-sister, 'Grandsire-upon-Symphonie.'

'The Parasite' is as irritating as it sounds: and 'The Tulip' and 'The Honeysuckle' are finally shattered by that monstrosity, 'The Blunderbus.' Feminine grace prevails in 'The Antilope' and 'The Maremaid'...

Stedman even instilled the sweet fragrance of romance in his remarkable work. I think that method beats them all. It is called 'My Honey!'

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WILLINGHAM, CAMBS.—On Dec. 4th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor. P. Leggett (first quarter) 1, G. Crisp 2, G. Thoday 3, D. Murfet 4, G. Lucas 5, M. Ginn (cond.) 6. For Matins.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

Swindon Branch

The annual meeting of the Swindon Branch was held at Christ Church, Swindon, on December 10th when the secretary reported another successful year. Meetings have been held monthly with an average attendance of 34: 19 new members had been elected. Two more towers were added to the list of ringable bells in the Branch and a meeting was held at both—Oakley and Hannington.

The retiring officers were re-elected with the exception of Mr. W. Trueman, who declined nomination as Ringing Master, having held that position for the past eight years and chairman 20 years before that. With so many good young ringers available, Mr. Trueman felt the time had come to hand over. The Branch is very fortunate in having Mr. Brian Bladon as the new Master.

Some excellent ringing was enjoyed in the afternoon and evening on the good Taylor ten, a touch of Cambridge Royal being the best of the day. Meetings for the ensuing quarter were: January, St. Mark's: February, Rodbourne Cheney: March, Stratton St. Margaret.

A Branch tea and social was held at Stratton St. Margaret on December 17th, which, although the attendance was less than expected, was very successful. It is hoped to make this a regular Christmas event.

R. E. G. L.

SOLUTION TO CROSSWORD No. 4

Across: 1 and 9 William Shipway. 5 and 13 Down Holt's One Part. 8 Ionic. 10 Tadorna. 11 Hesse. 12 and 17 London Pride. 14 Smears. 19 Lindoff. 22 Ireland. 23 Bohar. 24 Great Ryburgh.

Down: 1 Waist. 2 Langdon. 3 Incur. 4 Masham. 5 Heigham. 6 Lewis. 7 Skyness. 12 Lapping. 15 Another. 16 Slider. 18 Irene. 20 Nabob. 21 Firth.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

High up on the North Downs overlooking the Medway Valley is the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Stockbury, with its ring of five bells (tenor 15 cwt.). Despite the very high wind and pouring rain, some 50 odd members gathered at this church on December 3rd for a Rochester and District meeting. Ringing before the service was under the direction of Mr. L. C. Harner, the new District Ringing Master. The Vicar (the Rev. Mr. Edwards) conducted the service, and tea was kindly given by Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Dunk. Friends of the young band at Stockbury kindly waited at the tables

Despite the weather, the meeting was a great success and a richly-deserved vote of thanks to all who had helped in the arrangements was proposed by Mr. T. Barton, district secretary.

F. N. C.

70 YEARS A YORKSHIRE RINGER

At the age of 14, Mr. Herbert M. Turner learned to ring at South Anston, Yorks, and joined the North Notts Association soon afterwards. He is justly proud of his 70 years of continuous service as a ringer at his local church and also his membership of the Association for the same period.

Mr. Turner was a member of the famous six bell band at South Anston, under the late Mr. F. Fowler. This band rang every known Minor method to a 720 for Sunday service. In one year they rang 103 methods to 720s, all for services. Still an active ringer, Mr. Turner attends every Sunday although not now able to ring for long periods.

On his 85th birthday, December 10th, a band from Anston and Warsop met and rang a few touches of Minor with him. These were followed by a good quarter of Kent T.B. Major, in which Mr. Gordon Turner, his son, rang the sixth. Members of the band were then entertained by Mr. Turner in 'The Loyal Trooper.' May he have many more years of ringing ahead.

H. T. R.

A PEAL ATTEMPT AT HULL

One Tuesday night, not long ago,
My mind to disencumber,
I took a solitary walk
Upon the banks of Humber.

At once I paus'd, dismiss'd my thoughts
And put them to the wing;
As well I might, when suddenly
The bells began to ring.

The sound was sweet, the music full,
The notes distinct and clear;
A gentle breeze convey'd the tone
And brought them to my ear.

I linger'd on the water's brink,
And heard the careful rise;
'That's good,' thought I, 'and merits praise
And censure it defies.'

The bells they paused a little while,
And then they made a start
With beat so true, as prov'd them rung
By men who knew the art.

The dulcet changes soon struck off,
In regular succession.
Like soldiers train'd, or lodges taught,
To move in the procession.

The peal was 'Grandsire Triples' called,
So termed by all our ringers.
For they have names for every peal,
As tunes have name for singers.

It sounded well, and promised fair
To reach its destined round;
'Twas like a vessel gliding soft,
And to a haven bound.

When lo! a misadventure came.
I cried, 'What's now the matter?'
For all at once the music ceased,
And all was jar and clatter.

The bells were jumbled in the peal,
And no one knew its place;
The dogs came falling on the fox,
And finished up the chase.

And now a silence interven'd
And all was still and quiet;
'Dear me,' thought I, 'how sweet the calm
That supersedes a riot.'

But since I know those worthy men
Who labour in the steeple,
I'll e'en go in and ask of them,
Why thus annoy the people?

The resolution form'd—I went,
A private key befriending;
And as I mounted up the stairs
Kept bending—bending—bending.

At length I reach'd the door I sought,
And lifting up the latch.
I found the youths assembled there,
A neat and goodly batch.

'How's this, my lads?' I soon exclaimed,
Why—don't you know your peal?
Ben T-k-h taught you how to ring,
And this you know and feel.'

The first that spoke I long had known,
His name was William P------;
His words were few, he merely said,
'I'm sure it is not me.'

'Nor me,' said Joseph H------, 'I'm sure
My bell ne'er left its place;
When I was clearly in the hunt,
How could it be the case?'

Said Thomas S-----, 'I made my thirds,
And down again to lead;
In one I met the treble bell,
So I'm from censure freed.'

The next to speak was Thomas N-----,
And he express'd no doubt,
That some near neighbour—not himself,
Had put the 'Grandsire' out.

'It was not me,' said Edward A-----;
I met the bell in two.
So I was dodging four and five,
What ought I else to do?'

'Come, come,' said Charlie P---- ; 'be still,
We some of us were wrong;
The fault, however, let me say,
Does not to me belong.'

James A----- was equally convinced
That he was in the right;
He always counted up and down,
And kept the ropes in sight.

The last to speak was Joseph B-----,
Upon the platform mounted;
The tenor bell, of all the peal,
Most worthy being accounted.

To clear himself he neatly said,
'Of order I'm a lover;
I never wander up and down,
But always wait to cover.'

'Well, this is passing strange!' I thought;
A singular affair!'
The men were all so confident,
It made me stand and stare.

At length a lucky thought occurr'd,
Which showed the matter clear,
And prov'd a fact which should be known
By ringers far and near.

Now, gentle reader, don't be stunn'd
While I this fact unfold,
Altho' it be the strangest thing
That poet ever told.

As sure as mourner ever wept,
Or singer sang a song,
Altho' the ringers all were right,
The bells themselves were wrong.

There every voice at once proclaimed,
When once they saw the matter.
'Tis plain enough where lies the blame—
Of all this noise and clatter.

'Twas not with us who pull'd the ropes,
And pulled them so true:
The culprits are above our heads,
As sure as blue is blue.

'The rascals are on mischief bent,
They've joined in firm alliance,
To play the master when they please,
And set us at defiance.'

And now from henceforth be it known,
Whene'er a peal turns lame,
The RINGERS never are in FAULT,
The BELLS are all to BLAME.

Copied from: The Bells of England (J. J Raven). Attributed to: Rev. William Knight (for 32 years incumbent of St. James', Hull. Died in 1862.).

In submitting this poem, Mr. J. R. Perrett, of East Sheen, London, writes that he believes the church in question to be St. James', Hull, which was damaged during the war, and has now been demolished. Of the eight bells, two have been obtained by Holy Trinity, Hull, to augment their ring of 10 to 12, and the other six are destined to be hung in one of Hull's new churches when the necessary money has been raised.

ALPHABET FOR BEGINNERS

By T. J. LOCK

"X"

XANTHUS, XAVIER, XENIA.—These are the names of the three methods as yet rung to peals beginning with this letter of the alphabet.

XCLAMATION MARKS (please xcuse licence).—Why should many ringers make good sailors? Because they are so often at sea.

Always eat an egg before you attempt a peal or a quarter peal, but make sure that it has not been poached.

One of the best ways of getting ahead is to use the one you have.

French polish.—His manners have improved since he came back from a holiday in Paris.

Joyful new bell.—'Hurray, it is good to be up in this tower, you remember the old saying "what you gain on the swings you lose on the roundabouts." well, we are up here for a long time now and we shall be on the swings all right—everything to gain and nothing to lose.'

Some ringers are not so good as people may think. They are dodgers, they snap and lie, they help to make rows and are unreliable because they change so.

Annual Report.—His birthday parties always go with a bang.

Summit meeting.—I was there waiting for him at the top of the stairs.

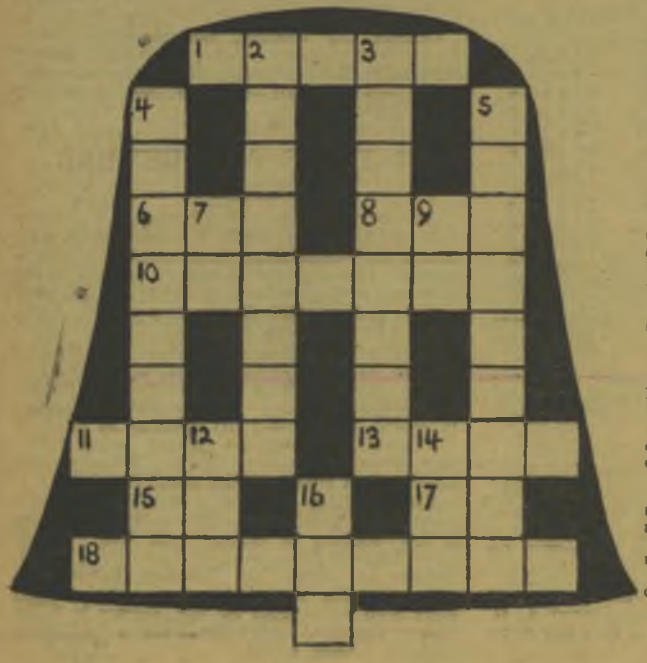
A peal attempt for Major was arranged in an Irish tower, but unfortunately the band met one too many short for eight.

Why is a man who is a good striker preferred to one who is not? Because he has control of the tongue of his bell(e).

Flag days.—He always seems to be most tired on Monday and Tuesday.

After a wedding ceremony a little boy was heard to ask his mother, 'What do ushers do, keep people quiet?'

Off-chance. I am looking for an opportunity to emigrate.



X WORD.—Clues

Across:

1. A shopkeeper takes it, a gardener grows it and a bell needs it.

6. Fell upon Jonah in the Old Testament story.

8. Hastened.

10. It is sometimes stated that bells have this—when really ringers have this their bells.

11. Soundly connected with Christmas where some fruit is concerned.

13. Are they really found in belfries?

15. This with 16 Down gives you two kinds of article.

17. That is. (abb.)

18. A superlative place. (3.6)

Down:

2. Pertaining to modes of action.

3. Such a charge would hardly entitle one to a seat at Wimbledon! (5.3)

4. With this, no true peal. (5.4)

5. Often describes tours even if they are not parties of bell-ringers.

7. Exclamation, usually of dismay.

9. Two vowels, sometimes diphthonged.

12. Additional to.

14. Melody.

16. See 15 Across.

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DEATH

HAGUE.—On December 19th, 1960, at 8, Scudamore Crescent, Blackpool, Arthur, aged 75, the dearly loved husband of Mary and dear father of Mary. 7069

PERSONAL

'BUT they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength.' (Isaiah xl, 31a.)

DENNIS.—
We know you're very poor.
So we were absolutely sure
You'd have shouted your greetings
Up to 'The Moor.'
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MEETINGS

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Quarterly meeting on December 31st, at Stanmore. Ringing from 3-5 p.m., followed by service. Tea and short business meeting in the Church House, then further ringing until 8 p.m. Gentlemen cordially invited. 7140

LADIES' GUILD.—Beds and Northants Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, December 31st, at Finedon. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please support. 7043

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Monthly practice, St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, Wednesday, January 4th, 6.30 p.m. A.G.M., January 28th. Details later.—A. W. Butler, Sec. 7083

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD.—The annual general meeting of the Guild will be held at Mirfield (10), on January 7th. Names for tea, please, to The Caretaker, Church House, Mirfield. All welcome. 7105

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION—Bridgwater Branch.—Annual meeting at Bridgwater, January 7th, 3 p.m. Usual arrangements.—R. Short, Chilton Trinity. 7066

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly general meeting, Ilkeston (8), Saturday, January 7th. Committee meet 4 p.m. Bells available from 3.15. Tea 4.45 p.m., for those who notify Mr. E. Fletcher, 30, Margaret Avenue, Ilkeston, Derbyshire, not later than January 3rd.—B. P. Morris, Sec. 7048

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Social meeting at Chester-le-Street, Saturday, January 7th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by social. Names for tea to D. A. Bayles, 12, Crichton Avenue, Chester-le-Street. 7074

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION—Ely District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, January 7th, at Burwell. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 4.30. Meeting 5 p.m.—D. F. Murfet, Dis. Sec. 7063

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. Division.—Annual general meeting at Writtle, on January 7th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by January 4th, to P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury. 7145

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—A joint practice meeting with the Aylesbeare Branch will be held at Broadclyst, on Saturday, January 7th, from 6 to 8 p.m. 7088

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Tonbridge District) and LADIES' GUILD (Kent Branch).—Meeting at Edenbridge, on Saturday, January 7th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names with cash (2s. 6d.) by Tuesday, January 3rd, to Hon. Dis. Sec., W. H. Dobbie, 13, Baltic Road, Tonbridge 7146

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Meeting at All Saints', Wigan (10 bells), Saturday Jan. 7th. Local cafes nearby for tea.—Mrs. L. Kenrick, Sec. 7069

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Annual meeting at St. Margaret's, Leicester, on Saturday, January 7th. Ringing 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m., in St. Margaret's Vestry. Names for tea by Wednesday, January 4th, please, to Mrs. P. J. Staniforth, 150, Narborough Road South, Leicester. 7062

MAIDSTONE GRAMMAR SCHOOL SOCIETY.—Meeting at Aylesford (8), Saturday, January 7th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, to Mrs. Pamela J. Usborne, 315, Loose Road, Maidstone. 7049

NORWICH ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—**Correction.** The annual Branch meeting, on Saturday, January 7th, at St. Giles', Norwich. Bells (8) from 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing at St. Peter Mancroft in the evening. Names for tea by January 4th, to C. Bird, Hon. Sec., 27, Warwick Street, Norwich, NOR 48 F. 7059

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Annual meeting, January 7th, in St. Martin's Church Hall, at 4.30 p.m. St. Martin's bells (12) 3.30 p.m. Cathedral (12) after meeting.—G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec. 7039

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